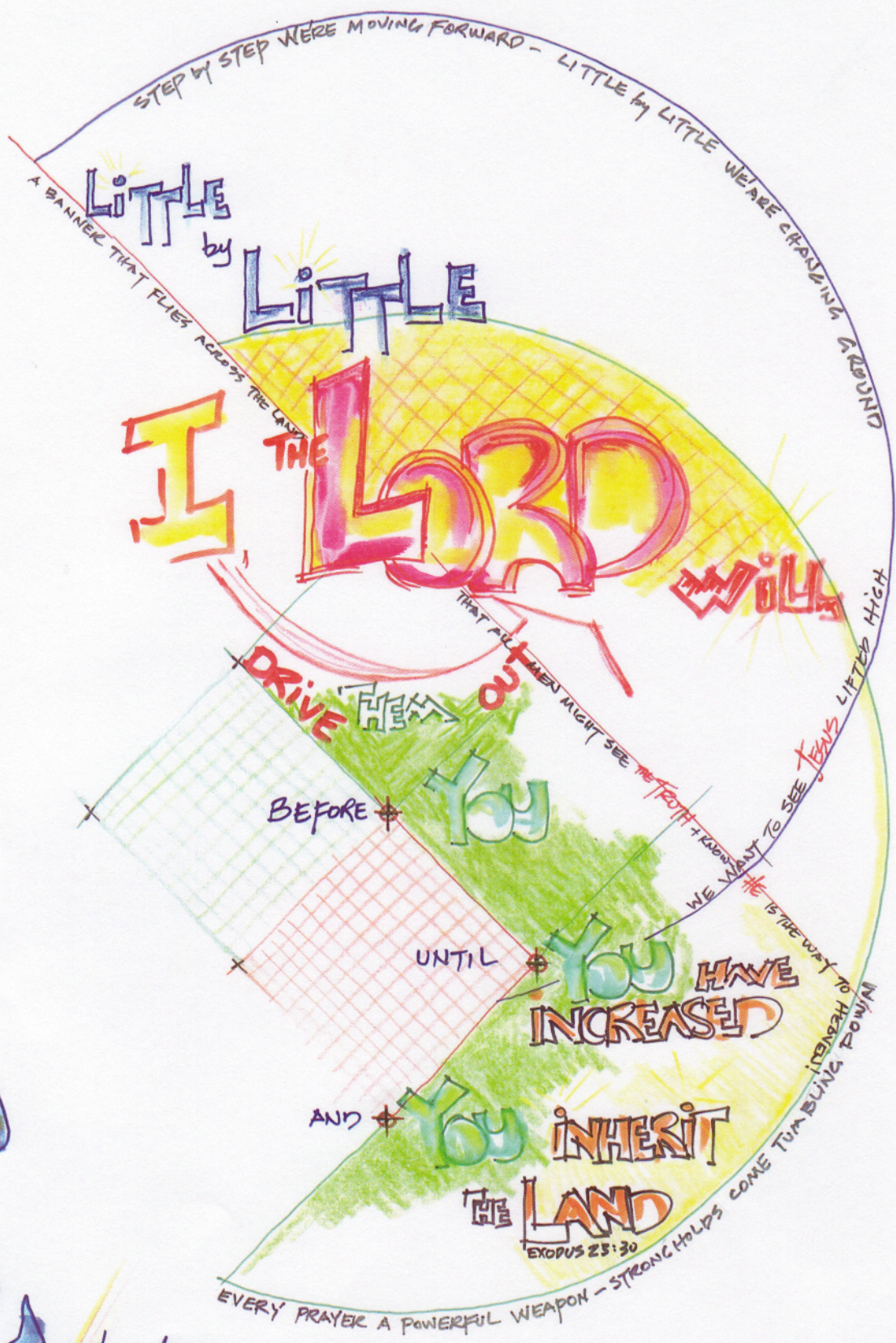




COLLOSSAE: A SHEPHERD

36	20-Mar	SABBATH 6	Colossians 1	it's all about JESUS
37	21-Mar	Sunday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: where can I find GOD ?	
38	22-Mar	Monday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: if I die, will I live?	
39	23-Mar	Tuesday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: what is man?	
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42	26-Mar	Friday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: is there profit in prayer?	

Devotional	Colossians 1	it's all about JESUS			DAY 36 Mar 20th, 2010 Sabbath 6
	JESUS is the image of the invisible GOD.		Col 1: 15		
	Reading through the Book of Job a number of times, the poem takes on different LIGHT. JESUS seems to be written on every page.				a day for fasting and prayer
	First the deep questions of Job were left unanswered, then I realized the WORDS of JESUS answers these.				
	Then the questions of the 3 friends, and I realized these were also answered by JESUS .				
	When Job has questions about the character of GOD , these are answered by the person of JESUS .				
	so this week we will dig at the how the person of JESUS , answers Job's questions.				
	Colossians is a portrait of CHRIST JESUS , like no other! and the bottom of each page will carry a hi-lite from Colossians				
Illustration	a cup of cold water				
	This past summer Ruth and I set out to renovate our House. Housing in North Vancouver is very expensive, so our daughter and son-in law, with their 2 young children suggested we buy a house together. As we have a large house on 2 levels, plus a walk out basement, our idea was to renovate the basement into a 2 bdr suite for ourselves, and allow the kid's to use the upper 2 floors of our existing house.				
	At the outset, Ruth prayed that the renovation would make a difference to each worker who came to the site. She is an excellent cook, so daily there were fresh muffins, sandwiches, coffee, tea or water. Our bathroom was made available to all workers, and kept spotless for all users.				
	The workers enjoyed the hospitality and the food. Some showed up from their other work sites just before noon, and Ruth always had extra, or disappeared to make extra when she had not anticipated such a group. Each worker, after they arrived on the job, and known by name, was now mentioned in our daily prayers.				
	One morning, one of the concrete workers exclaimed his gratitude. "I am at many job sites, and we are treated like dirt, but here you go out of your way to serve us in our "mucky" boots, and even as we leave you pass out a bottle of "ice-cold" water for the road home, knowing that the heat of the day has taken a toll on us.				
	Then I remembered the words of Matthew 25: you gave us cold water to drink..... I never had thought of it in a daily walk construction context, as "bottled water".				
	Let your LIGHT so shine among men,that they will praise your FATHER IN HEAVEN				Mt 5:16
	as servants, our house is not ours; we are stewards for a short time.				
	JESUS is the image of the invisible GOD.				Colossians 1:15



Devotional	How can I find GOD?		DAY 37 March 21st				
JESUS /GOD is always seeking you!			Sunday				
GOD appears to have left the scene. Job keeps asking for HIM to show up							
Why do you hide your FACE, and regard me as your enemy!			Job 13:24				
Oh that I knew where I might find HIM , that I might present my case before HIM and HE would take note of me.			Job 23:2 Job 23: 6				
Job takes it for granted that GOD is near by, alive and listening and reprimands this 3 friends to be careful of what they say, because GOD is listening and will hold them accountable.							
I would speak to the ALMIGHTY, and I desire to reason with GOD but you are forgers of lies. You are all worthless physicians. GOD will surely reprove you!			Job 13: 3 -12				
Illustration	Our DADDY, who lives in Heaven!		Luke 11: 2				
JESUS, when HIS disciples ask how to pray to GOD, teaches them to say							
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then we get another viewpoint of this great, wonderful FATHER!!!!			Luke 15: 11				
JESUS tells the story of a FATHER who is waiting for his youngest son to return. The character of the FATHER is the "KEY" to my example for Job's 3 friends.							
THE FATHER was constantly watching the road for a sign of his return THE FATHER was patiently waiting for his son, a very long time THE FATHER upon seeing his sons familiar gate had compassion on him							
notice	THE FATHER ran..ran (not a reluctant saunter) but...ran...to meet his wayward son THE FATHER fell on the son's neck THE FATHER kissed him						
Though the son asked for forgiveness, and asked not to be called his son							
THE FATHER, asked for the best robe to be placed on HIS son THE FATHER, asked for sandals to be put on HIS sons feet THE FATHER, asked for a ring to be placed on HIS son's finger THE FATHER, asked for a huge party to be set out THE FATHER, asked for everyone to be merry							
FOR	"this MY SON was dead, and is alive again, and MY son was lost, and is found!"						
	This is the FATHER, ...Job knows personally! and Job is trying his hardest to convey this to his friends but they have another "spirit" in them, and have not tasted this joy.						
	Do you take 'the time; to get to know the FATHER?						
	for by JESUS all things were created...visible or invisible...for HIM and through HIM!		Colossians 1:16				

Meditations for Lent

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Week 6

Devotional	If I die, will I live?		DAY 38 March 22nd
	JESUS/GOD created you, for eternal life!		Monday
	Beginning to speak after 7 days of silence, (chapter 3) Job wishes he were dead. Grief is setting in. It takes about 7 days for you to realize what has happened and though you wish it would change, reality has a knife at your throat. It is sharp!		Job 3: 11
	Eliphaz makes sure Job gets the message, that we are made of dust and like a moth we are crushed...broken ...we perish forever.		Job 4: 19
	sounds like satan talking : = putting words in Eliphaz mouth		Job 2: 5
	The apostle Paul uses the argument before the Sanhedrin, that after we die we are resurrected putting a division between the Sadducees and the Pharisees		Acts 23: 6 - 8
	concerning the hope and the resurrection of the dead, I am being judged!		
Illustration	Talitha cumi	which is translated, Little girl, I say to you arise!	Mark 5: 41
	JESUS answers Job's question		
1	The ruler of the Synagogue is told by his servants that his daughter is dead and not to trouble THE TEACHER , any longer. (NOTICE: This is a key official of the local ruling elite!) Arriving at the house, HE tells the mourners that the child is only sleeping, and "they laugh HIM to scorn." HE takes in the girl's parents plus, Peter James and John, then heals the girl.		
	JESUS is able to raise the dead		
2	JESUS , raises a dead boy from the coffin, and a 'fear' comes over the crowd		Lk 7: 14
3	The Sadducees ask JESUS about the resurrection if a woman had seven husbands? JESUS , tells them they are clueless about the scriptures or the power of GOD! <i>...concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage how GOD spoke to Moses saying, " I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB! HE is not the GOD of the dead but the GOD of the living!!!!</i>		Mk 12: 18 - 27
	JESUS said "the dead are alive.!		
4	JESUS raises Lazarus from the dead, after 3 days in the tomb.		John 11
	JESUS said: "I AM... the Resurrection and the Life"		John 11: 25
5	JESUS tells the thief, he will be in paradise today, with HIM !		Luke 23: 43
	JESUS has the right to determine who goes to Paradise!		
6	JESUS raises himself from the cross, after being pronounced dead by the guards. The BIBLE also teaches that GOD and the HOLY SPIRIT take credit for this as well.		
	GOD GOD raised JESUS from the dead.		1 Cor 6: 14
	JESUS JESUS said: "He raised Himself from the dead.		John 2: 19
	SPIRIT The HOLY SPIRIT claims the resurrection of JESUS is also HIS !		Rom 8: 11
	If CHRIST did not rise from the dead we have a foolish faith!		1 Cor 15: 12 -19
	We are raised to EVERLASTING LIFE!!!		John 6: 40
	JESUS is before all things and in HIM all things exist!		Colossians 1: 17

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