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The Message

Psalm 119:151

151 But you're the closest of all to me, God, and all your judgments true.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

3 For it's God's Name I'm preaching - respond to the greatness of our God! **4** The Rock: His works are perfect, and the way he works is fair and just; A God you can depend upon, no exceptions, a straight-arrow God.

Psalm 33:4

4 For God's Word is solid to the core; everything he makes is sound inside and out.

Psalm 33:9-11

9 Here's why: he spoke and there it was, in place the moment he said so. **10** God takes the wind out of Babel pretense, he shoots down the world's power-schemes. **11** God's plan for the world stands up, all his designs are made to last.

Psalm 26:1-3

1 Clear my name, God; I've kept an honest shop. I've thrown in my lot with you, God, and I'm not budging. **2** Examine me, God, from head to foot, order your battery of tests. Make sure I'm fit inside and out **3** So I never lose sight of your love, But keep in step with you, never missing a beat.

Jeremiah 10:10

10 But God is the real thing - the living God, the eternal King. When he's angry, Earth shakes. Yes, and the godless nations quake.

Jeremiah 29:13-14

13 "When you come looking for me, you'll find me. **14** I'll make sure you won't be disappointed." God's Decree. "I'll turn things around for you. I'll bring you back from all the countries into which I drove you" - God's Decree - "bring you home to the place from which I sent you off into exile. You can count on it.

Psalm 86:10-11

10 parading your greatness, And the great things you do - God, you're the one, there's no one but you! **11** Train me, God, to walk straight; then I'll follow your true path. Put me together, one heart and mind; then, undivided, I'll worship in joyful fear.

Psalm 86:15

15 But you, O God, are both tender and kind, not easily angered, immense in love, and you never, never quit.

Psalm 42:2

2 I'm thirsty for God-alive. I wonder, "Will I ever make it - arrive and drink in God's presence?"

Psalm 42:11

11 Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul? Why are you crying the blues? Fix my eyes on God - soon I'll be praising again. He puts a smile on my face. He's my God.

Psalm 9:9-10

9 God's a safe-house for the battered, a sanctuary during bad times. **10** The moment you arrive, you relax; you're never sorry you knocked.

Psalm 25:4-5

4 Show me how you work, God; School me in your ways. **5** Take me by the hand; Lead me down the path of truth. You are my Savior, aren't you?

Psalm 91:1

1 You who sit down in the High God's presence, spend the night in Shaddai's shadow,

Psalm 91:11

11 He ordered his angels to guard you wherever you go.

Daniel 9:9-10

9 "Compassion is our only hope, the compassion of you, the Master, our God, since in our rebellion we've forfeited our rights. **10** We paid no attention to you when you told us how to live, the clear teaching that came through your servants the prophets.

Daniel 9:19

19 "Master, listen to us! Master, forgive us! Master, look at us and do something! Master, don't put us off! Your city and your people are named after you: You have a stake in us!"

Daniel 9:21-22

21 - while I was absorbed in this praying, the humanlike Gabriel, the one I had seen in an earlier vision, approached me, flying in like a bird about the time of evening worship. **22** "He stood before me and said, 'Daniel, I have come to make things plain to you.

Daniel 10:18-19

18 "Then this humanlike figure touched me again and gave me strength. **19** He said, 'Don't be afraid, friend. Peace. Everything is going to be all right. Take courage. Be strong.' "Even as he spoke, courage surged up within me. I said, 'Go ahead, let my master speak. You've given me courage.'

Daniel 10:21

21 But first let me tell you what's written in The True Book. No one helps me in my fight against these beings except Michael, your angel-prince.

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Isaiah 30:21

21 urging you on whenever you wander left or right: "This is the right road. Walk down this road."

John 1:17

17 We got the basics from Moses, and then this exuberant giving and receiving, This endless knowing and understanding - all this came through Jesus, the Messiah.

Luke 18:9-14

9 He told his next story to some who were complacently pleased with themselves over their moral performance and looked down their noses at the common people: **10** "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax man. **11** The Pharisee posed and prayed like this: 'Oh, God, I thank you that I am not like other people - robbers, crooks, adulterers, or, heaven forbid, like this tax man. **12** I fast twice a week and tithe on all my income.' **13** "Meanwhile the tax man, slumped in the shadows, his face in his hands, not daring to look up, said, 'God, give mercy. Forgive me, a sinner.'" **14** Jesus commented, "This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face, but if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."

Philippians 4:8

8 Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious - the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.

James 2:14

14 Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it?

Matthew 9:35

35 Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives.

John 10:23-25

23 Jesus was strolling in the Temple across Solomon's Porch. **24** The Jews, circling him, said, "How long are you going to keep us guessing? If you're the Messiah, tell us straight out." **25** Jesus answered, "I told you, but you don't believe. Everything I have done has been authorized by my Father, actions that speak louder than words."

John 10:37-38

37 If I don't do the things my Father does, well and good; don't believe me. **38** But if I am doing them, put aside for a moment what you hear me say about myself and just take the evidence of the actions that are right before your eyes. Then

perhaps things will come together for you, and you'll see that not only are we doing the same thing, we are the same - Father and Son. He is in me; I am in him."

John 14:12

12 The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing. You can count on it.

John 8:32

32 Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."

Acts 3:1-9

1 One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. **2** At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. **4** Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." **5** He looked up, expecting to get something from them. **6** Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" **7** He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. **8** He jumped to his feet and walked. **9** Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God.

Acts 5:12

12 Through the work of the apostles, many God-signs were set up among the people, many wonderful things done. They all met regularly and in remarkable harmony on the Temple porch named after Solomon.

Acts 5:15-21

15 They even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on stretchers and bedrolls, hoping they would be touched by Peter's shadow when he walked by. **16** They came from the villages surrounding Jerusalem, throngs of them, bringing the sick and bedeviled. And they all were healed. To Obey God Rather than Men **17** Provoked mightily by all this, the Chief Priest and those on his side, mainly the sect of Sadducees, went into action, **18** arrested the apostles, and put them in the town jail. **19** But during the night an angel of God opened the jailhouse door and led them out. **20** He said, "Go to the Temple and take your stand. Tell the people everything there is to say about this Life." **21** Promptly obedient, they entered the Temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching.

Acts 5:25

25 Just then someone showed up and said, "Did you know that the men you put in jail are back in the Temple teaching the people?"

Acts 5:27-29

27 Bringing them back, they stood them before the High Council. The Chief Priest said, **28** "Didn't we give you strict orders not to teach in Jesus' name? And here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are trying your best to blame us for the death of this man." **29** Peter and the apostles answered, "It's necessary to obey God rather than men.

Acts 5:34-35

34 But one of the council members stood up, a Pharisee by the name of Gamaliel, a teacher of God's Law who was honored by everyone. He ordered the men taken out of the room for a short time, **35** then said, "Fellow Israelites, be careful what you do to these men.

Acts 5:38-39

38 "So I am telling you: Hands off these men! Let them alone. If this program or this work is merely human, it will fall apart, **39** but if it is of God, there is nothing you can do about it - and you better not be found fighting against God!"

Acts 5:42

42 Every day they were in the Temple and homes, teaching and preaching Christ Jesus, not letting up for a minute.

1 John 2:21

21 I haven't been writing this to tell you something you don't know, but to confirm the truth you do know, and to remind you that the truth doesn't breed lies.

2 John 1:1-4

1 My dear congregation, I, your pastor, love you in very truth. And I'm not alone - everyone who knows the Truth **2** that has taken up permanent residence in us loves you. **3** Let grace, mercy, and peace be with us in truth and love from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, Son of the Father! **4** I can't tell you how happy I am to learn that many members of your congregation are diligent in living out the Truth, exactly as commanded by the Father.

Psalms 119:30

30 I choose the true road to Somewhere, I post your road signs at every curve and corner.

Psalms 119:45

45 And I'll stride freely through wide open spaces as I look for your truth and your wisdom;

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