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Dearest Friends and Allies,

I have some important news. But let me begin with this passage. Moses and the people of God are standing on the brink of the promised land. God has done incredible things to bring them to this point, and he is about to do more. But Moses has a word of warning:

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live (Deuteronomy 4:9).

Be careful. Watch yourself closely. Do not forget all God has said and done. Don't let all this slip away. Slip from your heart. Isn't that how it happens? Slip, as in subtly. Slip, as in lose my grasp. Slip, as in slide away without commotion or even notice. I don't intentionally let go of the beautiful things God has given me over the years. Or even as recent as last week. I don't intentionally say to myself, "What God did and said was so wonderful. Now I think I'll forget about it for a few years. Toss it overboard." They just sort of disappear. Slip away unnoticed. Don't they?

I don't notice it happening, but I do notice the effect.

The effect is a loss of heart. A loss of passion. A loss of hope. A loss of clarity. A loss of that wonderful strength and life that comes when you know you have been with God, when you have received something really good from him.

We all share this dilemma. It is universal. We all have things slipping from our hearts, constantly. We wake up to find the strength and life has faded, and what has returned is a loss of passion, hope, clarity, a loss of heart, and in some ways, at least experientially, a loss of God.

I HATE that. I hate it, hate it, hate it, hate it, hate it.

And what I am describing, this is especially true for anyone trying to walk in this message, the message of the heart. The world isn't going to help you walk with God intimately. Help you get healing and breakthrough. Help you take your place in the Kingdom. Good grief – just try and have a conversation with God while you're sitting in front of your email In Box. The distraction is like a riptide. It just sucks you away. The enemy certainly doesn't want you alive and free and walking with God. And of course, our flesh is no friend either. We'll forfeit our birthright for a chocolate chip cookie.

So, here is my question: What will you do to stay with God, and all he has done, and all he is doing? What will you do??!!

We want to help. That's why we're here. It's our mission. Our devotion, to him and to you. We want to provide you with as many reminders, moments of clarity and breakthrough, lend as much momentum to your freedom that we can. We want to provide regular momentum in the direction of God and his Kingdom. For you.

You'll notice the new card in this letter, telling you about two new resources we've just released.

Every month we are creating new stuff here to be a help and strength and guide to you. New CDs, new books, new videos. These aren't just products. They are rescues. Life-lines. Opportunities for breakthrough, or deeper healing. They are a way back to God. A friend just told me that all his life (he is past 50) he has been looking for the message we explained in our recent CD, *The Good Heart*. It changed his life. All our other books suddenly made sense to him. And this is a good man, who's been trying to walk with God for years. One CD was the breakthrough he was searching for.

Look, I don't make any money off it, so I can say boldly, You need this stuff!! Like a soldier needs ammo. Like a patient needs blood. Don't let the world, the flesh or the devil just sweep you along in the current of busyness and distraction, keep you from what might be a total breakthrough. Grab hold! Get on line and get it! There are all sorts of new resources on our website, at [www.ransomedheart.com](http://www.ransomedheart.com). *The Hope of Prayer* will change your life. *The Way of the Wild Heart* will change the life of every man you know. I'm just citing two. (Calm down John; you are starting to rave).

We often send out emails letting you know about new resources we've created for you, new events, new life-lines. But, you need to make sure you are getting our updates and communiqués. Go to [www.ransomedheart.com](http://www.ransomedheart.com), and check your profile (under My Profile), make sure we have your current email address. Tell your computer that emails coming from [mail@ransomedheart.com](mailto:mail@ransomedheart.com) aren't junk mail!

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I'm going to start being more consistent myself, and write you regularly, instead of every now and then. Many of you have said how much these letters have been the very word you needed to hear when you received them. That brings me joy. I thought I was bothering you. Really. But I think I'm over that now, and I do want to stay in touch.

Remember the parable of the man who found treasure in the field? We feel like that. God continues to show us where his treasures are buried, and we are digging like mad. And giving it away. To you. So that you don't forget. Or lose heart.

With hope and passion,

John

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JH' or 'John' in a cursive style.