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*Experiencing the  
Transformational  
Truth of God's  
Sovereign Grace  
and Eternal  
Purpose*

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To the faithfulness of God's Spirit in anointing His Word to my heart and life.

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To the sovereign purpose of the Father, Who sent the Son into the world to seek those whom He loved; I am grateful to be one of those recipients of unconditional, electing grace.

And to my family, all of whom have been called into His family, and whose unconditional love remains the joy of my earthly experience.



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# Preface



So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

—Romans 10:17

**H**OW OFTEN WE long to have greater faith! Yet I find it easy to forget that the only Source of power is the living Word of God. Christ Himself is alive to us in His Word. We cannot hear Truth unless the Spirit anoints our ears to hear. And the only Truth in the universe is the Word of God.

As the world scene continues to grow darker, I believe our greatest comfort rests in hiding God's Word in our hearts and lives. But the *earth dwellers*, those who do not know Christ (though they may be religious), struggle desperately and in vain to find human, earthly solutions to their dire situations (Revelation 13:12–14). The Lord Himself described the days of worldwide turmoil and *distress* that will precede His return to earth: "For there shall be great *distress* in the land...and upon the earth *distress* of nations, with perplexity...Men's hearts failing

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them for fear...” (Luke 21:23, 25, 26, emphasis mine). King David, in the midst of his circumstances wrote, “In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple...” (Psalm 18:6). Believers know the One Solution to dire situations!

The Word of God reveals the character of the Lord to us. We discover His unconditional love, the riches of His grace, His sovereign power, and His continual faithfulness. The Lord draws us to Himself through His Word. We learn to trust Him; we begin to *hear* His voice.

Yet there are very few believers who are discovering or hearing the foundational, doctrinal truths that produce transformational living in Christ. The Word of God is often overshadowed by programs and worldly enticements to gain a crowd. *Nothing* has the power to produce faith and a joy-filled life except the Word of God. Christ Alone, the living Word of God, is “the Author and Finisher” of faith (Hebrews 12:2).

The greatest gift the Lord can give us is the revelation of Who He is. Therein lies salvation. Yet He is infinite; He is God. He has revealed Himself in His fullness in the written Word. And it is this Truth that sustains us.

I have written this second book of “treasures” because God has given me a passion to share the riches of His Book. I continue to be lifted above my own distresses, earthly preoccupations, and personal challenges by the transforming truths that are hidden in that Book.

May your own heart and life be enriched beyond measure as you meditate on the pages that follow.

Resting in His Grace,  
Glenna

Section One

*Sovereign Grace*

*As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh,  
that He should give eternal life to as many as  
Thou hast given Him.*

—John 17:2





## Chapter 1

# Heart Surgery



And I will give them an heart to know Me...

—Jeremiah 24:7a

THE BIBLE HAS much to say about the heart. The prophet Jeremiah describes the heart of the natural man. He says, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked...” (Jeremiah 17:9). The literal Hebrew translation reads, “The heart is sick unto death,” meaning it is incurable. Romans 3:11 describes the natural man or woman as an enemy of God: “There is none that seeketh after God.” And Romans 8:7 says, “The carnal mind is enmity against God.”

The Hebrew word for “heart” is *labe*. It references the feelings, the will, and the intellect of a person. The first time this word appears in the Bible is in Genesis 6:5, which says, “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil

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continually.” The heart of man has been corrupted ever since the sin of Adam in the garden.

Yet the fact is that to have faith in the Lord, to know Him, to love Him, requires that a person *believe* with his or her heart. Romans 10:9–10 states, “...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and *believe* in your *heart* that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the *heart* one believes unto righteousness...” (NKJV, emphasis mine). So we must ask this question: How does a person get a heart that believes “that God has raised [Jesus] from the dead”? Paul says that it is the result of “the *word of faith*” that takes root in our hearts (Romans 10:8).

Romans 10:17 says, “...*faith* cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Again, a question comes: *How* does the Word of God bring *faith*? The clearest answer to this question is given in the account describing Lydia, the seller of purple, as she became a believer. The apostle Paul was preaching the Word, the truth of the resurrected Christ, and Lydia *heard*. Then we read that the Lord opened her heart and “she attended unto the things which were spoken by Paul” (Acts 16:14). In other words, the fact is that the Lord Himself must give us a new heart. He alone brings faith to us (Hebrews 12:2). This faith that creates a new heart is a gift from Him (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Jeremiah understood this reality because the Lord personally explained this to him! The Lord told Jeremiah what He would do to restore the people of Israel to authentic faith in Him: “I will set Mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them...I will plant them... And I will give them an heart to know Me...and they shall be

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My People, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto Me with their whole *heart*” (Jeremiah 24:6–7, emphasis mine).

Consider how many times in Scripture the Lord says “I will” and “I shall” and “they shall.” God is sovereign over hearts. If we have confessed Jesus as Lord, it is the result of the grace of God. He has performed heart surgery upon those who are believers. It is He alone who opens hearts.

*Father, this is such a mystery. Our only response is heartfelt praise to You for Your doing Your work of grace in us, bringing us the Word of Faith, and giving us new hearts.*