



Jordan's Journal[®]

Painting My World.

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Live In **COLOR!**

Touch Points

"Quotes" by Jordan



"Fear never gives; It only takes."



"Challenge your limits or your limits will challenge you."



"Don't hide; You'll lose yourself."



"It's better to be big on the inside then to be big in front of others."



"It isn't faith if you know how it will turn out."



"If you're always having problems, the real problem might be YOU."

Jordan's fingerprints touch upon important points to ponder.



From the Heart of Child Artist *Jordan Cook*

The Kid Who Stole My Scooter And An Earwig In The Roses



I don't usually say this, but today was a BAD day.

It started out well enough, but things changed after lunch when a kid I didn't know came over with a neighbor friend to play. At first, I really liked the new kid. He was funny, and made me laugh a lot. The three of us had a good time.

But then the new kid started doing things that weren't funny. He doused me with the hose, then turned it on mom when she told him to stop. He threw a game we were playing with high in a tree and got it stuck in a branch. And then, *he took off with my scooter!*

He didn't *ask* to ride it, and I didn't *offer*. My scooter wasn't even near where we were playing. He simply ran over to the garage, and rode off with it!

I was so upset! I loved that scooter. My aunt bought it for me, and I always took good care of it. I couldn't believe it was gone. I kept watching for him to return with it, but he didn't.

He stole my scooter!

The rest of the afternoon, I tried to cheer myself up in the garden. I watered my herbs, dead-headed my daisies, and picked whatever blueberries were ripe enough to eat. That's

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Lavender

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As many of you know, I want to be a Botanist when I grow up. There's just something about plants I love.

One of my favorite perennials is lavender. One thing that bothers me about lavender products is that most of them aren't made with real lavender at all. They are made with lavandin instead because it smells nearly the same and is much cheaper.

The problem with lavandin is that it doesn't do what real lavender does. Real lavender kills germs, soothes the skin, and helps get rid of stress. Lavandin only smells good.

Some people are *lavandin*. They aren't what they pretend to be. Do you know there are even *Lavandin Christians*?

Take time to look at the ingredients of new people you meet before you let them be part of your life.

They may not be what they seem. They don't show you what they're made of right away. It takes time.

Ingredients count!

Here's a tip: You'll know what their ingredients are by what they DO.

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when I noticed a huge cluster of pink roses in bloom. *They were so beautiful!*

I decided to snip them for a "princess" bouquet to pamper myself. I deserved pretty roses and fresh-picked blueberries after what had happened to me.

As I studied the petals, I noticed a brown line near the middle of one of the roses. *It moved.* I screamed and nearly dropped my spoon as I jumped away from it as fast as I could.

It was an EARWIG!

There was an EARWIG in the roses!

Ewww! Gross! It crawled out of the petals and across the table. This was too much for me. Twice in one day I was fooled by the way things *seemed* to be.

This is satan's favorite trick: to get us to take something in because it seems good, when really there is something bad in the middle of it.

The kid that stole my bike seemed like a nice kid at first. I liked the way he smiled, and was happy to be making a new friend. But the truth was, his smile fooled me. He

wasn't at all what I expected. I've never had anyone steal from me before.

Expectations can blind you if you aren't careful!

I thought about the earwig. When I brought the roses in, I didn't check them first because my mind was on the scooter.

This is another trick satan likes to pull: he slips something past you when you are distracted.

Have you ever noticed that he waits for the right time? *To him, the right time is when you are hurting.*

When you have sad feelings, look out! Pay attention! He's up to something!

The kid who stole my scooter and the earwig in the roses made me realize

I need to not be so quick to take things in without checking them out prayerfully, no matter how good they may seem to be.



Live In Color!

Showing my art isn't what *Painting My World* is about. It's about adding *color* to people's lives.

When I was little, I used to call myself *Colorful Me*. In fact, this journal and my first website used to be called *Colorful Me*. Even though I still liked that name, as I got older, I started understanding that it isn't about what God gives *me*, but about giving *the world* what God gives me. That's why I changed the name to *Painting My World*.

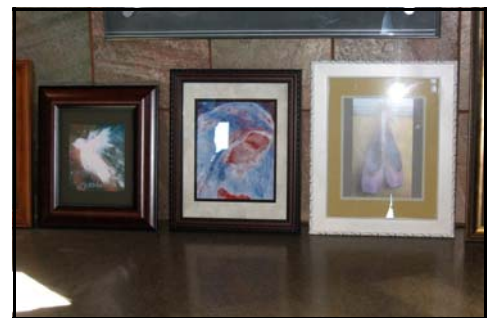
Look at the handprint
I painted when I was two:
I painted myself!

**That's a good place to start,
but it's NOT a place to stay.**

**To Live in Color, you must
paint more than yourself;
You must Paint Your World.**

Stop living in gray!
Refuse to live in black and white!
There's so much more.

“Live In *COLOR!*”



*Jordan's Art Showing at Java Fusion
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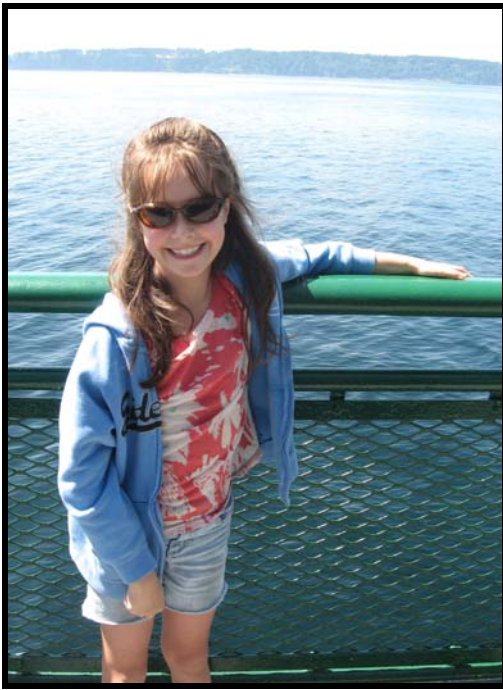


I love interviews! I never know what the questions will be, and since other people are listening, God always gives me things to say that I might not have thought about on my own.

In July, God gave me a chance to talk about Him on the biggest country radio station in Seattle, 94.1 KMPS. Since Ichabod Caine (the man who interviewed me) is a Christian, he asked all the right things, not just the usual ones like “what's your favorite color?” I'm so glad God picked him for the job!

**Somewhere out there,
someone needed to hear
more than just music.**

[Jordan's interview with Ichabod can be heard
on her website: paintingmyworld.com]



Jordan's Journal is authored by 8-year-old Jordan Cook for people of all ages. All articles are put together using *her* original ideas.

Though nothing has been added to her content—doctrinally, or otherwise—her mother, Michelle Cook, assists Jordan with writing, editing, and clarity. She also provides the graphics and layout for Jordan's creative designs.

We pray her words bless you as she writes about whatever the Spirit moves her to express.

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BALANCING ACT

These rocks caught my eye on Vashon Island. They were in someone's front yard.

Before I took the picture, I checked to see if someone balanced them, or if they were held together with wire or metal rods. To my surprise, I found that someone balanced them! Someone put great effort into stacking them like that.

**You know what?
I think some
people's lives are
balancing acts.**

**They work hard
to make themselves
look impressive.**

**They want to be
noticeable and
different.**

**They look fancy on
the outside, but
what about the empty
hole in the middle?**

**What happens when
they get bumped?**

**If you want balance
that will last,
Stand on The Rock!**



Photo: **Balancing Act**
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