Dear Dorothy,

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**Welcome:** Thank you so much for sharing this time with us, "Thanksgiving Blessings" to each of you. I pray that our will is aligned with His will; thusly we have joy in our hearts knowing that we are following His lead. Thank You Jesus. God bless.

**Verse of the Day:** "Let me experience Your faithful love in the morning, for I trust in You. Reveal to me the way I should go because I long for You. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord; I come to You for protection. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. May Your gracious Spirit lead me on level ground" Psalm 143:8-10.

**Good News:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" Proverbs 3:5-6. To trust anything or anyone other than the Lord results in disaster. To rely on (trust) is to lean on it as if it were a crutch. Understanding is good, but only if it is from the Lord. To think about God in all your ways is to invite His presence into all daily activities and decisions. He shall direct (guide)...your paths is literally "to make straight" or "smooth." Thank You Jesus that I can trust in You.
Answers to Difficult Questions: John 1:17 "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."
Answer: John certainly does not mean that no grace or truth existed before Christ came, but that the "fullness" of grace was revealed in Christ. In contrast to the old covenant system reflecting in the law of Moses, the life and ministry of Christ completely overshadowed it. John uses superlative expressions like these to describe the coming of Jesus into the world: "glory," "full of grace and truth" (vs. 14), "His fullness," "grace for grace" (vs. 16). It was like twilight giving way to noonday brightness. But take note that grace had been in the world from the beginning. Paul speaks of "grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2 Timothy 1:9). Jeremiah spoke of "grace in the wilderness" (Jeremiah 31:2). Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8), and so did many other Old Testament characters. But the fullness of grace appeared in the person of Jesus. The law revealed the will of God, but grace gave the power to keep it. "Where sin abounded (through the law operating to expose it), grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20). (Answers to Difficult Bible Texts by Joe Crews)

Fundamental Beliefs: Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These 28 fundamental beliefs constitute the Church's understanding of the teaching of the Scripture. Today's belief number nine is The Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ: In Christ's life of perfect obedience to God's will, His suffering, death, and resurrection, God provided the only means of atonement for human sin, so that those who by faith accept this atonement may have eternal life, and the whole creation may better understand the infinite and holy love of the Creator. This perfect atonement vindicates the righteousness of God's law and the graciousness of his character; for it both condemns our sin and provides for our forgiveness. The death of Christ is substitutionary and expiatory, reconciling and transforming. The resurrection of Christ proclaims God's triumph over the forces of evil, and for those who accept the atonement assures their final victory over sin and death. It declares the Lordship of Jesus Christ, before whom every knee in heaven and on earth will bow. (John 3:16; Isaiah 53; 1 Peter 2:21, 22; 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4, 20-22; 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15, 19-21; Romans 1:4; 3:25; 4:25; 8:3, 4; 1 John 2:2; 4:10; Colossians 2:15; Philippians 2:6-11.)

Thought for the Day: John 21:25 "And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." Rabban Jochanan ben Zakkai reported to have said, "If the entire heaven were parchment and all the trees writing reeds, and the entire sea ink, that would not be sufficient to write down the wisdom I have learned from my teachers" This Jewish figure has since been popularized in the gospel song "The Love of God," by F. M. Lehman. In writing of these concluding words of John, Calvin observes, "If the Evangelist, casting his eyes on the mightiness of the majesty of Christ, exclaims in astonishment, that even the whole world could not contain a full narrative of it, ought we to wonder?" (SDA Commentary)

Affirmation: Help, Lord! I don't understand this situation, and I really don't know how I should pray. All I can say is please help me, Father! What a relief it is to know that the Holy Spirit is interceding for me right now. Thank You for hearing His prayer. And how glad I am to know that You, Lord Jesus, are interceding on my behalf. I know You are able to save me
completely. Thank You, Father, for hearing and answering. I will not be fearful; for I am confident You will provide a solution. I count on Your help! You will strengthen me and uphold me with Your righteous right hand. I will keep my mind fixed on You, trusting in You. Thank You for perfect peace—that is above human understanding. I will not be anxious about anything, because Your peace guards my heart and mind in Christ Jesus. (Psalm 12:1; Romans 8:26, 27; Hebrews 7:25; Isaiah 41:10; Isaiah 41:13; Philippians 4:6, 7) (Life Affirmations from Scripture pg. 99, Shelley Quinn)

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**Bible Topic Scriptures:** Handling Temptations: (1) Satan is the originator of all our temptations (James 1:12-15; John 8:44). (2) God will never allow you to be tempted above what, with His strength, you can bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). (3) Jesus faced every temptation common to us, in much greater degree, and overcame (Hebrews 4:15,16). (4) Through Jesus' power, the victory over temptation is yours (1 John 5:4; Romans 8:5-15; 1 Corinthians 1:27-30. (5) To maintain victory over temptation, it is necessary to avoid those specific places, pleasures, habits, or things which are the source of the temptation (James 4:7-8; Philippians 4:7, 8). (Studying Together p. 109, by Mark Finley)


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**Our sincere prayer** is that God will richly bless you in all areas of your life. You are precious to us and we love you as our brothers and sisters in Christ. Remember that God's love for you is even greater. God bless.

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