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Scripture: "...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." (I Pet. 2:9 NLT)

The Princess Diaries

In *The Princess Diaries*, Anne Hathaway plays a socially-awkward teen that is transformed into a beautiful young princess following the death of her father. The heartwarming romantic-comedy is a classic Cinderella story in that it chronicles her transition from somewhat of a clumsy, ugly duckling to a gorgeous and graceful swan. In much the same way that Hathaway's character inherited the throne of her father, we too have a throne and spiritual inheritance available to us courtesy of our Heavenly Father (Gal. 3:29, Rom. 8:17 and I Pet. 1:3-4).

Heaven is an everlasting kingdom (Matt. 22:2). It is also God's throne, metaphorically speaking (Isa. 66:1). By accepting salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, we receive a home in God's kingdom, we receive access to His throne (Heb. 4:16), and we receive the gift of eternal life which is our spiritual inheritance (Matt. 25:34, Matt. 19:29, John 3:16).

Because Heaven is a kingdom and our Father is King, we are royalty. That's right, my sister, you are a princess! As described in I Peter 2:9, you are chosen—a young lady with divine favor. You are a royal priest—you have been crowned with regal splendor and you've been given authority to serve both God and mankind. You are a holy nation—you have been set aside for God's special purpose and pleasure. And you are God's very own possession—His personal treasure. As a result of your royal heritage and leadership position, you've been charged to do good deeds to bring honor to God. And just as He extended His light and love to you, you should extend the same to others so that they too may become part of His royal family.

To be sure, being a princess is a tremendous responsibility. However, incredible blessings also come with the territory. In addition to receiving an inheritance, being crowned with majesty, and being God's personal treasure, you also have direct access to the King. You should take full advantage of that benefit at every possible opportunity. If you're not sure what to say or how to pray, you can write to Him in a diary. In fact, you can consider it your "princess diary". You can write to God just like He's your best friend. Tell Him what's on your mind. Tell Him what's going on in your life. You can even ask Him questions about any and everything under the sun, literally. (He knows it all.) And He'll respond in your heart. Regardless of your approach, the most important thing

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is that you communicate with Him. He wants to hear from you. Why? For the following reasons:

- He's crazy in love with you (Rom. 5:8, Luke 12:6-7, Isa. 49:15-16, Matt. 6:25-33)
- He wants you to love Him too (Exo. 20:3, Matt. 22:37)
- He wants to be your BFF (Prov. 18:24, John 15:13-15, Acts 17:27)

Additionally, God is better than the average best friend because He's the best secret-keeper ever. He's totally non-judgmental (John 3:17, John 8:7). He'll move with you whenever and where ever you go (Josh. 1:5, Psa. 139:1-12). And your relationship with Him will last forever (Psa. 73:23-26, Matt. 28:20).

So get to know God as your nearest and dearest friend. Start keeping your very own princess diary today. Share your thoughts and feelings, cares and concerns with Him. And listen for His responses in your heart. He'll always be available to you; and, He absolutely loves to hear from you. So don't wait, communicate. Reach up and reach out to God today.

Be blessed.

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