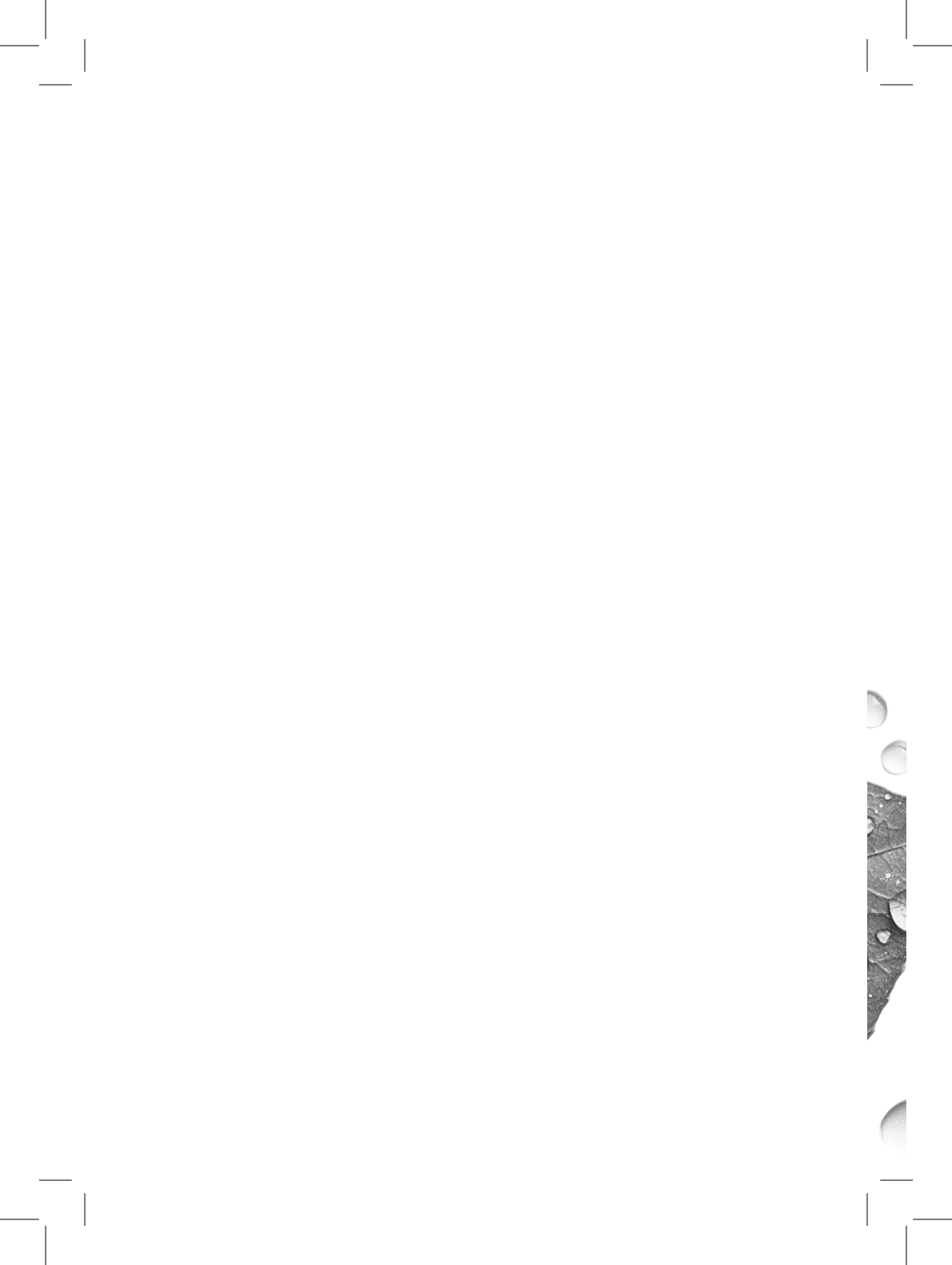



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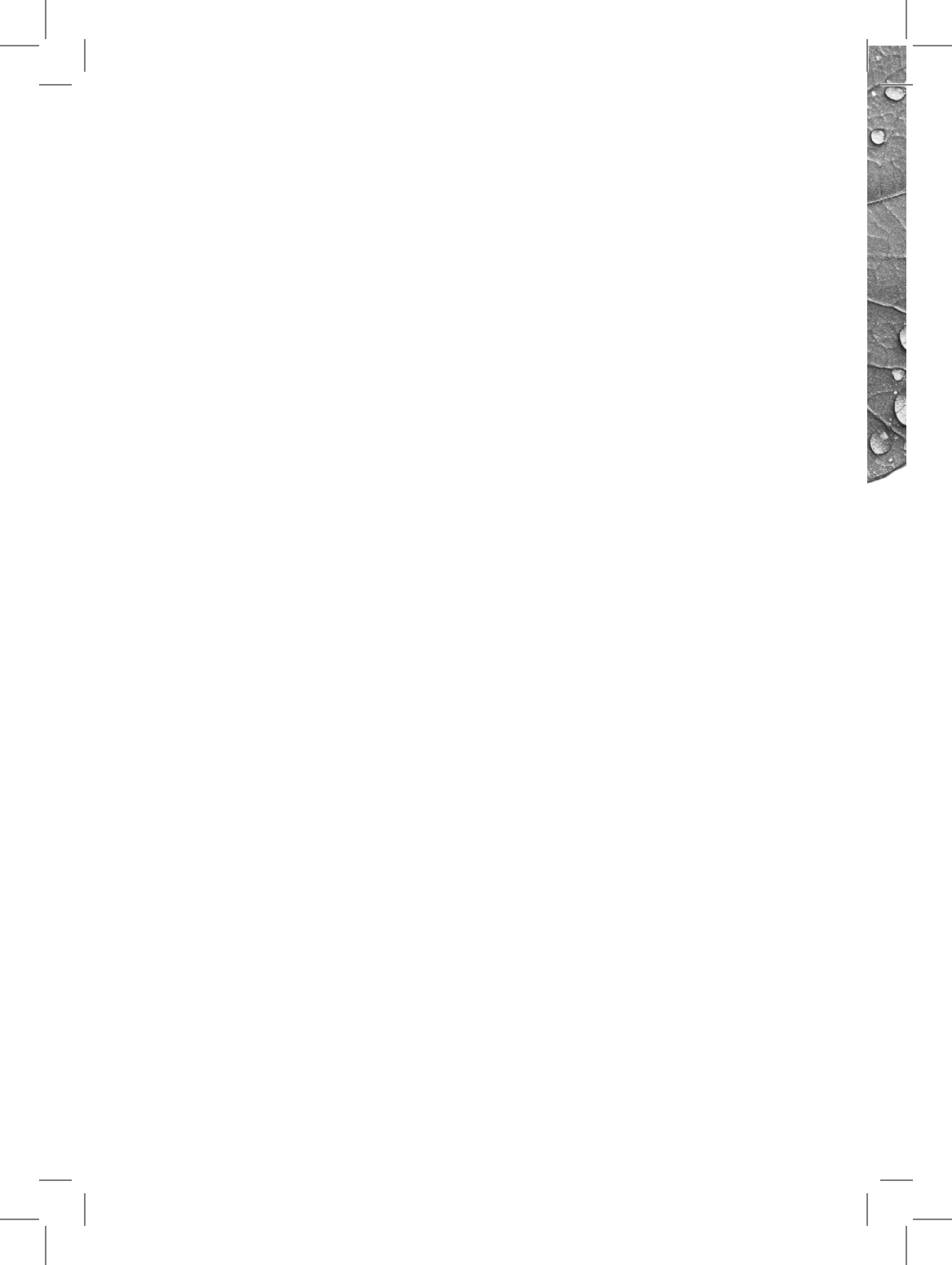


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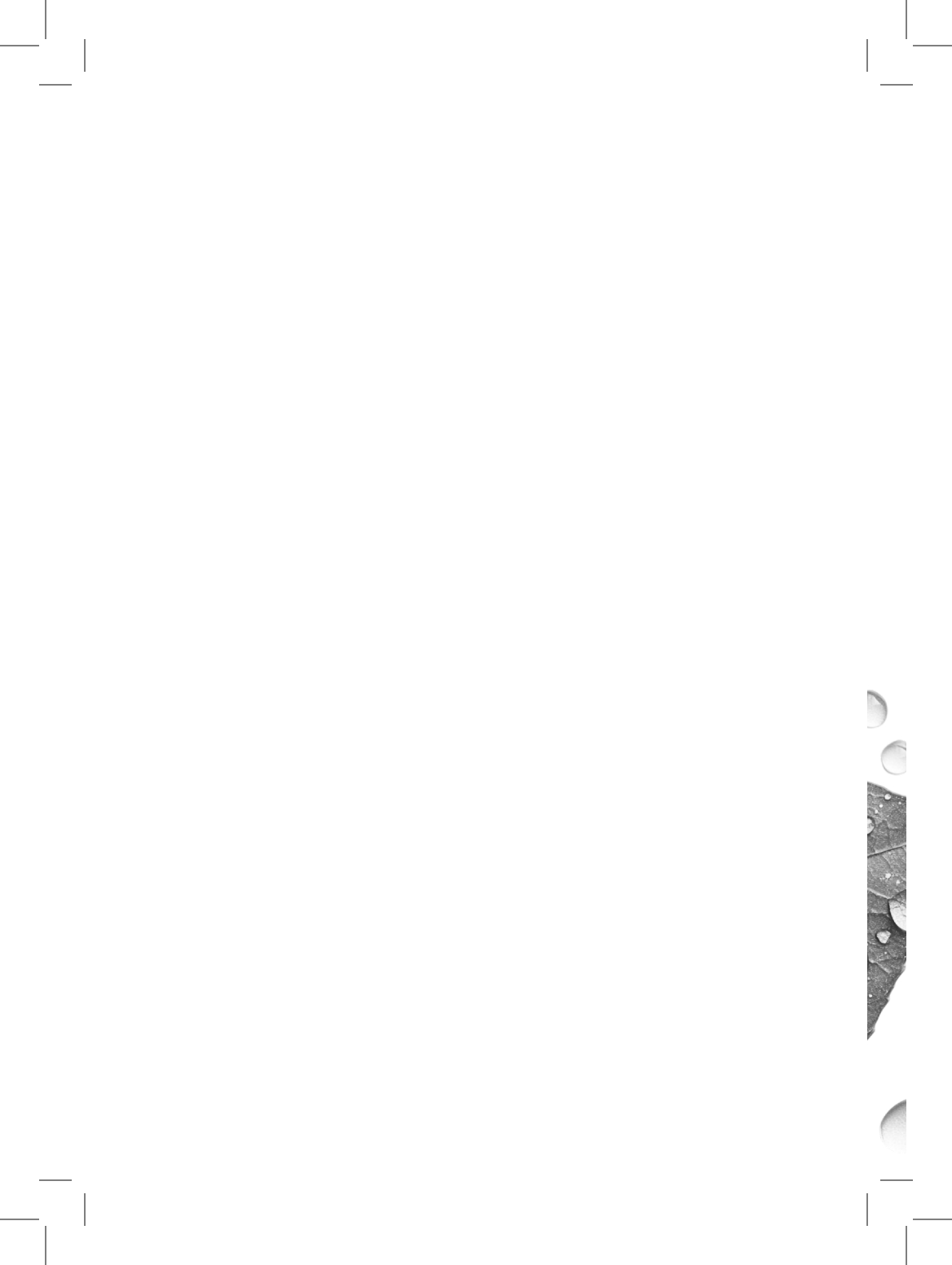
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*Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken
our hearts with joy, for good friends are like
the anointing oil that yields the fragrant
incense of God's presence.*

Proverbs 27:9
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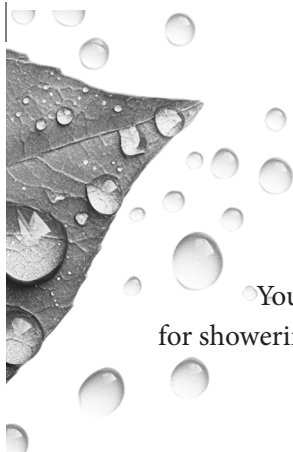
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*“The Lord issues a command. Numerous are the
women who announce the news.”*

Psalm 68:11



Dedication

To God,

Your Wisdom is matchless! I thank you
for showering me with Your love, grace, mercy and care.

I Love You with All My Heart

Toya

Gratefulness

For the gift of writing and the Holy Spirit's work in my mind
and heart to understand life and spiritual applications

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one of us and is sending the refreshing! Keep Seeking and keep
praying. And stay in the posture of receiving His Blessings.

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Thank you for sharing your thoughts about Jesus!

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It has taken many years and a maturation of thoughts and faith to get to this point where the blue ink on parchment papers is now in print and in your hands. I write what are called devotionals but to be honest, they are my conversations with God which I felt were only allowed to stay between Him and myself.

I have not arrived at this place with rose petals laid for me to walk on but this journey to acceptance of this gift came with many difficult conversations with God and with trusted and blatantly honest friends about the of steward I was of these conversations. I'm grateful beyond words for being called me out and challenged to put away my selfish thinking that these amazing discoveries of God's heart were for me alone.

The most amazing thing happened as I was reading through these pages. Even though I wrote these words in seasons long gone, they lend true to what believers in Jesus and His word knows. Messages from God are

always right on time even if they have to pass the test of time.

In this season of testing, I sure needed to read my own writing. My hope and prayer is that you will find assurance, healing, and closure for your heart.

Enjoy the refreshing!

1 THE MASTER KEY

*"From inside the fish Jonah
prayed to the LORD his God."*

Jonah 2:1

Prayer is the key that unlocks...

I am sure that many of us have heard this phrase. But really, what does prayer unlock? I have heard that it unlocks Heaven's Blessings and is the bridge to God. If so, then why do so many have difficulties beginning or even sustaining a prayer life? I must admit that I struggle with maintaining a constant prayer schedule. Even though I was taught that we need to be like Daniel and mimic his prayer life, because it is that kind of prayer that reaches God.

Well, that did not work for me, and I know that not all of us pray three times a day for hours on end, so I thought for a long time that my prayers did not reach the Father and surely did not unlock the doors of blessings and answered prayers. My inability to sustain that kind of prayer life also paralyzed the other aspects of my relationship with God, because I felt like I was missing the most important key and, therefore, I was an all-around failure. Sure, He would take care of me; that

is a promise that is guaranteed for all mankind, but I should not expect any other Earth-shattering miracle, because I did not know how to tap into Heaven.

Unfortunately, many individuals feel the same way. They feel like there needs to be some kind of template for communicating with God, some kind of script that must be followed in order to unlock God's ears. Certain words and accolades must be spoken to God for Him to pay keen attention to the cry and the needs of His child, and if they don't, well, we might as well keep silent. The question is, do I have to pray like everyone else in order to reach God?

A few scary but enlightening events helped to clarify this dilemma for me. My friend Lori has a Dodge Caravan and a Chevy Impala. On one occasion, she mistakenly used the key for the Impala in the Caravan's door, and it opened the door. She tried it a couple of times to make sure that was not happening, and the key opened it every time. A few nights later, we were leaving church, and this time, she mistakenly used the key for the Caravan, and it opened the trunk of the Impala. She even said she once left a place and unknowingly using her key to open another Impala just like hers and drove off. When she realized that it was not her car, she, of course, took it back.

We had a grand old time laughing about it and all of the different scenarios that we could have dreamt of with those keys. We even thought that those who break into cars could prevent lots of damage and abandon cars if they only knew to try their own key. On the other hand, we worried less about our cars being repossessed, because, at night, we could simply go to the holding lot and take our cars back by using another key. We imagined that the car industry was hiding this secret that, really and truly, all car keys might actually work for *all* cars.

But then the Holy Spirit brought me back from my wild imagination and simply said this: “The same way one key can open up many different kinds, styles, and sizes of cars, which have the same purpose to bring you from one destination to another, *so it is with prayer*. God has designed your words, though different through languages, lengths, and volume, to be the key to unlock the ears of God.” Prayer, in and of itself, is not the key and does not make the difference with your prayers being answered, but faith in having Jesus Christ pray for you and home the Holy Spirit in your body and mind creates your Bridge to God.

The Holy Spirit translates your pleas and cries into crystal clear prayers that Jesus then covers with His

blood, and with that covering of grace, those prayers can be presented to God. God will pay attention to those prayers. This is why a drowning man can simply cry out, "Lord, save me," a child can say, "Dear Jesus, please bless the whole world," a mother can weep, "Jesus, feed my family," an Elder can pray an intercessory prayer for 10 minutes, or, you – with tears rolling down your face – can all reach Heaven at the same time; all go through the same process of covering grace; all unlock the Power of God to answer. Prayers are just words spoken with humility, belief, faith, confidence, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the faith of Jesus Christ, and the mercy, reverence, forgiveness, and grace of God!

I thank God that the make and model of my words, or from where and how they are dispatched, do not determine the swiftness of my prayers reaching God. He has given each and every one of us the Master Key to reach Him, and that is the collaborative work of Elohim – God the Father, as the dispatcher of the answer; God the Son, Jesus Christ, as our covering and advocate; and God the Holy Ghost as the vehicle and translator! Hallelujah!



How can I live for today?

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