



Dear Seminar Graduate,

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Yeshua Messiah)!

As I send you this greeting, I am seated at the banks of the upper reservoir here in Centerville, enjoying the beauty of the richness of the fall colors surrounding me; watching the water ripple across the lake and lapping at the shoreline. The cattails are swaying gently in the afternoon breeze, as I take in deep breaths of fragrant, crisp autumn air.

What a blessing to rest quietly before the Lord and to know that I am His! It amazes me how profound the Truth Statements of “Who I am in Christ” are. They continually speak to me each day, as I trust they do to you as well.

God has been revealing Himself to me everywhere I turn with one simple word, “will.” The gentleman that He is, He first showed me many “I wills,” reminding me of His commitment to me. “Child, I will deliver you, I will save you, I will sing over you with joy, I will restore the years the locust have eaten, I will complete the work I’ve started in you, I will direct your path, I will, I will, I will.” Ever so gently, the precious Spirit of my Abba Father then reveals my part of this covenant, in return. “Father, I will trust You with all my heart. I will not lean on my own understanding, but in all my ways acknowledge You. I will ever praise You. I will mediate on Your Word day and night. I will seek You first.” On and on goes this love relationship, back and forth. Forever!

This beautiful covenant relationship is for all His children! As you feast on God’s Word these next few months, watch for the words: “I will,” “I shall,” and “you shall.” I challenge each of you to develop a list of covenant promises that God reveals to you. His Word is indeed a love letter, full of His promises and hope! Enclosed is a sample journal page for you to capture and record the “I will/you will” statements. May God bless you richly as you seek Him with all your heart! Take note that with every “I will,” there is usually a return promise or condition, as indeed we are in covenant relationship, and it is not one sided. Lord willing, we will search this out more next quarter.

However, for today, our hidden treasure is found in 2 Chronicles 17:16. In the middle of what seems routine, the word “willing” suddenly appears to set apart a soldier by the name of Amasiah. What is the significance of “willing” in this passage? Since we are to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, I am convinced that literally every word of Scripture written is for a specific purpose, every word! So why does God desire for us to ponder on this particular one who presented himself as a “willing” soldier? What made him different from the other soldiers? Did this soldier understand the covenant relationship of “I will?” Did he share a special bond with God? How do we ourselves go from just being counted in the Lord’s army to being set apart as a Warrior of the King!? Is this somehow linked with the word “willing?”

I invite you to steal away to a quiet place as you mediate on God’s Word and the enclosed study. Ask God to open your eyes of understanding and to reveal Truth to you. He will! He delights in giving us the desires of our heart! Enjoy God’s sweet presence as you draw near to Him.

Blessings!

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