

经节：我要把天国的钥匙给你，凡你在地上所捆绑的，在天上也要捆绑；凡你在地上所释放的，在天上也要释放。（马太福音十六章19节）

天国的钥匙可以为你打开一条门径，让你借着自己与耶稣基督的关系接近天父。因着这个关系，你可以得到任何透过基督而得着的東西。这把钥匙不是毫无条件地任意供应；耶稣是在门徒认自己是基督之后，才交给他们这把天国的钥匙。门徒一旦确信耶稣是救主，他们与祂就进入一个独特的个人关系。他们与耶稣的关系，让他们可以直接朝见天父。同样地，你与基督的关系，也为你打开天堂的大门，让你能够直接与天父相交。

彼得发现自己只要持有这把天国的钥匙，就能在任何处境来到天父面前。在五旬节那天，他站在几千人面前讲道，这位身分地位不高的渔夫，为三千人打开了天国的的大门（使徒行传二：41）。当他遇见一位瘸腿的人，他使用神的医治大能，使那瘸腿的人能行走（使徒行传三：6）。被关进监狱时，他发现天国的钥匙能够为他打开那似乎坚不可摧的监狱大门（使徒行传十二：6~10）。

如果你是基督徒，你也拥有天国钥匙。你不需要中介者，你可以毫不受阻地朝见神。这把钥匙能让你得到所有环境需要的资源。害怕时，你可以拥有神所赐出人意外的平安（腓立比书四：6）。当我们与神的关系破裂时，可以借着基督与神和好（哥林多后书五：18~21）。当你遇到需要帮助的人，你可以为那个人汲取神的供应。被托管这把天国之钥，是我们极大的荣幸！

The Keys of the Kingdom

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19

The keys of the kingdom represent the access you have to the Father through your relationship to Jesus Christ. With this relationship you have access to everything that is accessible to Christ. However, this access is not given indiscriminately; Jesus gave the keys to His disciples only after they recognized that He was the Christ. Once the disciples were convinced that Jesus was the Savior, they entered into a unique and personal relationship with Him. Their relationship to Jesus gave them direct access to their heavenly Father. Likewise, your relationship with Christ opens the door of heaven for you and gives you direct access to the Father.

Peter discovered that once he had keys to the kingdom, he could go to the Father in every situation. When he stood to preach before thousands on the day of Pentecost, this simple fisherman opened the door to the kingdom for three thousand people in one day (Acts 2:41). When he encountered a lame man, he used his access to God and His healing power, and the man was healed (Acts 3:6). When he was imprisoned, Peter discovered that the keys of the kingdom could open even the most secure prison door (Acts 12:6-10).

If you are a Christian you, too, have keys to the kingdom of heaven. You do not need an intermediary, for you have an unobstructed access to God. With that access come all the resources you need to face any circumstance. When you are afraid, you have access to God's peace that surpasses comprehension (Phil. 4:6). When you have a broken relationship, you have access to the God of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-21). When you meet someone in need, you have access to God's provision for that person. What an incredible privilege to be entrusted with keys to the kingdom of heaven!

6月13日（星期一）- 标题：**你由口中吐出什么？**

经文：惟独出口的，是从心里发出来的，这才污秽人。（马太福音十五章18节）

圣经强调，你口中所吐出的话，会显明你心里的状态。如果你的话语祝福及鼓励他人，这些话证明你富有同情心。如果你常常分享有关基督的好消息，你表达出你为自己的救恩献上感恩的心。当其它人在危难中，他们是否知道自己可以由你口中的话语，得到平安与慰藉？你是否常常自动自发地为人祷告？你对他们的话语及态度，是否显出耐心？以上所有行为显示出你的心是否像天父的心。

你是否经常为自己说的话后悔？目前是否有人因你所说的话，心中受伤及愤怒？你是否喜欢说闲话？还是你有批评人的倾向？你是否认为生气时所说的话可以不算数？你的嘴巴是否常常喃喃抱怨？这些行为显示出你的心不像天父的心。

你可能会说：「唉！我就是这个样子嘛！常常有口无心说错话！」然而，圣经上说得很清楚，恶言恶语的舌头不在圣灵的管制之下（雅各书三：3~10）。一张成圣的嘴，是神可以使用的美妙器具。若拥有一颗像天父的心，此人口中只会吐出纯洁及仁慈的言语，不要为自己所说的话找任何借口，求神饶恕你说过所有伤人的话。然后，求圣灵管制你的口，让你口中吐出的每一句话，能被神使用去帮助及造就人。

What Comes out of Your Mouth?

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man." Matthew 15:18

The Bible stresses that what you say is an accurate indicator of what is in your heart. If your words bless and encourage others, they give evidence of a compassionate heart. If you often share the good news about Christ, you demonstrate a heart that is grateful for your own salvation. When others are in a crisis, do they know they will find peace and comfort in your words? Do you frequently and spontaneously offer prayers for others? Do your words and the manner in which you say them reveal a patient heart? All of these behaviors indicate a heart that is like the heart of the Father.

Or do you often regret your words? Are there people even now who are hurt or angry because of something you have said? Do you enjoy gossip? Do you tend to criticize others? Do you feel that you are not responsible for what comes out of your mouth when you are angry? Does your mouth spew grumbling and complaints? These behaviors come from a heart that is unlike God's heart.

You may say, "Oh, but that's just the way I am! I'm always saying the wrong thing!" Yet Scripture clearly states that an abusive tongue is not under the control of the Spirit (James 3:3-10). A sanctified mouth is a wonderful instrument for the Lord. A heart like the Father's heart will produce only pure and loving words. Without making any excuses for your words, ask the Holy Spirit to forgive you for any words that have brought harm. Then ask Him to discipline your mouth so that every word you speak is used by God to encourage and edify others.

6月18日（星期六）- 标题：**一条看似正路的路**

经文：有一条路，人以为正，至终成为死亡之路。（箴言十六章25节）

事情不总是像它们的外表一样。箴言警告，我们可能自以为走在正途，但实际上却走在敌对神的方向，朝着死亡而行。人们不会主动寻求神或追求公义（罗马书三：10~18）。只有圣灵能唤醒我们向基督沉睡的心，使我们愿意遵行神旨意。如果我们所作的决定已经远离圣灵的教导，我们就像一条没有指南针的船一样。我们会以自己的智慧判断，按着自己看起来是最合理的方法行事。然而，看似富有吸引力的事物，实际上却可能将我们推入罪恶的深渊，最后会毁灭我们最宝贝的东西。人类最深奥的思想在神面前是愚拙的（哥林多前书一：18~20）。惟有神知道永生的道路，祂要引导我们行在其中（马太福音七：13~14）。

不要假设每个机会都是从神而来的。撒但会假扮成「光明的天使」，它的邀请对你似乎是最有好处（哥林多后书十一：14）。然而，它的道路只有将人引入死亡（约翰福音八：44）。惟有神的话语如同路上的光，引导你走向正路（诗篇一一九：105）。

没有先询问圣灵的指引来行事，是非常危险的（约翰福音六：13）。当你面对抉择时，花时间寻求圣灵指引。祂对你各个选择都一清二楚，祂会帮助你了解真理，并经验丰盛的生命，要相信祂的带领。

A Way That Seems Right

There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. Proverbs 16:25

Things are not always what they seem. Proverbs warns that we can be deceived into believing we are going down the right path and yet be heading toward death, the opposite direction from God's will. People do not naturally seek God or pursue righteousness (Rom. 3:10-18). Only as the Spirit awakens our hearts to the Person of Christ are we able to desire God's will. If we make decisions apart from the guidance of the Spirit of God, we will be like a ship trying to sail without a compass. We will do what makes the most sense, based on our own wisdom. But what looks attractive may actually lead to sin, ultimately destroying what is precious to us, for our most profound human thinking is mere foolishness to God (1 Cor. 1:18-20). Only God knows the way that leads to life, and He wants to lead us to walk in it (Matt. 7:13-14).

Don't assume every opportunity that arises is from God. Satan will disguise himself as an "angel of light," and his invitations will seem to be in your best interest (2 Cor. 11:14). Yet his way leads only to death (John 8:44). The word of God will be like a light to your path, guiding you in the ways of righteousness (Ps. 119:105).

It can be perilous to follow a path that seems right without first consulting the Holy Spirit for guidance (John 16:13). Take time to seek the Holy Spirit's direction when you face decisions. He knows the full ramifications of your choices. The Holy Spirit will assist you to understand truth and to experience abundant life. Trust Him as He leads you.

6月17日（星期五）- 标题：**阿爸，父**

经节：你们既为儿子，神就差祂儿子的灵进入你们的心，呼叫「阿爸！父！」

（加拉太书四章6节）

父亲这个词在每个人的心中有不同的形像。对某些人来说，它带来一幅慈爱、欢乐、尊敬与接纳的画面。不幸地，有些人想到父亲，则想到恐惧、拒绝与失望。这就是为什么不要由生身父亲的体验，来认识你们的天父，乃要从圣经中来认识祂。不容置疑地，你的生身父亲是不完美的，甚至他曾深深地伤害你。在你整个基督徒生命中，不要以个人的经验来解释圣经，而要以圣经的亮光，来了解你个人的经验。圣经上清楚地告诉我们，神是父亲的榜样。

你的天父愿意为你的救赎付上任何代价（罗马书八：32）。你天上的父亲总是先预备妥当，好满足你的需求（路加福音十一：11~13）。你天上的父亲非常爱你，祂愿意训练你，使你能够达到属灵的成熟（箴言三：11~12；希伯来书十二：5~10）。即使你悖逆、拒绝祂的爱，祂仍然为你的好处着想（罗马书五：8）。祂并不是根据你对祂的爱，有条件地爱你（约翰一书四：19）。祂使你成为祂的后嗣，为你在天上预备了一个家（罗马书八：15~17）。

这是圣经上所记载父亲的形像。如果你从未如此经验过，它可以成为你现在的经历。祂就是那位收纳你为儿女，并以你从未经历遇的大爱来爱你的天父。由祂——你的天父——身上支取力量，得到安慰吧。

Abba, Father

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Galatians 4:6

The word *father* conjures up different images for everyone. To some it brings the picture of love, laughter, respect, and acceptance. Unfortunately, others associate the term *father* with fear, rejection, and disappointment. That is why it is so important not to take your understanding of your heavenly Father from your experience. Take it from Scripture. You undoubtedly had an imperfect earthly father, perhaps even one who brought you harm. But, as in all of your Christian life, the key is not to understand the Bible based on your experience, but to understand your experience in light of the Bible. God is your model of a father in the truest sense of the word. Your heavenly Father was willing to pay any price in order to save you (Rom. 8:32).

Your heavenly Father is always ready to meet your needs (Luke 11:11-13). Your heavenly Father loves you so much that He is willing to discipline you to bring you to Christian maturity (Prov. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:5-10). Even when you rebel against Him and reject His love, your Father continues to do what is best for you (Rom. 5:8). He does not make His love for you conditional upon your love for Him. He loves you even when you are not loving Him (1 John 4:19). He has made you His heirs and reserves a home for you in heaven (Rom. 8:15-17). This is what a father is like biblically. If this has not been your experience, it can be now. There is One who has adopted you and who wants to love you in a way you have never experienced. Take comfort and strength from Him—your heavenly Father.

6月14日（星期二）- 标题：**挪亚与神同行**

经节：惟有挪亚在耶和华眼前蒙恩。挪亚的后代记在下面。挪亚是个义人，在当时的世代是个完全人。挪亚与神同行。（创世记六章8~9节）

无论你所处的环境是多么不圣洁，神总会找到你，与你同行。挪亚也许是活在历史上最邪恶的世代，没有人敬拜神，所有的人都拜偶像，贪享宴乐。挪亚所有的街坊邻居都是邪恶的。他在市场、街上、公众聚集处所遇见的每个人都嘲笑他。所有你能想象到的试探，挪亚都碰见了。对一个公义的人来说，这是多么大的压制啊！

在挪亚时代的人十分邪恶，因此神计划完全彻底地毁灭他们，这是圣经记载中，神最严厉的作为。然而，在一群罪人之中，神并没有忽略了挪亚。神注意挪亚每个正直的行为。挪亚不管周遭人的行为如何，仍然选择要在神面前过正直诚实的生活，这一切都看在神的眼里。也许挪亚有时会质疑自己过正直诚实的生活，是否有其必要，因为其它人并不是这样作，但他坚持下去。他对公义的持守，救了自己与全家人的性命。

你是否常被邪恶的事物所环绕？当周遭所有的人都对神漠不关心时，你是否为了持守正直公义的生活，有时也会挣扎不已？挪亚的生活例子中，我们可以拥有十足的把握。神在看你，就像祂观察挪亚一样。每一回祂都会在众人中找到你，祂要祝福你的家人，就像祂曾经祝福挪亚一样。

Noah Walked with God

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. . . Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. Genesis 6:8-9

No matter how ungodly the environment you may be in, God will always find you and walk with you. Noah lived in perhaps the most wicked age in history. No one worshiped God. All the people worshiped idols and pursued their own sinful pleasures. Noah's neighbors were evil; every person he associated with in the marketplace, or along the street, or in public gatherings, ridiculed the very thought of being faithful to God. Every temptation imaginable was abundantly available to Noah. How oppressive such an environment would have been to a righteous person!

The people of Noah's day were so wicked that God planned the most complete and drastic act of judgment recorded in Scripture. Nevertheless, Noah was not lost to God in the crowd of sinners. God noticed every act of Noah's righteousness. Noah had chosen to live uprightly before God despite what everyone around him was doing, and God had observed him. There may have been times when Noah wondered if it mattered if he lived a righteous life, since no one else was. Yet he continued, and his persistence in righteousness saved his life and the lives of his family members.

Are you constantly surrounded by evil? Do you struggle at times to live a righteous life when those you associate with each day have no concern for God? Find assurance in the life of Noah. God watches you, even as He observed Noah. God will seek you out of the crowd every time, and He wants to bless you and your family just as He blessed Noah.

6月15日（星期三）- 标题：**敬虔的影响力**

经节：耶和華对挪亚说：「你和你的全家都要进入方舟；因为在这世代中，我见你在我面前是义人。」（创世记七章1节）

挪亚的孩子们面对一个重要的决定。他们活在一个众人都漠视神的世界中，邪恶的行为是很普遍的事。如果挪亚的儿子们像社会其它人一样过着邪恶生活，除了他们的父亲以外，没有人会定罪他们。处在一个罪恶及邪恶满布的世界，他们很幸运能作挪亚的孩子。当他们的父亲邀请他们顺服神的话，在未来一百年建一条方舟的时候，挪亚的儿子必须选择信任自己的父亲，还是相信周遭人们的话。他们选择加入父亲的行列。挪亚在自己家中圣洁的影响，是多么美好的见证！闪、含、雅弗真是幸运！尽管他们周围每个人都是如此行，他们的父亲不愿意与世界妥协自己的正直。

你的生活也会影响周围其它的人，你的选择深深影响你自己的配偶与儿女。不仅如此，你的同工、你的邻居和你的朋友们，都会被你的生活影响。当世人同流合污的时候，你的生活则是赤裸裸地呈现在众人面前，成为正直的榜样。你的生活会使你周围的人确信要跟随神的智慧，不要小看自己对神的顺服，它会为周遭的人们带来正面的影响。

A Godly Influence

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation. Genesis 7:1

The children of Noah faced a significant decision. They lived in a world where everyone blatantly disregarded God. Wickedness was the norm. No one would have condemned Noah's sons for living evil lives like the rest of society—no one except their father. In a world rampant with ungodly attitudes and every form of wicked behavior, they were fortunate to be Noah's sons. When their father invited them to spend the next hundred years building an ark in obedience to a word from God, Noah's sons had to choose whether to believe those around them or to trust their father. They chose to join their father. What a wonderful testimony of Noah's godly influence in his home! How fortunate for Shem, Ham, and Japheth that their father refused to compromise his integrity, even though everyone else in his society had done so.

Your life has an influence on those around you as well. Your spouse and your children are profoundly affected by your choices. Your coworkers, your neighbors, and your friends will all be impacted by your life. As the world tries to persuade people to follow its standard, your life should stand in stark contrast as an example of a righteous person. Your life should convince those around you of the wisdom of following God. Do not underestimate the positive effect that your obedience will have upon those close to you.

6月16日（星期四）- 标题：**圣灵同证**

经节：圣灵与我的心同证我们是神的儿女；既是儿女，便是后嗣，就是神的后嗣，和基督同作后嗣。如果我们和祂一同受苦，也必和祂一同得荣耀。（罗马书八章16~17节）

刚重生的时候，我们不可能完全知道自己所承继的是什么，也不可能完全了解何为天堂。我们怎能完全理解，成为神的后嗣是怎么一回事呢？与基督同作后嗣的消息，令我们大吃一惊！靠自己，我们甚至不能了解身为王的儿女所得的全部产业。圣灵使我们相信，我们真是神的儿女，并且帮助我们了解自己所继承的丰硕产业。

也许你的生身父亲并不慈爱，圣灵的角色是帮助你回应这位以完全的爱来爱你的天父，圣灵也会教导你如何过王的儿女的生活。也许你在贫穷困乏的环境中长大，圣灵会让你看到，身为神的儿女拥有取之不竭、用之不尽的丰盛资源。

倘若你仅仅宣告自己是神的儿女，而做什么事都是靠自己的力量，你不可能开始使用你所继承的产业。然而，天父已经赐下圣灵作你的导师。圣灵会引领你得到那宏大的应许和资源，这是当神收养你进入祂的家庭时，你所继承的产业。花时间默想神美妙的应许，这些应许正等着你去汲取。让圣灵使你信服自己真是神的儿女，与基督同作后嗣。

The Spirit Bears Witness

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:16-18

It is impossible to perceive all that became ours when we were born again. There is no way we can understand all that heaven is like. How could we ever comprehend all that is ours as fellow heirs with Christ? The knowledge that we will share Christ's inheritance with Him absolutely astounds us! Left to our own, we could not begin to understand all that we received once we became children of the King. The Holy Spirit convinces us that we are indeed children of God and helps us understand the riches of our inheritance.

Perhaps you did not have a loving father. The Spirit's role is to teach you how to respond to a Father who relates to you only in perfect love and how to live like a child of the King. Perhaps you grew up in poverty. The Spirit will show you the inexhaustible riches available to you as a child of God.

If you were simply declared an heir and then left on your own, you could not begin to use your inheritance. But the Father has given you His Spirit to serve as your Guide and Teacher. The Holy Spirit will lead you to the magnificent promises and resources that became available when God adopted you into His family. Take time to meditate on the wonderful promises of God that are available to you. Let the Holy Spirit convince you of the reality that you are, indeed, a child of God and a fellow heir of Christ.