

# Intimacy with God

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BIBLE

## and my Well-worn Bible

Witnessing how God will bless your life  
when you dedicate it 100% to Him

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Kind acknowledgement is made of all who helped me in carrying out this drama in my life. Some are mentioned in this book by initial only. Thus they are not listed here by name for the desire to remain anonymous. They can recognize their place in the story. We give all the glory to God for He is the writer of the script. None of these things can happen in anyone's life unless God be the author. So here are my wonderful helpers and friends by initial only:

JB: who baptized me into Christ 27 years ago and helped me to take the baby steps in my walk with Jesus.

AS: who has been a wonderful friend for nine years now, though our relationship is up and down because of my own hard-headedness. Without her I would never have started fasting and consequently would not have begun the Bible reading.

JP: who was appointed by God and led by the Spirit to give me encouragement when I most needed it. Without her I probably would have died.

DJ: who unknowingly gave the book its title because of her great dedication to God and desire for intimacy with Him.

RM: who was so excited about fasting with us. Miracles have happened in his life too that aren't written in this book.

RD: who thought my faith was so great during adversity. Her comments kept me hanging in there and helped give me strength for endurance and to build my faith.

BJ: who is my wonderful real estate friend. Without her I wouldn't live in this peaceful place. God directed her steps & made things happen for me to have this earthly home.

JR: who is my twin. Isn't that something? I was always Junior (Jr.) during childhood. Now she has carried that brand longer than I have.

RS: who was my wonderful employer. He always made sure I was well taken care of, considered me his best man, and in the end provided for my retirement.

And there is a host of others who I can't think to mention who have helped to make my life wonderful. We each play a special part in someone's drama on Earth. We will all make a big wave in the might throng of Heaven.

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**Another miracle:** In the Bible there was sometimes 24 of something, two for each tribe of Israel. One example is: *1 Chronicles 24* the dividing up and assigning ministries to the priests.

And there are 62 generations from God – through Adam – and on down the line to Jesus. These two numbers have significance.

There are 24 chapters here, and 62 pages. Did I plan it that way, or did God make it happen? He was with me in the writing of this book telling of His wonders in my life. As you read it you will see how your life can be blessed in the same manner. It's 62 pages from God to Jesus.

## Introduction

I am what I am by the grace of God I am. There is no way that I even deserve to be a part of God's Kingdom. But ***blessed be God who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.*** Psalms 66:20

I am the "chiefest of sinners" as Apostle Paul said. I am the "vilest offender" as we sing in the song; and my eyes leak water when I sing that hymn. But I truly believe, and God has done wonders in my life. He uses the small, the foolish, and the baser to confound the wisdom of the wise. So He uses me for special reasons.

I love to tell of His blessings; and He keeps blessing me all the more while I do. I go from person to person all across the nation telling the stories of the amazing things God has done in my life. They boggle my mind, and that of others too.

In this book I will tell of my Bible reading experiences. I will tell of fasting and prayer experiences. I will tell of my dedication to God of all that I am and all that I have; and how He has blessed me beyond all that I could dream or imagine because of it.

I don't tell you this to be bragging, but in the Lord I will boast. I tell of my blessings so that your faith may be increased. ***"...from faith, to faith... for the righteous man shall live by faith..."*** Romans 1:17 When we tell of our blessings to non-Christians, it warms their hearts and God can draw them to Himself. When we tell of our blessings to Christians it builds our faith. When we tell of them, God blesses all the more.

I hope you will imitate the good things you see in me, and turn away from anything evil. I know that your life will be blessed beyond measure if you will dedicate it to God. I hope for all the blessings you will read here to be yours, and many more besides.

I write this most especially in hopes that it will help someone. And I write it so that you can see what reading God's remarkable book, the Bible, can do for your life, for your character, and for the renewing of your mind.

I want to tell you of my Bible reading experiences so that you'll know that it is possible for you to do it too. I will tell you of all the benefits of reading the Bible. I will tell you everything but the time it takes to read it; because I want you to be eligible to win the prizes for guessing the hours and minutes that it takes to read the Bible from cover to cover. I will give you plenty of hints, and a generalization of how much time you will have to spend in God's book each day to read it completely through in forty days. I will tell you why that is much better than reading it in scattered bits for a whole year.

Many blessings  
on your journey,

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