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# a BEACON for HOPE

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A BEACON  
for HOPE



Because of Lives, I can face tomorrow

This magazine along with  
the Promises of God  
belong to:

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## Hello Friend *Welcome*

Can I call you friend,  
is that o.k.?

I am so delighted to  
share this time with you.

As you grab your cuppa  
tea or coffee, and settle  
in your favourite nook, it  
is my HOPE that the tests  
and triumphs God has led  
me through will  
encourage you today.  
That they will help to  
"Feed YOUR Faith" my  
friend.

That the works of my  
hands will delight your  
hearts.

*Cynthia*



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection  
and the life. The one who believes in me,  
even if he dies, will live."



John 11:25

I hope this issue finds you well and  
anticipating the refreshing return of  
SPRING.

Can I be a little vulnerable for a  
moment?

I have been struggling with whether we  
should continue or even if we can  
continue producing our little magazine.

This morning as I was waking, I was having a  
conversation with Holy Spirit, - wait... who am I  
kidding... I was complaining, and I was whining,  
but I did have the sense to hear what I was doing  
and stop.

So I paused and I thought.

O.k. I know I am to TRUST GOD, have FAITH...  
but TRUST Him with what? I had no clue. ( silly  
me, TRUST Him with EVERYTHING)

I had this image form in my thoughts. It was as  
though I had been riding along on a bus, when  
suddenly I found myself out of the bus, and  
sitting on the side of the road, with all my bags  
tossed beside me.

I was on a dirt road, no recognizable landscape,  
no road signs, no clue as to where I was, or even  
why I was out of the bus.

And still my thoughts came back to, well... I know  
I have to TRUST GOD, have FAITH.

I eventually fell back to sleep and as I woke, I  
heard this song...

"But if I commit, and I go for it?"

Right, I need to get up off the side of the  
road, gather my bags and start walking,  
trusting that if I choose the wrong

direction... God will be faithful to send me signs of the right direction or steer me from the wrong direction.

Maybe the bus I was on was one of those things that was a very wrong direction, and He had to get very stern with me... He had to throw me off the bus. (Better than throwing me under the bus.)

So, I guess I pick up my editor hat, grab my art department seat and continue forward with our magazine. Continue in this direction until I see a road sign or a familiar landmark that indicates a turn or stop.

Friends, it is comforting to know that God has our best interests at heart. He knows when we are headed down roads that are destructive, distracting, or dis da wrong way. LOL

He will course correct us. Now we can choose to get back on the wrong course, or we can gather our bags and head out, trusting He will give us the clues as we NEED them.



What is this ADORABLE little creation you ask?

Well thank you for asking?

I have had a long time relationship with altered journaling of many sorts, I think they call it junk journaling now. LOL

I have created a couple of little journal "flip books" using two of our previous magazines. Below you will find instructions on how to put together a little journal flip book.

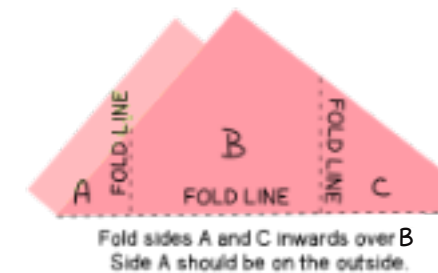
I think these little flip books would make great little gifts for friends.



STEP 1



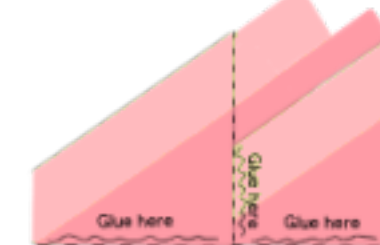
STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4



STEP 1

With paper in a landscape position fold one corner up so that it looks like in step one.

STEP 2

Now fold the two corner pieces in on each other over the center as in step two.

STEP 3

Trim off the little edges

STEP 4

Glue the inside flaps down to make a little pocket where you see the word *glue here*.

I hope my instructions keep it simple.

Enjoy creating; fill it with every verse you can think of that will encourage and uplift you or somebody else.

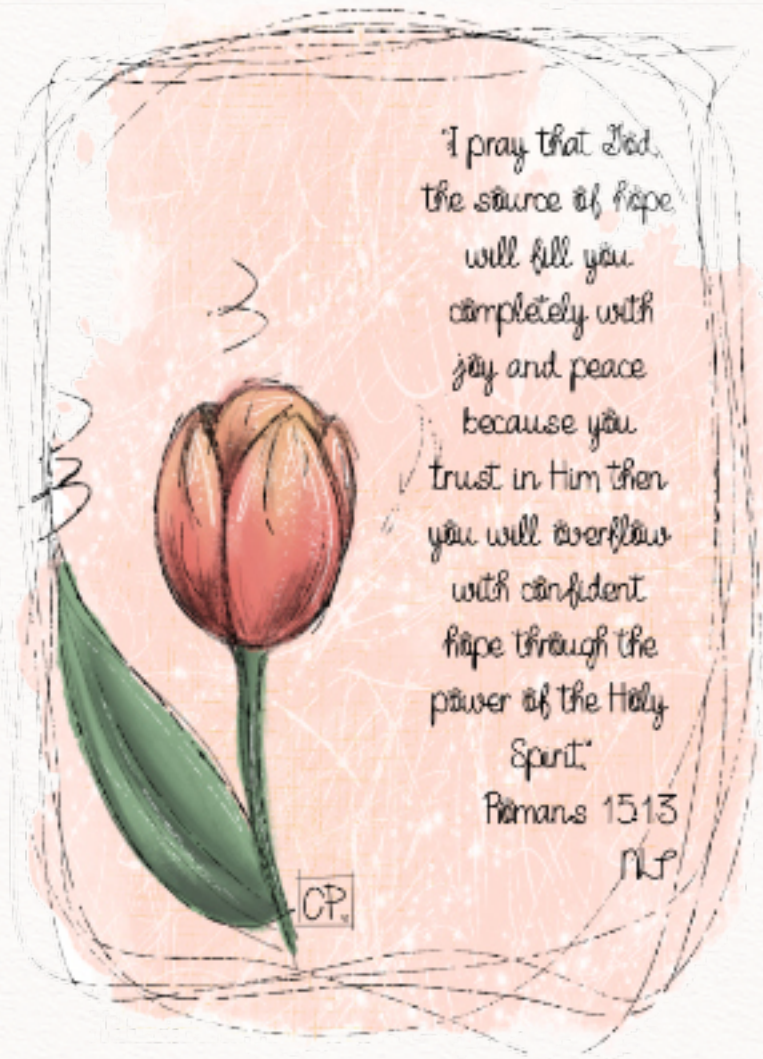
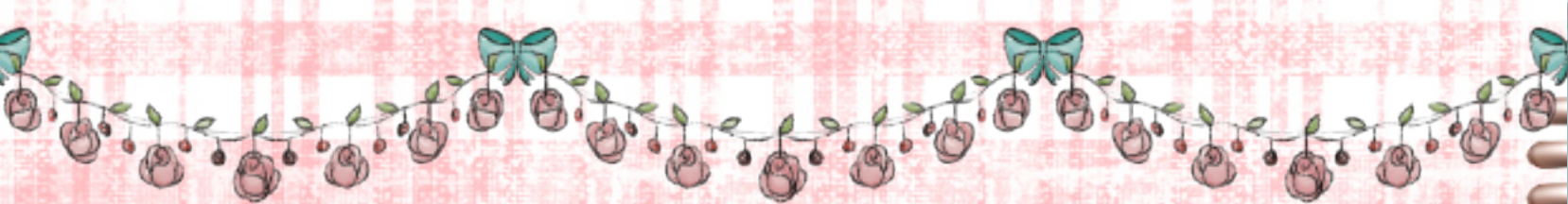
Be BLESSED

*Pages 7 & 8 have been set aside for this purpose, but any page can be used. :)*

If you are so inclined, please share your creations on our facebook page. Oh yah, I probably haven't mentioned this, but we do have a facebook page, two actually. One is a prayer request page and the other is a regular page.

You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/abeaconforhope/> (It has our little lighthouse icon.)





"I pray that God,  
 the source of hope  
 will fill you  
 completely with  
 joy and peace  
 because you  
 trust in Him then  
 you will overflow  
 with confident  
 hope through the  
 power of the Holy  
 Spirit."  
 Romans 15:13  
 NLT



As for me and my  
 home, we will serve  
 the Lord.  
 Joshua 24:15



If you would like to use this as a little booklet, just cut out as one strip, trim corners and fold as an accordion.

Cut these out and add on top of the coordinating images for a Dimensional look, or place wherever you'd like.



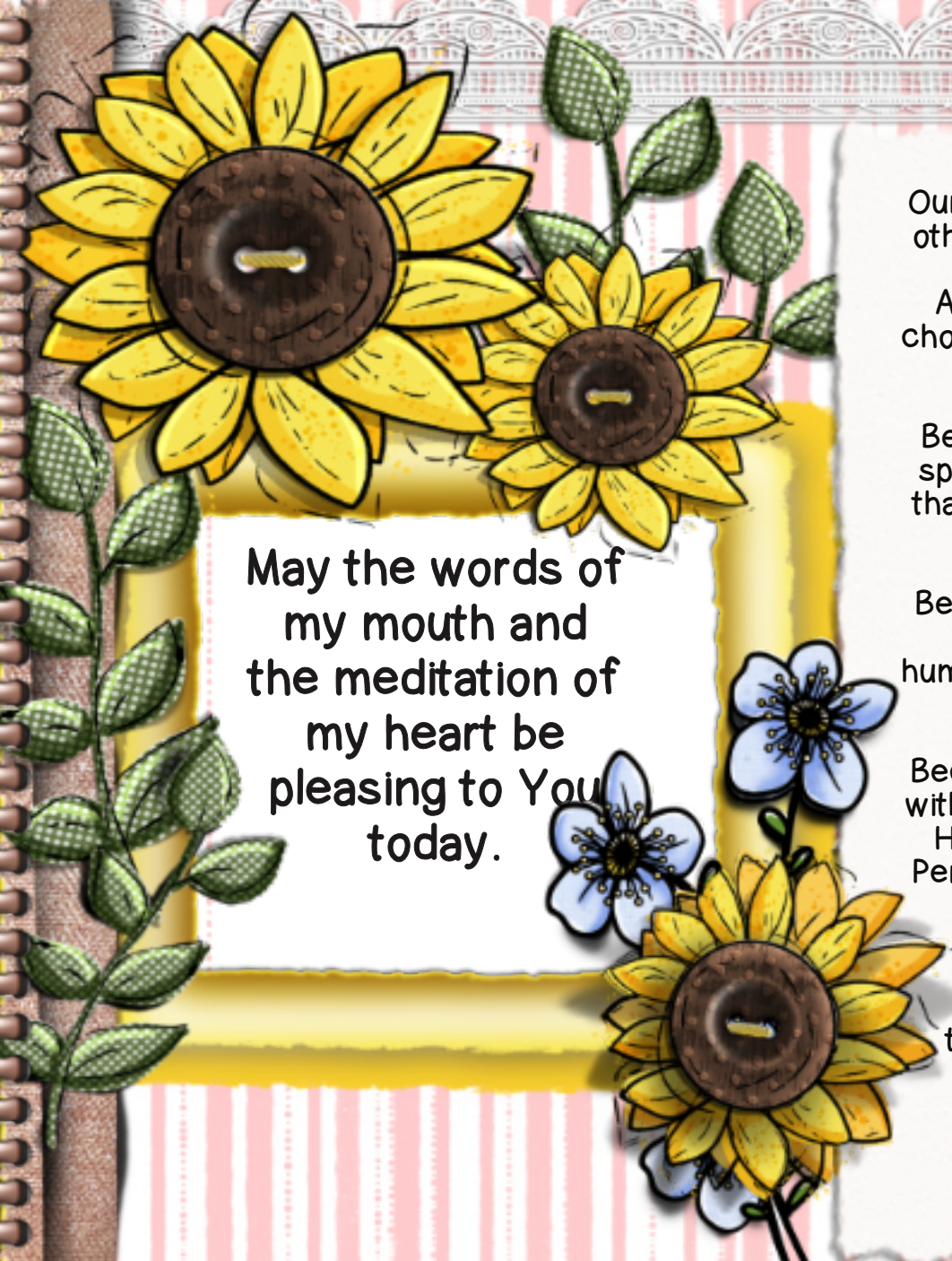
He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... 2 Corinthians 9:6





*For I know the plans I have  
for you says the LORD,  
plans to prosper you and  
not to cause you harm,  
plans to give you hope and  
a future. Jeremiah 29:11*

For God is working  
in you,  
giving you the desire  
and the power to  
do what pleases  
Him.  
Philipians 2:13



May the words of  
my mouth and  
the meditation of  
my heart be  
pleasing to You  
today.

Our choices really do affect others, positive or negative.

A perfect example is the choices Jesus made and how they affect us!

Because of His choice, He spent three days in hell, so that we don't have to spend any.

Because of His choice - He knowingly withstood humiliation and torture, so we don't have to.

Because of His choice - He, without hesitation, separated Himself from His Father, Perfect Love and Peace, so that we don't have to.

Because He made these choices, we now have the choice to choose Him! I'm glad I made my choice and chose Him.

Scripture Writing

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him... Romans 15:13



Let your HOPE keep you joyful. Be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.

Romans 12:12

And HE walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own.

Thank you o. Austin Miles for this wonderful ol' song.



# I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE, WHERE THE DEW IS STILL ON THE ROSES

You may have guessed that I love flowers, roses specifically, oh and forget-me-knots, oh and lilac's, are they considered a flower?

I believe God reminded me one morning; that walking without Him is like walking through a garden where nothing is growing.

He is what makes things alive. That I HAVE to make the effort to walk with Him. Things die if we don't walk with Him

In my life, I have had the privilege of walking through a couple of gardens.

One was with my dear sweet grandmother, and the other my wonderful mother.

It is an intimate journey actually; Someone who has a garden knows each plant, knows where each one came from and why; some even name their plant's endearing names.

I'd love a garden again, one in which I could enjoy sharing that piece of myself with my granddaughters. But most of all I want to share with them, the beauty of His garden.

The King of kings, and the Lord of lords,

**HE IS A GARDENER.**

He is about the small details, He knows the name of every one of His creations, He knows why each one is planted where it is.

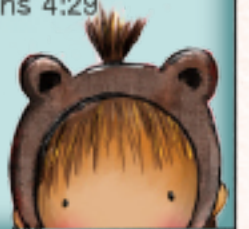
He watches each one, He is about listening, He is about beauty and love.

I am Grateful that He has shared His love of nature with me.

Lord, help me us build one another up.

Let no corrupt talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29



Be careful little ears what you hear!





# Names

Holy Spirit I ask that You would guard \_\_\_\_\_'s heart and mind today. I ask that You would send Your Angels to protect them and to minister to them today. I ask that You would bring to \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts that are true, noble, praiseworthy, just, lovely, commendable, pure, honourable, and morally excellent.

Father I ask that these thoughts are what \_\_\_\_\_ focuses on today, and everyday. I pray that the voice of the enemy, and the voices of anyone or anything that is in rebellion to Your Word and Your Will, be silenced and cast down under the feet and under the authority of Jesus.

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_'s desire to follow Your authority and Will would be stronger than their desire to follow the desires of the flesh and the world. I ask Father, that the ungodly desires would quickly lose their appeal, and their ability to falsely satisfy.

I ask that \_\_\_\_\_ would desire to fully surrender their will and rights over to You Father. And Father, I ask all these things for myself as well. In the Mighty Name above names, the Name of Jesus. Amen

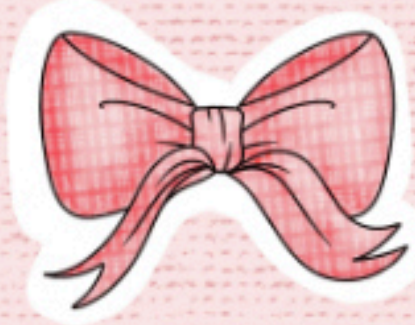
# Paper Dolly



You are loved



Jesus loves you.



Please feel free to cut and play with your grandchildren, children and favourite little people. You will notice the little side tabs have not been added, may I suggest tape, folded, or scrapbook tape tabs. :)





And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men... Colossians 3:23



Hey friends, I would just like to take this moment, to once again say

# thank you

for all those who so graciously donated to the production of this magazine. Every donation is a blessing to us, and I believe to the donor as well.


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Dear Lord Jesus,  
I know that I am a sinner, and  
I ask for Your forgiveness.  
I believe You died for my sins  
and rose from the dead.  
I turn from my sins and invite  
You to come into my heart  
and live.  
I want to trust and follow You  
as my Lord and Saviour.



*If you have just prayed that prayer from  
your heart, please contact us, we'd love to  
welcome you to the family!*

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