

Below are some of the verses that inspired the author as he wrote *The Gift*. Can you identify which parts of the story the verses relate to?

- "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." *Psalm 119:105 NLT*
- "Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on." *Mark 12:41-44 NLT*
- "Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy."
 Psalm 68:5-6a NLT
- "He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.
 Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion.
 But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles.
 They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."
 - Isaiah 40:29-31 NLT

- "The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass."
 Revelation 21:21 NLT
- "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."
 Matthew 7:13-14 NIV
- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
 Philippians 4:13 NKJV
- "But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high."
 - Psalm 3:3 NIV
- "And,
 - 'I will be a father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters,' says the Lord Almighty."
 - 2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV