Dear Sister in Christ,

Court can be hard. Whether a “simple” disagreement or a contentious battle, no one enjoys confrontation. There is an added level of stress when it concerns those we hold most dear. The difficulty in dealing with court prompted me to compile a list of scripture and, with it, directions in how to seek God in your court case.

What should you do with this collection of scripture? Pray it over your family. Pray for your attorney, for the other party, for the judge, for the witnesses. Pray it over the court hearing(s) you will face. Memorize key verses and repeat them to yourself or others in tense moments. Read it aloud and proclaim these truths for your family. Bring it with you to pray during down time in court proceedings. Write out each scripture as you prepare your case. Read and re-read these words when you feel anxious, or are tired of fighting, or are tired of planning, or are just plain tired. Let God’s truth sink in to your core and let Him be your guide.

While compiling this, my prayer for you is that God’s truth is a comfort to you and your family, and that you gain strength from His everlasting word.

In His love,

T. C. with The Joyful Stepmom Ministry

**Find peace**

# Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:6-7

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. -Isaiah 41:10

He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day. -Psalm 91:4-5

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. -2 Timothy 1:7

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. –Psalm 29:11

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. –Romans 12:18

# He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth…” – Psalm 46:10

**Elevate truth**

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. – John 8:32

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. -2 Timothy 2:15

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. –Psalm 145:18

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. –Psalm 25:5

The Righteous Onetakes note of the house of the wicked and brings the wicked to ruin. – Proverbs 21:12

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment. Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil, but those who promote peace have joy. - Proverbs 12:17-20

”These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against each other, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this,” declares the Lord. –Zechariah 8:16-17

For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. – 2 Corinthians 13:8

**Praise God**
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. –Romans 12:12

“…choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” –Joshua 24:15

Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the Lord Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. (NKJV) –Deuteronomy 4:39

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth. –Psalm 34:1

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. –Ephesians 3:20-21

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. –Philippians 4:4-5

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. –Psalm 62:1-2

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever. –Psalm 118:29

**Be joyful**
Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. –James 1:2

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. –Romans 8:18

**Prepare for battle**
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. - Ephesians 6:10-18

The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still. –Exodus 14:14

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. -2 Samuel 22:4

But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. -2 Timothy 4:17

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children… -Genesis 50:20-21

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. –Galatians 6:9

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. - I Peter 3:9, 13-17

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you. (NLT) –Deuteronomy 31:6

**Trust his ways**

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. (NLT) –Hebrews 11:1

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” –Jeremiah 29:11

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, whohave been called according to his purpose. –Romans 8:28