



THE MASTER'S COTTAGE

A PRAYER JOURNEY. **ENCOUNTER JESUS.** LEAVE CHANGED.

AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR JOURNEY

Getting away from your routine gives great opportunity to think about your journey in life; most especially, your prayer life. This prayer experience was inspired by Rocky Fleming's book, *The Prayer Cottage & The Sacred Garden*. It's simply a **tool** to symbolize how powerful prayer can be as God speaks to you through **His Word** and through the guidance of the **Holy Spirit**. The Bible tells you to "test" all things (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22). While all things *are* possible through Christ, we do not claim that you will hear the audible voice of God because that is typically not how He speaks in the Church Age in which we live. Therefore, listen to what the Holy Spirit is teaching you and "test" it against His Word (1 John 4:1). With this in mind, allow yourself to follow the imagery from the story as you imagine entering The Master's Cottage and being in His presence in the Royal Garden.

The Master's Cottage material is divided into two parts: **Track One** is shorter and easier to understand while **Track Two** provides a more in-depth discussion on the concepts presented. Read one...read both...it's up to you! Also provided are journal prompts for each leg of the journey to record what you are experiencing.

Whether or not you are right where you hoped you would be in life, you may be feeling that something is missing. Perhaps you have had little consistency in your prayer life and your relationship with God has felt one-sided, leaving you feeling spiritually anemic. You may be asking...

How does Jesus fit into my life?

Do I know what He wants for me?

Am I certain my understanding of God is accurate?

Jesus is still waiting for you to join Him. This is a good time to turn to the Bible for answers. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 1:3 that "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and an exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

What does this mean? It is clear that Jesus is an **exact representation** of God and when we get to know Jesus' nature, perspectives, demeanor, and values—we get to know God. So, to know God accurately, we need to know Jesus intimately and make it our priority to seek this intimacy with Him. As we seek to know Him more intimately, the Holy Spirit plays an important role by teaching us truth. The Bible declares, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-2, 14) To know God's word is to know Jesus. To know Jesus is to know God.

At the next location, you will be introduced to The Master's Cottage. Be sure to take time to experience each spot. Entering The Master's Cottage will prepare you for spiritual entry into the Royal Garden. Expect to have a special time with your Maker. When you reach the Cottage, you will enter the first room – The Hearth Room.

Note: The Scriptures referenced herein have been taken from various versions of God's Word. Most commonly used are the New Living Translation, New King James Version, and New International Version. As you "test" what we write, you will find our references in one of these three Biblical texts.