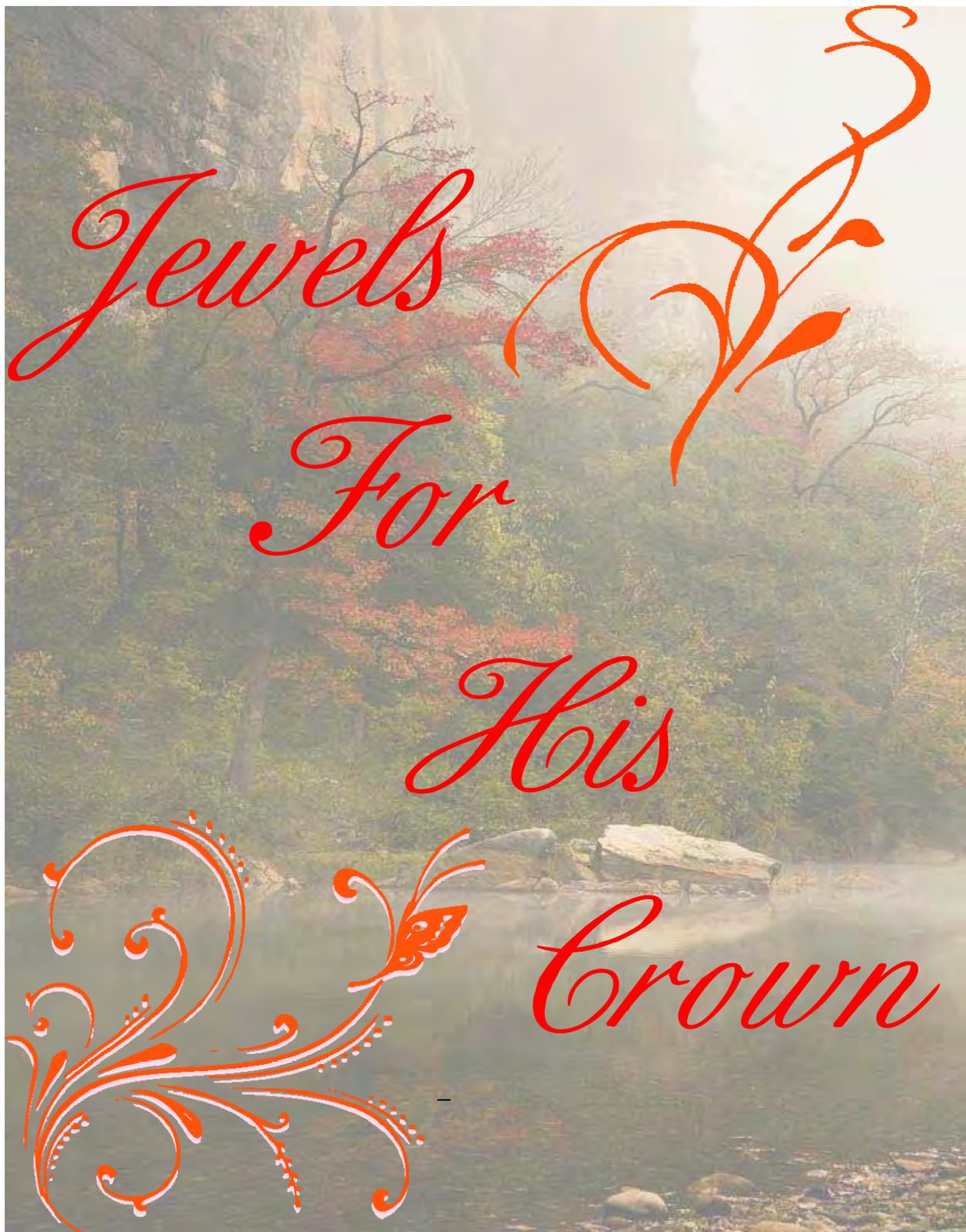


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## *Make Some Memories!*

Fall again! And soon it will be Thanksgiving and then Christmas! Where has 2016 gone?! The years and days just pass by so quickly. It is always very sobering when I stop and think about it, especially when I think of what I am doing and how much it will matter in eternity. There is a song, "I'll Wish I Had Given Him More" that comes to my mind. My main goal is to please my Lord Jesus and to bring him joy, and that is the theme of this issue. Although we want to stay busy in the service of the King, we do not want to forget to do those things that bring him the most joy. Love your family and honor them! Spend time with your Bible and talk to Jesus! Walk in the path of life in a holy way and let this world see that you belong to the King of Kings! Write down your failures and accomplishments so you can see how far you have grown in the Lord! Above all, love the Lord your God with your whole mind, soul, body and spirit! Enjoy your holiday months and let us celebrate our Lord together!

~T. Miller

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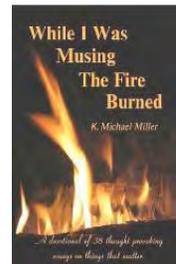
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*To be in Christ is the source  
of the Christian's life,  
to be like Christ is the sum  
of His excellence,  
to be with Christ is the fullness  
of His joy.  
Charles Hodge*

**The king**  
*shall joy*  
*in thy*  
*strength,*  
**O LORD;**  
*and in thy*  
**salvation**  
*how greatly shall he*  
**rejoice!**

*Psalms 21:1*

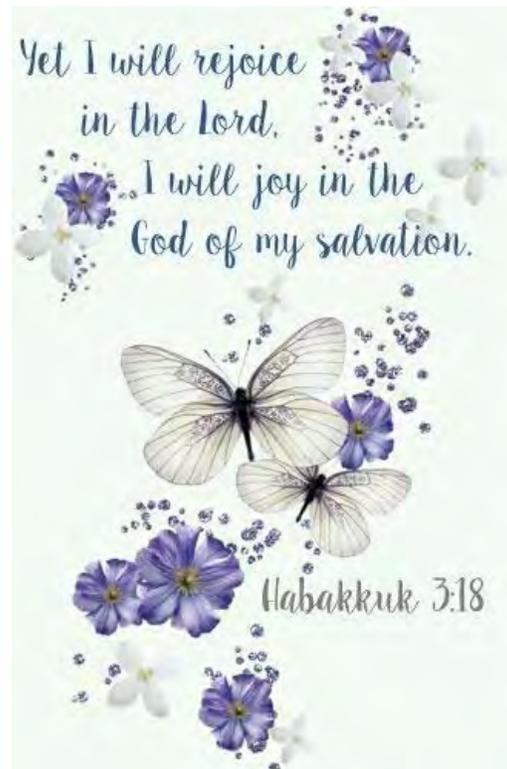
The soul's deepest thirst  
is for God Himself,  
who has made us so  
that we can never  
be satisfied  
without Him.  
F.F. Bruce

*God cannot give us a  
happiness and peace  
apart from Himself,  
because it is not there.  
There is no such  
thing.*

C.S. Lewis

*If man is not made for  
God, why is he happy  
only in God?*

Blaise Pascal



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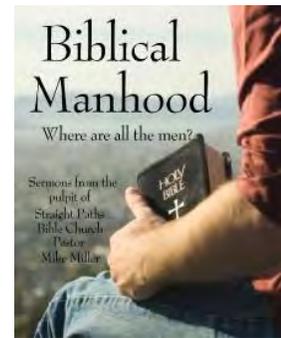


## *The Ten Commandments*

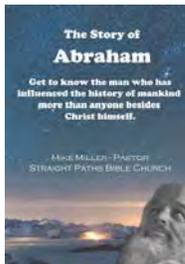
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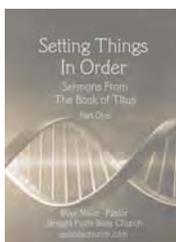
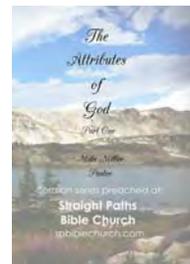


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# *The Joy of the Lord*

*"Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength."  
Nehemiah 8:10*

The Bible is such a wonderful book, full of wonder and meanings that can only be discovered by those who will seek them out. There are different ways to look at each passage that will give the reader many different truths to consider. I have read this passage of scripture many times, have even coupled it with Psalms 16:11, *"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."* It only makes sense that if "in thy presence is fulness of joy", that "the joy of the Lord is your strength", right? I get joy from being in the presence of the Lord and the joy that the Lord gives me is my strength. These are wonderful truths from God's word that can give sweet assurances to your soul as you live from day to day.

But then I began to look at the passage in Nehemiah from a different angle. This "joy" is not necessarily speaking of MY joy. It says very plainly, "the joy of the LORD". HIS joy! His joy gives me strength. So, if his joy is what gives me strength in my Christian life, which I need very much every day, then perhaps I should look into some things that would bring joy to my Lord and some reasons why his joy would give me strength.

First, why would HIS joy give ME strength? In every situation in life we have someone who is over us, someone whom we want to please so that we know we are doing things right and can have confidence in that fact. We have parents, teachers, pastors, and eventually, husbands that lead us, help us, love us and do good for us. Out of love and regard for them we should do everything we can to win their favor. Although some people will mock at your good efforts, there is a great Biblical truth in this principle. There is nothing wrong with being "teacher's pet" or "Daddy's favorite" if you are doing right and trying to please, or making it an object of pride. It is in the favor of obedience that we find confidence and encouragement.

Let us look, for example, at Cain and Able. Cain knew what was required of him from God for a sacrifice, yet he decided that the work of his hands ought to be enough to please God. Did he not work hard to grow these beautiful fruits and vegetables, and were they not the best that he had raised? But it was not because what he had accomplished was not good enough but that the consequences of sin could not be reconciled through the works of Cain's hands. It did not please God that Cain disregarded his requirements and God could not accept his offering. Would it have been helpful to Cain's soul if God had given in to what Cain had to offer? No, it would have made it easier for Cain to rebel and sin without regard to God or his fellow man. Cain therefore did not have confidence in obedient conduct. God had no joy in Cain.

Suppose your mother told you one day to clean the bathroom, that it needed a good cleaning and she needed it done right. But when you begin to clean, you go through your job quickly, only doing what you think really needs done. When mother goes to check your work, do you feel confident about how she will commend you or does a little surge of fear zip through your heart, wondering if she will notice where you have neglected? Do you expect her to accept your partial obedience and be happy in the fact that you cleaned it at all? There are many people who go through their lives defeated because they think they could never do enough to please their parents, spouse, boss, or even their God, and they believe that the problem is not with themselves. But they will not surrender to complete obedience and therefore will never come to a place of joy. Partial obedience is rebellion and God will have nothing to do with that.

So, if our spiritual strength comes from the joy that we give our Lord, I think the best thing to do first would be to find out some of the things that give him joy. Let us look at Solomon. God came to Solomon when he had been chosen to be King of Israel and told him to ask for anything. God offered him riches, peace with his enemies, or anything else he could ask for. But Solomon considered the offer wisely and said, *"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"* (1Kings 3:9) And the next verse says that, *"the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing."* How did Solomon please the Lord? By making the greatest decision of his life based on Godly principles instead of his selfish desires. You can give joy to the Lord in the same way. You will be making decisions in the coming years that will change your life completely. So, how do you know what to decide? Psalm 1:1 says: *"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."* In other words, do not trust the counsel of your friends or of those who do not have God's interests in mind. Amnon made that mistake in 2Samuel chapter thirteen and it cost him his reputation, ruined his life and eventually caused his murder. Build trust in your parents, your pastor and some of the other proven faithful folks of your church. Ask the Lord to guide you, being ready to accept whatever answer he may give. Seeking Godly counsel and wisdom will definitely be a joy to the Lord and a joy and strength to you.

Another thing that gives joy to the Lord is when we are faithful. In the book of 1Samuel there is the account of the two sons of Eli the priest who were very unfaithful to the holy position that was given them. In one day they were both killed, as was their father, and God installed a priest of his own choosing, whom God said would, *"do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever."* When we claim to be a Christian we should be representing the Lord in our daily living. If we are more interested in our own desires and how we can fit in with the worldly crowd around us, God is not pleased with us at all. We do not have to look like drudges or dress in funny clothes, but it does not please the Lord when we want to dress like the world, color and cut and frizz our hair like the world, pierce and

mar or tattoo our bodies like the world, talk and walk like the world, or anything else that would identify us with the ungodly world around us. When people from the church do not look or act any different from the people on the street, do you think that God should be pleased with that? The Lord commands his people to come out from among them and to be separate, and although there are many arguments about what that means it comes down to this: if there is not a definite difference in you from the world then you are OF the world and NOT of Christ.

If our minds could grasp the idea that we are made in the image of God and that the things that give us joy are similar to the things that give him joy, it would greatly help us to understand our Heavenly Father. The things that give you joy in another person (such as sharing time together, talking to each other, seeking them out instead of rejecting their company, depending on them in times of confusion and trouble, listening for their voice, and just being with them) are the very things that give the Lord joy. Any relationship takes giving of our time to make it good and if you do not take the time to get to know Jesus you will never know the amazing thrill that comes from knowing that you have given him joy. No one gives him enough time, including myself, because of the busy world that we live in. But no matter how busy you think you are, there are always ways of spending time with friends and family if you want to. It is not such a hard thing to make time for Jesus...if you want to.

The greatest joy that we can give to the Lord Jesus is to be his, to let him be Lord of our life and the main object of our affection. God saw us in a condition that we could not remedy on our own and made a way to ransom us from the pit that we inevitably dig for ourselves when we choose to follow the sinful lifestyle of this world. Jesus is forever holding out his hand to you and you have only turn to him, willing to confess and forsake your sinful choices to walk in the path of righteousness with him. No matter what you have done, no matter how far you have gone, Jesus gives you the same invitation, *"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."* Proverbs 28:13. The Bible says in Luke 15:10, *"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."* Who do you think is so full of joy? Our Lord Jesus Christ! It is his greatest joy to have you come to him and to let him make your heart and life clean and new! *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3:9

So, as we end this year, let us dwell on those things that will give our Lord joy and in so doing we will find a strength and confidence to meet each day, knowing that we are giving joy to Jesus. May God bless your heartfelt efforts!

## The joy of the LORD is your strength.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.~ Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.~ The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.~ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.~ We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.~ Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Nehemiah 8:10; Isaiah 49:13; Isaiah 12:2; Psalms 28:7; Isaiah 61:10;  
Romans 15:17; Romans 5:11; Habakkuk 3:18

(Taken from Daily Light on the Daily Path, morning and evening Bible readings compiled by Samuel Bagster.)





# November

## 30 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

- Day 1- Psalm 95: 1-7
- Day 2- 1 Corinthians 14: 9
- Day 3- 2 Corinthians 4: 15-18
- Day 4- Isaiah 12: 2-6
- Day 5- Colossians 3: 12-17
- Day 6- 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18
- Day 7- Psalm 107: 1-9
- Day 8- Philippians 4: 4-9
- Day 9- Psalm 100: 1-5
- Day 10- Psalm 136: 1-12
- Day 11- Psalm 136: 13-26
- Day 12- 1 Chronicles 16: 8-14
- Day 13- 1 Chronicles 16: 23-36
- Day 14- Psalm 116: 12-19
- Day 15- Psalm 147: 1-7
- Day 16- 2 Corinthians 4: 13-18
- Day 17- 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11
- Day 18- 2 Corinthians 9: 12-15
- Day 19- Psalm 28: 6-9
- Day 20- Psalm 69: 30-36



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

*Psalms 119:18*

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# Christmas

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- Day 1- Isaiah 7: 14-17
- Day 2- Isaiah 9: 6-7
- Day 3- Isaiah 11: 5
- Day 4- Isaiah 11: 6-10
- Day 5- Isaiah 40: 1-5
- Day 6- Isaiah 52: 7-10
- Day 7- Jeremiah 33: 14-16
- Day 8- Psalm 72: 1-7
- Day 9- Psalm 72: 8-14
- Day 10- Psalm 72: 15-20
- Day 11- Psalm 95: 1-7
- Day 12- Malachi 3: 1-3
- Day 13- Matthew 1: 18-20
- Day 14- Matthew 1: 21-25
- Day 15- Matthew 2: 1-6
- Day 16- Matthew 2: 7-12
- Day 17- Luke 1: 26-29
- Day 18- Luke 1: 30-34
- Day 19- Luke 1: 35-38
- Day 20- Luke 1: 46-50

- Day 21- Luke 1: 51-56
- Day 22- Luke 2: 4-7
- Day 23- Luke 2: 8-12
- Day 24- Luke 2: 13-16
- Day 25- Luke 2: 17-20
- Day 26- Galatians 4: 4-7
- Day 27- Philippians 2: 5-8
- Day 28- Philippians 2: 9-11
- Day 29- James 1: 6-18
- Day 30- 1 Thes 3: 3-7
- Day 31- Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

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# Crafts



## Lace Headband

Accessories can make an outfit more than nice to wear and this simple headband will compliment and looks feminine and pretty. Simply measure over your head to well behind your ears and cut a piece of grossgrain ribbon. Seer the ends that they not fray. Then cut a small piece of elastic to attach in the back, making sure not to make it too tight. Stitch the elastic to the ribbon, then stitch or glue a fancy lace inset to the ribbon. Some lace pieces can be a little pricey but you do not need much and the effect is stunning!

## DIY Snowflake Clings

Find coloring pages or print various sizes and styles of snowflakes and even ornaments that you like. Tape a sheet of waxed paper over the top and carefully outline your images with fabric paint. Try some glitter paint or sprinkle loose glitter on them while they are still wet. Let them dry overnight before trying to remove them. The flat side of the images will cling to your windows and make them bright and pretty! This concept can be used for any holiday or occasion, and you can even do letters for messages, too.



## Reversible Scarecrow & Snowman

Decorations on the front porch are always fun. This project can be made two ways, one requiring some help from Dad or brother and the other is easy to accomplish inside. The ones pictured are made from 1"x 4" lumber, four cut the same length and two a bit shorter for the hat brims. My daughter, Esther, works in the local nursing home and she came up with the idea to use the large paint stir sticks instead, which can be easily glued together. They are smaller and can be used as a front door decoration instead of a porch sitter. Either way you make them, they are very easy to do and can even be used as a gift for a neighbor, friend or grandparent. (Of course, I liked them because you get to paint them, and I LOVE to paint! :-))



# Recipes

## Chicken Alfredo Rollups

- 9 lasagna noodles
- 1 (14.5 oz) jar Garlic Alfredo Sauce
- 1 lb cooked, shredded chicken
- 1/2 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 2 c. shredded mozzarella cheese

### Instructions:

1. Spray an 8×8 inch pan with non-stick spray. Pour 1/2 c. Alfredo sauce on bottom of pan.
2. Cook lasagna noodles until they are al dente. Don't overcook them as you will be baking them also. Drain and rinse the noodles with cold water so they don't stick together.
3. While they are cooking mix together the 1 c. Alfredo, 1 c. mozzarella cheese, chicken, garlic salt and oregano.
4. Lay out the noodles and blot the water off of them with a paper towel. Spread 1/9 of chicken mixture on noodle. Roll up the lasagna noodle. Place the roll-ups, seam side down in the pan. Repeat with all of the noodles.
5. Once they are all in the pan pour the rest of the Alfredo sauce over them. Top with the remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.



## Easy French Bread

- 1 cup warm water 110-120 degrees
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2½ teaspoons yeast
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 3 cups flour

### Instructions:

1. In a mixing bowl add sugar and water. Stir to dissolve sugar and sprinkle with yeast. Let set 5 minutes or until foamy.
2. Add oil, salt and half of the flour. Stir to combine.
3. Change to dough hook if your using a mixer and add remaining flour. If you are not using a mixer that's okay just use a wooden spoon.
4. Pull out and knead into a ball. Place in greased bowl flipping to cover both side. Cover and let rise 1 hour.
5. Punch down and let it rise again... about 30 minutes.
6. Pull out and flatten out into a rectangle. "Jelly" roll it up and tuck the ends under pinching gently.
7. Place on greased baking sheet sprinkle sheet with cornmeal. Cover and let rise 30-60 minutes.
8. Pre heat oven to 375 degrees Brush loaves with egg whites for harder crust.
9. Give it a couple quick swipes with a serrated knife. Bake for 25 minutes.
10. If you want a bit softer crust, brush with some butter.



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