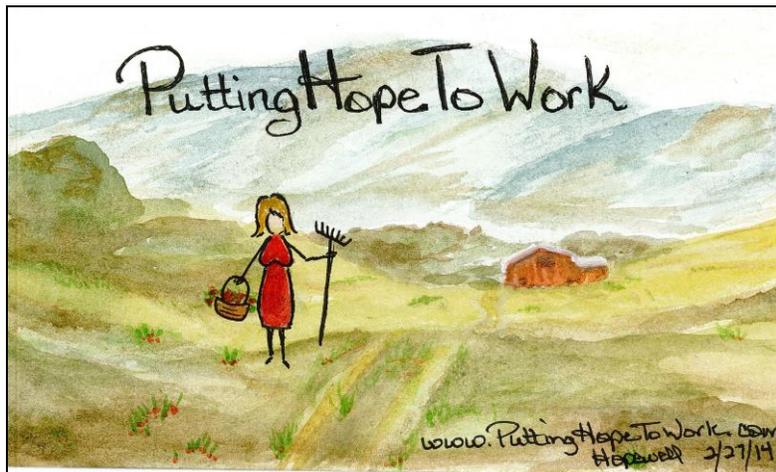


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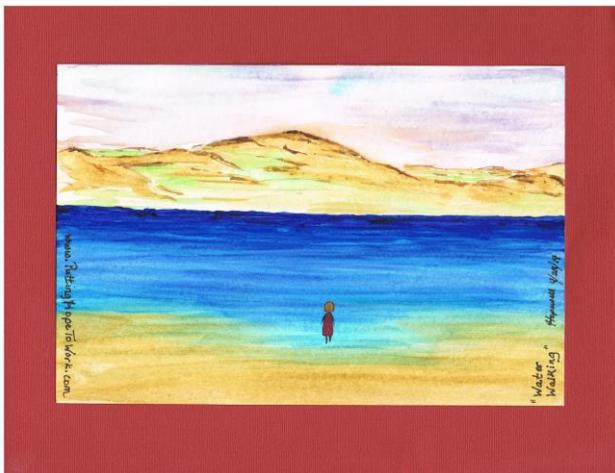
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He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.
Isaiah 40:11

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ... For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. *Isaiah 41:10, 13*

Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.
Psalm 77:19



I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. *Isaiah 42:16*

But this is a people plundered, and looted, all of them trapped in pits or hidden away in prisons. They have become plunder with no one to rescue them; they have been made loot, with no one to say, 'Send them back'.
Isaiah 42:22

In my distress, I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. ... He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes who were too strong for me. *Psalm 18:6, 16-17*

Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up. You will increase my honor and comfort me once again. *Psalm 71:20-21*

O people of Zion ... how gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more, with your own eyes you will see them. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, you will hear a voice behind you saying "This is the way, walk in it". Then you will defile your idols .. throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them "Away with you!" He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and

plentiful. The moon will shine like the sun and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted. *Isaiah 30:19-23, 26*

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of your hands. *Psalms 138:7-8*

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. *Psalms 32:7-8*

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. *Isaiah 43:1-2*

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me out from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered in shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. *Psalms 34:4-7*

The Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for him! *Isaiah 30:18*

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. *Isaiah 49:16*

Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives rescued from the fierce? But this is what the Lord says; “Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save.” *Isaiah 49:24-25*

See, I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders. Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. *Isaiah 49:22-23*

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, and leads forth the prisoners with singing. *Psalms 68:5-6*

Yes, from the time of the first existence of day and from this day forth I am He; and there is no one who can deliver out of my hand. I will work, and who can hinder or reverse it? *Isaiah 43:13*

I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I

will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. *Isaiah 45:2-3*

No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper ... This (peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition) is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. *Isaiah 54:17*

You shall establish yourself in righteousness (rightness, in conformity with God's will and order); you shall be far from even the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. *Isaiah 54:14*

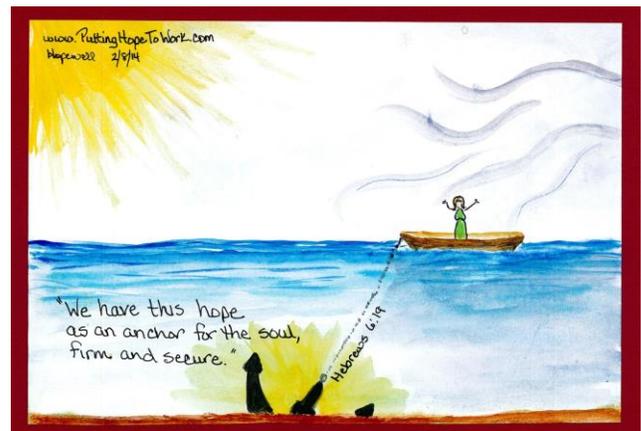
All your (spiritual) children shall be disciples (taught by the Lord and obedient to His will) and great shall be the peace and undisturbed composure of your children. *Isaiah 54:13*

As I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you. ... my love and kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace and completeness be removed. *Isaiah 54:9-10*

The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled; but those who

harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary. *Isaiah 60:8-9*

No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the moon in its brightness shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord shall be your everlasting light and your days of sorrow will end. *Isaiah 60:18-20*



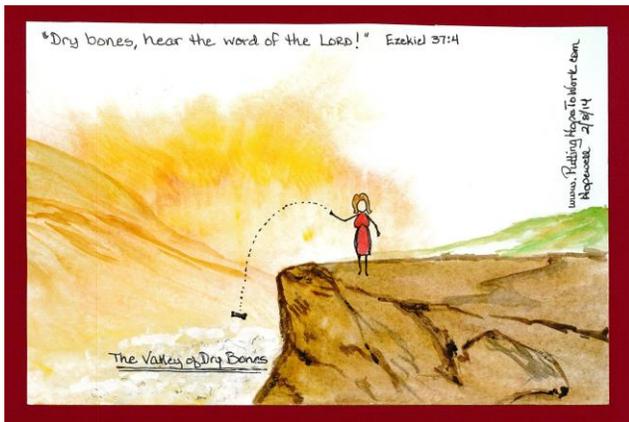
Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor. The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the Lord; it its time I will do this swiftly. *Isaiah 60:21-22*

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Instead of their shame, my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in the land, and everlasting joy will be theirs. *Isaiah 60:7*

God can do anything you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. *Eph 3:20 (MSG)*

But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. *Psalms 3:3 (AMP)*



You know me inside and out, you hold me together, you never fail to stand me tall in your presence so I can look you in the eye. *Psalms 41:12 (MSG)*

So is my word that goes out from my mouth; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. *Isaiah 55:11*

Isaiah 43:1-13

But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel;

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of them foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say "it is true".

"You are my witnesses" declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me

there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed – I, not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses” declares the Lord, “that I am God. Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?”

Isaiah 49: 8-26

This is what the Lord says: In the time of my favor, I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, “Come out” and to those in darkness “Be free!”

They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill. They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.

I will run all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up. See, they will come from afar – some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan.

Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

But Zion said “The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me”.

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. Your sons hasten back, and those who laid waste depart from you. Lift up your eyes and look around; all your sons gather and come to you. As surely as I live,

declares the Lord, you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on like a bride.

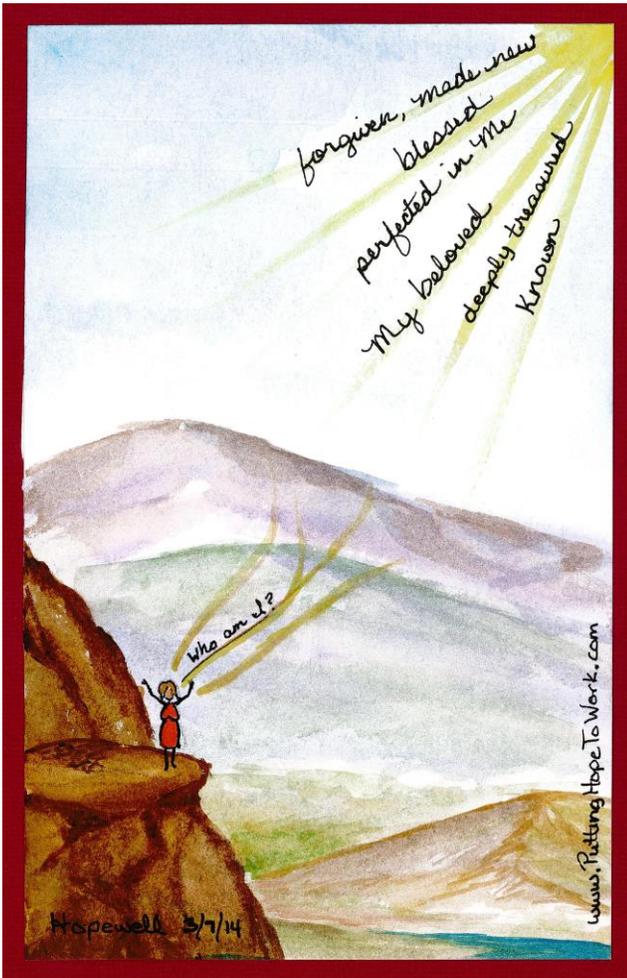
Though you were ruined and made desolate and your land laid waste, now you will be too small for your people, and those who devoured you will be far away.

The children born during your bereavement will yet say in your hearing, “this place is too small for us; give us more space to live in”. Then you will say in your heart “who bore me these? I was bereaved and barren; I was exiled and rejected. Who brought these up? I was left all alone, but these – where have they come from?”

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: See I will beckon to the Gentiles, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders. Kings will be your foster fathers, and queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet.

Then you will know what I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed.

Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives rescued from the fierce? But this is what the Lord says: Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save. I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh; they will be drunk on their own blood, as with wine. Then all mankind will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.



Isaiah 54

Sing, o barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband, says the Lord.

Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

Do not be afraid, you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of

your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband – the Lord Almighty is his name – the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

The Lord will bring you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit – a wife who married young, only to be rejected, says your God.

For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you, says the Lord your Redeemer.

To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Although the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

O afflicted city, lavished by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children's peace

In righteousness you will be established; Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you.

See, it is I who created the blacksmith, who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no

weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me, declares the Lord.

Isaiah 62

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.

The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.

You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah (my delight is in her) and your land Beulah (married); for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons (builder) marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled; but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.

Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for my people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations.

The Lord has made a proclamation to the ends of the earth: Say to the Daughter of Zion, "See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him."

They will be called the Holy People, and Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.



The Word of God is like a seed. The farmer plants the seed, planting seed the kind of which he desires to harvest. After planting, he carefully tends to that seed, watering and protecting it, until it grows up to maturity. And because he has been faithful to plant, and tend, and labor over that seed – he can be confident that he will reap the harvest of the type of seed he planted.

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