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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my mom, who was truly a reflection of God's love for me. She gave me many gifts, but the greatest of all was the gift of faith. The example and influence of her life set a firm foundation for God to do a mighty and enduring work in my life. For that, I am eternally grateful.

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What's in a Name?

Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows and understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness—trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never].

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.

~ **Psalm 91:14-16**

We are a name-conscious society. From designer labels to Ivy League schools to blue-chip companies that radiate cachet, there is inherent power in invoking the right name.

Those who have advanced through the academic and corporate world know this to be true. Nabbing that sought-after internship at a prestigious firm can do wonders for your college admissions application. Selecting a highly esteemed person to write your recommendation can secure you a spot at the school of your choice. Graduating with honors from that well-regarded college or university can land you the dream job you always wanted. Obtaining a spot in that elite corporate training program puts you on the fast track to advancement. Having a senior, influential mentor as a cheerleader at your company can open up career opportunities that exceed your wildest dreams.

Why? Because—make no mistake—names carry power. Just think about it. Dropping a powerful name in a conversation can have the transcendent effect of actually trans-

forming the way others see you. By process of association, people will begin to treat you with the same regard and respect they assign to that influential person that you know.

One of the most memorable experiences in my corporate career was being commissioned by the chairman of a major Fortune 500 company to undertake a special project on his behalf. Hearing about the good results being achieved by my division, the chairman called and asked me to solve a problem for him in my area of expertise. Clearly stating the issue, he told me he wanted me (and no one else) to come back to him with a solution. He mentioned the names of a few of the individuals he thought I should speak with and gave me a solid green light to use his name.

Responding with a “Yes, sir” type of reply, I hung up the phone, heart racing and adrenalin pumping, and launched into swift action. Within moments, I was on the phone with some pretty influential people.

With one simple, delicate allusion to the chairman’s name, I immediately bypassed the gatekeepers and was directly connected to the individuals with whom I needed to speak. Busy calendars fell by the wayside and appointments were instantly set. Thus began a two-week whirlwind journey through the U.S. visiting with some of the top producers in the business.

Not yet fully comprehending the power of the name I had invoked, my jaw dropped with awe at the responses I received at each meeting. To say the red carpet was rolled out for me would be an understatement. From the initial over-the-top welcome to the lavish treatment I received to the attention and respect my every word commanded, it was as if the chairman himself were walking in my shoes to each appointment! The experience opened my eyes to the colossal power that a name can inspire.

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If that is the kind of power leveraged by the reference to a name (by a mere ambassador, nonetheless), imagine the exponential impact that a far more personal relationship would carry! Envision a scenario where you are running a department for a major corporation and the son or daughter of the chairman of the board is assigned to your area for a summer internship. I’d bet that you would be shaking in your well-heeled boots with no small amount of reverential fear and awe at the prospects of this mighty leader’s blood relative taking up residence in your corner of the world. That’s the power of relationship.

Now, picture for a moment a powerful ruler whose greatness surpasses that of all others on the face of the earth. Beyond a casual acquaintance, think about the spillover effect it would have on your everyday life to be fortunate enough to call such a person your close, personal friend. Better yet, what benefits and privileges would likely be conferred on you—by the simple process of association—if you were an actual blood relative of a ruler whose name embodied such far-reaching authority?

Far beyond high-powered professional associations, influential social networks, or a high-pedigree family lineage, the type of relationship-driven power I am referring to can only be unleashed by invoking one solitary name. His is the name that is far above all names (Ephesians 1:20–21). He is the ruler who is far above every earthly ruler, king, power, and dominion. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. His name, my friends, is Jesus Christ.

A connection with *this* name affords ordinary people of all backgrounds and professions—both high and low—with preferential access to the throne room of the Most High God and a blood-bought relationship with the ultimate authority of the universe.

When we move beyond an at-a-distance, arm’s-length approach to God and embrace a heart-level, intimate relationship with His son, Jesus Christ, we can expect to enter into a realm of privilege unlike anything we’ve ever seen or imagined.

Over two thousand years ago, God rolled out a literal red carpet for us when He sent His only begotten son to shed His blood on Calvary’s tree so that we might have the opportunity to draw near to Him. A holy God, He paid the ultimate price to wash away our sins into the sea of forgetfulness so that we might live our daily lives (imperfect as they may be) in His dazzling and brilliant presence.

And as if that weren’t enough, through Christ, we are adopted into the very family of God, becoming the sons and daughters of the Creator of heaven and earth and inheriting all the rights and privileges that go along with it (Ephesians 1:5, 11).

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The book of Psalms says, “Your wondrous works declare that Your Name is near *and* they who invoke Your Name rehearse Your wonders” (75:1).

God Himself longs to reach into His heavenly storehouses and pour out an overflowing abundance of blessings in our lives—provision for our everyday needs, access

to His throne, deliverance from trouble, and assurance of our eternal destiny—as this psalm so beautifully depicts.

Now, that's the power in a name! Real power—made available to us and for us by a ruler so loving and kind that He allows us to call Him Father. By a Father so good that He desires to shower His children with endless delights. By a Father so generous that He gave His very best—His only son—so that we might have the opportunity to approach Him, if we are willing. A Father whose love is so unconditional that He promises that He'll never leave us.

How are we to respond to such a selfless power figure who offers all of His benefits, asking only for our love in return? Nothing that we can offer Him is good enough. Nothing suffices. And yet, our love and fellowship are all that He longs for. Our worshipful praise is all that we have to offer Him and all that He desires.

The psalmist David, as an expression of his heartfelt thanks, said it like this:

*Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*Bless the LORD, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

Psalm 103:1-5, 22 NKJV

How can we restrain ourselves from crying out in utter praise and adulation to the infinite ruler of the universe who abased Himself and came to this earth not to be served, but to serve? How can our hearts resist being drawn to a love so selfless that it gave its own precious life that we might have a more abundant and satisfying life, both now and for all eternity? How can we hold back the longing of our innermost being from responding to the one who formed and fashioned our very being and longs *only* to be close to us?

Are you personally acquainted with this name that “far surpasses all names”? Have you experienced the overflowing privileges and benefits that the name carries with it? Are you part of the family of blood-bought relatives with access and power from on high? Beyond head knowledge, religion, or family tradition, do you *really* know the One who will never leave you or forsake you? Can you call Him *your* Father?

Have you opened your heart, allowing His selfless love, mercy, and kindness to melt your heart and radically transform your life?

If not, I invite you to draw near and experience the benefits for yourself. The way has already been paved. You need only step through the door of faith and invoke the name that is above all names—the name of Jesus Christ. It promises to be the single most important and satisfying connection of your life.

An INSPIRING and ILLUMINATING journey that beautifully reveals the transformative power of faith in everyday life.

In the bustling city of New York, my life as a successful executive felt incomplete, prompting a search for deeper meaning. Through an encounter with the God of My Everyday, my perspective shifted, revealing that true fulfillment resides in a profound relationship with Christ. This revelation sparked a transformative journey, where faith transcended mere ritual and seeped into the fabric of my daily existence.

Join me as I share personal and professional anecdotes, woven together with timeless wisdom from scripture. Whether you're seeking purpose in the chaos or aiming to deepen your spiritual connection, this book is an invitation to embark on a personal voyage of faith and self-discovery. Experience the unchanging faithfulness of the God of My Everyday and uncover a life where every moment holds significance and every challenge becomes an opportunity for spiritual growth.



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