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Welcome to *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk* with Reverend Jennifer Hadley, a beloved teacher of the *Course*, who has helped thousands learn how to express their beliefs from moment to moment in their everyday lives. Get ready to focus on your intent to be the Love, be the Peace, through practical application.

Here is your host, Reverend Jennifer Hadley.

Jennifer Bonjour! Bonjour! I am **so** grateful to join with you today. Oh, my goodness! It's a beautiful day in Vermont! The last week, the magnificence of summer has shown itself here in Vermont in just spectacular ways, and I'm so grateful to be here and be camping on sacred land and just reveling in the Spirit.

I'm so happy to share all of that with you, to bring it to you, and share it from my heart with you today.

Opening Prayer

Let's place our hand on our heart and bless ourselves, those of you who are joining with me live, those of you who are joining with me later, and actually taking this moment to place your hand on your heart and take that breath with me.

We're blessing everyone who will listen to this, ever, at any time, and even those who can't listen because they're deaf and they're reading the transcript, we're blessing them, too. How wonderful! We're including everyone -- their families, their friends, their relations, their coworkers, and colleagues. We're including the whole world, because we're One with them.

We take this deep breath of Love and gratitude and we rejoice to allow ourselves to have a healing. We are Partnering UP with the Higher Holy Spirit Self for the purpose of remembering, the purpose of recognizing, our true identity is perfect, whole and complete, now and forever more.

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We are grateful and thankful to Partner UP with the Higher Holy Spirit Self for the purpose of receiving a Divine Download. We're allowing this time to be for us a healing, nourishing conversation, bringing more Peace, and more Love, and more Joy into our hearts and minds, that we're sharing and broadcasting to all the world.

Grateful and thankful to allow ourselves to enjoy all of this. To allow it to be. And so, it is. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Yes! What a blessing! **What a blessing! So grateful!** Mm-hmm!

Choosing to Know We're Blessed

Yeah, so we're looking today in Chapter 14, which is entitled *Teaching for Truth* and the Section I. *The Conditions of Learning*. It's my Page 270 in my copy of the *Course*. I'm going to start with the *Introduction*, because I love it. It says,

"Yes, you are blessed indeed."

How often do we think we're being tortured and punished? What if we just said, "Oh! I have to change my perspective. I **can** change my perspective. I'm so grateful that I realized I was uncomfortable, so I can **remember** that *'Pain is a wrong perspective*, Lesson 190, and I can change my perspective to recognize, even in the midst of this, even in the midst of the earthquake, the flood, the night terrors, **Yes! I am blessed indeed!**"

"Yet in this world you do not know it."

But we can **choose** to know it. We can, and this is part of the conditions of learning to be willing.

"But you have the means for learning it and seeing it quite clearly."

Woo-hoo! Let's just high-five ourselves on that! We have

"... the means for learning and seeing it quite clearly--"

-- that we are blessed, so let's just declare together right now, the two or more who are gathered, that we are willing to **see** it clearly -- to see clearly, to feel clearly, to know clearly, to **be** clearly blessed and to **share** that awareness with everyone, because we're One with them.

Yes!
*I am blessed
indeed!*

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The Insanity of Ego Logic

“The Holy Spirit uses logic as easily and as well as does the ego, except that His conclusions are not insane. They take a direction exactly opposite, pointing as clearly to Heaven as the ego points to darkness and to death. We have followed much of the ego's logic, and have seen its logical conclusions. And having seen them, we have realized that they cannot be seen except in illusions, for there alone their seeming clearness seems to be clearly seen.”

[laughs] I love it! There's a little Dr. Seuss-y there, isn't it?

“We have followed much of the ego's logic --”

This is true.

” ... and have seen its logical conclusions.”

Therefore, what does that tell us? That tells us that **logic** is not helpful to us. The ego can use logic very cleverly to get us to deduce that there's something wrong with us, that we are worse than anyone.

I mean, I have to say, I've had many conversations with people, because I do 1-on-1 [counseling](#), and because in my yearlong [Masterful Living Course](#), one of the aspects of the course is I have one-on-one conversations, and we have very deep connective conversations in class, and so, people share with me that they have felt, as I have felt, that there was something unfixably wrong.

I used to feel that I was **worse** than everyone else, that no matter how much spirituality I studied, and put my attention on, and practiced, I just couldn't get rid of that fundamental badness that seemed to linger **no matter what**, and that was a logical conclusion based on my experiences, based on my perceptions and my observations.

But back then, I didn't realize that I was **delusional**, because it was all opinion and judgment. It was **all** interpretation. It wasn't real. It wasn't fact. It just **looked** like it was facts.

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I love, love, love, love, in many ways, what we are seeing on the political landscape with things like alternative facts, and where people aren't telling the truth, they're **blatantly** not telling the truth, they're blatantly misleading people. All of **this** is for the healing of our mind. **It must be so!**

The illusion is becoming so chaotic and insane in many ways that we can't help but look at it, and go, "It **can't** be real. It **can't** be true. This is insanity! The delusion of the illusion," so we're waking up in the midst of this chaos.

Then our willingness, because I feel it every day, my willingness is what is the foundation of my Peace -- my willingness to look at the insanity and to remember to laugh, to literally throw my head back and laugh.

"We have followed much of the ego's logic, and have seen its logical conclusions. And having seen those logical conclusions, we have realized that these logical conclusions cannot be seen except in illusions, for there alone their seeming clearness seems to be clearly seen."

The logical conclusions of the ego, let's turn away from them now.

When we are **so** convinced of our interpretations and the meaning we've made of something, but it doesn't bring us a deep sense of Peace and Joy, that's when we can say, "So, it must **not** be true. Because if it **were** true, if it **were** real, it would be happy-making. I would be feeling a release of Joy. I would be basking in waves of Peace right now. I would feel the Light in my soul beaming out into the world. That's how I would **know** it's true. How I know it's **not** true is I feel angry, and upset, and hurt, and worried, and afraid, and confused, and depressed. That's how I **know** that what I'm thinking isn't true. As logical as it might be, ain't true! T'ain't true! T'aint so!" Alright!

"Let us now turn away from them --"

The logical conclusions of the ego, let's turn away from them now,

"...and follow the simple logic by which the Holy Spirit teaches the simple conclusions that speak for truth, and only truth."

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The Need to Learn We're Blessed

Here we go!

“If you are blessed and do not know it, you need to learn it must be so.”

Alright! So, let's just be willing! “I'm willing to learn that I am blessed now, throughout eternity. That I am a **blessed one**. I **am** part of the Sonship. I am part of the Christ Light, and the Christ's Perfection cannot be known in its fullness without me. I am part of it. Whether I accept that or not, whether I believe it or not, whether it feels real or true to me or not, I am still part of the Christed Sonship.”

We can just relax on that, and then we can say to the Holy Spirit, “Holy Spirit, I'd **like** to see this. Yes, I have followed the ego's logic to its logical conclusions that I'm a sinner, that I'm a loser, that I am fundamentally bad.

And now, having followed the ego's logic to its desperate, gnarly, insane conclusions, I

am ready to remember to laugh, and I'm going to celebrate right now that I am ready to remember to laugh. I'm willing to remember to laugh. I'm willing to let the Holy Spirit guide **me** to the truth, which is the only true logical conclusion.”

“If you are blessed and do not know it, you need to learn it must be so.”

It is so!

“The knowledge is not taught, but its conditions must be acquired for it is they that have been thrown away.”

Alright! I **love, love this Book!** So happy making to me, because I use to feel like “How am I **ever** going to figure this out? How? How? I've lived all these years, and I have failed every day to be happy. I've only been able to be happy for a moment. How will I ever find Peace? It seems unfindable! It doesn't seem like the **conditions** for me to find Peace, and Joy, and happiness in my life are present. How can I find them if they're not there, if they're not findable?” Right? That's how I used to feel.

Now, because of reading the *Course*, and working with the Holy Spirit, I learned, “Oh, they **are** findable! Oh, yes! I can learn this. The Book tells me so. Jesus tells me so. I'm going to trust in Jesus. Because you know what?

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Dude has it going on! He had it going on in His human life, and He still has it going on, and He's willing to show me, and introduce me to the Holy Spirit, help me remember. Okay! I can't see why I wouldn't do that! Hello! I've suffered enough! I do not wish to suffer! I'm done with suffering!"

Because I just couldn't kill myself. I wanted to, but I just couldn't do it, because I couldn't do that to my loved ones. Thank God for the Love of my loved ones that wouldn't allow me to take my own life, no matter how much I wanted to.

Now, there's a lot of clues in this one sentence here. It says we must learn that we're blessed, and that we are blessed indeed, because in this world we do not **know** it. **But** the means for learning it, and seeing it quite clearly, are available to us. It's what these two paragraphs say here.

Knowledge Is Not Taught

But the **knowledge** that we're blessed isn't taught. Why isn't it taught? It's because knowledge isn't taught. This is one of the tenets of the *A Course in Miracles* is that

"...knowledge is not taught."

What's taught is the means to **remember** the knowledge. The knowledge, the Wisdom, along with all the blessings -- the perfect Love, the perfect Wholeness, the perfect Freedom, the perfect Clarity, the perfect Joy -- all of this, has already been given to us. It's pre-installed, and we tossed it away in favor of our judgments, our opinions, our interpretations.

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That's not necessarily a bad thing. There are so many things that we see in the world that are metaphors -- you don't appreciate what you've got till you've lost it, and find it again. The Prodigal Son. Moses leading the people through the desert for 40 years. Why did they wander in the desert for 40 years? Because they were stupid? Because they couldn't find their way out? No! They wandered in the desert for 40 years because they **needed** to let the older generation pass away, so that the younger generations could be brought up in an awareness of the truth. **That's** why they wandered,

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because back then, the generation, 40 years, was a good long life for a lot of people. That's why they wandered in the desert for 40 years.

In case, you haven't noticed, a lot of us wander the desert for 40 years, too. [laughs] I certainly did, at least 40 years.

"The knowledge is not taught."

The knowledge that we're blessed, it's not taught,

"...but its conditions must be acquired for it is they that have been thrown away. You can learn to bless, and cannot give what you have not."

We can learn to bless everybody, but we can't bless people if we don't **feel** blessed. First, we're going to put our attention on the correct and fruitful conditions for learning **how to remember** the knowledge that we're blessed, so we can share it with our brothers and sisters, and then all can remember it together. There it is!

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Bless Others By Blessing Yourself First

It says,

"You can learn to bless, and cannot give what you have not. If, then, you offer blessing, it must have come first to yourself."

I can share from my own life that I realized back in the '90s that I was on a track -- I was a playwright and I had written a bunch of screenplays, and I wasn't able to sell any of them. I had several agents tell me -- you know, I won awards at film school. I have Masters in screenwriting from USC and Frank Daniel was my teacher, he was my thesis teacher. I had awards at film school. Prior going to film school, I had a play that was done off-Broadway, it was done at American Playhouse. I was on this track to be a successful screenwriter, maybe a television writer and a playwright.

The agents that I brought my screenplays to, said, "You know, Jennifer? If you had sold **one** screenplay already, I could sell every one of these in this stack. You're a great writer! You **really** have talent. However, you write stories about people, and right now, the market is for big event pictures. Big events, like *Titanic*."

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I'd say, "But I'm pretty sure *Titanic* is about people." *Driving Miss Daisy* was very popular at that time, it did \$100 million dollars at the box office back in, whatever it was, '95, '96, which was a lot of money back then.

Driving Miss Daisy is a wonderful movie, if you haven't seen it. It's a story of two elderly people, Miss Daisy and her driver, with Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy. It was a wonderful play that was made into a very small, sweet movie. But it was a huge success because it was about people, it was about life. It had real heart in it, and these are the kinds of things that I like to write.

And so, I kept getting the message that "Now is not the time for you to continue with this writing career in Hollywood." I got the clear message, "Now is the time for you to go and grow your consciousness and become a minister."

And so, I was obedient, and I did that. First, I went into the pre-Practitioner training at Agape, and that was two years of classes. Then I went into the Science of Mind Practitioner training, which was another two years, two years and some months, of training. Then I could enter into ministerial school. I was in ministerial school for five years of training.

As soon as I graduated, I started working as a minister. But I started back in '97 offering retreats and classes. I started doing that right away. I just couldn't wait, so I started doing all kinds of healing retreats and different kinds of classes and workshops.

And so, what was I doing during all of that? I was creating the conditions for learning so that I could **remember** the truth that sets us free. That was a lot of years, nine years before I became a minister.

Then once I became a minister, I said, "Now, I'm going to put my attention on *A Course in Miracles*," and it made sense to me right away. It just felt like home to me right away. The Voice in *A Course in Miracles* felt like my teacher, and I can remember sitting and reading the Book for the first time through and I would just weep. I was **so** grateful that I'd found my Teacher. So, so, grateful that I had the Book in my hand. This Book to me is **such** a blessing. Every sentence is helpful. Every sentence contains gold, magnificence. So grateful!

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We can't give away what we haven't accepted for ourselves.

The Testimony of Miracles

“And you must also have accepted it as yours, for how else could you give it away? That is why miracles offer you the testimony that you are blessed.”

What's a miracle? Because people forget what a true miracle is. A miracle is when we align our mind, our thinking, and we start thinking the Thoughts of God. When we have a clear moment, where we can see that we can go to opinion and energize our opinions, or we can go to truth and be willing to energize the truth, to lay our opinions on the altar, to give them to the Holy Spirit for healing -- as I say, give all the heavy lifting to the Holy Spirit.

When we're stuck -- seemingly stuck. We're never **really** stuck. It just **seems** like we're stuck. When we **feel** stuck, when we **feel** depressed and sad, when we feel angry, and hurt, and fearful, and anxious, and worried, and we don't know what to do or where to turn, and we're looking for the solutions in the **world**, instead the **answer** lies in turning to the Holy Spirit and placing all the worries and all the concerns onto the Holy Altar Fire of Divine Love, placing them right there, solidly on the Holy Altar Fire of Divine Love, saying, “I don't know what to do about this. But, Holy Spirit, I'm willing to believe that You do. I'm willing to learn that You do. You know the answers. You know how to lead me, and guide me, to the highest and best and **I am willing.**”

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A little bit of willingness is willingness. A lot of willingness is willingness. It's we're either willing or we're not willing, and we demonstrate our willingness, we activate that willingness, by going to the Holy Spirit and saying, “Okay, these worries, these fears, these upsets, this depression, this pain, this suffering, it feels like a heavy, heavy burden. And I am willing to lay it on the altar and give it to You, and I'm willing to accept Your guidance. I'm willing to listen to **discover.**”

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That's the **miracle**, right there. The miracle is the shift in our mind. It's not what demonstrates in **form**. It's the shift in our mind, **so** valuable to us to understand that the miracle is **that** shift into willingness. **There's** the miracle. We shift into willingness, and then shift in form will happen.

But it's hugely speeding up the process, and opening up the process to the highest possibilities, when we can say, "I don't need to have any attachment to how it looks, but I **am** going to declare how I would like the answered prayer to **feel**. I'd like to feel free. I'd like to feel joyous. I'd like to feel content. I'd like to feel blessed. I'd like to feel peaceful and harmonious. I'd like to feel pure and clear. So, Holy Spirit, You know the way. I will follow You. I am willing. I will follow."

Then it says here,

"That is why miracles offer you the testimony that you are blessed."

Because you're going to give it away, because you're constantly demonstrating the efficacy of your choices. You're going to give it away just by living it, just by being it.

"If what you offer is complete forgiveness you must have let guilt go, accepting the Atonement for yourself and learning you are guiltless."

This is one of our goals here, our intentions, is that what we offer is complete forgiveness.

What is complete forgiveness? It's complete non-judgment. Total non-judgment. That's what we **can** offer. That's what we **are** offering, and what a blessing it is. **What a blessing it is! Yes!**

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Doing What Has Been Done For Us

"How could you learn what has been done for you, unknown to you, unless you do what you would have to do if it had been done for you?"

[laughs] There's a cryptic sentence for us!

"How could you learn what has been done for you --"

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What has been done for us? Let's just see if we can discern, what has been done for us? Well, the path has been clearly laid out. The script has been perfectly written by One Whose only purpose is our good. It's been gently planned. **Gently** planned!

So, even though we might go through a hurricane, even though we might go through a flood, even though we might go through a fire, even though we might go through a plague and pestilence, it's **still** been gently planned by One Whose only purpose is our good. **That's** what has been done for us. It's **unknown** to us, because we're thinking we're being punished, we're being tortured. Oh, no! We're cultivating the willingness to **see**, with God's Eyes, the vision of Wholeness that is our holiness unfolding right before us.

We can't learn the way has been prepared for us gently, lovingly, planned, **unless** we do what we would **have** to do if it **had** been done for us. This is the condition of learning. We **must** do what we would **have** to do if we believed it had been done for us, so we must have faith, we must have patience. Infinite Patience produces **immediate** results, **immediate** effects.

"Infinite patience produces immediate effects." [T-5.VI.12.]

Calling upon the angels produces **immediate** effects. Partnering UP with the Holy Spirit produces **immediate** effects. This is what we need to **do**. Nothing in the world. I need do **nothing** in the world. Extend Love. Drop my opinions and judgments. These are **all** the things that happen at the level of the mind. That's why **all** healing is at the level of the mind. Yes, indeed! Yes, indeed! Oh! **So beautiful!**

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Inspirational Texts

It's time for me to take a break here.

One of the things I'd like to tell you before we go to the break is that you can sign up for inspirational text messages from me, and there's many ways to do it. These inspirational text messages are messages from me. They can be

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fun, playful messages, inspiring messages, and also *A Course in Miracles* quotes.

You can sign up for them at JenniferHadley.com, at LivingACourseInMiracles.com. You can sign up for them by going to ACIMtexts.com and you can also just simply from your cellphone, text the word “MIRACLES” to 35227. Text that, and you will get a message back to sign up for the free inspirational text messages. Yes, indeed!

If you go to LivingACourseInMiracles.com, go to the radio show page and you can see we’ve been transcribing the radio show there. If we don’t have, yet, the transcript of the episode you would most like, just send an e-mail to us at Admin@JenniferHadley.com. We’ll put it on the top of the queue and get that transcript for you.

Alright, I’m Jennifer Hadley. You’re listening to *A Course in Miracles* on Unity Online Radio, where we’re living the Love, we’re walking the talk. I’ll be right back!

Thank you for tuning in for *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk*.

Get ready to focus on your intent to be the Love, be the Peace, through practical application as we return to *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk*.

Gratitude For Donations That Help Us Share!

Welcome back! Alrighty!

I am going to just mention, also, before I forget, I was sharing before the break that you can sign up for the free text messages and you can download the free transcripts at LivingACourseInMiracles.com.

I’d like to say a big “Thank you!” to all the people who send in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$100, to support those text messages. Some people make far larger contributions. All of these contributions go to supporting many thousands of people around the world in practicing *A Course in Miracles*, in discovering *A Course in Miracles*.

One of the things that your donations, your contributions, pay for is advertising, so that people who are looking for *A Course in Miracles* resources can find them.

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As you might imagine, advertising on [Facebook](#) is not free, advertising with Google is not free, so that's one of the things that we do spend money on, and because of those ads, people from all over the world, in more than 100 countries, are led to discover the radio show, to discover the text messages.

Overwhelmingly, we've had people so **grateful** for the text messages. People are consistently telling me how they arrive at just a perfect time, and they have them turn that ship around. They're heading in an unhappy direction, and they get that *A Course in Miracles* quote, the Voice of the Holy Spirit reminding them, when they need it most.

I also offer [free daily prayer](#). I record a new prayer every day. I write [daily inspiration](#) every day. That's free for you at [JenniferHadley.com](#). It's my blog, and the e-mail comes with the link to the prayer. You can listen to the prayer online. You can call the prayer from your phone.

I've been doing that for 10 years, recording a daily prayer for 10 years. It's part of **my** spiritual practice to join with thousands of people around the world who know the power of prayer, so we're praying, by means of this technology, together and it is powerful, it's life changing, and it's free **because** people make contributions to support.

So, a big "Thank You!" to all of those people who are bringing **so** much benefit to so many.

Also, we're gearing up for a new [Living A Course in Miracles Class Series](#) in September, so you can look forward to that. That is now completely funded on donations. We give all the classes away for free, all the transcripts for free.

If you go to [JenniferHadley.com](#) or [LivingACourseInMiracles.com](#), you can find **past** classes for free. We also have some of the paid series for a very modest amount, where you can get a whole sequence of 16, 17 classes, transcripts and audio downloads for only \$87, and all of that money goes to support the free offerings, so thank you to the people who participate in those different ways.

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We're working hard to -- "diligently" is probably a better word, I like that better, we're working steadily and diligently to make more of the back catalogue available for free or for a small contribution.

Yeah. Staff does not work for free, and so your contributions help pay for all the many people that are employed by the Power of Love Ministry to bring all these things to fruition.

Our Decision to Deny Truth

Let's go back to *The Conditions of Learning*. We're in Paragraph 2 now. Page 270. It's Chapter 14, Section I, *The Conditions of Learning*.

"Indirect proof of truth is needed in a world made of denial and without direction."

Indirect proof. The **proof** is when we have a change in our thinking and we see something manifest in the world. That's an indirect proof versus direct knowing.

It says,

"You will perceive --"

Remember, perception is not direct knowing.

"You will perceive --"

It's a discernment.

"You will perceive the need for this --"

the indirect proof,

"... if you realize that to deny is the decision not to know."

One of the things that the ego has us doing is **denying** the miraculous result of our change of mind. So, one of the things that I remind folks in my [Masterful Living Class](#) and [Finding Freedom class](#), in my daily inspiration, ["My Spiritual Espresso" blog](#), is let's remember to be **grateful** for the miracles. Let's remember to be **grateful** for things just as they are. Let's remember things, just as they are, perfectly designed for the conditions of our learning, and we'd like to **learn** how to **remember** that we already know. [laughs]

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Everything is perfectly designed. **Everything!** Not a hair on our head is not perfectly designed. Not -- nothing! No part of this world is not perfectly designed for us to bear witness to the truth, if we're **willing**.

Our aspiration is to accept the Atonement for ourselves, which is the full recognition that there is no separation, nor has there ever been, or could there **ever be** a separation from God. That's what accepting the Atonement is. It's accepting there's **no** separation.

So, when we're judging our brothers and sisters, or when we're judging ourselves, anyone, as being "less than" or "better than", we are **not** accepting the Atonement. We can't accept the Atonement that there's no separation **and** believe in "better than" or "less than". There's not even "equal to". There's just "One **with**". We're One with everyone. If we're One with everyone, how can we possibly be "better than" or "less than". Tain't so! Isn't possible!

"The logic of the world must therefore lead to nothing --"

Because -- I'm going to go back to the beginning of this Paragraph.

"Indirect proof of truth is needed --"

So, the experience of miracles demonstrating in form --and remember, miraculous demonstration in form can easily be that we're grateful. **Yes!**

Our demonstrations in form are our clear thoughts, our gratitude, our willingness. These are **miracles**. Miracles are when we are willing to accept that all of life is for us and nothing is against us.

Remember that if you would like to feel **profoundly supported** by the invisible, as well as the visible, it requires your willingness, you have to cultivate the willingness to receive it, to accept it, to allow it, to recognize it or you won't. Because the truth is, everything **is** already supporting us. But we don't acknowledge it, we don't **see** it, we don't **feel** it, because we **deny** it. That's what it's saying here.

"Indirect proof of truth is needed in a world made of denial without direction. You will perceive the need for this --"

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The indirect proof,

“...if you realize that to deny is the decision not to know.”

Willingness to See All As Sacred

For me, in my experience, there was something that I really liked about the specialness, the uniqueness, of my being **so** completely bad and wrong, so completely unlovable, unfixable, so broken, damaged beyond repair.

I talk with many spiritual students who really, very often, don't admit it, even to themselves, that they have a very strong belief that there is something fundamentally, unfix-ably, wrong with them, that they are **so bad**, or they're just -- they can't stop **choosing** pain and suffering, that there's something that is beyond how bad everybody else is. They are **uniquely** bad.

I cannot even begin to count the number of conversations I have had with dedicated Light Workers, even ministers, people who have been on this path for **decades**, who believe that there is something **fundamentally** wrong with them, that they're just worse than everybody else.

Some people will, as I used to do, they argue. “You don't understand!” I can remember telling that to **my** Spiritual Counselors back in the '90s. “You don't understand, though. My history is -- this. My failure is -- that. My unworthiness is -- this.”

But fortunately, none of that was **true. None** of it! I was blessed and I didn't know it. And what changed everything for me was, I literally, I began to say, “I'm willing to **know** that I'm profoundly blessed. I am willing to know that the Christ in me, that the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, is in my mind. We share the same mind.”

To my ego, it was inconceivable, because the ego will have no part of **that** knowing. No! The ego is devised for the purpose of keeping us in separation, and I was listening to the ego, and I decided “I'm not going to listen to that voice anymore!”

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Now, do I still get caught in the ego? Yeah, I do! Every day! Not a day goes by I don't feel some sense of frustration, or irritation, or annoyance, or something, I have some judgment or some opinion.

I had one yesterday. I saw that some people had left a mess and they had just gone off and left it, as though this spiritual place we're in is not their spiritual home, and so somebody else is going to clean up after them.

I can remember when I was spending a lot of time at Agape in Los Angeles, which I was there four, five times a week for years. I would see someone -- there would be someone had dropped a Kleenex or something, a used Kleenex, or some piece of trash on the floor in the building or in the parking lot, and people are walking by it, and walking by it, thinking "Someone else will clean that up. I don't have to do that."

But, because it was my spiritual home, I'm going to pick up that trash, just like I would pick up that trash in my own home, because it's my spiritual home.

That **willingness** to see everything is sacred, everything is holy, everything is shining the Light for us and inviting us to be in the flow of Love.

"The logic of the world must therefore lead to nothing, for its goal is nothing. If you decide to have --"

So, to have the awareness of knowledge and to have the knowledge of how blessed you are,

"If you decide to have and give --"

Because that's the only worth giving, right? Is to give and share the awareness that we're **all** blessed, we're **all** lovable, we're **all** perfect. We're **all** already as holy as holy can be, as I say all the time.

"If you decide to have and give and be nothing except a dream, you must direct your thoughts unto oblivion."

If that's all you're going to do is share the dream, the illusion, the delusion, the madness,

"...you must direct your thoughts unto oblivion."

There's no point, zero point in doing it.

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Making the Choice Now

Ultimately, we're all going to be led back home, like the Prodigal Son. We just decide how far we'd like to tarry in the foreign land. That's all.

You know, I was talking with someone who is a therapist -- I think that's who I was talking to. I can't remember who I was talking with now -- but I said, one of the things I'll do sometimes with a client who is not ready to make a change -- not ready to be willing, not ready to forgive, not ready to do something different -- I say to him, "Look! All of eternity! This is how much time you have. You have as long as you would like to make your decision. Ultimately, you **will** make the decision to go back home and to celebrate how loved and blessed you are, and to share in all the riches and the Joy and the protection of your Father's house. You **will** make that decision. That decision is coming. There's **no doubt** about that. You can take **all** the time you like. Take as long as you want!"

In counseling people, I'll sometimes say, "So, knowing that the decision will come whenever you would like it to come, why don't we do this? This is an exercise. If you **know** you're going to choose heaven eventually, you **know** you're going to choose to let these judgments go eventually, you know you're going to choose to step into your magnificence, your perfection, your Wholeness and our greatness eventually -- this is given. This lifetime. Next life time. Eternity. You have all eternity. You **know** that you're going to make that choice at **some point** in what **seems** like time and space -- why don't we just set a date?"

"I'm going to keep suffering like this for five more years." Decide, "Oh, is it going to be your birthday five years from now? Is it going to be Christmas? Going to be New Years? Valentine's Day? What feels good to you? Does five years feel like a good amount of time? Does two years feel like a little more, like, 'Oh, yeah, I want to wallow in my own unhappiness for another two years,' and then, 'Yeah, let's set that target date two years from now.'"

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Most people, they are like, “Oh, yeah! You know? I think I’m going to make it **today!** Let’s make that choice **now!**”

We can make that choice now. This is part of creating the perfect conditions for our **remembering** the truth that sets us free. It’s so beautiful! So beautiful! Ah!

Upcoming Events

It’s time for me to wrap it up here. I would like to share with you before I go some events that are coming up. We have the Early, Early Bird prices expiring on Wednesday, August 2nd, for the [Forgive and Be Free](#) retreat.

I’m going to be in North Carolina, up at the Art of Living Retreat Center, for most of the month of October. I **love** it there. **Love it!** It’s so worth the trip, up in the mountains, and it’s so beautiful there, and the Fall foliage will probably be coming out about mid-October.

The first weekend in October is the [“Weekend of Freedom Retreat”](#). You can find the link to it at [JenniferHadley.com](#) on the [Events](#) page. This is, basically, *A Course in Miracles* Conference. I’m speaking. Jon Mundy is speaking. David Fishman, Regina Dawn Akers, a number of other people. It’s going to be a **wonderful** weekend! That’s the first weekend in October.

I’m not confirming it yet, but what I’d like to do is, the retreat ends on Sunday, but Columbus Day is Monday. For many people, that’s a holiday, so what I’d like to do is have people stay over an extra day, if they’d like, and we’ll do a focus on starting, facilitating, running, a beautiful *A Course in Miracles* [Study Group](#).

I’m very much interested in supporting you in running *A Course in Miracles* [Study Group](#), either online or in person, so we’re developing all the tools for this for you. If you’d like to stay over, there will be no charge. You can make a Love offering if you like. You will have to pay for your food and lodging, but that’s what I’d like to see. I’m trying to put that together for you.

And then the second weekend, if you want to come the second weekend, I’m going to be doing my [Forgive and Be Free](#) retreat. I will do some *A Course in Miracles* [Study Group](#) support for people that weekend, as well. The second weekend in October is my [Forgive and Be Free](#) retreat. This is an intensive forgiveness retreat for the purpose of setting you up for the perfect

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holiday season with your family, letting the past go. It's amazing! We did it last year. It's tremendous!

Then, that's going right into my last [*Spiritual Counseling Training Intensive*](#) for the year, which starts on Sunday, October 15th, and that's a week-long intensive training that's open to everyone. All the details at JenniferHadley.com.

Closing Prayer

Let's take that breath of Love and gratitude here.

I'm so grateful and thankful to share with you, to share the Love and the blessings. We Partner UP with the Higher Holy Spirit, once again, to make an offering of our heart, and to open ourselves.

We are willing to know the truth that sets us free, and to share the benefits with everyone. We let it be. And so, it is. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Mwah! Have an amazing rest of your week! I love you! Thank you!