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## *Introduction*

*God loves humans and wants to always be with us.*

- *God created us to be in a loving relationship with Him.*
- *God's Son chose to die for us, rather than to live without us.*
- *God's Holy Spirit lives within every believer's hearts.*
- *God's Word teaches us how to fly with Him in obedience to His instructions.*

*The scriptures in this booklet are for meditation and revelation -- that we may believe, obey and be transformed by God's Word to fly with Him.*

### *Scripture Versions Used*

The Amplified Bible (TAB)

New International Version (NIV)

New King James (NKJ)

The Living Bible (TLB)

New Living Translation (NLT)

The Message (TM)

## *Called to Fly with God*

*Flying with God is a spiritual adventure. Before we can answer His call to fly with Him, we must be spiritually born of God.*

- *Anyone can become born of God, by believing in God's Son Jesus who died to pay for mankind's sins.*
- *Those who accept Jesus as Savior are "born again" as God's child.*

### **I John 5:1a (NIV)**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.

### **John 1:12, 13a (NLT)**

But to all who believed Jesus and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn!

### **II Timothy 1:9a (NIV)**

God has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

### **II Peter 1:3 (NIV)**

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

## *Flying with Love*

*Flying with God requires that we love God with ALL our being. To love God is to trust and obey Him in response to His extravagant, sacrificial love for us.*

*God's greatest commandment to us is:*

### **LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD**

- *With ALL your HEART*
- *With ALL your SOUL*
- *With ALL your MIND*

**Matthew 22:37, 38**

### **John 3:16 (NIV)**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### **I John 4:10 (NIV)**

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

### **I John 5:3a (NIV)**

This is love for God: to obey his commands.

### **I John 4:16a (NIV)**

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

## *Flying with the King of Kings*

*Believers have the honor of flying with the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace, Almighty God, Creator and Savior.*

- *By surrendering our life to Him*
- *By worshiping Him with our love, praise, time, and all we do*

### **Psalm 29:2 (NIV)**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

### **Galatians 2:20b (NIV)**

The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **Psalm 145:1 (TM)**

I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King! and I'll bless your name into eternity.

### **Psalm 5:2 (NLT)**

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I will never pray to anyone but you.

### **I Timothy 1:17 (NIV)**

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## *Flying with the World*

*The believer's body belongs to God and must not get involved in worldly activities.*

### **I Corinthians 6:19b, 20 (NIV)**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

### **I John 2:15, 16 (NIV)**

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.

### **Psalms 1:1 (TLB)**

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow evil men's advice, who do not hang around with sinners, scoffing at the things of God.

### **II Corinthians 6:14a (TM)**

Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war.

## *Flying in Total Dependence on God*

*Jesus never depended on his human wisdom or goodness to accomplish God's will on earth. Believers also must not depend on themselves to do God's will.*

### **John 5:30 (NIV)**

By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

### **John 12:49 (NIV)**

For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.

### **John 15:5 (NKJ)**

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

### **Proverbs 3:5, 6 (NLT)**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.

### **Philippians 3:3b (NLT)**

We put no confidence in human effort. Instead, we boast about what Christ Jesus has done for us.



## *Flying by God's Plan*

*God created each human with a wonderful plan and purpose for their life.*

- *God's plan is far higher than our human plans can ever be.*
- *God's plan allows our life to glorify Him on earth.*

### **Isaiah 55:8, 9 (TLB)**

This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours.

### **II Timothy 1:9b (NLT)**

That was his plan long before the world began—to show his love and kindness to us through Christ Jesus.

### **Jeremiah 29:11 (TLB)**

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

### **Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)**

Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.

## *A Focused Mind for Flying*

*Flyers must keep their minds focused on God. A mind that is not focused on God loses its peace and direction. It becomes restless, confused, and easily deceived by fleshly ideas and plans not of God.*

### **Isaiah 26:3 (NKJ)**

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

### **Romans 8:6a, 7a (TAB)**

Now the mind of the flesh (which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit) is death. Its carnal thoughts and purposes are hostile to God.

### **II Corinthians 10:5 (NKJ)**

Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

### **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

## *Flight Path of Peace*

*Divine peace is essential for guidance. It acts as an internal navigation system that keeps us on God's flight path.*

- *A peaceful heart assures us that we are in God's will, on the right path.*
- *An anxious, agitated heart signals that we have deviated from God's will.*

### **Colossians 3:15a (TAB)**

Let the peace from the Christ rule in your hearts--deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds.

### **Philippians 4:6, 7 (NIV)**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **John 14:27 (NIV)**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

### **Psalms 34:14b (NIV)**

Seek peace and pursue it.

## *Flight Directions*

*God wants His children to pray about everything and always consult His Word for directions, wisdom and counsel.*

### **Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)**

Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.

### **James 1:5 (TM)**

If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it.

### **Colossians 3:16 (NLT)**

Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other.

### **Psalms 119:105 (TM)**

By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.

### **Psalms 119:133 (NLT)**

Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by any evil.

## *Strong, Joyful Flyers*

*God's strength is found in HIS JOY within us. Strong flyers CHOOSE to remain joyful in the LORD through their troubles.*

### **James 1:2b, 3 (NLT)**

Whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

### **Nehemiah 8:10b (NIV)**

The joy of the LORD is your strength.

### **Psalms 100:1, 2 (NLT)**

Shout with joy to the LORD, O earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

### **Psalms 118:24 (NIV)**

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **Psalms 16:11b (NIV)**

You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

### **Psalms 37:4 (NIV)**

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

## *Faith to Fly*

*Without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to:*

- *Please God*
- *Live victoriously for God*
- *Receive answers to prayers*
- *Protect ourselves from the devil*

### **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

### **II Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)**

We live by faith, not by sight.

### **Hebrews 12:2a (NIV)**

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

### **Matthew 21:22 (TAB)**

Whatever you ask for in prayer, having faith and really believing, you will receive.

### **Ephesians 6:16 (TLB)**

In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.

## *Fleshly Flying*

*Our old sinful self-nature (“flesh”) still lives in believers while on earth. It will always be hostile and disobedient to God.*

- *Don't try to improve your flesh*
- *Dominate the flesh with the Spirit*

### **Romans 8:7, 8 (NLT)**

For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

### **Romans 13:14 (NLT)**

But let the Lord Jesus Christ take control of you, and don't think of ways to indulge your evil desires.

### **Galatians 5:16 (NLT)**

So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

### **Ephesians 4:22, 23 (NLT)**

Throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception. Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes.

## *Grounded from Flying*

*Believers can't fly when entangled in sin. No sin so easily entangles us as offenses that we refuse to forgive. Unforgiveness leads to anger which gives the devil a powerful foothold in our life.*

### **Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)**

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

### **Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

### **Matthew 6:15 (NLT)**

But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

### **Ephesians 4:26, 27 (NLT)**

And don't sin by letting anger gain control over you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a mighty foothold to the Devil.

### **Acts 24:16 (NKJ)**

This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.



## *Disciplined to Fly*

*God does not condemn his children. But He convicts us of sin and disciplines us:*

- *Because He loves us as children*
- *Because undisciplined, spoiled children are not good or happy*
- *So we can enjoy living in peace*

### **Romans 8:1 (NIV)**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

### **Hebrews 12:5b, 6 (NIV)**

My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.

### **Hebrews 12:7, 8 (NIV)**

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

### **Hebrews 12:10b, 11 (NIV)**

God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

## *Attitude Determines Altitude*

*The attitudes of our heart determine how high God will allow us to fly.*

- *Loving Attitude*
- *Humble Attitude*
- *Thankful Attitude*

### **Ephesians 5:1, 2 (NIV)**

Be imitators of God, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **Philippians 2:5-7 (NLT)**

Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.

### **I Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)**

No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

### **Philippians 2:14, 15a (NIV)**

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure.

## *Opportunities to Fly Higher*

*Flying higher requires a persevering faith that uses the difficulties and trials of life as opportunities to trust God and to develop a mature faith in Him.*

### **James 1:2-4 (TM)**

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

### **1 Peter 1:6, 7 (NIV)**

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

### **James 1:12 (NLT)**

God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

## *Soaring on the Wind of the Spirit*

*Eagles wait for the thermal currents of the wind and soar on the wind. Believers are to wait on God and soar in obedience upon the powerful wind of the Holy Spirit.*

### **Isaiah 40:30, 31 (NLT)**

Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up. But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

### **Acts 1:8a (NLT)**

But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere.

### **John 6:63a (NKJ)**

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.

### **Zechariah 4:6b (NIV)**

Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD Almighty.

### **Ephesians 3:16 (NLT)**

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit.

## *Dangers of Flying High*

*With the thrills of flying high with God come the dangers of becoming proud, lax, self-confident, and forgetful of God.*

### **Galatians 3:3 (NIV)**

Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

### **Deuteronomy 6:11b, 12 (NLT)**

When you have eaten your fill in this land, be careful not to forget the LORD, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.

### **Proverbs 11:2 (NIV)**

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

### **I Peter 5:5b (TLB)**

All of you serve each other with humble spirits, for God gives special blessings to those who are humble, but sets himself against those who are proud.

### **I Corinthians 9:27 (NLT)**

I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

## *Grace to Fly NOW*

*Those who would fly with God must stop trying to live in the past or the future.*

- *God wants us to believe Him NOW for what we pray for.*
- *God is with us NOW in our current situation.*
- *God will send His grace to help us at the time we need help--not before we need it.*

### **Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)**

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

### **Psalms 46:1 (NIV)**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

### **Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)**

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

### **Matthew 6:34 (NIV)**

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## *Fearless Flying*

*The devil uses lies and scare tactics to intimidate and enslave believers to fear. But Jesus died to free us from all fears.*

### **Hebrews 2:14b, 15 (NLT)**

Only by dying could Jesus break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

### **Galatians 5:1 (NIV)**

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by the yoke of slavery.

### **II Timothy 1:7 (NLT)**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

### **Joshua 1:9b (NLT)**

Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

### **Psalms 23:4 (NIV)**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

## *Fly Away Home*

*Heaven is the eternal home of believers. Our name has been registered in heaven, and God has prepared a place for us.*

### **Luke 10:20b (NIV)**

Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

### **Ephesians 1:14b (TLB)**

The Spirit's seal upon us means that God has already purchased us and that he guarantees to bring us to himself.

### **John 14:2a (NLT)**

There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you.

### **I Corinthians 2:9b (NLT)**

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

### **Revelation 21:4 (NIV)**

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.



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## **About the Author**

Patsy Oda invited Jesus Christ into her heart as Savior when she was eight years old. Miraculously, she became aware of God as her Heavenly Father and heaven as her eternal home.

But the religion of her Japanese ancestry, culture and family was Buddhism, which does not believe in God or in Heaven. Her family could not understand the invisible reality in her heart. But she could not deny the God who had become so real and precious to her.

Opposition to her faith challenged her to examine both Buddhism and Christianity for over 50 years. Part of God's plan and purpose for her life was to write what she learned about the eternal differences between Buddhism and Christianity. Her autobiography *Heart's Desire* tells about her life with God.