



I don't know about you, but my early years in the faith were filled with wonder, expectancy, and downright giddiness.

But somewhere along the line, I had settled into being a good church girl—a Bible-study mom who moved into cul-de-sac Christianity, pitched my lounge chair under a shade tree, and waved at other well-mannered believers doing the same. Year after year I hoped, *Maybe this will be the Bible study that will make it all better.* And the truth is I didn't even know what the "it" was.

What I longed for was the abundant life that Jesus talked about in John 10:10. And you know what? God showed me through Scripture, prayer, and many holy field trips in the ups and downs of life how to make that a reality. If you'd like to lock arms and take that same journey with me, *Take Hold of the Faith You Long For* is the road map to help you get there. We'll learn how to let go of all that holds us hostage to a less-than life, move forward by believing God's promises, and live the adventurous faith of bold believing. You'll never be the same!

My prayer is that this coloring book journal will provide a place for you to reflect on where you've been, look forward to where you want to go, and grab onto the hand of Jesus to help you take hold of the faith you've always longed for.

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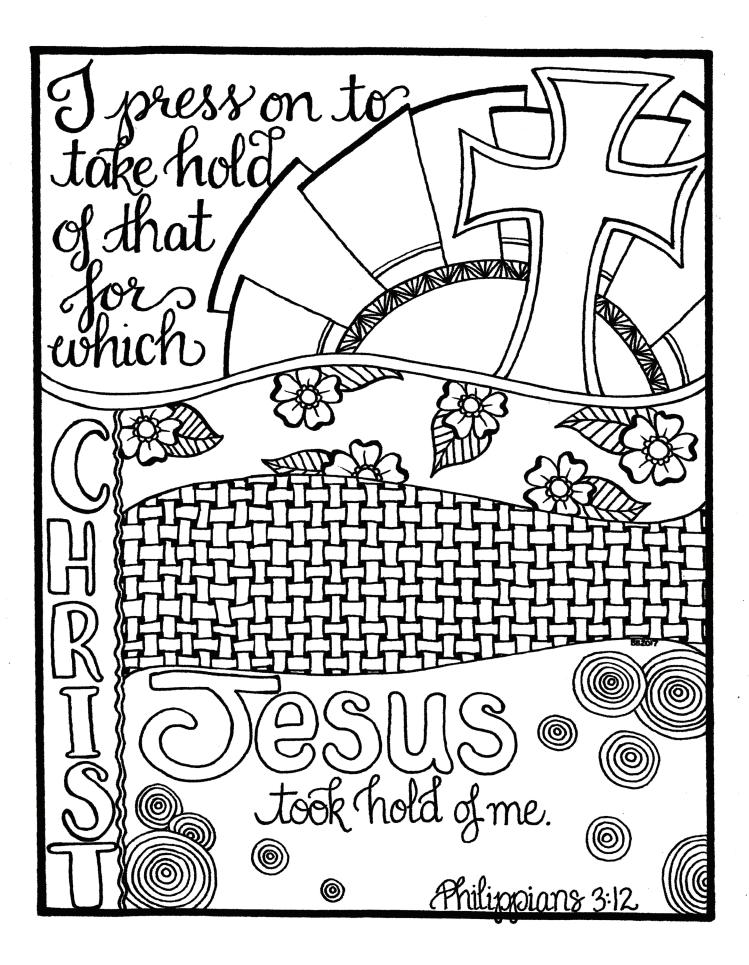
In the following pages, you'll see some of my favorite Take Hold Bible verses and quotes.

As you fill in the spaces with color, ask <u>God</u> to fill your heart spaces with the assurance of <u>His love</u>, the clarity of <u>His</u> <u>will</u>, and the power of <u>His Spirit</u>.

Post the pictures around your home to remind you of God's promises. You could even frame the colored pages and put them where you can see them often.

You'll notice a smaller version of the coloring pages at the end of the journal. You can print these off on cardstock, cut around the borders, and use them as memory cards, postcards, or place cards with a gathering of friends.

Don't forget to share your pictures on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, or Pinterest! Just take a picture with your phone and post away. I'd love to see your masterpiece! **You can email me your favorite artwork to Sharon@SharonJaynes.com.**



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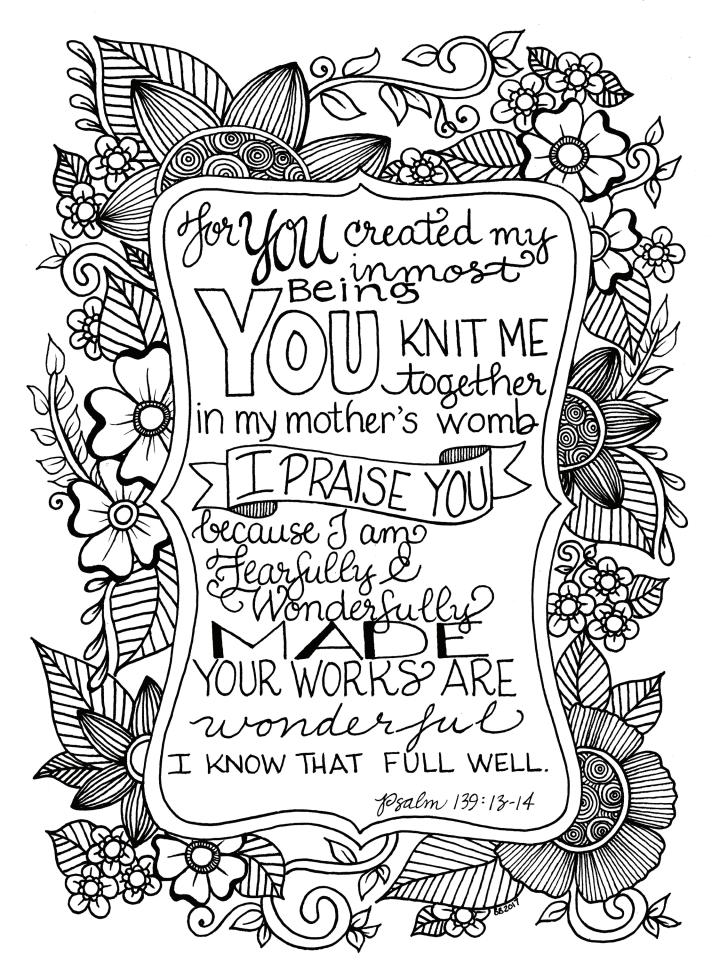
"I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Philippians 3:12 NIV						
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"Take hold of all that Jesus has taken hold of for you and placed in you."



"God's promises are not automatic. We must move from knowing, to believing, to actually taking hold of the promises in order to make them a reality."





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"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalm 139:13-14 NIV

"Let go of comparing yourself to others and take hold of your uniqueness fashioned by God."



"The fact that God created you to be His image bearer renders you incapable of insignificance, no matter what has been done to you or through you in this life."





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"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived'—the things God has prepared for those who love him."

1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV

"God wants to show you truths about your true identity and your preordained destiny that flesh and blood cannot reveal."



"Before you can effectively do what God has called you to do, you must take hold of who God has called you to be."





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"There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror!"

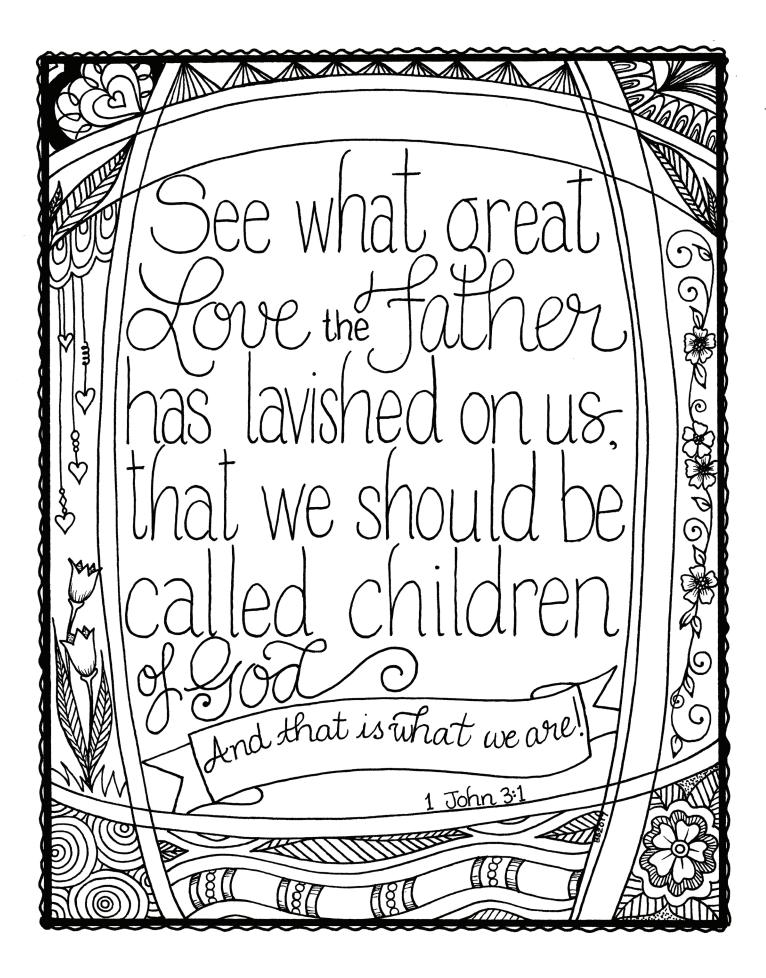
1 John 4:18 AMPC

"The woman who lives life to the full is generally the one who is willing to do and to dare."



"Let go of paralyzing doubt and take hold of fleet-footed faith that's ready to dance to the daring rhythm of God's drum."





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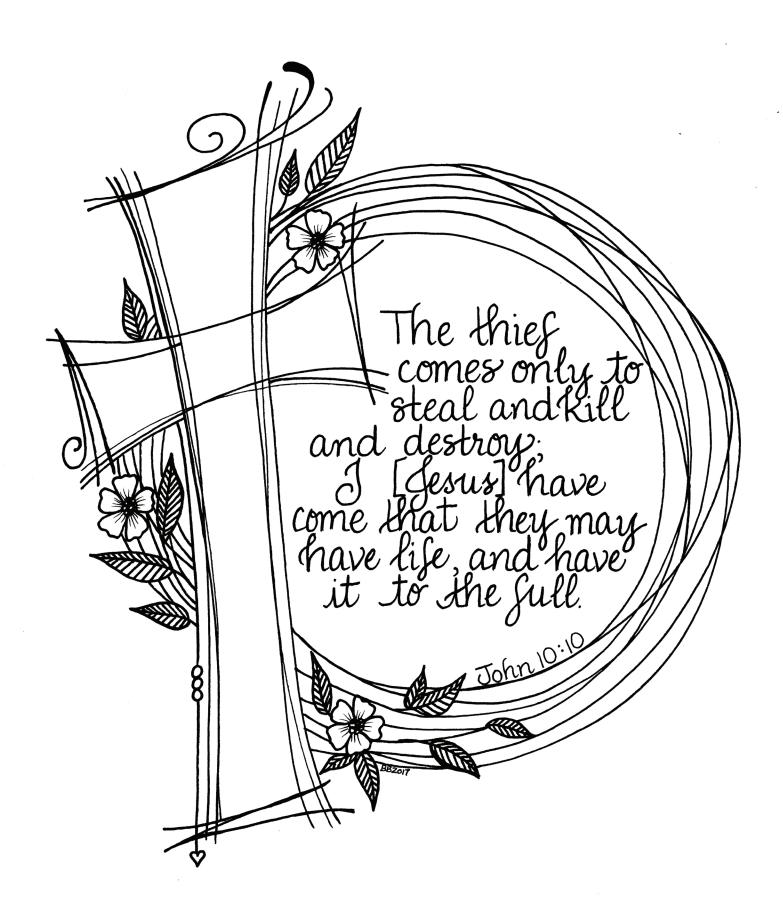
"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"						
1 John 3:1 NIV						

"Allow God to baptize you in the affirmation of your true identity: You are His child, whom He loves. With you He is well pleased."



"It is up to you to relentlessly protect your identity and not allow the thief to steal your confidence."





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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I [Jesus] have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full."

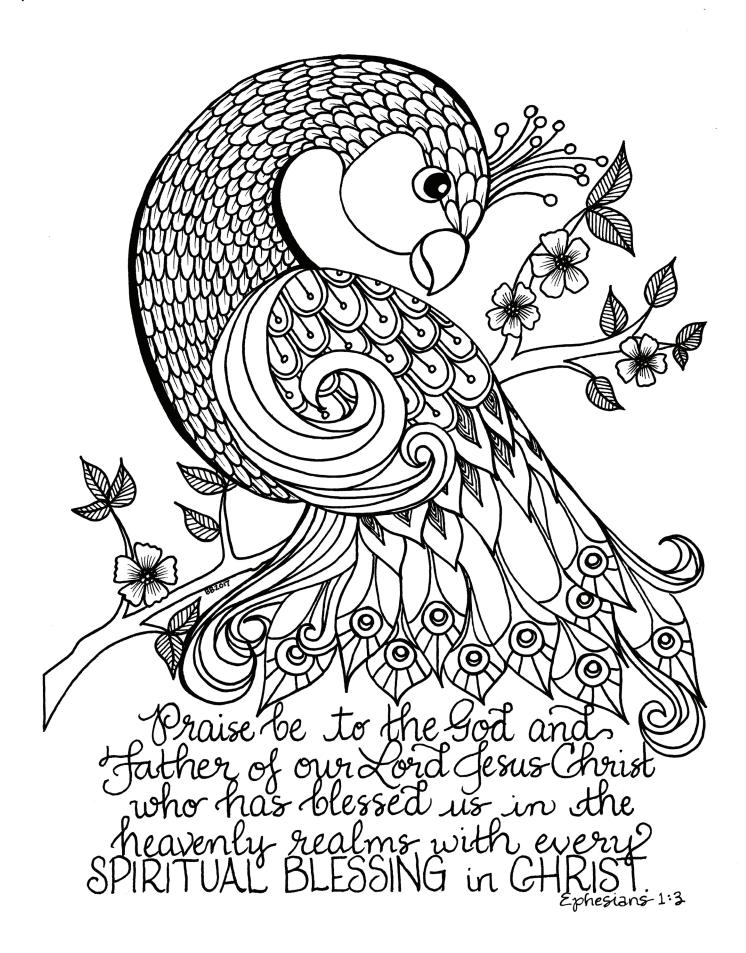
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"We can refuse to bury our dreams in shallow graves of fear and live in bold obedience, expecting the best."



"Let go of the lies that hold you hostage and take hold of the truth that sets you free."





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"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Ephesians 1:3

"We need to learn how to overpower the lies of the enemy with the promises of God. Let go of preoccupation with self-doubt and take hold of the power-filled promises of God."



"God made a deposit in your safe-deposit box before the creation of the world and fashioned the key in the shape of a cross."





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"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"

Isaiah 43:18

"When it comes to the shameful parts of your past, you can choose to let them define you, confine you, or refine you."

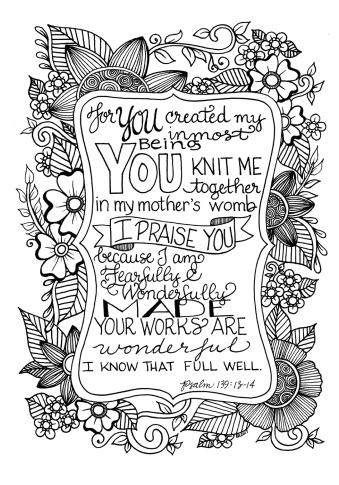


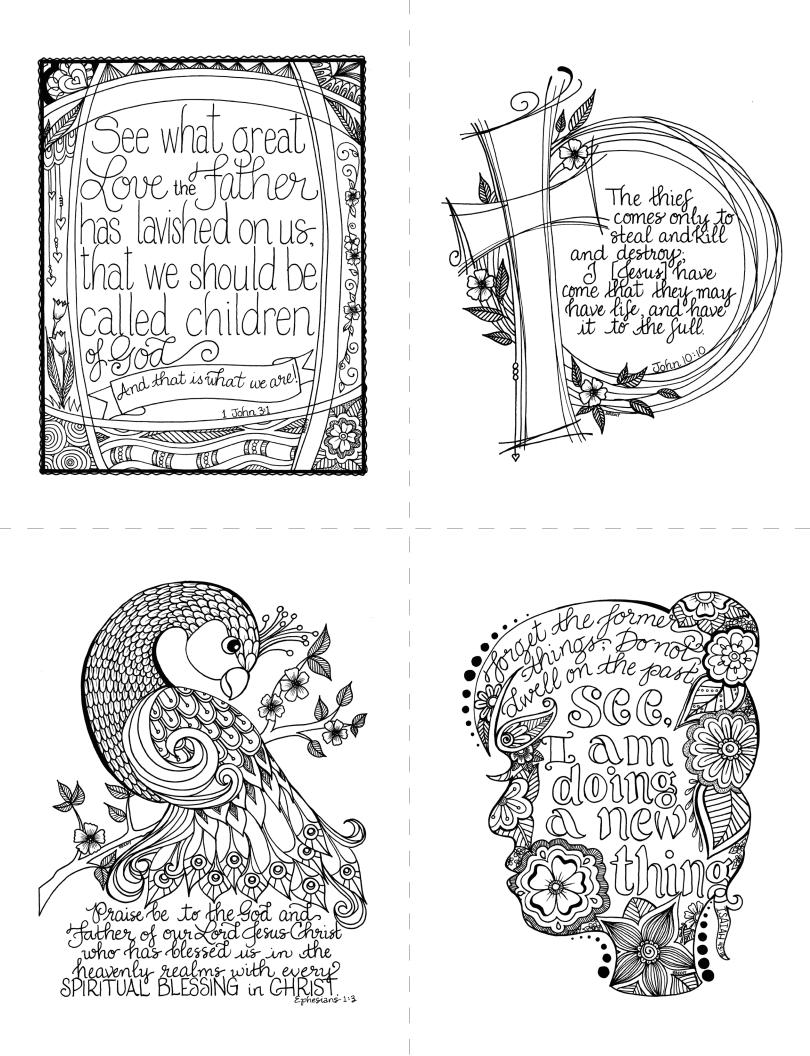
"God buries the shame of yesterday and resurrects new beginnings and new callings." "Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered in shame." **Psalm 34:5**













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