

“Conversations Over Cups of Coffee”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—When my husband (Chuck) was alive, we would “pontificate” together.

We would talk about God and the Scriptures. This was always in the morning, over a nice cup of coffee. After his death, I missed that part of my life most of all.

One day I had a brainstorm that really scared me. Why not invite God the Father for a nice cup of coffee every morning?

Abraham gave us a good example in Genesis 18:23-33 of talking to the Lord (the One who would become the Christ). They even had a meal together! They were friends. So why not me?

Later, the Son of God Himself told us how to pray: “Our Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:9-13).

I do not have a fattened calf, nor can I sing like David did, but I do have a nice cup of coffee.

That first morning I could hardly wait. I could see Him in my mind’s eye. Before I could say a word, He put His finger to His lips and made a hush sound. Through His Son said: “I know your wants and needs before you even ask. I want you to listen to my ‘want list’ on a personal basis.”

That was about nine years ago. Every morning, over coffee, I would listen and think about what our Heavenly Father wants from us. And I decided to write down some of those one-on-one discussions with God—not about God.

I will call these ideas His “want list”—meaning the blessings that He wants for me.

Here is just a *small* sample.

- I want you to listen with your whole heart.

- I want you to believe that I AM (Revelation 22:13). Look up My and My Son's many names.
- I want to be your personal God and for you to be My daughter (Revelation 21:7).
- I want you to be an overcomer (Revelation 21:7).
- I want to help you with My Power—the Holy Spirit.
- I want you to have faith that I know what I am doing. It may not look like it, but I *do* have a plan.
- I want you to fully understand that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one (1 John 2:15-16).
- I want you to read 1 John 5:1-3. My commandments are love. They are Who I AM.
- I want you to understand that I know how hard life is. I can make you or break you. It will make *you who you are*.
- I want to give you eternal life. I cannot unless I know who you are and that you love My way.
- I want for you to be loyal for all eternity.
- I want My way to be written in your heart, mind and soul because you choose. Without knowledge, it cannot happen.
- I want you to listen to Me not what someone else tells you about Me.

This is only a small sample. I suggest that you notice some of the other ideas that the Father wants for you.

Talking to somebody person to person about your hopes, dreams, his ups and downs, disappointments and joys makes you close to him. He becomes a true friend.

P.S.: Just one more "I want." At night when I am tired and somewhat blue, I hear God say: I want you to count your blessings every night. Continue to be grateful, for I have given you much in spite of the painful trials.