

**Now to him who
is able to do
immeasurably
more than all we
ask or imagine,
according to his
power that is at
work within us**

EPH. 3:20

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Your More Journal

Your “More” journal is meant to journey along with you throughout the year. In the front part of the journal, we encourage you to focus on gratitude. We know that gratitude brings joy into our lives. More gratitude equals more joy! No matter what your circumstances may be, we all have something to be grateful for.

The second portion of the journal is all about believing for the abundance God has for our life. We serve a God of miracles! When we get specific about our prayers and we commit to believing that God can do all things, we see the miraculous. We are believing for more miracles.

As you walk through this new year, bring your journal with you. Flip back and forth between both sections and fill it with gratitude for answered prayers and belief for more. We hope you find yourself moving prayers to your gratitude pages as you experience the goodness of God this year and how much *more* He has for your life!

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Our Creator loves each one of us, uniquely, with a depth of love that is so much MORE than we can sometimes see, hear, feel, touch, or taste! The breadth, length, height, and depth of God's love grounds us, steadies us, and enables us to walk through life with purpose—filled with the fullness of God Himself. God is our salvation, and the Rock of our refuge. He is our HELP, our HEALING, and our HOPE.

In the Old Testament book of Joshua (Joshua 4:1 -7) the nation of Israel had just experienced a miracle reflecting God's salvation and refuge. In that moment, God asked His people to take large stones from a dry riverbed and instructed them to use those stones to build a memorial—a memorial they could see; a memorial that would cause them to remember the depth of God's love for them. The memorial served as a reminder, forever, that God provided miracle upon miracle in effort to save, protect, and provide for the people He loved so much—people, like us, who He later gave His one and only Son, Jesus, to die for. There's power in remembering. Remember, God keeps His promises. Remember God moments and miracles. Remember to share the stories of those moments and miracles! Let's pray, a personal prayer, as we embark on the journey of remembering who God is and all that He has done in our lives...

Lord, I thank You for being the God of my salvation and the Rock of my refuge. Thank you for your steadfast love and faithfulness allowing me to live an abundant life—full of purpose—full of YOU. I know there is power in remembering. Help me to remember Your promises. Help me to remember all the God moments and miracles I've experienced on this journey through life in relationship with You. Help me to remember to share the stories of those God moments and miracles with others. I recognize that you have more freedom, more healing, more resilience, more courage, more miracles for me and for those I love. I love you, Lord. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for giving me the power found in remembering.

— *Jill Johnson*

I know firsthand what it means to write down big, audacious prayers and cling to them. In fact, I stumbled upon an old journal entry of my own the other day. I wrote it when I felt God calling Jill and I to move to Denver, Colorado, and start Red Rocks Church over 20 years ago. At the time we had just moved into our dream house. We'd spent over a year and half building it. We'd lived in a friend's basement for the last 6 months of the project and we'd finally moved into our brand new home! We hadn't even finished unpacking the boxes when we felt like God was calling us to move and give it all up. Moving meant we had to give up jobs we loved, living near friends and family, and our new home. Because of the housing market at the time we couldn't immediately sell our house, so we had to pay the mortgage on a house nobody lived in with paychecks we no longer had. Needless to say, moving was scary. I remember packing our U-Haul and thinking about all we were giving up.

We had:

- *No paycheck, no health insurance*
- *No place to live in Denver since we'd be using our savings just to pay the mortgage on the house we were walking away from. We couldn't even afford an apartment; we literally had no place to move into.*
- *No family nearby*
- *No Red Rocks Church services had actually happened yet*

We were moving into nothing and felt like we were leaving behind everything. We were scared. We were excited. We needed God to do so many miracles! I wrote our needs down and started praying big, bold prayers. I watched as God answered prayers over and over again. I have witnessed the power of dreaming big dreams and inviting God into them. Without God we can do nothing, but with Him ALL things are possible (Matthew 19:26). He's still in the miracle-working business today!

With your journal I encourage you to embark on a NEW journey with our entire church family. Let's dream big dreams! Let's pray BIG prayers! Let's go together one more time to the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-capable God of the universe with our hopes, dreams, and audacious prayers, and begin believing together for God to do things in and through our lives that only HE can do. Our God is a God of miracles. I can't wait to hear how God meets us this year, and how He does immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

– Shawn Johnson

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