ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF

- from Isaiah 53:3 describing the coming Savior "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" – one of the most beautiful parts of Handel's Messiah
- this dark but majestic flower looks like it is carrying the weight of the world

ADONAI

- one of the names of God in the Bible. Deuteronomy 6:5 – "Love Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Tree of Life version, which is a new Bible translation that highlights the Hebrew roots of the Christian faith by restoring the Jewish order, name, and terms of the Old Testament. It is produced by Messianic Jewish and Christian scholars and published by Baker Books.)

ALL THINGS MADE NEW

- from Revelation 21, which talks about God making a new heaven and a new earth – a place where there will be no more tears or pain or death – "Behold, I make all things new."
- This daylily changes looks from day to day (along with its reverse sib Changed in a Moment).

ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

- I chose this name because of the way this wonderful flower breeds. As best as I can tell, it will go with almost anything and produce almost every color, so it can become all things to those who use it.
- from 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 – where Peter the Apostle is speaking: "Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." I believe what Peter is saying to us is that the closer we become to someone in terms of friendship or mutual respect, the more fruitful our efforts will be in sharing what we believe.

ALPHA AND OMEGA

- from Revelations: 22:13 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Amen to that!

AMBASSADOR OF PEACE

- from Matthew 5:9 – "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."
- because this is such a large, soothing, peaceful flower, and it continues my theme of having the word peace in many of my yellow introductions

ANGELS BOW DOWN

- from Revelations 7:11 – "All the angels were standing around the throne... They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God" and Hebrews 1:6: "… when God brings his firstborn into the world, He says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' "
- part of the lyrics of a number of beloved hymns
- Due to the weight of the flowers on this plant, sometimes the scapes can lean a bit, as if the flowers are bowing down to the Creator.

ANSWERED PRAYER

- from Psalms 86:7 - "In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me."
- from Ezra 8:23 – "…the gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him…so we fasted and petitioned our God…and he answered our prayer."

ARMED FOR BATTLE

- from Ephesians 6:10-18 **- "**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Yep!
- This tall, strong flower with teeth looks like it is armed for battle.

AT THE CROSSROADS

- from Jeremiah 6:16 – "This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'" There are lots of excellent commentaries on this verse online.
- the three midribs in the throat of this flower look like 3 roads almost intersecting

AUDIENCE OF ONE

- discussed in a book by Os Guiness – "A life lived listening to the decisive call of God is a life lived before one audience that trumps all others -- the Audience of One." "I live before the Audience of One. Before others I have nothing to prove, nothing to gain, nothing to lose." This reminds me of Colossians 3:23 – "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men."

AUTHOR OF LIFE

- from Acts 3:15 – "You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this."
- because this flower has produced so many beautiful offspring

BANNER OF LOVE

- from Song of Solomon 2:4 - "He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love."
- the name of a song sung by kids in Sunday school.

BATTLE OF JERICHO

- from the book of Joshua – God wanted the Israelites to re-take a portion of land in which they had previously dwelt in order to "establish a commonwealth faithful to the righteous rule of God and thus to be a witness (and a blessing) to the nations.' (NIV Study Bible)
- because this dark and mysterious flower with a darker eye reminds me of cinematic night-time battles

BATTLE OF THE AGES

- the battle between God and Satan, which all of us on earth have been in the middle of since man and woman were created. It is described well in this link God vs. Satan: The Battle of the Ages (lifehopeandtruth.com) and in this one Heritage Baptist Church | "The Battle of the Ages" Genesis 3:15 (theheritagechurch.org) The good news? Satan doesn't win. The bad news? The battle is still going on.

BE BOLD

- from Joshua 1:9 (Living Bible) "Yes, be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
- named because of the large dark bold eye that you can see across the garden

BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY

- from Genesis 1:28 – "Be fruitful and multiply…"
- an appropriate name for this very robust grower

BE SLOW TO SPEAK

- from James 1:19 and several times in the Old Testament – "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."
- because this flower is slow to increase

BITE OF THE APPLE

- from Genesis 3:6 describing Eve taking a bite of the forbidden fruit, which was the beginning of sin in the world. Although the type of fruit is never named, the apple became the common usage in 12th century Europe (perhaps because the Latin word malus means both evil and apple). It was in an engraving by Albrecht Durer in 1504 and then was popularized by Milton in "Paradise Lost." See this link for further discussion: https://www.nationalgeographic.com/people-and-culture/food/the-plate/2014/07/22/history-of-apples/
- This daylily is the color of a pink apple, is alluring, and has teeth, hence the idea for the name.

BLACKEST DARKNESS

- from 2 Peter 2: 17 - These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them." And Jude 1:13 "They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever." This is talking about the fate of false teachers and others who lead people astray.
- Because the eye on this flower is almost black

BLAZING GLORY

- A golden orange flower with a bold burgundy eye that you can see from a distance
- From Psalms 72:19 – "And blessed be his glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory" and Exodus 3 and 4 where God called to Moses from the midst of the burning bush

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

- from Acts 22:6-11 – Saul/Paul was on the road to Damascus when a light from heaven flashed around him and blinded him as Jesus asked Saul: "Why are you persecuting me?"
- what this flower will do to your eyes on a sunny day

BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS

- "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church" – from Tertullian's "Apologeticus" (written in 197AD) where he defends Christianity which was under assault by the provincial governors of the Roman Empire, and notes that martyrdom produces more believers - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apologeticus Another good discussion of the impact of martyrdom on the growth of the Church is at http://www.clerus.org/clerus/dati/2004-05/31-13/12MarIn.html
- The color of this daylily reminds me of blood, and because it is a good parent its genes will spread and its impact will multiply.

BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS

- what we saw in the movie The Passion of the Christ – the day of Jesus' crucifixion was full of blood, sweat and tears.
- from Winston Churchill's statement as he took over the government during World War II: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat. We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind."
- what it takes to produce beautiful new daylilies!

BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED

- I discovered this beautiful, rugged flower growing on a steep, windy slope on the north side of the greenhouse. Didn't phase it one bit. Bloomed its head off.
- To me, "bloom where you're planted" means that God can use each of us right where we are.

BOOK OF LIFE

- from Revelation 20:12 – a book in Heaven that lists all the people for whom death is forever vanquished and who are citizens of the kingdom of God.

BORN IN A MANGER

- from Luke 2:7 – "and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."
- named for its parents No Ordinary Child who became the Ruler of Nations

BORN TO REIGN

- from Isaiah 9:6-7– "For unto us a child is born…and He will reign…"
- from John 18:37 - "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
- what this majestic flower looks like it was born to do.

BROKEN CHAINS

- from Psalms 107:14 – "He brought them out of darkness…and broke away their chains." Refers to God through Christ delivering us from the bondage of sin.
- from Acts 12:7 and 16:26, where Peter was imprisoned and in chains. An angel appeared and touched him, and the chains fell off.
- an apt name for this flower which has sharp broken edges.

BURST INTO SONG

- from Isaiah 55:12 – "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." The chapter is about the peace and joy that comes with accepting God's invitation to salvation.
- This plant spent its test years on top of a windswept hill, and each day the flowers look like they had literally burst open in song.

CALLED TO FREEDOM

- from Galatians 5:13 – "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free."

CAST YOUR NET is

- from Matthew 4:18-19, where Christ called on believers to be "fishers of men"
- what the eye pattern of this flower looks like – a net

CAUGHT UP IN THE CLOUDS

- from 1 Thessalonians 4:17 – "After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." Very vivid imagery of the rapture.
- an apt named for a tallish flower with big chalky eyes and a multitude of blooms

CHAINED IN THE ABYSS

- from Revelation 20:3 – referring to a long period of time after the Battle of Armageddon when Satan is chained in the bottomless pit and unable to have influence. There is a beautiful sculpture at Springwood depicting this. http://springwoodgardens.com/construction/statue.html

CHANGED IN A MOMENT

- from 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, in verses immortalized in Handel's Messiah - "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (referring to the Rapture and the Resurrection)
- This daylily changes looks from day to day (along with its reverse sib All Things Made New).

CHARACTER WITNESS

- someone who speaks on our behalf in a court of law. On Judgment Day, as our Savior, Jesus stands before God to plead our case. 1 John 2:1-2

CHARIOT OF CLOUDS

- - from Psalms 104:3 – "He (God) makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind."

CHILD OF BETHLEHEM

- The color (sacrifice), height (front of the border) and size of bloom (5") made me think of Jesus as a baby, yet the sharp edge is a reminder that He "did not come to bring peace to the earth, but a sword" – Matthew 10:34. From Barnes Notes on the Bible: "Christ did not here mean to say that the object of his coming was to produce discord and contention, for he was the Prince of Peace; but he means to say that such would be one of the effects of his coming. One part of a family that was opposed to Him would set themselves against those who believed in him."

CITIZEN OF HEAVEN

- from Philippians 3:20 – reminding believers not to be preoccupied with earthly things, because they are citizens of heaven, which is their real home

CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS

- the 1993 theory proposed by political scientist Samuel Huntington that people's cultural and religious identities will be the primary source of conflict in the post-Cold War world (Wikipedia)
- what I think of when I see this very bright color which clashes with colors not in the yellow and orange red range

CLOUD OF WITNESSES

- from Hebrews 12:1-2 "A huge cloud of witnesses (Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Sarah, Gideon, David, Samuel, Rahab, etc.) is all around us (to affirm that the goal is indeed worth running the race). So let us throw off everything that stands in our way. Let us throw off any sin that holds on to us so tightly. Let us keep on running the race marked out for us." (New Int'l Readers' Version)
- because this flower looks like the color of some clouds and has multiple flowers in bloom and rebloom

CLOUD RIDER

- I have always been fascinated by clouds. As a child I would lie on my back in the grass and watch them turn into different shapes. Throughout my life, they have often stopped me in my tracks, as I marveled at the uniqueness of each "picture" they made. At Springwood, sitting up so high on a hill, it feels like one can almost touch them – and thereby almost touch the hand of God. The Bible is full of cloud imagery. One of my favorites is that of God or Jesus riding on a cloud. For example:

- From Isaiah 19:1 [*A Prophecy Against Egypt*] "See, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt with fear." Or from Psalm 104: 3 He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. Or Mark 14:62: "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

COIN OF THE REALM

- from Mark 12:34-44 - the story of the widow who dropped two mites (the smallest coin of the realm when Jesus was alive) into the collection box. Jesus says to his disciples: "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."
- because this flower looks like a small gold coin

COME BY FAITH

- from Romans 4:16 – "God's blessings are given to us by faith, as a free gift".

CORD OF THREE STRANDS

- from Ecclesiastes 4:12 – "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not easily broken."

CORONATION DAY

- from 1 Peter 5:4 – "And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."
- from Revelations 2:10 – "…be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."
- because this flower has a regal purple color with a white edge that looks like a serrated crown

COSMIC STRUGGLE

- from Ephesians 6:12 – "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."

COUNT IT ALL JOY

- from James 1:2-4 – "Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy (i.e. "count it all joy"), for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow…For when your patience is finally in bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete." (Living Bible)

COURAGE UNDER FIRE

- these are the words that come to mind when I think of all the people in the Old Testament who were persecuted for their faith in God but were courageous when under "fire". Like in Daniel 3, where Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were literally thrown into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar for refusing to worship a golden idol. And for the past 2000 plus years, all the people who have been and continue to be persecuted because of their belief in Christ. But as I noted above, the blood of the martyrs has built the church.

CRADLE OF REFUGE

- from Deuteronomy 33:27 – "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" and from Psalm 57:1 – "…in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge…"
- When I read these verses, I picture God cradling us in His arms.

CREATED ANEW

- from Ephesians 2:10 – "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."
- As you can see from the pictures, each flower that blooms looks different.

CREATED FOR A PURPOSE

- from Jeremiah 29:11 – "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."
- the main purpose of this flower is to produce beautiful offspring

CREATION CRIES OUT

- from Romans 8:22 – ″We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” (because all created things are experiencing pain and disorder because of the sin in the world)

CREATION REJOICES

- from the Sandy Patti song “A Morning Like This” that talks about the earth rejoicing on resurrection day when it feels Christ walking on the ground again
- from the many poetic verses in the Bible about mountains bowing down, trees clapping their hands, etc. in praise of God
- what I think of when I see this happy flower that bursts into multiple bloom over an extended period of time

CROWN OF SPLENDOR

- from Isaiah 62:3 – “You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord’s hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.”

CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS

- from Matthew 3:1-3, referring to John the Baptist who was preaching in the wilderness of Judea: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” His ministry was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

CUP OF COLD WATER

- from Matthew 10:42 – “And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."
- Shortly after we moved to Springwood our well stopped working. I thought about all the women and children in the third world who have to walk hours to get water, most of which is unsafe to drink. Living Water International is one of the many important organizations that digs wells around the world in order to provide a clean and safe cup of cold water in His name.

DAY OF RECKONING

- from Isaiah 10:3 – “What will you do on the day of reckoning, when disaster comes from afar? To whom will you run for help? Where will you leave your riches?”

DAZZLING ENCOUNTER

- from Acts 9:3 where Saul/Paul was on the road to Damascus to get the people’s cooperation to persecute believers, when he was blinded by the light of the living Christ who asked why he was persecuting Him.
- what you will have with this bright, flower-filled plant

DEEP WATERS

- from Psalm 18:16: “He reached down and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.”
- from Isaiah 43: 2: “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”

DEFINING MOMENT

- from Matthew 16:24 - Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”
- from Joshua 24:15 – “But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

DELIVERER

- from Psalm 40:17 – “…You are my help and my deliverer.”
- because this plant is one of the strongest in my garden – in wind, sun, drought, heat, it is a consistent “deliverer”

DESIRE OF NATIONS

- one of the biblical names of Jesus – in Haggai 2:7. “Christ is called the desire of all nations, because of the sufficiency that is in him to supply the needs of the whole world. As the sun in the heavens suffices all nations for light and influence, so does the Sun of righteousness suffice for the redemption, justification, sanctification and salvation of the people of God all over the world” - John Flavel sermon

- what this amazingly beautiful flower will be

DISCERNING HEART

- from Proverbs 15:14 – "The discerning heart seeks knowledge…" The fruit of that is insight, understanding, wisdom, distinguishing between right and wrong.

DOMAIN OF DARKNESS

- from Colossians 1:13 (ESV) "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."
- because this daylily is consistently so very very dark

DON'T LOSE HEART

- from 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."
- a bold flower that looks like Valentine hearts full of love encouraging us on

DON'T WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW

- from Matthew 6:34 – "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
- Because this flower is not perfect every day, I worry that if it is beautiful today, it might not be that way tomorrow and disappoint both you and me. But this verse tells me I should just appreciate the beauty I am seeing now.

DREAMER OF DREAMS

- God has often used dreams to communicate with people. Genesis describes Jacob's dream of a ladder reaching to heaven, where God promised that Abraham's blessing would be carried on through him. Joseph had numerous dreams about what his future would hold, e.g. that one day his brothers would bow down to him. In 1 Kings 3:5, God asked Solomon in a dream: "Ask me what you wish me to give you." Solomon chose wisdom.

EL SHADDAI

- one of the Judaic names for God, which has been made so memorable by the song recorded by Amy Grant

EMBRACED BY THE WIND

- from Acts 2:2 – "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting" and John 3:8 "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." I like this commentary in Duck Duck Go's search assistant – "John 3:8 compares the work of the Holy Spirit in spiritual rebirth to the wind, emphasizing that just as the wind is unseen but its effects are evident, the Spirit operates in ways that may not be fully understood but are powerful and transformative. This verse highlights the mystery and freedom of the Spirit's actions in the process of regeneration."
- This name comes from something that happened a number of years ago, when some very special women friends and I were sitting in a circle facing each other in lawn chairs which overlooked the garden. It was a very calm day with NO wind. The instant the first person started to pray for me and the work I was doing, a noticeably strong wind started to swirl in a circle around us at a steady speed - touching only our backs – as if we were being embraced by the wind. This went on for several minutes and stopped exactly when the last word of prayers was said. All of us looked at each other and gasped in total shock. We had no explanation other than that we had been physically embraced by the Holy Spirit during that time. There was also NO wind for the rest of the day in the garden, just as there had been none before those few special minutes.
- at 40" this flower is taller than most of the ones in my garden and the flower looks like it has outstretched arms. On days when the winds are swirling around the garden it gently sways as if it is being embraced by the wind.

END OF THE AGE

- Matthew 24 – "As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him and said 'Tell us, when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?'" The answer: wars and rumors of wars, false prophets, famines, earthquakes, nation rising against nation.
- This flower is both ugly and pretty – like the end of the age – which will be ugly, but wonderful because it signals the return of Christ.

ENDURING FREEDOM

- from John 8:34-36 and Romans 6:18, which talk about Christ setting us free forever from the bondage and penalty of sin

ENTWINED IN THE VINE

- from John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." In other words, staying entwined in the "vine" by having a living union with Christ will bring a fruitful life
- because this flower usually shows movement, often as a pinched crispate with curling – and when other flowers are combined with it, they bear much "fruit" in the form of outstanding offspring

EPHESUS

- one of the cities that became a center of evangelism for the early Church. Located at an intersection of major trade routes, Ephesus was the most important city in western Asia Minor (now Turkey), and ranked with Rome, Corinth, Antioch and Alexandria as one of the foremost urban centers of the Roman Empire.

EVERFLOWING SPRING

- from Isaiah 58:11 – "The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."
- because this flower clumps quickly and produces a bouquet of flowers each day

EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW

- from Philippians 2:9-11 – "…God exalted him to the highest place that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord…"
- when at its best, the beauty of this flower is staggering

EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN WAY

- another one of my favorite passages in Handel's Messiah, taken from Isaiah 53:6 – "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way."
- because the blooms on this flower have different colors and looks, depending on the weather

EYE ON THE SPARROW

- from Matthew 10:29-31- "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."
- the name of a song I heard Ethel Waters sing when I was a child – "I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

EYES ON THE PRIZE

- from I Corinthians 9:24-25 and Philippians 3:14 - "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize (eternal life) for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"
- my hope for this flower – that it will be a breeder of award winners for those who use it

FAITHFUL AND TRUE

- one of the Bible's names for Christ (Rev. 19:11 and 3:14)
- one of the many attributes of God (Psalms 33:4)
- what this flower is – always pretty, always consistent, always faithful

FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS

- from Matthew 17:20 "…I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

- from Psalms 139:14 – "I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"

FEAR NOT

- from Isaiah 41:10 – "Fear not, 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." Whether in the midst of a battle, disease, loss of home or job or loved one, God tells us not to fear, because He is with us.
- This blazing flower says "Look at me, look to me, I'm strong."

FIERY RED HORSE

- from Revelation 6:4 – "Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword."

FIGHT OR FLIGHT

- from 1 Peter 5: 8-9 "…Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith." And 2 Timothy 2:22 about fleeing from temptation. In other words, depending on the situation, when facing evil or temptation, we should respond by either fighting it or running away as fast as we can.
- The fight-or-flight response is a physiological reaction that occurs in response to a perceived harmful event, attack, or threat to survival. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fight-or-flight_response
- I got the idea for this name both from the look of the flower (bold with a form like wings), and from the names of its parents (Alpha and Omega and Flying Purple People Eater)

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

- from 2 Timothy 4:7 – "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

FILLED TO OVERFLOWING

- from Romans 15:13 – "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
- from 1 Peter 1:8-9 – "…you are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."
- what this flower is – filled to overflowing with wonderful genetics which produce beautiful offspring

FINAL CONFLICT

- from the book of Revelation, which describes the world war that will engulf the Middle East at the end of the age. There is a final battle between good and evil. Christ returns, annihilates the armies, and throws the devil into the lake of fire. A description of these events can be found at this link: https://bible.org/seriespage/13-armageddon-and-second-coming-christ
- this flower is one of the later ones to bloom in my garden

FINAL DESTINATION

- from Hebrews 9:27 – "man is destined to die…and after that to face judgment." We all have one final destination – either Heaven or hell – which one is up to us.
- an apt name for this flower, since it's one of the last to start and stop blooming in my garden.

FINAL VICTORY

- from 1 Corinthians 15:54-55 – "When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?'" In other words, the final victory for the believer is eternal life.

FINISH THE RACE is

- - from 2 Timothy 4:7 – "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

FIT FOR THE KINGDOM

- from Luke 9:62 – Many people wanted to follow Jesus, but they had all sorts of reasons for delaying when they would do it. His response: "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

- from Matthew 2:1 - "When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.'"

- The colors in this flower remind me of those seen in a desert country like Egypt.

FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN

- The floodgates of Heaven can be opened to pour out blessings beyond measure as described in Malachi 3:10, or to pour out wrath as in Genesis 7:11 (the great flood).

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

- from a familiar story about a person who dreams of walking along the beach with God and sees two sets of footprints in the sand except during the hard times of life, when there is only one set. God explains that "those are the times I carried you."
- because the background color of this flower is like beach sand, and the eye is like a footprint on it.

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

- The oldest standard wedding vows can be traced back to the *Book of Common Prayer*, by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury: "I, _____, take thee, _____, to be my wedded Husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance."
- an apt name for a beautiful flower that makes stunning kids but it does have its flaws

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

- from Genesis 7:12 - "And the rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights."
- from Matthew 4:2 – the length of time Jesus fasted in the desert during which time He was tempted by Satan
- from 1 Kings 19:8 – the length of time it took Elijah to reach Mt. Horeb (the mountain of God) to talk with Him about the state of things in Israel
- from Exodus 24:18 – the length of time Moses was on the mountain getting the Ten Commandments
- because this flower has 40 buds

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

- one of the Biblical names/attributes of God – from Psalms 36:9.
- a name/attribute of Christ - "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14
- because this flower blooms and blooms and makes wonderful offspring.

FOUNTAIN OF TEARS

- from Jeremiah 9:1 – "Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people." The prophet Jeremiah is weeping about the sinfulness and the coming destruction of his people.
- The pattern on this flower sometimes looks like falling tears.

FOUNTAIN OF WISDOM

- from Proverbs 2:6 – "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."

FREE THE CAPTIVES

- from Luke 4:18-19 – where Christ says that in Him the prophecy of Isaiah 61:1 has been fulfilled – "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him."

FROM AGE TO AGE THE SAME

- from Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"
- from the wonderful hymn "Mighty Fortress" by Martin Luther as he describes Christ – this is a link to the lyrics and its history: https://hymnary.org/text/a_mighty_fortress_is_our_god_a_bulwark
- this is an interesting commentary on what the Bible says about "age to age. https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Topical.show/RTD/CGG/ID/2421/Age-Age.htm I especially like these two sentences: "God's eternity allows Him to work out His plan over the whole expanse of time. From the most remote past, He has planned, created, and fulfilled each step of His purpose to bring about His ultimate goal, the birth of sons and daughters into His Family (II Corinthians 6:18)." And that thought took me to this link describing that family:

https://www.gotquestions.org/family-of-God.html (one sentence from it: "How do we become a part of this family of God? When we hear the gospel, confess our sins, and place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, we are at that moment born into God's kingdom as His children and become heirs with Him for eternity (Romans 8:14-17).")

- because this flower is the same every day – consistent, dependable, beautiful

FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING

- from Psalm 41:13 – "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting" and Psalm 90:2 – "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."
- because of the many many weeks of bloom time of this daylily cultivar

FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

- The last verse of "America the Beautiful" which is asking for God's blessing on America – "America, America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!"

GATHERING OF NATIONS

- from Matthew 25:32 – "All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." This is a description of the final judgment, when everyone will be sentenced to eternity either in heaven or hell.
- because the ruffled edges of this flower sometimes look like they are gathered

GENTLE ANSWER

- from Proverbs 15:1 – "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

GLORIOUS FREEDOM

- from Romans 8:19-21 (Living Bible) - "For all creation is waiting patiently and hopefully for that future day[a] when God will resurrect his children. For on that day thorns and thistles, sin, death, and decay…will all disappear, and the world around us will share in the glorious freedom from sin which God's children enjoy."
- these are the words I think of when I see this tall flower blooming in a clump with its big blooms reaching up to the sky

GNASHING OF TEETH

- because of its huge ivory to white teeth
- because of the emotions I have about this flower. There have been mis-steps along the way to its introduction including my putting it in a dumb location for its first outdoor test at Springwood (a wet, shady area on the north greenhouse wall), and many of the blooms show spotting in my zone 4 garden. It's made me unhappy and frustrated, which is a milder form of "gnashing of teeth" - which means anger, rage, pain and anguish.
- from Matthew 13:49-50: "So it shall be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

GO IN PEACE

- from Luke 7:50 – "And he said to the woman, thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."
- The title of a good sermon by C.H. Spurgeon delivered in 1883. Can be read at www.spurgeon.org/sermons/2770.htm

GONE TO GLORY

- from the song with the lyrics: "I've got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun (3X) Way beyond the blue. Chorus: Do - Lord, oh Do - Lord, oh do you remember me (3X) Way beyond the blue. I took Jesus as my saviour; you take Him too...(3X) etc. If you will not bear the cross; you can't wear the crown (3X) etc
- This flower sparkles in the sun – and is a reminder of believers who have gone before us and the glory that awaited them (and us) in Heaven.

GO THE EXTRA MILE

- from Matthew 5:41 – "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles." Under the Roman Impressment Law, a Roman soldier passing by a Jew could order him to carry his pack (usually full of heavy armory) for one mile. William Barclay writes in The Daily Study Bible Series that Jesus is saying

to His followers: “When a task is laid on you, even if the task is unreasonable and hateful, don’t do it as a grim duty to be resented; do it as a service to be gladly rendered.” Matthew 5:44 explains further: “But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” Jesus’s teachings were and are a new and revolutionary way of thinking and are confounding to the culture.

- This daylily puts on a show of bloom that goes beyond what is normally expected.

GOSPEL MUSIC

- “a kind of Christian music based on American folk music, marked by strong rhythms and elaborated refrains, and incorporating elements of spirituals, blues and jazz.” American Heritage Dictionary

GOSPEL TRUTH

- from Wikipedia: “The word gospel derives from the Old English gōd-spell … meaning "good news" or "glad tidings"…the gospel was the good news of redemption through the propitiatory offering of Jesus Christ for one's sins, the central Christian message. The truth of the “good news” that Jesus preached – our redemption through his offer for our salvation.”
- meaning an unquestionable truth.
- from Ephesians 1:13 – “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit”

GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

- from 2 Corinthians 9:15 – “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” (Jesus)

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

- from Lamentations 3:22-23 – “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning;
  great is thy faithfulness.”

GUARD YOUR HEART

- from Proverbs 4:23: “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” How to do that? Philippians 4:7 – “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

- from Daniel 5 – the story of King Balshazzar and his reign in Babylon where the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the wall of the royal palace. Daniel translated the handwriting on the wall – “God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. You have been weighed in the scales and found wanting. Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”
- because the elaborate pattern in this flower reminded me of the mysterious writing on the wall, although it and its kids have been “weighed in the balance” by me and NOT found to be “wanting”☺

HEAD FOR THE HILLS

- from Mark 13:14 – a prophecy about the end times that is well explained at this link - What is the significance of the command to flee to the mountains (Matthew 24:16; Mark 13:3; Luke 21:21)? | GotQuestions.org
- This daylily is covered in blooms and in some of the pictures it looks like all the blooms are gathered together and heading somewhere.

HEALING TOUCH

- from Matthew 4:23 - “Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.”

HEARTBEAT OF HEAVEN

- a popular 20th century description of/name for Christ
- what this flower does – it makes my heart beat faster☺

HEAVEN AND NATURE SING

- A joyful flower that reminded me of the lyrics in the song Joy to the World JOY TO THE WORLD - JOY TO THE WORLD LYRICS (songlyrics.com)

HIDDEN IN MY HEART

- from Psalms 119:11 – “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

HIDING PLACE

- from Psalm 32:7 – "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."

HOLD ME CLOSE

- from Psalms 27:10 – "…the Lord will hold me close."

HOPE FOR THE HEART

- from Jeremiah 29:11 – "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."
- this flower is not only joyful to look at but it also has the ability to breed an amazing number and diversity of beautiful offspring

HOPES AND FEARS

- from the lyrics of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" – a good discussion of this phrase can be found at this link: https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/hopes-and-fears/
- Hybridizers are always hoping to create beautiful flowers and fear making ugly or week ones. This one contains within in it wonderful genetics that may be useful in that pursuit.

I AM WHO I AM

- I like this explanation from Duck Duck Go's search assistant: "Exodus 3:14 is a significant verse where God reveals His name to Moses as "I AM WHO I AM," indicating His eternal and self-existent nature. This phrase emphasizes God's unchanging presence and serves as a declaration of His authority to send Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt."

INDESCRIBABLE GIFT

- from 2 Corinthians 9:15: "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" Referring to Jesus Christ, who is so wonderful it is impossible to fully describe Him.
- an apt name for this beautiful flower that is hard to describe since it has so many different looks

INSCRIBED ON MY HEART

- from Jeremiah: 31 - "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts."

INSPIRED BY HOPE

- from 1 Thessalonians 1:3 – "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Hybridizers are always hoping to create beautiful flowers, and this one contains within in it wonderful genetics that may be useful in that pursuit.

INTELLIGENT DESIGN

- from Jeremiah 51:15 – "He made the world by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding." In other words, this universe didn't just happen by accident.
- the theory that the universe was created by an intelligent entity rather than by chance
- a description of this flower and its offspring

INTERCESSOR

- from Romans 8:26 – the intercessor is the Holy Spirit in us who communicates what is in our hearts to God. C.H. Dodd explains it this way: "We cannot know our own real need; we cannot with our finite minds grasp God's plan; in the last analysis all we can bring to God is an inarticulate sigh which the Spirit will translate to God for us."
- a person (mediator, go-between) who intervenes on behalf of another, especially by prayer

IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES

- some Biblical irreconcilable differences – holiness vs. sin, blessings vs. curses, benevolence vs. malevolence, heaven vs. hell, infinite vs. finite, light vs. darkness
- In everyday life, irreconcilable differences are when there is an inability to agree on the important things in life. It can be especially troubling when those differences include spiritual matters like salvation and the sanctity of life. 2 Corinthians 6:14 – "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"

- When this flower blooms, it is as if it is fighting with itself. One flower can be perfect, and the one next to it a total wreck – open vs tangled, spotless vs spots. The fact that they co-exist within the same space some days can create a feeling of disharmony (although it is easy to pick off the offending ones😊)

ISLE OF PATMOS

- a small Greek island off the coast of Turkey where the apostle John was exiled by the Romans because of his activities as a Christian missionary, and where he wrote the book of Revelation

I STAND AMAZED

- from Romans 11:35 (Phillips) – "I stand amazed at the unfathomable complexity of God's wisdom and God's knowledge. How could man ever understand his reasons for action, or explain his methods of working?"
- The face on this flower always stops me in my tracks, and I stare at it in amazement.

JOY CAME DOWN

- from John 15:11: "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

JOYFUL ASSEMBLY

- from Hebrews 12:22 – "But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly."

JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT

- as in "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."
- when I see this flower in the distance with its multitude of large red blooms, I feel joy.

JUST THE WAY YOU ARE

- from Matthew 11:28-30 (and many other verses that can be found by searching the words "come as you are") where Jesus invites us to come to him just as we are. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." I remember at the end of Billy Graham's preaching at every Crusade the choir would sing the song "Just as I am" Just as I Am > Lyrics | Charlotte Elliott (timelesstruths.org) as he invited people to come to Christ right then and "just the way you are."
- As I looked through the pictures of this flower on my computer, seeing both its gorgeous days and some boring days, I thought "well, that's just the way you are!"

KEEP THE FAITH

- from 2 Timothy 4:7 – "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

KINGDOM BOUND

- meaning headed for Heaven☺

KINGDOM KID

- this link is an excellent explanation of what it means to be a child of God What does it mean to be a child of God? | GotQuestions.org As a child of God, we are part of God's Kingdom. We will be a Citizen of Heaven and in today's vernacular, a Kingdom Kid!

KINGDOM WITHOUT END

- from Luke 1:33 where the Angel Gabriel tells Mary that her son will reign over Israel forever and his Kingdom will never end
- from Psalms 145:13 where David declares that God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion endures throughout all generations
- because this flower blooms and reblooms for weeks, seemingly without end

KING OF THE AGES

- from Revelation 15:3 – "…Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the Ages.
- from 1 Timothy 1:17 – "Now to the King of the Ages, the incorruptible, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever."

LAKE OF FIRE

- from Revelation 19:20 – it's where the anti-Christ and the false prophet will be thrown
- from Revelation 20:10 – it's where the devil will eventually be thrown☺
- from Revelation 20:15 – "If anyone's name was not found in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." This is called the "second death." The Bible teaches that the book of life is the heavenly register of the "elect" (those who profess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God). Sorry, I don't make the rules - I'm just the messenger.

LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN

- from Amos 5:24 – "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (ESV) God was calling for justice and right living rather than religious ceremonies for their own sake. This link is an excellent discussion on the subject https://neoprimitive.wordpress.com/2017/11/10/let-justice-roll-down-like-waters-amos-5-21-24-sermon-11-12-2017/ Many people first heard these words in Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech 8/28/63.
- this is a dignified flower with rolling ruffles and beautiful strong color

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

- from John 14:1 and 14:27 – Jesus was saying farewell to His disciples, telling them He would soon be leaving and that although they could not follow Him now, they would later. They clearly did not comprehend what He was talking about – how could we expect them to! – and Jesus was doing His best to reassure them that everything would be all right.

LET THE SEA RESOUND

- from Psalms 98:7-9 – "Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples with equity."

LIAR LIAR PANTS ON FIRE

- from John 8:44 (NIV) "…the devil…was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."
- There is a good discussion of Satan being the ultimate liar at this link What does it mean that Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44)? | GotQuestions.org A few sentences to give you a flavor: 'Satan has told more lies to more people (and even angels) than any other being ever created. His success depends on people believing his lies. He has used everything from "little white lies" to huge, pants-on-fire whoppers to deceive folks.'

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- what Christ called Himself in John 9:5 – "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world"
- what He called His followers to be in Matthew 5:14-16 – "You are the light of the world…let your light shine…"
- what this flower reminds me of – it lights up the area of the garden where it grows

LILY AMONG THORNS

- from Song of Solomon 2:2 – "Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the young women."
- This beautiful flower is totally surrounded by teeth, and clearly stood out among other seedlings in the test beds.

LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

- from Matthew 5:16 – "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."
- a favorite children's song
- a description of this bright, happy flower

LIVE IN THE LIGHT

- from Ephesians 5:8: "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light."

LIVING WATER

- from John 7:38 – "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them" and Revelation 7:17 – "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

LOAVES AND FISHES

- from Matthew 6:5-14 – when Jesus took 5 barley loaves and 2 fish that a young boy had brought and fed a multitude
- what this flower reminds me of – it went from 1 fan to a 40 fan clump in just 3 years!

LOOK TO THE HEAVENS

- from Isaiah 40:26 – "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." And Psalm 19:1 – "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."

LOVE NEVER FAILS

- from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 – "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."
- This flower looks like a Valentine's card☺

LYING LIPS

- from Proverbs 12:22 – "The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy" and Psalm 34:12-14 "Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" and Psalm 120:1-2 "I call on the LORD in my distress, and he answers me. Save me, LORD, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues."
- I couldn't help but think of this name when I saw the red lipstick eye on the petals and sepals of this flower.

MAGNIFY THE LORD

- from Luke 1:46 (Mary speaking to Elizabeth about her situation) - "My soul doth magnify (glorify) the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
- The eyes on this flower are so big that they appear to be seen from under a magnifying glass.

MAN OF SORROWS

- from Isaiah 53:3 – "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief (suffering)."

MEGILLAH

- the scroll containing the biblical narrative of the Book of Esther

MIGHTY FORTRESS

- from Psalms 31:2 (and elsewhere) - refers to God as our fortress, our refuge in times of distress
- the name of a wonderful hymn many of us grew up singing, It is often referred to as the battle hymn of the Reformation. This is a link to the lyrics and an explanation of its history: https://hymnary.org/text/a_mighty_fortress_is_our_god_a_bulwark
- what this strong, majestic plant reminds me of

MIGHTY IN BATTLE

- from Psalm 24:8 describing the coming Messiah - "Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." Jesus conquered sin, the devil, death, and all mortal enemies. This section of Psalms is of one of the most memorable parts of Handel's Messiah.
- This 40" tall daylily was tested on a hill where it was battered for years by cold and wind, and it emerged victorious.

MINNESOTA NICE

- Per Wikipedia: "Minnesota nice is the stereotypical behavior of people born and raised in Minnesota to be courteous, reserved, and mild-mannered. The cultural characteristics of Minnesota nice include a polite friendliness, an aversion to confrontation, a tendency toward understatement, a disinclination to make a fuss or stand out, emotional restraint, and self-deprecation."

MORNING FOG

- given this name because of the misty, foggy coloring of its large eye
- from James 4:14 (NLT) – "How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone." Matthew Henry has a great commentary on this verse: "The frailty, shortness, and uncertainty of life, ought to check the vanity and presumptuous confidence of all projects for futurity. We can fix the hour and minute of the sun's rising and setting to-morrow, but we cannot fix the certain time of a vapour being scattered. So short, unreal, and fading is human life, and all the prosperity or enjoyment that attends it; though bliss or woe forever must be according to our conduct during this fleeting moment. We are always to depend on the will of God. Our times are not in our own hands, but at the disposal of God. Our heads may be filled with cares and contrivances for ourselves, or our families, or our friends; but Providence often throws our plans into confusion. All we design, and all we do, should be with submissive dependence on God. It is foolish, and it is hurtful, to boast of worldly things and aspiring projects; it will bring great disappointment, and will prove destruction in the end."

MOSES IN THE BULRUSHES

- from Exodus 2:3 – Pharoah ordered that all sons of the children of Israel be thrown into the Nile River as soon as they were born because the Israelites in Egypt were multiplying too quickly, and he was afraid they might turn against the Egyptians and escape their enslavement. The mother of Moses (Jochebed) put him in a watertight basket made of bulrushes and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile, where he was found and raised by the Pharoah's daughter.
- In the north this flower is often in the foliage, hence MOSES IN THE BULRUSHES.
- Moses was a great leader, and took his people toward the "promised land", which I hope this flower will do for other hybridizers.

MOUNT ARARAT

- from Genesis 8:4 – **"**and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat."
- given this name because of its height, strength and dark color

MYSTERIOUS WAYS

- So much about God is hidden from us and is a mystery. For example, in I Corinthians 50-58 (the wonderful passage sung in the Messiah): "Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."
- This flower has many shapes and layers to it (see website pictures), and how it might breed is still much of a mystery to me.

MYSTERY OF THE AGES

- from Colossians 1:26 – "the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed…" Since the beginning of the Bible, God had always had a special relationship – a covenant – with the Jewish people. They were the chosen ones, so they naturally thought that the coming Messiah was meant just for them. The mystery kept hidden until Jesus came to earth was that "the good news of the gospel, the love of God in Christ Jesus and the transforming power which can bring holiness into life" (William Barclay) is meant for *everyone* who is willing to accept it – Jew and Gentile alike, male and female, rich and poor, smart and not-so-smart. Like in the beloved hymn: "In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love, throughout the whole wide earth." (John Oxenham)
- This flower is out of Profound Mystery, and shares its same mysterious color pattern.

MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM

- from Mark 4:11 – the 12 disciples asked about the parables Jesus told - "And He said to them, 'To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables.'" From the Daily Study Bible Series by William Barclay explaining the verse: the kingdom of God (the spiritual realm over which God reigns) "is quite unintelligible to the man who has not given his heart to Jesus, and only the man who has taken Jesus as Master and Lord can understand what the Kingdom of God means."

- an apt name for this flower which can out of the blue have mysterious looks

MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST

- the name of a devotional book by Oswald Chambers which is beloved by millions

MY YOKE IS EASY

- from Matthew 11:30 – "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

NEW EVERY MORNING

- from Lamentations 3:22-23 – "…his mercies never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."
- because the color on this flower changes from day to day, so to me it's "new every morning

NO MORE TEARS

- what we're promised heaven will be like in Isaiah 25:8 and 65:19 and Revelations 21:4 and 7:
- the slogan of a baby shampoo we all grew up with
- named in honor of Mal Brooker and to give comfort and encouragement to his wonderful wife Gerda. It's a "happy" flower from the same cross (Seminole Wind x Ed Brown) as Mal Brooker's lovely Belle Cooke, which was introduced just before his "home going". Life brings so many tears – it will be wonderful to spend eternity in a place without them!

NO ORDINARY CHILD

- Christ – conceived by the Holy Spirit and Savior of the world
- From Hebrews 11: 23 – "By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict."

NOT GUILTY

- from Titus 3:7 - He declared us not guilty because of his great kindness. And now we know that we will inherit eternal life.
- Romans 3:21-22, TLB. "But now God has shown us a different way to heaven—not by 'being good enough' and trying to keep His laws, but by a new way (though not new, really, for the Scriptures told about it long ago). Now God says He will accept and acquit us—declare us 'not guilty'—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like."
- I thought of this name because the plant comes from "Man of Sorrows" and because of its color, remembering that the reason we can be declared Not Guilty is because of the blood Christ shed for us.

NOT HOME YET

- from Hebrews 13:14 – "For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven." (Living Bible)
- because this flower is so beautiful and reminds me of the life to come in Heaven

OPEN DOOR

- from Matthew 7:7 - "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
- what this flower appears to be – open and welcoming

OUTER DARKNESS

- a place (hell) referred to three times in the Gospel of Matthew (8:12, 22:13, and 25:30) into which those who reject Christ will be "cast out", and where there is "weeping and gnashing of teeth".
- I try to give my daylilies uplifting names, but sometime a name like this fits the look of the flower perfectly. I promise you will not feel sad when you look at this flower☺

OVERFLOWING HEART

- from Luke 6:45 – "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."
- from Colossians 2:7 – "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."
- The "heart" of this daylily overflows, spilling out almost to the edge

PATHWAY OF PEACE

- from Luke 1:78-79 - "because of the tender mercy of our God by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."
- from John 14:27 – "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."
- from John 16:33 – "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- from Acts 10:36 – "You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."

PEACE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING

- from Philippians 4: 7 **"**And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- how I feel about this peaceful looking flower, whose breeding potential is beyond my understanding

PEACE IN THE LAND

- from Leviticus 26:3-6 – "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land. I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove wild beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country."

PEACE OFFERING

- from Leviticus 3:11 – an Old Testament offering made to God out of the overflow of a worshiper's heart, expressing gratitude for blessings received. Once the offering had been made, the Israelite had peace with God.

PERFECT EXAMPLE

- from 1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Peter 2:21-22 – Christ is our perfect example of how to live our lives – sinless, without deceit, suffering evil for doing good and with no retaliation.
- the face of this flower is perfect every day

POWER MADE PERFECT

- from 2 Corinthians 12:9 – where Paul is pleading with God to remove the "thorn" in his flesh (a painful physical ailment of some kind). God's response was "no", plus: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (NIV) John Piper explains: "God's design is to make you a showcase for Jesus's power. But not necessarily the way the market demands: not by getting rid of all our weaknesses; but by giving strength to endure and even rejoice in tribulation."

POWER OF PRAYER

- from Luke 1:37 – "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." The power of prayer is the power of God, who hears and answers prayer –see further discussion at this link: https://www.gotquestions.org/power-of-prayer.html

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – the first letter of the Apostle Paul to the church in Thessalonica. "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT

- from Isaiah 43:4 – "…you are precious in My sight…"
- from the song Jesus Loves The Little Children that was a part of the childhood of many of us– "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, All are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world."
- because this flower is so lovely

PRECIOUS PROMISES

- from 2 Peter 1:4 – "…he has given us his very great and precious promises." These promises include not only "the eternal glories of the eternal Kingdom, but a changed, divine nature within ourselves, which

God will, of His own grace, bestow upon us, which we, on our part, must do our best to attain." (p.667 Halley's Bible Handbook)

PROFOUND MYSTERY

- from 1 Corinthians 15:51 – **"**Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed"
- this flower is a mystery – it starts out as a solid color in the morning, and changes throughout the day to become an eyed reverse bitone by the afternoon

PROMISE OF PEACE

- from Isaiah 54:10 – " 'The mountains and hills may crumble, but my love for you will never end; I will keep forever my promise of peace.' So says the LORD who loves you." And John 14:27 – "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you…" And Philippians 4:6-7 – "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

PROPHETIC VOICE

- A prophet is someone inspired by God to deliver a message. The prophet's role is to explain the plan and purpose of God, tell us what He will do in the future, and to turn people from their evil ways back to God that they might be saved.
- This flower was introduced because of how it "speaks" to the future with the possibilities of beautiful offspring.

RAINBOW IN THE CLOUDS

- from Genesis 9:13 – "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life.

REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY

- given this name because its wonderful offspring themselves have wonderful offspring, so the joy is repeated over and over and over☺
- from the second verse of Joy to the World:
  "Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
  Let men their songs employ;
  While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
  Repeat the sounding joy,
  Repeat the sounding joy,
  Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy."

RICH IN MERCY

- from Ephesians 2:4-5 – "God is so rich in mercy; he loved us so much that even though we were spiritually dead and doomed by our sins, he gave us back our lives again when he raised Christ from the dead…"
- because of the rich grape purple color of this flower

ROBED IN MAJESTY

- from Psalms 93:1 - describing God
- what this showy, regal flower looks like

ROBED IN SPLENDOR

- A prophecy of the end times from Isaiah 63:1: "Who is this…with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? 'It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save.'"

ROCK OF SALVATION

- from Psalms 95:1 – "Oh, come let us sing to the Lord…the Rock of our salvation."
- what this very large, thick, heavy flower brought to mind from the time it first bloomed – it's a "solid rock" - and a "firm foundation" for breeding other large, thick, heavy "rocks"

ROYAL INVITATION

- God gives each of us a "royal invitation" to become part of His family. This is illustrated in a parable beginning in Luke 14:16. But despite the invitation to all, it is ultimately each individual's choice to make - as we see in Matthew 22:14 "…many are invited (called), but few are chosen."

RULER OF NATIONS

- from Psalm 22: 28 – "for dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations," and Psalm 47:8 – "God reigns over the nations."
- this flower is one of the most powerful parents I have seen and a beauty in the garden

SEA OF GLASS

- from Revelation 4:6 – "In front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal." This verse came to mind as I looked at the icy eye on this flower.

SCALES OF JUSTICE

- from Leviticus 19:15 "Judges must always be just in their sentences, not noticing whether a person is poor or rich; they must always be perfectly fair." And Proverbs 16:11 - "A just balance and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work." And Job 31:6 - "let God weigh me in honest scales and he will know that I am blameless."

SECRET OF CONTENTMENT

- from Philippians 4:12-13 – "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation…I can do everything through him who gives me strength." The secret is union with the living Christ who is the source of our strength and joy.
- because although this flower has both good days and bad, I'm content with it - especially because it breeds gorgeous flowers which bring me joy.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- from Matthew 5-7 – the most significant of the recorded sermons of Jesus – it includes the Lord's prayer, the Golden Rule, the Beatitudes, summary of Christian doctrines, etc.
- because this flower is so tall

SET FREE is

- from Romans 6:18 – "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

SEVEN SEALS

- from Revelations 5-6 – describing the last days, where God is holding a scroll which is sealed with seven seals; when the seals are opened, they release a series of judgments on the earth

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN

- Matthew 18:22 – the number of times we're to forgive others
- how many blooms this flower seems to have – it just keeps going and going☺

SHADOW OF HIS HAND

- from Isaiah 51:16 - "…I have covered you with the shadow of my hand" and Isaiah 49:2 "…in the shadow of His hand he hid me" – a poetic way of describing God's protection
- what this flower reminds me of with its dark eye, and the fact that it can fit inside your hand

SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL

- from Hebrews 12:26 referring to the end times: "At that time (on Mount Sinai) his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, 'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.'" William Barclay in the Daily Study Bible Series writes: "In that day everything that can be shaken will be destroyed; the only things to remain will be the things which can never be shaken; and chief among them is our relationship with God."
- an apt name for this flower because of the complexity of its pattern. Perhaps hybridizers will find a way to use it to shake, rattle and roll the pattern world in daylilies.

SHARPER THAN A DOUBLE EDGED SWORD

- from Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
- named for its toothy edge

SHINE DOWN YOUR LIGHT

- from Matthew 5:16 – "…let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
- the huge yellow eye and throat on this flower shines from across the garden

SHINE ON ME

- from Numbers 6:24-26 – an oft heard benediction/blessing: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

SHINING THROUGH THE DARKNESS

- from John 1:5 – "And the light (Christ) shines in darkness; and the darkness overcame it not."

SHOUT FROM THE MOUNTAINTOPS

- from Isaiah 42:10-12 which is a song of praise to God "Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them. Let the wilderness and its towns raise their voices; let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice. Let the people of Sela sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops. Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands."
- This flower has grown on the north hill at Springwood, subjected to all the fury winter can bring. It is such a strong, happy flower that blooms in bouquet form for week after week, like it is singing God's praises and "shouting from the mountaintops" that He is Lord.

SITTING ON A CLOUD

- from Revelations 14:14 **"**And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle."

SKIN OF MY TEETH

- from Job: 19:20 - "I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth." In today's jargon, it means narrowly escaping disaster. This flower spots sometimes, and it is only because of the strength of its good days and its wonderful qualities as a parent that it passed the test to become an introduction.

SOLEMN OATH

- Wikipedia: "The concept of oaths (promises) is deeply rooted within Judaism. It is found in Genesis 8:21, when God swears that he will 'never again curse the ground because of man and never again smite every living thing.'"

SOLI DEO GLORIA

- a Latin term that means "Glory to God alone"

SONG OF DELIVERANCE

- The colors of this flower remind me of the sands of Egypt, which reminds me of the flight out of Egypt and the songs of deliverance sung by the Israelites.
- also from Psalm 32:7 - You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance" and 2 Samuel 22:1 where "David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul."

SONG OF THE SEA

- from Exodus 15:1-21 – a song of praise, gratitude and joy sung by the Israelites about God's leading them out of Egypt and across the Red Sea in safety. Recommended reading for its beautiful poetry and praise.

SONS OF THUNDER

- from Mark 3:17 talking about 2 of Jesus' disciples – James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. Jesus gave them the nickname Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder."

SOUL ON FIRE

- from Mark 12:30: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." In other words, "let your soul be on fire for God."
- an apt name for this fiery, strong flower.

SOURCE OF STRENGTH

- from Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
- because this daylily is such a powerful parent

SPEAK THE TRUTH

- from Ephesians 4:15 – "but speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ."

SPIRIT OF TRUTH

- from John 14:17, talking about the Holy Spirit who reveals and speaks the truth of Jesus: "He is the Spirit of truth."

SPOKEN IN PARABLES is:

- from Matthew 13:35 – **"**I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."

STAR COMMANDER

- from Isaiah 45:12 - "I have made the earth and created man upon it. With my hands I have stretched out the heavens and commanded all the vast myriads of stars." (Living Bible)
- This daylily is in the shape of a star and has a commanding presence.

STAR OF THE NORTH

- given this name because it's a superstar in northern gardens
- Jesus is our morning star (2 Peter 1:19) and keeps us on course – just like the North Star, which gives travelers a sense of direction and is a sure and constant guide.

STORM SHELTER is

- from Isaiah 25:4 – "You have been a shelter…from the storm."

STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND

- from Exodus 2:22 – "And she bare him a son, and he (Moses) called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land." This refers to Moses living in Midian in exile from Egypt.
- an apt description of the Christian believer and a reminder that the earth is not our home. We are indeed strangers in a strange land: Ephesians 2:19 – "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" and Hebrews 11:13 - "All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth."
- the memorable title of a 1961 science fiction book by Robert Heinlein
- the name if this flower because of its unusual eye colors when it is cool or cloudy

STRENGTH TO ENDURE

- from Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
- Zone 4 can be hard on many daylilies like this one. It is not the hardiest or strongest in my garden, but it is beautiful and makes nice kids and has enough strength to get through the tough times.

SWEETEST NAME I KNOW

- the name of a favorite 1911 gospel hymn by Luther Bridges - Jesus The Sweetest Name I Know
- this flower reminds me of cotton candy – good enough to eat☺

SWORD OF JUSTICE

- from Isaiah 66:16, a prophetic declaration about the Lord's vengeance on all enemies of His church at the end of times. "For with fire and with his sword the LORD will proceed to judgment on all humanity, and those slain by the LORD will be many." See further commentary on the justice of God at **http://biblehub.com/library/watson/a_body_of_divinity/8_the_justice_of_god.htm**
- in the first couple of pictures of Sword of Justice on the website you can see a pattern that looks like a sword.

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- from Ephesians 6:10-20 where the Apostle Paul is warning believers to put on the armor of God as they wrestle with the forces of evil. I love the imagery of these verses: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.

TEETH OF IRON

- From Daniel 7:19 (a prophetic dream about the end times) - "Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet…"

TERRIBLE SWIFT SWORD

- from Revelation 19:15 – "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."
- from Isaiah 27:1 – "In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea."

THISTLES AND THORNS

- from Genesis 3:18, with God talking to Adam and Eve about their departure from Eden and the land that they will inhabit: "It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field."
- from Hebrews 6:8 – "But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned." Although throughout the scriptures we are told that God will never leave or forsake us, this passage refers to the serious consequences to the believer who turns his back on God.

THRONE OF GRACE

- from Hebrews 4:16: "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY

- from 1 Corinthians 13:12 "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." This means that in this life there are limitations on our knowledge of the things of God, but those will be made clear when we meet Him face to face.
- An apt name for this shadowy, mysterious flower.

THUNDERING VOICE

- from Psalm 18:13 – "The Lord thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded."

TIMELESS TRUTH

- from John 14:6 – "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" and from John 1:1 – "In the beginning was the Word (Christ), and the word was with God and the Word was God." In other words, Christ has always existed and has always been the Truth, so not only is he the timeless Truth, but his truth is also timeless.

TOGETHER IN PARADISE

- from Luke 23:43 – "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

TOWER OF BABEL

- a reference to the story in Genesis 11
- what this tall and very perpendicular flower reminds me of

TREMBLING HEART

- from Deuteronomy 28:65 – "And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind." This chapter lays out the blessings and curses for obeying or disobeying God's commandments.
- the pattern in the eye of this flower looks like it is trembling

TRIALS OF JOB

- from the book of Job, which outlines the trials of Job
- an apt name for this plant, which is a superb parent and super strong with many gorgeous days, but on warm humid days it tangles and spots
- On a smaller scale it describes the life of a hybridizer who faces weeds, insects, foliage diseases, deer, wild swings in temperature, drought, floods, wind, soil conditions, equipment breakdowns, etc. etc

TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION

- From 2 Corinthians 2:14 – "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him."

TROUBLE IN PARADISE

- Referring to the behavior of Adam and Eve that led them to be cast out of Eden.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

- from Hebrews 10:26-27: "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God."

TRUTH TELLER

- When I think of truth tellers, I think of the many Old Testament prophets whose role was to share with the people the word and will of God in specific situations. The ultimate truth teller was Jesus, who came not just to tell the truth but to embody it. John 14:6: "I am the way and the truth and the life – no one comes to the Father except through me."

TURN THE OTHER CHEEK

- from Luke 6:29: "If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also."
- The red eye reminded me of a slapped cheek.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

- from James 4:7: "Submit yourselves therefore to God…" Christ modeled this surrender for us in Luke 33:42 - "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."
- A good Bible study on this can be found at http://www.pearlofgreatvalue.com/AbsoluteSurrender.php and a good article at http://www.ucg.org/christian-living/unconditional-surrender/

UNDIVIDED HEART

- from Psalms 8:11 where David prays that every fiber of his being will unite in reverence to God. "Teach me your way O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name."

UNFATHOMABLE WAYS

- from Romans 11:33 (Amplified Bible) – "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unfathomable (inscrutable, unsearchable) are His judgments (His decisions)! And how untraceable (mysterious, undiscoverable) are His ways (His methods, His paths)!"

UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM

- from Hebrews 12:28 – "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."

VANISHING MIST

- from James 4:13-15 – "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'"

VIA DOLOROSA

- from Wikipedia: "The Via Dolorosa (Latin for Way of Grief or Way of Suffering) is a street within the Old City of Jerusalem. Since the 18th century, it has been traditionally held to be the path that Jesus walked, carrying his cross, on the way to his crucifixion."
- the name of a beautiful, haunting song describing the event – an apt name for this blood red flower

VISION OF THINGS TO COME

- Throughout the Bible, prophets and even ordinary people were given visions of things to come.
- As hybridizers, we can look at a cross and envision what might come of it. This flower has made a lot of beautiful kids.

VOICE OF MANY WATERS

- from Ezekiel 43:2 "And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory."
- from Revelation 1:15 "And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters." And Revelation 14:2 "And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder." And Revelation 19:6 "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

VOICE OF TRUTH

- from John 14:6 – "I am the way and the truth and the life…" and 2 Corinthians 6:7 – "Now with the voice of truth and power of God—armed on the right and armed on the left with righteousness from God—we continue."

- a great song recorded by Casting Crowns. Some of the lyrics: "But the voice of truth tells me a different story. The voice of truth says, 'Do not be afraid!' The voice of truth says, 'This is for My glory'. Out of all the voices calling out to me I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cKm_mYVPQE

WALL OF FIRE

- from Zechariah 2:5: "God declares He will be a wall of fire around His church, which can't be broken through or undermined nor can it be assailed without danger to those who attack" (from Matthew Henry commentary)
- what this tall coral red flower looks like to me when it's blooming in a large clump

WAY OF LIFE

- from John 14:6 – "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- what this flower is as a breeder – a way to beautiful new life (seedlings)

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

- one of the gift plants at the 2007 AHS National Convention distributed by the "welcoming committee" at registration
- what this flower feels like – it is so exuberant and full of bloom – like it's happy to see you☺
- what a lot of us like to imagine when we think of entering the pearly gates, i.e. being greeted by some combination of angels, other believers, St. Peter, the Father, Son or Holy Spirit who are there to welcome us home. Actually, this is not specifically discussed in Scripture, although we are assured that in heaven we will be with Christ (Luke 23:42-43) and we will dwell with God and be His people (Rev 21:3-4).

WELLSPRING OF WISDOM:

- a popular 20th century description of/name for Christ

WOMAN AT THE WELL

- The loops and ruffles on this flower seem both naughty and joyful - they remind me of the Samaritan woman with 5 husbands and a lover who met Jesus at the well in John 4:7-26. He told her: "but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

WORLD WITHOUT END

- from Ephesians 3:21 – "Unto him be glory…world without end. Amen." (world without end means forever and ever – i.e. into eternity)

WRESTLING WITH ANGELS

- I chose this name because the ruffles of the flower look like they are in the middle of a wrestling match.
- from Genesis 32:24-30, which describes the story of Jacob wrestling with an angel

WRITTEN IN STONE

- from Exodus 31:18 – the Ten Commandments