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Why don't you come over here where I can hold you close, and let Me share some more intimate details of My life with you? I love talking to you like this, in the intimacy and privacy of this special cozy place, snuggled up in each other's arms.

While I was there on Earth, faithful scribes recorded some of My Words and significant portions of My testimony. But because you're more to Me than a disciple and more to Me than a friend, because you're My intimate Bride, I know you long for Me to tell you more in-depth details about My life. And I enjoy telling you. I love to share My life with you like this. ⁽¹⁾

I Leave Heaven to be a Missionary to Earth

... What a monumental day that was when My Father called Me to His side to reconfirm My great commission! I knew I was destined since the beginning to fulfill this mission. And I knew that as We were about to discuss the details, it was going to be of great significance. I was about to be faced with the opportunity to fulfill My crowning achievement of all time. I knew that in the decision that lay before Me, I held the awesome power to change the course of world history.

So My Father and I walked. We walked and We talked as the refreshing soft breeze of Heaven's gardens sang sweet tunes of melodic praises in Our honor. It was a sobering time as We looked down from the Heavens and observed the children of men and the state of the Earth under man's own rule.

Prior to this time, I had watched and observed the ways of man and the consequences he faced in making his own wrong choices. Since the beginning of time, I was very intricately involved and active in the affairs of mankind, yet I knew that unless I became flesh and dwelt among you, as one of you, I would not be able to fully understand human ways and be fully touched with the feelings of your infirmities. In order to feel as you do, to be tested in all points as you are, I had to become one with you--to take on the form of human flesh in order to become a better high priest--your mediator.

I looked on man's ways with disappointment. For if man, as a whole, had made better choices, they would have not reaped the oftentimes binding, restrictive and hurtful results. Yet they so often chose a path contrary to the ways of Heaven. As My Father and I walked, We looked and considered all that We had created, and the cries of mankind rose up in Our ears. Heartbroken for the state of the world, We counseled together, for We knew the hour had come that was ordained since the beginning of time--and now We would need to take action to remedy the situation.

It was then that My Father and I went over the plan that was ordained from the foundation of the Earth, for We both knew this day would come because of man's own choices, when there would be a dire need--and the salvation of mankind would be at stake.

Yet once again, My Father presented Me with the choice and a decision that I alone could make. If you, My loves, were to be salvaged from Satan's clutches, if you, for whom We created all the Heavens and all the Earth and whom We love so completely, were to make your way Home again, action needed to be taken.

"What must I do, Father?" I asked. "Am I to become a missionary to Earth that salvation may be given to all mankind?"

"Yes, My son, precisely. For You alone, as My only begotten Son, hold the key to redemption in Your hand."

In that moment the thoughts raced through My head, just to think of all that this would entail. Leave the halls of Heaven for a time to venture out on a long journey? Leave the halls of Heaven to become a missionary to Earth and the Savior of mankind? Leave the halls of Heaven to bear the burdens of all the world on My shoulders, to right the wrongs and break the bands of wickedness that threatened your souls? Leave the halls of Heaven to overcome the world and set you free? Leave the halls of Heaven and undergo physical death that you, My loves, might be set free from death forever? Leave the halls of Heaven to win you back, that you might return to My everlasting arms? ⁽²⁾

I felt a mix of emotions. On the one hand I was excited with the thrill of a great commission. I was raring to go! I was bursting at the seams to tell the good news, to turn things around, to turn things right-side up on My mission field of the Earth. And yet in many ways I was scared of falling, and of failing. I too struggled and found it difficult to leave the warmth and security of Heaven. I too was tempted to say no, and for a while I almost didn't want to let go. I didn't want to leave Heaven--the task seemed too great! The thought of leaving all the splendor and all the glory of Heaven was almost more than I could comprehend or accept at first. But I obeyed, I went, and I soon found that the love I had within--the love of Heaven--was love enough to sustain Me. ⁽³⁾

The task would not be easy, for in order to accomplish it, I would have to take on the cloak of human flesh. I would have to become flesh and dwell among you, become one with you in every way--to live as you live, to feel as you feel, to know joy as you know joy, to laugh as you laugh, to cry as you cry, to suffer pain as you suffer pain. I would have to take on every one of your burdens--your pain, all your suffering--on My Own frail human shoulders. I would have to die the death of a sinner so that you might rise and live forever.

Looking deep into My Father's eyes and He into Mine, there was no need for further words. Every thought and every intent of My heart was made clear. Neither of Us questioned as We stood in the grace and glory and majesty of Heaven, Our hearts yearning to have all of you, Our precious children, safely Home again. We knew what sacrifice would need to be made. And so unfolded the greatest love story the universe will ever know. For there is no greater love than this--the Father giving His only begotten Son that you might live. And so I prepared for My missionary journey.

It was amid the cheers and jubilant praises of My Heavenly sendoff, in those last parting moments before My arrival on Earth, that My Father embraced Me in His arms as never

before--and We wept. So great a sacrifice was unprecedented in all time, yet We could not change Our minds.

Our love for you was pure and steadfast, constant and unchanging, and We had no regrets. Nevertheless, the tears flowed from Our eyes, for the thought of parting was indeed a great forsaking. This remains even now a mystery to you, dear ones, for it will not be until you arrive Home to Heaven that you will be able to completely understand the full depth of this great, great forsaking--what is referred to in Heaven as the "ultimate forsaking," that you might live.

The tears flowed between Us in that difficult moment when it came time for My Father and Me to part. Though inseparable in all Our ways, for a time I would be the Son of Man as well as the Son of God. Yet We knew deep in Our hearts that there could be no price too big to pay in order to save you, Our dear loves. So what seemed bitter tears of forsaking turned to tears of joy, for We knew it would be worth it all--all Our life, all Our love, all Heaven has to offer--to redeem you. Having you by Our sides once again was well worth all We had to give in order to recapture you from Satan's grip.

For Me, the very thought of leaving the splendor of Heaven and all My glorious surroundings was not nearly as daunting as the thought of leaving My Father's side, for I had always known His direct presence. Although I knew He would always be with Me as I set out on My earthly mission, I also knew that as I took on the cloak of human flesh, I would be venturing out to know Him in a way I had not known Him before. Yes, I, your High Priest, stood in those moments on the brink of the unknown in a sense, for it was not until I became a man and walked in human flesh that I was able to be fully touched with the feelings of your infirmities.

It was in becoming one with you, as a human, that I was able to feel as you feel, to experience as you experience, and this was to enable Me to be your High Priest. I had to pass the same tests you must pass. I had to be tempted in all things as you are tempted, and nothing was to escape Me nor slip by Me. I knew that I would learn obedience through this experience as a man and through the things I was to suffer as I took on My earthly commission. I knew that as I became one with you in every way, I would never be the same.

I'm telling you this now, My loves--how I took on the cloak of human flesh, how I am touched with your feelings, how I was tested as you are tested--that this one thought might encourage your hearts. As you enter the great days ahead, let this spark your faith. Think on these things, My loves, and know that if I was tempted in all points as you are tempted, and if I could make it, you can make it too. I held on to Heaven and Heaven held on to Me--just as Heaven will hold on to you, as you call on Me. Though the dark days are falling, Heaven will bring you through to victory time and time again.

Let this thought encourage your hearts, and remember that in flesh I was no different than you. I had to make the same choices. I was faced with the same tests. I had to experience the same battles and trials. This was My great testing: to become a man, to take on human flesh and all its frailties and weaknesses, so that you could live forever. Think about this, and let it spur you on in the days to come, that just as I resisted the wiles of Satan, so can you, through My Word and the eternal victory which I have already given you!

I was the Son of God, encased in frail human flesh. I took on your form so that I might better understand you. And in order to understand you fully, I had to make Myself subject to the same weaknesses you battle. I had to know what it was like to endure, to fight, to withstand, to resist temptation, to feel weary. In order to fully understand you, I had to experience these things.

And yet I came with another mission as well--not only one of understanding you, but helping you to understand Me and My love, and My Father's love. To do that, I had to retain My knowledge of Heaven, My knowledge of My mission on Earth, and the connection with My Father, in order to pass those things on to you and be a sample of the love that we have for each of you. But I had to fight to keep the vision just as you have to fight to keep the vision.

When I say that I was no different from you, I mean that at any time I could have chosen to stop what I was doing, to quit the mission of love that I was on. I could have said that it was too difficult, that I was too weary, that I was not received as I should have been. It's much the same with you.

You have more of My Word and My promises than any other people who have ever lived. You have more knowledge of Heaven and My will and My ways and My plan than anyone else who has ever walked this Earth, save Me. I have put within you the knowledge of these things, and continue to feed you the New Wine of Heaven so that you might have the strength, as I had the strength, to complete your mission. But, like it was for Me, it is your choice. My Father could not do it for Me. Each day I had to decide anew. I had to rise early when I was tired in order to go out and commune with My Father and receive strength for the day. So it is with you. The same communication with Heaven is available to you, My precious ones.

Just as I retained the knowledge of Heaven and of My mission on Earth, even so have I given you a clear knowledge of My plan for you, and your mission to bring others to Me, through laying down your life in love. Even as My Father was proud of Me, so am I proud of you, My precious ones. I love you, and believe Me when I say that I understand. I too was tested and tempted, and I too felt weary and tired. But My Father gave Me strength to hang on, just as I give you strength, as you look to Me. It won't be long now, My precious loves, before you are joined with Me in Heaven, never again to have to experience the severe testings of Earth. I love you.

I'm sharing these details with you of how I forsook all and came down from Heaven because I want you to know the great, immense love that drives Me to you. I want you to know that though My forsaking was so great, I have no regrets. I want you to know, My dear ones, how greatly I anticipate the day when we will be reunited in our Heavenly Home. I tell you this at this time so that you might keep your eyes on Heaven and let this be the driving force in your lives in the days ahead. For this truly was My key to victory--I had to keep My eyes on Heaven. I had to set My face like a flint and live with the vision of Heaven ever before Me, and this pulled Me through.

Therefore look up, dear ones, for the time is near when we will be reunited in our Heavenly Home! And oh, what a day that will be! How My love for you thrives! Therefore, draw on this love so that it may carry you through the days ahead, even as I, when I walked on

the Earth, also learned to draw on My Father's love and it carried Me through. It carried Me back Home to Heaven. My love will do the same for you, as you depend on Me to carry you through. ⁽⁴⁾

Humble Beginnings

Why did I have to come to Earth? Why was I born? Was it just to do miracles? Was it just to show that My Father loves you? Those were some of the reasons, but it was also for My sake, so that I could feel what you experience and what it means to be human, and so that when I say "I know how you feel," you will believe Me. ⁽⁵⁾

My ministry on Earth from your point of view now looks glorious, for you can see all the good fruit that it bore and how I changed the world. But if you were to see things the way they were during My time, you would get a much different perspective. I had to learn to be a servant. I had to learn to do My Father's will--both My earthly father's as well as My Heavenly Father's. I had to endure and suffer the afflictions and emotions of the flesh so that I could truly understand and relate to each person. I had to forsake My heavenly powers to become human and to endure many, many battles, for this was all a part of My training (Philippians 2:5-8; Isaiah 53:3-9; Hebrews 5:8-9).

Like you, I wanted to do great things, to start healing the sick and delivering the good news of salvation. But I had many lessons to learn first, so I submitted and became a servant, a carpenter, a nobody in the eyes of men. To go from being the King of the Universe to being a lowly carpenter was a pretty big change! But it was all for a purpose, for I had to learn what it was like to be human and to not rely on My Own strength, but to find My strength in coming to My Father.

There were many lessons that I had to learn that are cornerstones in your lives today. But if I had not gone through those things, I would not have been able to relate to and instruct you in the way I can now. But I can now truly say I understand, for I have been there Myself. So learn to trust Me and to believe that whatever I bring into your life is for your good and will strengthen you. ⁽⁶⁾

When I came to Earth I gave up the riches of Heaven and joined myself to a poor family of a simple carpenter and his wife. My Father could have chosen any family in the world for Me to grow up with, but He did not choose one that had riches or that had a beautiful house. Rather, He chose one that was poor, that struggled for food, that sometimes had to do without when business was poor. He placed Me there so that I could understand, so that I could become one. ⁽⁷⁾

We weren't rich when I was growing up, and I helped with the carpentry business. I got quite good in time, and My skills were often sought after. But everything took so much time in those days, since we had to cut the trees and saw them into planks, and the money and time

never seemed to come as quickly as the work or needs of the rest of My family. So I would have to take time with My Father to cope with the pressures.

Later in life I went out early in the mornings to be alone, but I couldn't always just slip away in My younger years. So I would drop this small curtain that I had gotten for this express purpose that would surround the wood shavings pile. I would sink Myself into that pile and I would think of My Father and remember His happiest face. I would look deep into His eyes, and find so much peace and understanding. Then I would get up refreshed, having given My cares to Him, and get back to work feeling understood, knowing that I had a very large pair of shoulders carrying My weights and worries. ⁽⁸⁾

I came in swaddling clothes. And then in My public ministry many years later, I entered not as one who was brought up in a king's house, as the crown prince who had been groomed for power and responsibility, but rather as a humble hewer of wood. That was My "clothing," so to speak, so that when people saw Me, they didn't see the great crown prince that I was; no, what they saw was a carpenter's son, simple as that, so that I was easy to approach and ask for help.

They loved to laugh with Me and joke with Me, to drink with Me and to play with Me. I was one of them. I wasn't above them in spirit in how I related to them. I was very relatable.

Yes, I had to forsake all in order to enter the body of that little baby. I literally had to forsake all--except what I was, My very Own Spirit. But all else I laid aside so that I could become one of you. That's how much I loved you--enough to leave My Own thoughts aside, My Own Wisdom. Everything that I had garnered about Me for eternity I took off, I laid aside, and I took on your robes, your human flesh.

I was not even born in a room, let alone a household or a grand mansion. There wasn't even room for Me in the house; they had to stick Me out back in a barn with the animals. That's how humble and how lowly My entry to your world was. It couldn't have gotten any humbler. And why? Because I had to relate to you and to all of mankind with humility and lowliness, as servant of all.

I had never done that before. I had never gone to Earth in that capacity before, not for the real thing. Yes, I had made some visits, but in a way those were trial runs assisted by My angels and others. But this was the real thing. I was going it alone this time without even My previous thoughts and knowledge, and this would be a great test of My faith while in human flesh. Would I be able to make it?

I forsook all My thoughts, all My heavenly wisdom, all that made up what I was, and entered the house of My fleshly body as a human being, bound in the limitations, pains, and sufferings of not only the flesh but of the emotions and spiritual warfare that it brings on, and it was a great test. Would I stay true and faithful to My Father and make it?

The only thing I really knew was that My Father could make it through Me if I called out to Him and depended on Him. It was all by faith--faith in My Father that He would come through. Just as it's all by faith for you now--faith in Me that I will come through for you. And I will. My Father gave His best shot for mankind, and that was Me; He trusted that I would not lose faith and that I would come through and win in the end.

Well, you know the story. I managed to stay faithful unto death and I won the prize in the end--and the prize was you, My loves. I won you back to My side, and I opened the gates of Heaven for all eternity to all who will take it. I defeated Lucifer.

Before I entered that great courtroom of the trials on Earth, I was in great trepidation as to how I would do. But once there, and once I got My footing and the time was right, My Father's Spirit came down upon Me, and I followed and obeyed.

It will be the same with you. For My Spirit to come down upon you, you must be very, very low. You must have no confidence in yourself. When you walk with this mindset, knowing that you are nothing, then what that means is that you have made room for Me, and at the appointed time I will enter and I will lead. ⁽⁹⁾

Was I born in a palace? No, I was born in a stable. Was I a flaming prophet from childhood? No, I took up the humble trade of a carpenter for years and years. Did the world rally to support Me when I began My ministry? No, I was despised and rejected, classed with the harlots and the drunks. Did I have a ministry that reached millions? No, mostly I had the humble ministry of teaching and training My twelve, and feeding the Words I received from God to whoever around Me would listen.

I did have a public ministry at times, when people flocked to Me because they were curious to see miracles or to get a free lunch, after they heard about My miracle of the loaves and the fishes. However, there were many times when My ministry was the quiet ministry of a teacher, just ministering to those who needed to hear My Words and training My disciples to carry on after I was gone. All the popularity was fleeting, and what lasted was the Word that I had sown. It was the teaching and the ministering that ended up bearing fruit in the lives of My disciples and that caused them to change the world and reach millions with My truth.- Humble beginnings, greater ends.

You see, My Father had a marvelous plan for Me, as I have for you. Through My life and ministry, humble, simple, and short-lived as it seemed, God has worked in countless millions of lives through the centuries. He has been glorified, and many have been drawn to Him, because I was willing to be despised and rejected of men. I simply obeyed what God told Me to do, despite the fact that the educated men of My day looked down on My methods. Many wanted to crown Me king and wanted Me to deliver them from the bondage of the Romans, but it was not to be. They wanted to become a great, powerful, rich nation, with Me ruling over them, but God had a greater vision and plan. ⁽¹⁰⁾

I didn't have wisdom from the time I was born. I had to learn wisdom through the things that I went through (Luke 2:52). I wasn't all-knowing or perfect. If I had been, I never would have understood what it's like for you to learn, to discern, to mature, to be tested. I had the wisdom of My Father that I could tap into, but so do you. The knowledge of everything I knew in Heaven, however, was veiled; otherwise, My time on Earth would not have been a true test.

And, yes, I did learn things on Earth that I didn't know in Heaven. Before I came to Earth, I didn't know what it was like to live as you do. I didn't know what it felt like to go through the things you do, to make the decisions you do. If I had known everything before coming to Earth,

then there wouldn't have been much of a reason for Me to live out 33 years. I did that so that I could learn what it was like to be a human. If that hadn't been an important part of My mission, I could have appeared on Earth at the age of 30, lived a couple of years, and then died for your sins. Obviously there was more to My life than that--more that I had to learn and experience. That's why I spent all those years on Earth.

While I was on Earth, I had to know what it was like to be like you--to not have all the answers right off, but to have to pray and get answers and wisdom from Heaven. I wasn't meant to go to Earth with all the knowledge of Heaven, knowing everything, so that I could answer all the questions people had and solve all the problems of the world on My Own. That was not the point at all. I was working with My Father, just as you work with Me today.

I had to tap into His power, the power of the spirit world. I couldn't do it on My Own. I didn't have all of the wisdom of Heaven within Me, just as you don't today. I had to tap into it, I had to ask for it, I had to suck for it, I had to be yielded to receive it, just as you have to do the same today.

It's hard to put some of these concepts into earthly words. Yes, I came and lived as a man--but that was as much for your sake as for Mine. The main reason I had to come was so that you could know Me as a man of flesh, you could know that I went through everything you'll go through, to some extent, and thus you can have faith that I understand you. It's not as if in coming to Earth I relinquished all My heavenly rights as the Son of God. I chose to have some things put behind a partition, you might say, in My Spirit, so that I could experience things more in the way that you experience them--without a full knowledge or understanding of past, present, and future. That way I gained deeper understanding for you.

But I always had unconditional love. That's why I came to Earth in the first place. And I always had the knowledge and understanding that I was there, as God among men, to help you, to save you, to show you My love. I am and always have been your God, your Savior, and deeply in love with you. I know everything, and even if I chose to come to Earth to experience some things Myself, that doesn't mean that I didn't know them before, or that I don't know now about things that didn't exist in those days. But what I came to Earth to experience was the full range of human emotions--and as I said, I did that as much for your sake as for Mine.

Because I did that, you know that I'm not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of your infirmities, for I was in all points tempted like you are. So the balance is found in the best of both worlds: I came to Earth to experience things like you must experience them, but I was then and always will be all-powerful, all-knowing, and loving you unconditionally. If I chose to block some of that power when I was on Earth so that I could experience human emotions more clearly, that's just part of My love for you. ⁽¹¹⁾

It Was All About Love

My life on Earth was all about love, and I'm still all about love. I went to weddings; I went to funerals; I went to people's houses for meals when they invited Me. I walked the same roads, drank from the same wells, slept on the same ground. I liked to be around people; I

liked to talk with them, teach them, help them, heal them. I liked kids. I had time for people. That's the way I was and that's the way I still am, and that's how you're going to be as we spend more and more time together and My influence rubs off on you.

Yes, people listened to Me as I walked the dusty roads of Palestine and spoke to them about My Father on the streets, in their homes and on the hills, and gave them His words. But what really won them was the love in My eyes as I spoke to each individual, the concern and tenderness of My heart and in My face as I listened to their pain and problems, the compassion that I manifested as I reached out to pray for them and ask My Father to heal them, the empathy they felt from Me which compelled Me to continue to give and give again, even when I was weary and needed rest and reprieve Myself. It was the manifestation of My Father's love in ways they could see and feel and understand that brought My words to life and reached deep into their hearts, and brought about great change--even miracles.

I lived and walked amongst the people of the world, immersed in their culture, in the throngs and multitudes each day. I talked with them, walked with them, ate with them, drank with them, danced with them, listened to them, healed them, prayed for them, spoke to them, and shared their pains and sorrows, as well as their joys. My life intersected with theirs in many places, and brought Me in touch with many different scenarios, situations, problems, and types of suffering and human experiences. I was daily faced with the overwhelming needs of others and a world devoid of the love and answers that I was sent to give. I had to be relatable, understanding and compassionate, yet true to My Father's calling and message. How did I achieve this?

The key was being a loving example. People had heard preaching before. They regularly heard the Word of God read and spoken by the priests and clergy of their day. But what they lacked was the manifestation of the spirit of love behind those words that were spoken, the loving application of the Word for their lives. That was what they saw in Me--the example, the manifestation of My Father's love and compassion, the empathy and understanding, and the clarity of the truth of His words. That was what brought His words to life for the people. And the same will be true with you, My witnesses and disciples for today. It is the application of the Word in love that draws people to the truth. ⁽¹²⁾

Think about the story of the blind man in the Bible, the one that I gave sight to. Afterwards My enemies said to him, "Don't you know what this man has done? Why are you associating with Him? He's a sinner." And the man said, "I don't know what He has done. I don't know if He's a sinner. All I know is that once I was blind and now I see" (John 9:24-25).

In essence, what he was saying was, "I don't care what you think about this man. I don't care what He's done in the past or what you think He's done. All I know is that He gave me the most precious gift that anyone had ever given me. He gave me my sight. He loved me enough to care. That's all that matters to me. I experienced His love firsthand." ⁽¹³⁾

Impartial Love

While I was on Earth, was My concern only for those who fit the image of what I liked? Was My love based on whether or not someone treated Me the way I liked to be treated, or whether they said things in attractive terms or in bold, brash and even harsh ways? Did My love hinge on whether I liked their personality or not?

I gave all of My heart and love to the unlovely as freely as to the lovely--to a poor, filthy, blind beggar, or to a hated tax collector, or to a leper, or to a ruler of the synagogue like Jairus, or to a Roman centurion. I had as much love and patience for the brash Peter or the older Matthew or the sometimes arrogant Sons of Thunder, as I called them, as I did for the innocent John. ⁽¹⁴⁾

I am not selective in My love, as My Father is not selective in His love. Be followers of Me, and follow the example I left you when I walked on Earth.

As I became flesh and dwelt among you, this itself was proof of My Father's impartiality. My Father did not show Me favoritism by giving Me special treatment as a human. He did not show Me favoritism by putting Me in a comfortable position, raining down earthly wealth and riches. He did not show Me favoritism by giving Me any other earthly powers that are not made available to you.

I walked the dusty roads. I had no earthly possessions to speak of. I was a stranger and a pilgrim. My Father allowed Me to be tested and tempted the same as you. I felt the things that you feel. I had to face the same decisions that you face. I had to deal with the majesty of choice. I had to make My Own decisions. I had to learn obedience through the things I suffered. I hungered. I thirsted. I was afflicted. I knew what it was to have a broken heart. I was despised and rejected of men. I was weak and weary and footsore. I battled with the flesh as you battle. I was tempted in all points as you are. I was the same as you. I had no special dispensations in the flesh that you don't have. I know what it is to feel forsaken, lonely, weary, and destitute.

As Pilate questioned Me, and the crowds jeered, asking why, if I was the King of kings, did not My armies fight; why, if My Father was Who I said He was, did He not send legions to rescue Me on the spot? "Why?" they wanted to know. It was because it was not My destiny and My Father did not play favorites. I had to fulfill the role, My particular role that was Mine to fill. I had to fill the role and pass the tests without any special help or favoritism from above. I was not favored over you. I had to go through the same things, feel the same feelings, pass the same tests--for I was a human as you are a human, the same in all points.

As My Father above has set the ultimate sample in not showing favoritism, and I have followed, I say to you, follow also. I went around everywhere doing good, loving and showing impartial love to all those who crossed My path (Acts 10:38). Do likewise. ⁽¹⁵⁾

I Know Exactly What You Go Through

So much happened during My lifetime in the flesh. I had trials and tests, happy times and sad times. I had battles to face and lessons to learn just like you do. And just like you, I learned to obey through the things I experienced. Because I was in the flesh, I had to learn how to yield and obey and follow My Father's will the same way you do.

You know that when you yield to Me and follow where I lead you, I will always do great things for you. It was the same with My Father and Me when I was on Earth. He did great things for Me and through Me because I stayed close to Him and looked to Him, because I yielded to His will and I obeyed His counsel. But this was a test for Me at times. Because I was in the flesh, I had My share of tests in the flesh, and when those tests came I had to choose to do the right thing, just like you do. Your life is full of choices and decisions, and so was Mine.

I'd like to share some more with you now about My experiences as a man of flesh, because I know that this will help encourage your faith that if I could make it, you can make it too. I know when I say this, it's still a little awesome for you to grasp, because you think, "Yes, but You're God's Son! You're part of God, one and the same, so of course You could make it!" I can see why you might think this way, and you likely conclude that even though I was in the flesh, nevertheless, being the Son of God must have given Me a little edge on gaining victories when I was there on Earth. Well, it might surprise you to know that it didn't--at least not in the way you think.

Flesh is flesh, and all those who are in the flesh are men and women of like passions. As I've told you before, when I was in the flesh I was tempted in all points, just like you. I had to pass My tests, just like you. Otherwise I wouldn't be able to be your intercessor today, the One Who understands you and knows exactly what you go through. ⁽¹⁶⁾

I experienced betrayal by loved ones and even family. I too experienced difficulty with living conditions and even with My closest team of friends and co-workers. I too was tempted with the tests and battles and lies of the Enemy. I too faced the challenges of need for supply for Myself and those who followed Me. I encountered the same measure of difficulties and troubles and sufferings that you, My beloved brides, do now. I was broken, just as you are breaking now. There are many shattered pieces of My life--shattered pieces of hard experiences, of difficulties, of trials, of sufferings, of temptations, of sorrow and tears--which My Father transformed within His hands into a marvelous and breathtaking display of hope, courage, faith, and utmost love.

Let the window of My life be an encouragement to you. Let it lift your hearts and bring hope to your spirits to see that I have gone before you and I have filled My life with the very emotions and feelings and difficulties you encounter. If I could make it, My love, so can you. If I could endure, so can you. For I am in you, and though in this world you will have tribulation, be of good cheer--I have overcome the world! (John 16:33). ⁽¹⁷⁾

You know that I was touched with the feeling of your infirmities, and was in all points

tempted as you are (Hebrews 4:15). Let Me tell you about My experience with a near mental collapse when I was a young man on Earth. I experienced the torment of the Enemy's voice. I understand the feeling of being overwhelmed and not in control of yourself. The Enemy tried to kill Me, not only mentally, but he tried to kill My body by tempting Me to jump off a mountain.

I suffered mental exhaustion almost to the point of collapse. I not only wanted to please My Father in Heaven, but I wanted to be a good son to My earthly parents, a good brother, a good friend, a good example, a good everything. I was driven in My fleshly mind by a sense of responsibility. I knew the power wasn't in Me, that it had to come from God, My Father, but I struggled with My human mind at times and with the attacks of the Enemy. I had to learn to fight him and fight the temptation to lean to My Own understanding. I was the Enemy's main target and he tried everything he could think of to get Me to give up My crown and yield to him.

When people today read about how the Devil tempted Me in the Bible, they assume because I was the Son of God and I had all power, I could just lift My little finger and destroy the attacks of the Enemy, but they don't stop to remember that I was also a man. I had to learn to fight the Enemy as a man, like you, using the weapons of the spirit that I had-prayer, the keys, calling on the help of My Father and spirit helpers, rebuking the Enemy and his demons and quoting the Word. I learned that when I fought in the spirit I would win.

Sometimes the Enemy's attacks would frighten Me so much that I thought I was going insane. Here I was, the Son of God, so why was I having such a spiritual battle? What was wrong with Me? Where was My power? Those were the times I experienced fear in My human mind, fear that I was sinking, fear that rescue wouldn't come, fear that My Father would not save Me. I had to learn to overcome human fear, to depend on the Spirit and the Word of My Father. I had to learn, like all men of faith, to stand on the Word and not allow the Devil to steal away My faith in My Father's promises. The Word and the weapons of the spirit were My source of strength and overcoming, and they will be yours, too.

As long as I looked at Myself in the flesh, as long as I tried to fight My way out of the attacks of the Enemy with My Own two hands, I felt I was only sinking deeper. But as soon as I started fighting in the spirit with My spiritual weapons-calling on the keys, asking My spirit helpers to come to My rescue, and fighting in prayer and praise, the Enemy had to leave Me alone. Then My angels would come and minister to Me. They'd come to encourage Me on behalf of My Father. They'd bring Me His message of encouragement, they'd tell Me He was proud of Me for fighting. They'd lift up My face and kiss My tears away and encourage Me to keep going. ⁽¹⁸⁾

I had to continually make choices. I was tempted, I was buffeted, and I had to make choices whether to fight on or not. I had to decide if I was going to hold on or give up. The choice was Mine whether to give in to discouragement, to doubts, to fears, or to murmuring. Even though I knew all the glories of Heaven, I, too, was tempted time and again to give in to peer pressure or to compare Myself with others. I was tested on My obedience, on My yieldedness, on My faithfulness in even the littlest things. I had to choose to love. I was tested

on My love and how I was going to love. I had to choose to forsake all, and I had to keep forsaking all. I had to choose if I was willing to share those closest to Me with others. I had to decide whether I was going to share love or live selfishly.

I was tempted and I had to make choices. When the Devil took Me up to a high mountain to show Me all the kingdoms of the world, I had to make difficult choices. I had to decide if I was going to live a worldly life, or live for Heaven. I was tempted, and the fight was long and hard! Finally, I had to make the hardest choice of all--the choice of whether or not I wanted to die for you. But I made the right choice, and I have never regretted it! I have never been sorry, because you are the fruit of My right choices. You, My precious Bride, are worth every bit of it! Because I made the right choices, here you are in My arms today! ⁽¹⁹⁾

I had many decisions to make along the way as far as what I could partake of and what I couldn't, if I wanted to follow the path that My Father had chosen for Me to walk. It wasn't always easy to forgo those things that appeared to be fun or even innocent so that I would continue to walk the straight and narrow path of My Father's highest will.

Many of the things of the world--such as pursuing extra worldly knowledge or trying to obtain riches--would have weakened My resolve to follow My Father's path, so I chose to eschew them. I chose to forgo them, because I knew that with each step I took to walk closely and follow His path, that of His highest will, I was one step closer to fulfilling My destiny and the reason for My coming to Earth, that of redeeming mankind. With each step of obedience that I took, I was infused with the conviction to walk the straight and narrow path of My Father's will for Me--and, as such, fulfill My destiny. ⁽¹⁸⁾

I was tempted at times, thinking if only My Father would send legions of angels to correct the problems, I could go Home and get on with other things and not be bothered. "If only I could leave the task to others" was a temptation I had to fight. But My Father had called Me, and leaving the task to others was not My Father's will.

I had been groomed and called for My task from the beginning. Had I not obeyed My call, I would have missed the victories of Heaven. I would have missed the mark. I would have missed saving you. All My preparation and training would have been wasted, and everything would have been different. ⁽²⁰⁾

What gave Me the compassion, the understanding, the desire to be your High Priest? How could I have ever totally understood what you go through each day? How could I have understood the pain of loss, of defeat, of the frustrations you feel over your own weaknesses and failings? How could I have understood the depths of sorrow and loss over losing one you care deeply for? I loved you from the foundation of the world, but I never fully grasped the depths of what you went through until I came to Earth and I lived that life and felt those agonizing lacks.

It was not until My heart was shattered at feeling cut off from the One I loved above all--My Father--that I fully understood your need and the battles you face. This is something that you cannot gain through observation. Such total comprehension of this comes only in the depths of your heart, and you can only gain this by personal experience. When you weep in

anguish at what you see as the loss of the things most dear and precious to you, you then understand the full meaning of loss.

But there's a bright side to this. I went through the experience of being separated from My Father, yet in the end I became closer to Him than ever before, just as you will grow closer to Me as a result of the difficulties you face in life, or your failures. Through these times, I give you the privilege to gain the most priceless gifts: true depth of compassion, the full understanding of the heart, and the ability to relate in a way that can only come from the deepest reaches of your spirit. ⁽²¹⁾

I understand the weakness of the flesh. There were so many times when I felt like it was all too much and that I just didn't have the strength needed to go on. It was in times like these that I had to cry out even more desperately for My Father to give Me the supernatural strength that I needed to accomplish My tasks, to fulfill the job He had for Me.

At times I was tempted to wonder why it seemed so difficult. Couldn't He have made things a bit easier for Me? It was hard enough being in a physical body, enduring pain and hunger and tiredness through lack of sleep, but to have to endure the difficult spiritual battles as well-to have to rebuke demons, to have to fight for others and their healing, and to have to endure the temptations and difficulties the Enemy kept throwing My way-were real tests. ⁽²²⁾

I know what it feels like to be lied about. I know what it feels like to be challenged to your face. I know what it feels like to be threatened. I was threatened many times. ⁽²³⁾

I know what it's like to feel unappreciated. I went through the same things you're feeling now about some people not appreciating Me and what I was trying to do for them. I came unto My Own, and they didn't receive Me (John 1:11). I came to heal the sick, and many didn't want to be healed, especially not in heart. I suffered the pain of rejection, and felt the pain of My love and sacrifices not being returned, but rather thrown back in My face. I was made of no reputation, and was called a sinner, a winebibber, and even a devil (Philippians 2:7; John 9:16; 10:20; Matthew 11:19). I was slandered and hated without cause, and they finally put Me to death out of hatred and fear of Me.

I know how it feels when people don't think well of you. But I realized that that was one of the prices of giving My all to My Father and of following and obeying His will. I had to decide in My heart that "none of these things move Me" (Acts 20:24). I was willing to pay the price that not all would receive Me or My help, or appreciate what I was doing out of love for them. And that's what I ask of you.

I know it stings and hurts your hearts, but please don't let these things offend you or pull you off the wall. Rather let it soften and break your hearts in a way that will propel you forward spiritually more than ever, by driving you to Me for My perspective, My view, and My comfort and instruction during these times of growing and stretching. ⁽²⁴⁾

I'm so thankful I was able to cry out to My Father for help, and that He always came through for Me in the end! Sometimes it was a test; I couldn't see how things were going to

work out in the flesh, so I had to trust that My Father knew best and that He had everything under control.

At times it was difficult to hang on, knowing that further battles and tests and difficulties awaited Me. However, for each moment of time, My Father would always come through for Me, until I was able to say, at the end, "It is finished!"

I never received much thanks or appreciation while on Earth, but when I rejoined My Father, I was more than repaid for every sacrifice, every difficulty, and I would gladly do it all again if I needed to. It was worth it--every trial, every difficulty, and every temptation. It was worth it all. So My message to you is to hold on. Keep on keeping on day by day! ⁽²⁴⁾

It wasn't just My enemies that hurt Me. At times I felt that My Own disciples or those of My flesh-and-blood family didn't understand Me, or the things that I said, or the calling that I was given. There were times when those whom I loved the most forsook Me and left Me alone.

So I know the deep hurt and anguish that you feel when it seems that others have failed you. But I had to fight on despite the hurts I felt. I had to follow through on the calling that My Father had given Me, even though just before I was to make My greatest sacrifice, I felt that My disciples and loved ones forsook Me and that My Father Himself turned His back on Me.

What a terrible defeat it would have been if I'd harbored the hurt from the words of others or the accusations of My enemies. What a triumph it would have been for the Evil One if I had nursed My wounds or expected others to come and make things right before I went on with the calling that My Father had given Me of giving My life so that the world might be saved.

I had a mission to fulfill, just as you do. I was working in a pretty tight timeframe to complete My mission, just as you are as the End draws nearer. And know that the same supernatural strength that was given to Me to put all the hurts, the accusations, and the sting of others' words and actions behind Me, is available to you in the hour that you call upon Me, so that you can fulfill the calling that I have given you. Don't allow these things to hold you back, for if you do, there will be a loss--not only to you personally but also to the progress of My work overall.

I love you and I need you--just you. So cast off the weights that do so easily beset you, and run with patience the race that is set before you, looking unto Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith (Hebrews 12:1-2). I will be right by your side and I will give you the grace, the forgiveness, and all that you need so that the healing balm of My Spirit may go to work in your life and make what was once a broken and crushed heart into one that is bigger and more beautiful, for it will be melded together with Mine. ⁽²⁵⁾

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