

Looking Beyond Self

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Dedication

To all who love the Lord God with your heart, soul, and might. May the Lord bless all readers of the Bible, the greatest love story ever told. And, my gratitude goes far beyond a simple thank you to my editor, M. Jamie West and Editor-in-Chief, Nicola Martinez. You have blessed me beyond my dreams.

Introduction

This is a continuation of *Shelter in the Night*, which I started in July of 2020 due to a painful shoulder. During those months of pain, I was often up in the wee hours of many sleepless nights reading my Bible. I found myself pouring out my frustration and praise through what started out as lamentations and then ended in praise.

At first, I called them LoRee's modern-day psalms, not realizing they are a form of poetry. Written with joy, songs, and tears, all point to adoration of the Lord God who calls me His daughter. Ever trusting, though my frailty drifted to the surface, my Lord had control and all turned out well, to His glory.



PSALM 8:1

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

I WHISPER YOUR NAME

I whisper Your Name
Your Name soothes my heart
There's power in Your Name
Your Name is a balm
Your Name is majestic
Worthy of the highest praise
Majesty, I sing Your Name
Majesty, I worship Your Name
Lord, oh Lord, I call
I magnify Your Name
A whisper becomes a shout
A shout of musical rejoicing
You set music in my soul
How majestic is Your Name.



PSALM 42:8

By day the Lord directs His love, at night His song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life.

HOPE IS MY SAVIOR AND GOD

My heart and mind
Are so full of the life
You gave me, oh God
I'm not downhearted
But have despaired
Been discouraged and depressed
My soul has cried out
Thirsty for living water
In darkness of night
A song replaces sadness
His lovingkindness
Uplifts me in daylight
I trust You more and more
God, my God, Who turns
Brokenness into blessedness
With exceeding great joy
I praise You o'er and o'er
You fill me with Yourself.





PSALM 91:4

He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

MY COVER, MY REFUGE

Moonlit dreams aren't
Always romantic ones
I have the propensity
To look ahead of today
My beloved has failing eyesight
What if he can no longer drive?
Thoughts thunder like the tide
Shield my mind with Your wings
You are my powerful God
Master of the universe
Ever-present in the past
Evermore in my future
Your grace washes over me
Like a waterfall reflecting rainbow.



2 SAMUEL 22:29

*You, Lord, are my lamp; the Lord turns my
darkness into light.*

THE LIGHT OF MY LIFE

You are my way
In the dark
You are the spark
That ignites a flame
The brilliance of Your flame
Lights a fire inside of me
From the Star of Bethlehem
To the Bright Morning Star
You are the beacon on
A rocky cliff shore
You are my way
In a darkening world.





PSALM 96:4

*For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
He is to be feared above all gods.*

GREAT IS MY GOD

My heart sings
Great is the Lord
My heart is full
Of fabulous praise
My mind overflows
With His mighty deeds
He met me where I was
A sinner in need of saving
He meets me where I am
Carries me when I falter
My life needs You
The world needs You
My heart sings
Great is my Lord.



ISAIAH 43:13

"Yes, and from ancient days I am He. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

WHEN GOD MOVES

No matter how hard we try
God moves His way
God moves in His time
The beginning of time
Is recorded in Genesis
What a giant God we have
God is the Ancient of Days
All His ways I can trust
No one can out-do His way
Our nation is on a precipice
Her decisions are in God's hands
The outcome is His alone
I can't help my concern
I see disaster looming
Whatever the results
Will be God's will
When God chooses to move.





PSALM 52:8

But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

CONFIDENCE, FAITH, TRUST

You love unceasingly
What joy fills my soul!
During discouragement
Draw my gaze to You
You clothe me in righteousness
Your presence is perfect
I will flourish in Your house
I trust Your unfailing love
Your past actions
Prove forever confident
Your leading is delightful
I have confidence, faith, trust.



PSALM 62:8

Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

GOD IS MY SAFE PLACE

Do arthritic aches
Characterize my life?
May it never be!
For the first time
I'm tempted to ask
Why? But I won't
My left wrist hurts
It screams if I lift
Even eight ounces
It folded when
I hefted my Bible
From table to lap
I used my mouse
And keyboard too long
Hunted and pecked for hours
I've grown accustomed
To something always aching
But I count blessings
Praise the Lord for strength
He covers my weakness
He calls me to commune with Him.





PSALM 42:2

*My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?*

GOD CALLS ME

Our ties cannot be severed
You in me and me in You
A matter of believing
Without ceasing
You make me yearn for You
View heaven as my home
Patience doesn't come naturally
This troubled place is not home
While here on earth will others
See Your light shining in me?
You make me thirsty
I want to see You.



PSALM 119:58

*I have sought Your face with all my heart; be
gracious to me according to Your promise.*

LEAN ON HIM

Turning from self
To dependence on You
Calling on Your strength
Calms my restlessness
Instinct says I know best
But my heart says trust in You
Focus on You, my God
Takes my eyes off the world
The Holy One of Israel tugs,
My Lord and King calls
I need the Spirit consciously
To talk to my mind and lead
All I do must be done with Him
He in me is all that matters
My goal is to glorify You
By shining Your light without.





PSALM 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you.

MY GUIDE AND TEACHER

The world around me
Thrums with natural life
All life is created by God
I need but open my eyes
The Lord God breathes life
That means He is in control
It's normal to want control
Freedom from stress is giving up
Living under Your guidance
Fills me with joy and light
Happiness is a choice
A choice of freedom in You
You created me with love
It's natural to love You in return.



PSALM 92:5

*How great are Your works, Lord, how profound
Your thoughts!*

LIFE IS GOOD

Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always
Rest
Rest in the Lord
Sing
I sing for joy
Thanks
Give thanks to the Lord
Trust
My heart trusts in Him
Victory
Victory belongs to the Lord
Wonderful
Wonderful words of assurance.





PSALM 93:1

The Lord reigns He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

MY LORD LIVES

My God is alive
He's not a visage
Decorating a shelf
He is a breathing Essence
Not made of wood, but Spirit
Alive, not shaped in metal
His actions rise above
And prove far beyond
Human comprehension
He moves among His people
Whispers to creatures on the wind
He speaks to nature and it obeys
The earth is what He ordains
He dresses flora and fauna
But dons majesty and strength
Himself.



PSALM 119:71

It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

FIVE WEEKS DOWN AND ONE TO GO*

So excited and thankful
Thank You, Lord God
You've given me patience
You've drawn me closer
I'll never tire of
Singing Your praises
You are an amazing God
Always there when I call
I need to be with You
In the now of time
Not dwell on yesterday
Nor project into the future
But now is what counts
You ask for my now attention
You've blessed me far greater
Than I could have ever imagined.



*Five weeks refers to post-shoulder surgery immobilizer belt.





ROMANS 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AS CLOSE AS A BREATH

A comforting Companion
God is as close as a breath
His presence deep within
Nothing spiritual or governed
By time can keep us apart
No other thing can separate us
Not on top of the highest peak
Nor at the deepest of the ocean
Nothing at all can come between us
You chose us to be together
From before time began
To the end of eternity
Your love knows no bounds
No one can get to me
Without going through You.



PSALM 119:149

Hear my voice in accordance with Your love; preserve my life, Lord, according to Your laws.

PRESERVE ACCORDINGLY

You hear me cry out
Your love will preserve me
According to Your time and purpose
It struck me today
What hurts in my leg
Must be sciatic pain
I won't be free
From aches and pains
Until You call me home
Or Jesus comes in the air
What a grand and glorious
Day that will be!
No more turmoil
Over pervasive evil
No more strife on the earth
Your love transforms
Help me love my body
The way You love all of me
You hear me cry out
Your love will preserve me
According to Your time and purpose.





PSALM 37:7

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

America, America!
God shed His grace
All we need is love
Your unconditional love
"My Country 'Tis of Thee"
How many recognize that?
Great God our King
Awaken us to Your blessings
Your truth must prevail
Over evil, wicked schemes
Sovereign God of heaven
Work Your will in our hearts
Set Your Spirit among men
Please bless America again.

