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“Desperado”

Without God, I made too many major decisions without knowing what I was doing or considering who I was hurting or recognizing how to change either. I sacrificed both freedom and opportunity, often recklessly. I was foolish and dangerous

First, precious moments, then years of my life were devoted to striving, coveting and grasping for things that didn't matter, for reasons that shouldn't have mattered. I felt emptiness, isolation and shame...and pretended not to notice.

Too proud to make changes, I endured heartbreak and despair. Enslaved. A captive of pain.

“Disciple”

But with God, there has been opportunity for healing, from the consequences of pride, emptiness and foolishness. There has been forgiveness and a state of grace.

Protected by gifts of the Spirit...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...I am led like a child, in a path of Light. Truths emerge which I could not have known:

That there has always been, outside of time and outside of my awareness, an enduring spiritual purpose for my life

That my life has a core, a soul, through which I have been connected to that enduring spiritual purpose

That the enduring spiritual purpose is a relationship with a personal and loving God, which will never end

That only loving obedience to Him, enables love relationships in this life with opportunity for hope, rather than betrayal.

That in this life the things for which I often strive, the things that I can touch, see, hear and taste, have no enduring purpose

That there is an enemy within me, who would confuse what is enduring for what is not

That the enemy's confusion is the source of heartbreak, despair, captivity and ultimately death

That my heart is a battlefield and the war is called “Confusion vs. Light”.

Free the captives. Bind up the broken hearted. Confusion vs. Light. I am called to fight.

