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What is the Law of Love

(Jesus speaking:) The Law of Love is simply loving others unselfishly, without regard for self. It pervades every area of your lives. For in this unselfishness and in this life of sacrificial giving and loving, you not only allow yourselves to help many others, but you allow Me to pour out My blessings upon you. For I bless the unselfish and the sacrificial. I bless those who are humble, and I withdraw some of My blessings from those who insist on their own way.

Therefore, by your choosing this unselfish and sacrificial mode of living, which is called the Law of Love, you have opened yourselves up to great happiness from Me, and My blessing upon your lives.⁽¹⁾

The Law of Love as a Weapon

(Jesus:) Your weapons of the spirit all have various uses and purposes and strong points. The Law of Love is very effective as a weapon for personal defense or offense against the Enemy, but it is also exceptionally strong in defending or protecting others, or defeating the Enemy on their behalf. It's a weapon that not only helps you out in the specific battle you use it to win, but the power also goes into the encompassing force field that surrounds your Home and your loved ones, and it protects you and strengthens you as a team against further attacks.

Another exceptional strong point in the Law of Love weapon is that when used offensively, it draws the lost into My bosom, and helps them connect with Me. It's like giving them protective or covering fire while they run into My arms, keeping the Enemy away from them while they make the decision to become Mine, or to draw closer to Me.

As the days get darker, the fruits of the Law of Love will be one of your greatest testimonies. As you learn to use this weapon in the way it was designed to be used, your bond and unity will become supernaturally strong, tangible, and visible to all those who observe you. You already have a glow, an aura, a loving presence that those who are lost and searching can't help but notice. But in the days to come, if you are faithful to study and learn how to use this weapon well, that aura will increase so that it's like a light searing the darkness. It will be undeniable, and it won't take someone who's spiritually sensitive to spot it. It will draw many to Me, and will give you supernatural power and protection.

My loves, you're already strong in using the Law of Love, compared to others in the world. It's already one of your gifts. But compared to how you could be doing, with the wealth of truth I've given you, if you would make the effort to live it and obey it more fully, you could progress so much in it. You can come to understand the depth of the love I want to give you and that I want you to have between one another. You can practice with it and turn your weaknesses into strengths. You can <u>make your first</u> reaction a loving reaction. That won't happen overnight; you'll have to train hard to achieve those results. But they are possible.

You have everything you need right at your fingertips. You have My counsel and instruction. You have opportunities galore to become strengthened, in your situation of communal living and with your calling of being My ambassadors. You have the foundation already laid in your heart, for you're already living for Me, living unselfishly, and doing what you can to give My love to others. So if you want this crown--this crown of glory, honor, undeniable brilliance that comes from being exercised and proven in the area of the Law of Love, then it's yours. Come take it! ⁽²⁾

An Offensive Weapon!

(Dad:) How can you use this weapon of the Law of Love as an offensive one? What does the Enemy hate the most?--Sacrificial love, the kind that causes you to do something good for someone else. Selfish, self-satisfying love isn't a threat to the Enemy, because it causes the person to heed himself and his own wants and desires. But sacrificial love, love that puts others' needs before your own, the love that compels you to go out and win the lost for the Lord, that is a very big threat to the Enemy! He is the epitome of everything opposite. He promotes love of self, putting yourself first, doing good for yourself--all the things the world promotes.

(Dad:) The Law of Love is all about agape love, selfless love, the kind of love that causes you to reach out and do good, love your brethren, and put the needs of others before your own; the kind of love that helps you to live in unity and harmony with your brethren, and put yourself last in the overall big picture.

(Dad:) Pure, sacrificial love is as a searing white light in the spirit world; it engulfs the darkness, and darkness can't stand before it. Therefore any loving deed, any sacrifice for love, any unselfish act--sharing of your abundance with someone in need, going out

to win the lost, etc.--is transformed in the spirit world into a searing white light that sends the Devil and his imps running away. And do you know what else? Every act of love or deed of kindness that is transformed into that powerful beam of white light goes on forever, ad infinitum!

It's kind of hard to explain in physical terms, but as you know, love is forever--and anything done out of love, and for love, and in love, there on Earth, is translated spiritually into bright beams of love-light that never dim, grow old, or die. They are there for eternity and they will exist for eternity. They're part of the light of Heaven, and are what makes Heaven glow!

So are you starting to get the picture of how the Law of Love is a spiritual weapon, and how it can be used offensively? Because of the nature of man and how the Devil has taken over the world, any act of love or unselfish deed is considered a miracle in a way, because man's carnal nature is so opposite that of being loving and sacrificial and putting others before himself. This is why the Law of Love is such a powerful spiritual weapon and is such a threat to the darkness of the Devil and his imps.

Love is an actual spiritual energy, and, I might add, the most powerful force in the universe. Wielding the weapon of the Law of Love is no light matter. You have actual power in your hands when you wield it, as love is the most powerful force on Earth. And as I said, love is forever, so all those little deeds of kindness and unselfishness live on forever in the spirit.

Not only is the Law of Love a beautiful gift that I have given to you, My children of David, but it is also a very powerful weapon which you can use against the Enemy. As you learn to wield it with accuracy, you will put the Enemy to flight. He will be in fear and trembling of this awesome weapon that you wield against him.

One important key to using the weapon of the Law of Love offensively is to pray for Me to fill your heart with the love for your brothers and sisters that you need, the unselfish love, the desire, the driving passion of My Spirit that motivates you to reach out, to put the needs of others above your own, and to do all that you can to lighten the load of your brother and sister.

As you, My children, take up the weapon of the Law of Love and wield it by taking steps to put into action the commission I have given you--first, to love Me with all your heart, and then to love your neighbor as yourself--you will see a great change come about in My Family. You will truly be the Family of Love that I wish for you to be, and that I need you to be as a sample to all those in the lost and lonely dark world. As you remember in your days past, the early days of the Family, many were overwhelmed by the love that they felt when they walked through your doors. Hugs and affection and words of encouragement and comfort were free-flowing; they came from everyone's lips. There was a light in everyone's eyes, and that's because their love cups were filled.

When you show affection, when you show love and outgoing concern to another, the recipient is feeling My love through you. It is My Spirit that they are partaking of. As you are faithful to pour out to others, I will be faithful to fill up your love cup. As you pour out, I will pour in, and you can never outpour Me.

As others are touched by My love through you, they too will want to show love to others. It becomes a chain reaction. The receivers will turn around and be givers. The givers will also be receivers from Me, from others, and their brothers and sisters, and you will see a free flow of My love once again in your Homes.

You truly will become Homes of hearts melted together in My love. That is what I long to see once again in My Family. I long to see that camaraderie of spirit, that willingness to lay down your life daily for your brother and sister, those who you are living with, and I long to see you do all that you can to show them My love, My care, My concern, and to lighten their load.

You will find that as you share this love, as you wield this weapon of the Law of Love, that I will do great and wondrous things. Not only will it stave off the attacks of the Enemy, but you will be building a beautiful Home brick by brick on the solid foundation of My love and My Word--a Home in which all who enter therein will find peace, rest, and a haven of My love and My Spirit.

To wield the weapon of the Law of Love accurately and offensively takes great humility. It takes the putting on of My Spirit, the taking on of My nature. For I am Love, and I wish you to be a vessel of My love. I can give you this gift of My love, if you are desperate for it, and as you take time with Me in the bed of love, asking Me to fill you with My love and how I feel for another.

My love is so overpowering, so all-encompassing, and I have a special love for each and every person. Yes, I have it for you, and I also have it for the brother, sister, mate, teamworker, or co-worker by your side. They are all very precious and dear to Me, and if you want to please Me greatly, and if you want to really use this weapon of the Law of Love offensively, then you will search out ways to be a channel and a vessel of My love to these by your side. (Dad:) The weapon of the Law of Love is the main motivator that gets you out the door every day witnessing to the lost and winning souls. Because of the love of Christ which compels you, every time you get out and witness the Lord's love to others, you are wielding the weapon of the Law of Love; for if you didn't have that love of the Lord and love for the lost, you wouldn't be out there. You wouldn't sacrifice your flesh and your personal desires and your time and your energy to get out and reach the lost if you didn't have that driving motivation of love to compel you.

The weapon of the Law of Love is total unselfishness, total yieldedness to the Lord's will, and total sacrifice in laying down your life for another. Using this weapon any time a situation comes up where you're tempted to be a little selfish, or unloving, or to lift yourself above another, destroys the works of the Enemy and sends out another beam of pure white light that destroys the darkness.

*If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.--*C.T. Studd (1860-1931).

(Jesus speaking:) When you feel loved, when you know that someone cares for you, when you are important to someone, don't you feel that life is worth living? Doesn't it give you an extra boost of inspiration and strength and encouragement? I work as hard as I can to project that message to the person through My Spirit and through My words of love and comfort to them, but many times I wish to show them a physical manifestation of My love through you.

Will you be My hands to reach out and to touch, My arms to hold another in a close embrace? Will you be My lips to kiss, My tongue to speak words of love and comfort and encouragement? Will you be My eyes and shine with a spirit of love and acceptance and affirmation? Will you be My ears that will listen to the heartcries of others?

You are a physical manifestation of Me and of My love. How well are you doing on that front? How much do you seek to show My love to others?

Many of you are held back by pride or by fear of what others will think. Or maybe you feel that that person doesn't need love and affection from you. But whether it may seem like it or not, all need love, all need affection, all need to know that I care for them and that I love them. And I wish for you to be a channel and a vessel of this love.

Every step of love that you take, every outgoing show of concern, is wielding this weapon of the Law of Love offensively. This weapon is an offensive weapon. Determine to put it to use. Determine to not go through a day without looking for a way in which you can wield this weapon against the Enemy, and strengthen your brothers and sisters. As you are desperate to put the weapon of the Law of Love to use, and as you seek Me about how you can show the love and the care and the concern that I have, you can be sure that I will give you My direct guidance and instruction, the checks of My Spirit, and will show you ways in which you can best wield this weapon against the Enemy.

As you use the weapon of the Law of Love, not only will you be gaining victories personally, but you'll also be protecting your brothers and sisters from the attacks of the Enemy. For as you give them love, you are in a sense strengthening their force field. You will be lifting up a standard against the Enemy. As you all unite in love--in one heart, one mind, one body and spirit--you will be such a force of great and mighty power that you will send the Enemy running! You will set him back on his heels, and he will know that he is no match for the force that is coming against him--the force of love, the force of My Law of Love.

This weapon, when wielded with accuracy, will bring defeat to the Enemy's kingdom. Use it, wield it, and search for ways to actively put it into practice, and you won't be disappointed. The results and the victories won will be unlike any you have ever seen before. Everyone will be strengthened and renewed, for everyone will be loving and lifting each other up. That is the way My new Family must march into the future--all one body, one in hope, one in love, by using My Law of Love.

Love is the greatest force in the universe, so wouldn't it stand to reason that My Law of Love would be one of the greatest weapons in the universe? Satan hates love. Everything that he is--his nature, his spirit, his goals--promotes the opposite of love. He promotes hatred, violence, hurt, oppression, depression, discouragement, and condemnation. But through My love, and by using the weapon of the Law of Love, you bring peace, love, hope, joy, happiness, challenge, excitement, comfort--so many beautiful gifts. These are all things that many in My Family long for.

(Dad:) Everyone's Law of Love weapon is different. Each one is custom-made according to the person's strengths and weaknesses. Some people are naturally strong in the area of doing kind deeds, or in sharing what they have with those in need, or in sacrificing their own wants and desires--but they may be weak in other areas regarding the Law of Love.

Your own personal Law of Love weapon helps you in your weaknesses. Wielding it gives you extra strength and power to do the loving thing, the kind thing, the sacrificial thing, or whatever it is that you are being tested on at that moment. Ask the Lord what

your personal weapon is like, and what areas it is going to help you in regarding the Law of Love. If you're not sure what your weaknesses are, pray and ask the Lord, and He'll tell you.

(Jesus speaking:) Ask Me to show you how you can use the weapon of the Law of Love in your life in an offensive way, and learn to be skilled at wielding it. Don't wait until an incident comes up where you are being tested and then it becomes a defensive weapon.

Make it part of your daily prayers, that you will have this weapon in your arsenal at all times, ready to pull it out at the first sign of the Enemy's nose, or those birds trying to make a nest in your hair. Be on guard, be on the attack, be ready, and be aware! I love you! Long live love!

Living the Law of Love is living love, living like Me in all things, but with a special focus on this very big part of Me. I'll remind you of a few things that are all part of living the Law of Love--which is, in essence, adding sincere love to everything you do:

Be affectionate

To be loving is to be affectionate; the two are almost one. *Give more hugs*. There are many good times to hug someone, besides the usual morning hug or when you meet someone from another Home or who you haven't seen in a while. Hug when you're talking, or hug after talking, or when you sit by someone.

Touching is important too. Touch the one you're talking to, hold their arm or hand, hug them, or place an arm around them. Hold hands or arms while walking with someone, even if it's just for a short distance that you walk together. Hold hands while you pray. Touch someone gently and affectionately if you need to squeeze by them or need them to move out of the way. Human beings need physical contact, and affectionate.

A side benefit of affection is that it breaks down pride. It's hard to have distance between you and someone else when you're physically touching and frequently affectionate. Touches reassure and comfort and bond you together, and they can help keep pride and distance from forming.

Also, pay attention to the kind of affection others like and try to be sensitive to how they respond and why. Those who aren't used to giving or receiving a lot of affection may initially be hesitant or reserved. They may be surprised and appear to dislike or avoid affection. Try to find out if it's a matter of getting used to affection, or if they prefer not to be touched in a certain way for whatever reason, or prefer a different type of affection. Also, the affection I'm speaking of here is not sexual in any way. If something is perceived in that way, then it's wise to not go there, or to ask Me how you can avoid giving that impression.

Learn to be more aware of others and their needs

Learning to be more sensitive to others, more aware of what's going on around you, and what the others around you are thinking or feeling or needing is a part of maturity. It's growing up and putting others' needs before your own. It's realizing that very often you are the one I am calling to help meet the needs of those around you--but you can't do that unless you learn to recognize those needs.

Start with the obvious things, and then ask Me to help you to learn more and become more attentive and observant. If you know of something someone needs, give it to them, or try to get it for them. Offer to help someone--with a job they have to do, with their kids, to prepare a class, to do their laundry, etc. Do something with someone who might appreciate company during their free time. Get a message from Me for someone if you see that they need or would appreciate some encouragement, counsel, or love from Me. Offer to do the part of dinner dishes that your partner prefers not to do.

The list is endless of the different needs you can respond to. Some needs are obvious, others not so much--or not at all, until you start looking through the eyes of love. But with some care and interest--with love--you can sense the needs I want you to respond to, and then do it, even if it's a sacrifice.

Be outgoing and impartial in your interactions, especially in social or communal situations. This is closely related to being an attentive and impartial listener. Don't just stick to the group of people you're used to hanging out with or talking to, but branch out to someone new or different. Be open to making new friends, or just to talking with different people about different things. Besides being loving, it can be a very interesting learning experience.

Work on your body language to make it more accepting, welcoming, humble, and loving. For example, nod when someone is talking to you, or when someone is making a point in Home Council; it says, "I understand your point; it's a good point." Look people in the eyes and smile when you greet them. If someone passes by and you don't have time to talk to them, wink or smile and nod. If someone knocks on your door and you're working, get up from your desk or your bed and hug them, and walk them into your room and offer them a seat. When someone asks you to pass them something, smile as you give it to them, or touch their hand.

What are your hands and arms doing? How is your posture? Crossed arms, for example, usually make you look distant or standoffish. Let your arms hang down beside

you or rest on something. Or better yet, be affectionate and touch the one you're talking to or interacting with. Appearing relaxed and at ease usually makes people feel comfortable with you, and helps them to feel like you enjoy being with them or talking to them.

Give unselfishly

This one is clear in just those two words. When you're giving because there's something you can get in return, that's not really giving. Maybe you're loaning something to someone and you have a nagging worry in your mind that they might give it back in worse condition, or you have to give of your time today and you aren't feeling too happy about it. Maybe you're happy to do things for the people who you feel will do something in return for you, but if someone doesn't seem to have a way to "pay you back," then you hesitate to give to them.

Give those thoughts and feelings and worries or "bothers" to Me, and I will help you to give without regret or thought of loss. Then look around for something you can lovingly do that has nothing in it for you at all, and see how much comes back to you in return anyway!

Giving unselfishly increases your trust in Me and dependence on Me. It reminds you who you're really here for. It surprises you with happiness and "returns" when you least expect it. And it builds strong bonds of love with those you might not have reached out to otherwise.

Give of your material possessions

Give your time. Do something sacrificial that isn't a "trade-off." For example, offer to take the baby for a walk during your get-out time, teach the kids a Word class so the parent or teacher can get personal Word time, do the dishes for someone who's tired or busy, offer to plan a spiritual activity for the Home so that the shepherds don't have to do it, etc.

Give your love and affection

<u>Give the gift of intercessory prayer</u>, and intercede before My throne for those in need.

Give what you have and you will open up the storehouses of My power and provision for you! You can only make a vacuum for My blessings when you give!

Examine your etiquette.

Some people think of manners as something old-fashioned and outdated. But actually they're a big part of showing love. <u>Taking the extra step and doing what you can to be pleasant and polite is the loving thing to do</u>.

Say "excuse me" when you need to interrupt someone who's talking. Use "please" and "thank you" freely. No one can read your mind, so what they see, hear, and feel from you is what they'll know you for. This includes showing the proper thankfulness to others when they give or lend you something; apologizing for interrupting a conversation, if you must interrupt; addressing others respectfully; being a good steward of borrowed and community items; excusing yourself before leaving; using decent manners at the table, etc.

Conversational etiquette.

Closely related to general manners and etiquette is the way you carry on conversations and communication with others.

When you're in a conversation with someone, tune in and give the speaker what serious consideration you can. Even if it's someone you don't find particularly interesting, or the subject isn't your favorite, be polite and give them your focus when you're talking to them. Be attentive and impartial. When you walk away from a conversation, do you only remember what you said, or do you remember what the other person said too? It's a good thing to think about and it'll show you how much you're really listening.

If someone comes up while you're talking together with another person, especially if it's at a fellowship or social event, bring the third person into the conversation if you can. Give them a brief rundown of what you were talking about, and make it obvious that you want them to be there too and be a part of the conversation. If you're discussing something private or personal, either finish your conversation later, or be honest and just explain that you were having a private conversation--and explain the subject matter, if you can. Most people will assume that if you don't want them to join a conversation, it's because you were talking about them. So make sure to clarify that that's not the case. Be as welcoming as possible, and then if on a rare occasion you need privacy, people will understand.

Have private conversations in private as much as possible. Don't whisper in front of others.

If you have to interrupt someone, be apologetic and polite about it.

Put the needs of others before your own

Do you let others go before you in the serving line? Do you offer the biggest piece of cake to someone sitting beside you? When someone needs something, do you offer to give them one of yours? Do you give others first pick of the provisioning? Is your first thought often for yourself and your personal family and friends?--Or do you look around to see who has the biggest need? When you go to a party do you look around for others who might be standing on the sidelines, and spend time talking with them? Think about it, and make a change today.

Be respectful of your community

This goes for your communal Home as well as the neighborhood, community, or city where you live, and ties in with many aspects of being a winning team. You should feel personally responsible for your Home in more than just your area of responsibility or work. Do you take time to improve some area of your Home and communal space, even if it's just tidying up after a movie, washing some extra dishes after a meal, or pitching in to help with Home improvements from time to time? It's not anything great to just take care of your assigned jobs, but when you go above and beyond to make things nice for others, that's living the Law of Love.

A few examples of respecting your outside community would be establishing good relations with your neighbors, keeping your grounds clean and presentable, helping the locals when it's within your power to help, being polite and obliging with any requests your neighbors make regarding things such as where you park your car, or some aspect of your house or neighborhood, how or where you unload provisioning, etc.

Love the lowly, or those who aren't exactly your favorite

Pray for impartial love, and look around your Home and see who you haven't gotten to know yet or haven't really made an effort to love, and ask the Lord for something you could do for them that would be meaningful and encouraging for them.

Go out of your way to try to get to know and show attention and appreciation to those who you don't know so well, those who you don't really "click" with, or those who you don't get along with so well. The more you try, the more you step out to love, the closer you will be to your brethren.

Show outgoing interest in and concern for the children.

Living the Law of Love is living the One Wife vision. You're all one Family, and those children in your Home are your children. Do you treat them that way? When you give to the children and are interested in them, the love you give comes back to you multiplied many times over.

Showing love and consideration and giving attention to the children is also showing love to the parents and teachers. As you get to know the children and their needs, you will be more motivated to pray for them and to pour into them when you have the opportunity.

Forsake your own plans in order to help someone else

It's tough to give up something you were wanting or needing to do in order to help out in the Home, to volunteer for a job that wasn't part of your schedule or plans for the day. But showing willingness to help out and to give of your time to another is a great part of living the Law of Love in your Home.

Pray for love that covers a multitude of sins (1Peter 4:8).

When you live with someone day in and day out, the mistakes, shortcomings, problems and idiosyncrasies of that person become very plain to you. But once you notice something, you have a choice to let it bother you or to not let it bother you. Praise Me and appreciate the person for all their wonderful qualities that help to make your Home the winning team that it is. You'll be much happier and will receive My blessings if you focus on the positive, let your love cover the little irritations, and move on! That's the only way a good, lasting, and happy marriage will work, and the only way your Home will be good, fruitful, and lasting is if you *overlook the little problems with love*.

Think positively and lovingly about others

Force yourself to think on the good things, to count the good qualities in others, to appreciate and build on others' strengths. Then when you interact with them, your actions and expressions and words will automatically reflect those good things you've been thinking and meditating on. Your whole spirit will become more loving, unselfish and humble as you actively look for and focus on the good.

Go out of your way to make things nice for others, even when you don't know if they'll notice or you feel they're not thankful.

Give without expecting appreciation or gratitude. Do things for others, think about others, and try to make things special, happy and exciting for those you live with. Even if you don't feel all that inspirational or gifted for activities, you can still give toward the happiness and unity of your Home by doing the small things:

• Changing the dish water.

• Washing someone's coffee cup even though they forget it in devotions every day and they never thank you for cleaning it.

• Setting the tables nicely.

• Making any reminder signs appreciative and positive instead of accusatory or nagging.

• Smiling when you see someone.

• Speaking positively about your day or the workload you carry.

• When someone does thank you for something, react positively instead of trying to remind them of exactly how much work it was.

• When cooking a meal, try to make the presentation of it nice and inspiring; it doesn't cost any more money to do so, but it sure does increase the value and quality of the meal to all!

These are just a few small things, but you should come to Me and ask in what ways you can make things nice and inspiring for those you live with, and I will show you the little and big ways that will help you to give love to others in this way, and you'll be so happy you asked Me!

Forgive!

Just do it! If you're having a hard time forgiving someone for something, even if it was just a little inconsiderate comment or an unloving deed, or something they said about you that you didn't like, bring it to Me and ask Me to remove the burden. If you need to talk with the person to straighten things out, come to Me first to clear your head of any emotional reaction you might have or negative feelings about the situation, so that you can resolve things nicely and the forgiveness that you need will be pure and from Me.

Whenever possible, avoid making any mention of the negative happening or hurt to someone else, as that will reinforce the negative in your mind, and if said in the wrong spirit or to the wrong person, can also be gossip. Forgive and forget--or if you can't forget immediately, at least don't talk about it to anyone else. Putting it into words will only plant it more firmly in your memory and make it harder for you to get over it.

Give some thought to the effect your actions will have on others

Be mindful of others' needs--for quietness, privacy, respect, variety, encouragement, or whatever the need might be. Do your part to meet those needs.

The important thing is to think loving. In everything you think, everything you say, everything you do, and even in things you don't do, ask yourself, "*Is this the loving thing to do?* Am I showing unselfish love and doing my part to make this a better Home and a better world?" The Law of Love as a weapon is much like a rudder applied to a big ship.

It slowly but surely can move and drastically change even the biggest of things. So do your part to spin that wheel and get things moving and changing for the better.⁽³⁾

Let it Become Part of You

(Dad:) You need to go back every so often and reread those Letters on Love. You've read them in the past, but now that you've come through so many changes, you're going to see this weapon in a whole new light if you will review the counsel that the Lord and I have given you.

Many of you have seen it as something that would help you to endure that person over there who just almost drives you nuts, or put up with that one over there whose personality really rubs you wrong. But that's just using the Law of Love weapon like a sword or a gun, as something that's not really a part of you.

When I said "living the Law of Love," how do you live something? It becomes such an integral part of you that you no longer see it as something separate, put on, or forced. It's part of your life. You're living it.

When you start integrating these weapons into your life, it shouldn't be a matter of "your feelings" versus "what the Lord says I have to do." You must *fight to make them so much a part of you that after a while, using them comes automatically*. In the case of the Law of Love weapon, focus so much on the good and Jesus in others, get so full of the Lord's Spirit, pray for so much love, base so many of your actions on love, that anything ugly and selfish gets washed right out of your heart, and a loving response becomes your first response.

That's what the Lord's love is. Isn't that what His love is toward you? You don't feel Him up there fuming and snarling about a mistake you made today, and then deciding to try and be nice anyway. His love is so overwhelming that He sees your sincere heart trying your best to please Him in spite of all your failings, and your potentially irksome weaknesses only spur even greater compassion in His heart to want to encourage and lift you when you're faltering. If there's any anger, if there's any fury, it's aimed at the Devil and his imps who are trying to pull you down.

The weapons of the Law of Love and brotherhood can activate in your heart that same love, those same good reactions and understanding and faith in others. And you can try it with your other spiritual weapons too. The more you praise, the more praise will become a habit, a good first reaction. The more you pray, the more prayer will become a part of you, and you'll naturally be more prayerful. Making your spiritual weapons a part of you is key to having the changes you desire, and being able to defeat the Enemy before he gets too far in any of his evil plans.⁽⁴⁾

Start with You

(Jesus:) To use this weapon offensively is often to use it preemptively. What does that mean? It means to use the Law of Love as a "strike first" kind of weapon. Before you feel lonely, reach out to others. Before you feel jealous, share what you have. Before you say unloving words, preempt them with loving ones that build up another person. To counterattack with love is good, but to preemptively attack is even better! If you can *make the loving way your habit, your first reaction,* then so many negatives won't even have a chance to come into your life.

Often this means that you consciously do something which strengthens your use of the Law of Love, simply because you want to exercise yourself and stretch in that way and strengthen the spiritual force field around you. You shouldn't have to wait for something to go wrong in your interactions with others, or for there to be a real obvious need for love in your Home or relationship before you realize that you should maybe be a little more active in putting the Law of Love into practice. When there is an obvious need, or a problem, it only means that you haven't been taking the offensive enough, and that a situation has gotten extreme enough to be really noticeable.

Then, even if you attack immediately, you're already somewhat on the defensive. But unfortunately, that's the way so many people use the Law of Love. It's like using praise as a weapon once you're already depressed. It's better than not using it at all, but how much better to use it to strengthen your defenses so that you don't have to deal with that attack in the first place!

The Law of Love, as you all know, is very broad and covers just about everything in your lives. You try to live in harmony and not to hurt anyone, but too often you reserve the actual deeds of love, the words of love, and the positive actions of love for when there is a need or a problem. Often before you do a favor for someone, they have to get to the point that they seem really stressed out or under pressure and really, really need the help. Before some people get their needs for affection met, they have to be really, really lonely. Before some people get included with others and brought into a circle of fellowship, they have to undergo long periods of "outsidership," feeling they don't belong. That's not the way you should be fighting with this weapon.

It's good that you try to remedy these situations when they arise, but it's even better to be continually taking the offensive through using this weapon, so that those situations never even come up, or only rarely. But what that means is that you need to motivate yourself to put your love into action regardless of whether you personally are confronted with a need. Let's face it; it's much easier to respond to a need than it is to take the initiative. Most of you are pretty loving people when faced with the poor man who fell among thieves (Luke 10:29-37). Most of you are pretty good Samaritans, and you've gotten that aspect of love down pretty well.

So to take the next step in really attacking with love as your weapon, you must see the things you do, the words you speak, and the actions you take not as something you're doing for someone else because they really need it, but almost more something that you're doing for you, because you really need the practice, and need to be exercised in whatever way I'm showing you.

You should see living the Law of Love as a preventive measure against so many of the Enemy's attacks. You should make it your goal to *supply the needs before they arise*; to have such strong bonds of love that disunity can't enter in; to be so outgoing and unselfish with one another that selfishness doesn't exist; to be so inclusive of others and sensitive to their needs that genuine loneliness doesn't become a problem.

In the process, the more of My love that you're using and giving out and asking Me for, the stronger you are in spirit--not only against those specific neutralized-by-love type of attacks, but against anything the Enemy would throw at you. My love is powerful. It's an antidote to almost any poison of the Enemy. It's a salve for almost any wound. It's a source of healing for almost any ailment, physical or spiritual. It's amazing!

Back to using the Law of Love as a weapon proactively: You can't wait for the needs or problems. Your reasons for acting on your love, even something as simple as writing a loving thank-you note to someone, need to be motivated by a thought process that says, "Hmm, I don't think I've really stretched myself in the Law of Love lately. What have I recently done to put my love for all my brothers and sisters and mates into action? How have I been the Lord's love for someone lately, beyond what's expected of me in my normal Home duties?" That's the kind of thinking you need, so that you'll constantly be aware of whether or not you've been pouring out enough; and if you haven't, then you'll know that it's time to take action--love action--whether you think it's needed or not.

Let me tell you, it is needed. You need it too! You are the one in need of some love to be poured out. Your spirit needs that challenge, that growth, that exercise in doing things for love, and because you feel love in your heart for your espouse and friends--which is how I look upon you all and have asked you to look upon each other. Otherwise it becomes a work of the flesh to fill needs only when you deem them great enough. It becomes a ritualistic fulfillment of only the bare necessities, rather than <u>ensuring that each cup is filled to overflowing</u>.

The good news, though, is that it's much easier than it sounds to change your method of operating. When you become more proactive in love and are constantly

looking for ways to manifest My love, the ways you put it into action not only get easier with frequency, but they don't have to be such a big deal or some major affair.

Giving hugs is a part of it. Saying kind words is a part of it. Giving sincere encouragement is a part of it. Helping with tasks and little favors is a part of it. Compliments are a part of it. And those are all easy, small things. But how often have you reserved a word of encouragement for when someone looks especially down? Why not give a word of encouragement to someone who looks cheerful and happy? They'll appreciate it, and who knows but that you could save someone who was heading for discouragement from ever having to go there at all.

Why should you offer to help with someone's kids or invite their family to join yours for parent time only when the parent or parents look really stressed out? If you did it more regularly, they wouldn't have to be stressed at all, because you'd have lightened their load before it got unbearably heavy.

This is how I want to take care of you. But too often you have the same mindset with Me--that of only casting your cares on Me when you absolutely, positively can carry them no further. But I don't set down those conditions. I don't tell you that only when you're absolutely exhausted can you call on My strength. There's nothing too big for Me, but neither is there anything too small for Me. I'll comfort you in your slightest care, just as I will in your biggest heartbreak. There's no need to save anything until it's "valid" enough to bring to Me, and there's no need to save your good words and words of love toward each other either.

In some ways it might help if you change your focus from outward to inward. That might sound like a step backward, but in living the Law of Love, that's where it needs to start--with you. *Love begins at home*, right? And how do you change the world? You start with yourself. So when you're looking to live the Law of Love more fully, you shouldn't look around like, "Hmm, does anyone really even need my love?" But you should look at yourself like, "*How much love have I given*? How much do I pour out?"

People are proud and often will hide their needs for long periods of time. Everyone also tries hard to appear in the victory, praiseful, and positive most of the time. So judging only by need, you may miss a lot. But judging by your own frequency and "love-giving-meter," so to speak, you have a need to continually give, and the more you do it, the more you'll want to do it, and you'll meet more needs that way than if you waited for those needs to manifest themselves.

And remember that the Law of Love isn't just the big things, it's treating others the way you would want to be treated. If you like compliments, give them. If you like affection and physical gestures of love, give them. If you like to receive praise and commendation, then give it. If you like to receive help with difficult or tedious tasks,

give that too. Think of all the times you've wished for this or that, that someone would help you with something, or someone would acknowledge your work on a project, or someone would just say "hi" and tell you that they loved you, or that someone would invite you to do something fun with them, but you never really mentioned it, it never really happened, and you just went on with your life.

Then think of all the times that must happen every day in the lives of others. If you have a need for love, and inner desires and wishes for love, don't you think others do too? How often do you express your desires and needs? 50% of the time? 30%? 10%? 5%? Less? Very often you don't express anything at all, yet the need is there, isn't it?

Think of everything you want out of life that has to do with other people. Even a smile is a need. You look at someone, tell them "good morning," and you want a smile from them, because it makes you feel good to know that you've made them feel good and made them smile. *Think of everything that makes your life better, and then do those things for others.*

When you measure your output of love and take more thought for how much you're giving, you'll be amazed at the conviction it puts on your heart to give more often. Stop right now and think about the last time you gave "over and above" love, something that wasn't expected of you, but that you did anyway. What about before the last time? How long was it in between? How often do you think is enough? A loving act a day? A week? Only you can judge. You can't put a quota on love, but you certainly can tell when you've been a conduit of My love to others, or when your channel has been a little dry, with not much love coming through.

But love's a boomerang, as you know. What you give will return, and he that soweth sparingly will reap sparingly, and vice versa (2Cor.9:6). That puts the onus on you to give more, if you want to get more. And whether you're giving because you want to receive, or you're giving because there's a need, or you're just doing it because I told you to, remember that you're the one who really gains. The biggest need of all that's being satisfied is your own need. You're created to be a being of love, a loving person, and in giving that love you are filling your own needs even more than you are those of others. Withholding love makes you the biggest loser, not others.

That's why you have to check your love meter. You have to take time to reflect on how much you've given, and how often. It's worth taking stock of so that you don't let yourself get out of practice. I imagine that most of you, upon taking stock of your love output, will feel like you could give a whole lot more. That's good; that's what you should do! That's where giving love "just because" comes in. <u>There's no bad motive for</u> <u>giving My love.</u> Even if you're getting something out of it, that's not wrong. Just make sure that you love without partiality, or eventually you'll find that you are the one losing out. If you're loving unselfishly, you open yourself up to receive My full blessings, including abundant love from others. But when you love with partiality or favoritism or only love those who are "easy" for you to love, you'll find that what I want to give you in return in the way of blessings and love coming back to you is also stopped and choked. *You'll get back in proportion to what you give out.*⁽⁵⁾

In order to use the weapon of Love and the weapon of brotherhood, you must abandon the selfishness, pride, and laziness of your own human nature. Then these weapons are activated and you are able to use them in all their power for My glory.

You will be able to go far beyond anything man has ever accomplished before, because it will not be the nature of man doing it, but My nature in you through these weapons that will destroy evil, defeat Satan, and bring light, life, love and power to one another, to yourself, and to all those you touch.⁽⁶⁾

Help We Can Count on!

(Jesus:) There are many in Heaven who can assist you in the giving of love and the living of My Law of Love. I've said before that the conception of cherubim as cupid-like baby angels is inaccurate, because the cherubim are in fact mighty and powerful angels! But there are those in Heaven much more like the earthly stereotype of Cupid, bringer of love. There are lots of what you might call "Love Fairies" who exist to help guide you in the ways of love.

What are they? They're embodiments of My love. They're created from My love to be little helpers, and to give you guidance and anointing and the desire to pour love out on others. They're female in form, and while they don't shoot you with arrows, they do flutter around and help put love in your heart for others, and inspire you with ways that you can give love and share love.

They haven't always been, in that they're not angels or ancient spirit beings. I created them when I gave the Family the full truths of the Law of Love. Don't think it strange that they can be constructed out of love. I made man from the dust of the earth, and I made Eve from a rib. I used temporal materials because you are temporal beings. But in the spirit I can make spiritual beings out of spiritual powers, and so it was that I crafted these helpers out of pure love.

They're not just for romantic love; in fact, that's a very small part of their love. They inspire and fill you with all the love that I have, which is multifaceted. My love loves you as a bride, but also as children, friends, brothers, sisters. My love can be anything to

anyone, which is what these Fairies of Love will help you to be. They will help give you a little dose of My love for whoever you need to love.

Just having them around will help you. Since they are made out of My love, just having it near you will increase your own love beyond mortal limits, and give you a taste of the supernatural. They can also assist in witnessing, because part of My love is a love for lost souls, and thus these beings also have that loving influence to provide.

You can call on these Love Fairies for assistance in giving love in all ways, because that's what they're made for. They don't do a lot of talking; they deal more in feelings, impressions, and mental guidance, and the "tug" that you feel on your heart to do something out of love. They don't usually give prophecies or messages, although it's not impossible. When they speak, they sound childish and playful, but they can convey very complex and adultlike emotions through their spiritual leadings. So you have to sense them more than you see them or hear them.

When you call on them, one will come near you and perch on your shoulder just the way you'd imagine a little angel should. They'll direct you, pointing with their fingers as to where to give love, and how. They also emit a constant aura of love which pours all over you, making you give love--but also having the added benefit of making you more lovable, and making others love you more. That's the way love goes, isn't it? The more loving you are, the more others want to love you. That's what these beings bring about.

You also can't forget to call upon <u>the Queen of Lov</u>e, My Mother, the Holy Spirit, to bring you love in all your ways and actions.

<u>Aphrodite</u> is also a spirit being of love who can empower you to give love far beyond your physical and earthly emotional means. The Holy Spirit and Aphrodite will help open you up to the love of Heaven, which doesn't see as man sees, but looks beyond into the hearts of men and desires to love them.

<u>The spiritual Cathars</u> are also on call to assist you in your use of the weapon of the Law of Love, for they have been commissioned as the guardians of love. They can help you in your use of either the weapon of the Law of Love or the weapon of brotherhood, for both involve love, and love is their specialty, their ministry, and their jurisdiction.

It's good to call on the spirit world for assistance in living the Law of Love, because it helps you to realize that it's not something you can do in the flesh. Flesh and blood doesn't have enough love to unselfishly care for others more than itself. Acknowledging your need for spiritual assistance puts you in the right frame of mind to give and receive the kind of supernatural love that I'm engendering in the Family through the truths of the Law of Love. More on the Love Fairies--The Whisperers!

(Jesus:) Men would describe them as fairies if they saw them. They choose to manifest themselves in the female form, but in reality, they are neither male nor female. Love is not gender-specific. My love is gentle, aware of the tiniest detail, yet no one in the universe is more masculine than I am.

They seek out those who are open to the thoughts and feelings of My love. Although their mission at this time is to guide you into living the Law of Love as fully as possible, they, like the Holy Spirit, can only enter in where they are received and welcomed.

When you call for their help, they come in teams, some seeking out brethren or sheep nearby to draw them close to you, while others begin to fill your heart and thoughts with pictures, feelings, and thoughts to guide you through the open doors I am setting before you to give My love to another.

These beings are created of My love. And just as My love is not passive but vibrant, and the source of great power, so these--although they appear small and delicate to the eyes of man--carry the energy to empower you to do anything good out of love. They have chosen the form of a tiny female fairy as an illustration. My unlimited love for you is the most powerful force in the universe and is able to do anything, yet its power and force and might cannot manifest its fullness through you unless you yield to it.

These Love Fairies are small and able only to offer My power and might to you. If you choose to desire it in all its fullness and above all else--even above your own feelings and desires--My power floods through them to transform your mind, your heart, your feelings, and to empower you with the supernatural might that conquers all.

Showing My love to another may seem a small thing, but in the spiritual realm it is actually more earthshaking, life-changing, and demon-destroying than all of man's wars throughout history combined!

These Love Fairies are manifestations of the Law of Love because they can transform those who yield to them, altering their thoughts and feelings and opening their hearts and minds to the reality of just how powerful love is. Though you may think My Law of Love is simple and a small thing, when it is received and acted upon, it becomes the source of power to do the impossible, to create a bond of unity that cannot be broken, and to unleash the world-changing power of My love as an undeniable demonstration of all that I offer those who will turn to Me and receive the greatest gift ever given.

<u>These Love Fairies are called the Whisperers.</u> They are close by your side, and as you call on their help, they will be there to guide you, to remind you to place My love in first place in your life, and to shower you with the power and beauty of My Spirit as you heed their whispers and step by step become better vessels of My light and truth to this darkening world.

I will also give you a little glimpse of future events: As you grow, so their voices will grow in your heart, and these will become companions to you in your many exploits throughout eternity. This is just the beginning of mightier things than your mind can begin to grasp. Use their help wisely, and frequently, and you will come to value them as precious treasures and gifts from My heart to yours.⁽⁷⁾

Be My Servants of Others

(Jesus:) To be a true servant of others, you have to first of all <u>be a true servant to Me</u>. You have to give Me your all. You have to see yourself as Mine--My property, My possession, My slave, My subject. You have to accept and acknowledge that you are bought with a price, that <u>I own you</u>, and that therefore, <u>as My servant</u>, if I tell you to serve others, then you are obliged to serve them just as you would serve Me. For as I have said, inasmuch as you do it to the least of these, My brethren, you do it unto Me (Mat.25:40).

You are bought with a price. Remember always that part of that price, part of that calling, is to not only be My servant, subject to My bidding, but to be a servant of all, subject to the bidding of the needs of others.

When you see a need, when you hear of a need, when you sense a need, it is because I am calling you to do something to fill that need. What you do may be different in every case, but the point is that it is your duty--because you are Mine, and because you have bound yourself to Me in love, as a love slave--to see yourself as a servant of others, a servant to their needs.

If you adopt this mindset and remind yourself of it often, you will not need to worry about whether you are doing enough for Me and others, or whether you are living My Law of Love. These things will come naturally as you determine to serve Me and serve others, and make this not just something you do from time to time but an integral part of your daily lifestyle.

--You need to develop the general attitude of being a servant; esteeming others better than yourself in the sense of expecting that <u>in any given scenario</u>, you will serve and help others, and not the other way around.

--You need to be more willing to help out with "little things" that come up--whether as a trip partner, helping unload provisioning or shopping, standing in for someone on dishes or with their kids, etc. Your natural reaction to such things is "I don't have time." Well, as you know, nobody really "has time." You should at least pray about it each time something like this comes up, though, and ask Me if you have time and should volunteer, rather than just assuming you can't and won't.

--You need to be more attuned to others, anticipating their needs and asking Me what to say or not to say while conversing and interacting with people. You've realized lately that you can be pretty insensitive sometimes. I want to give you the gift of *seeing into people's hearts and minds*, and you can start using and honing this now by "asking Me everything" during your conversations, and letting Me guide you and give you checks so that you realize how things you say will be received and how they will affect the person you're speaking with.

--You need to be more honest with your friends and people you work and interact with. That's part of love. It's part of reaching out. It's easier to kind of bury things under the carpet or ignore them, but that's not the loving way. It's the safe way, the easy way, the time-saving way, for you. But it's not the best way. Let Me teach you how to communicate and express the things that need to be expressed, in love and consideration.

--Last but not least, you need to reach out more in the area of unselfish giving of your time in fellowship and reaching out to others. You try every now and then, but it's difficult, I know, because it is a sacrifice. You feel you have so little time to even be with the people you want to be with, and then to be with those you're not so inclined toward, and who you feel maybe don't want to be with you anyway, is really a difficult thing. It's difficult because of pride, because of selfishness, and because of fear. You need to have more faith and pray more often for Me to help you in this.

I want to use the Law of Love to be more of a blessing to you--and in living it, you in turn will also be more of a blessing to others. You can be a part of the process of generating greater unity, which I am trying to bring about. It's not something that just "happens." It's something that comes about as a result of everyone doing their part, however small it might seem, to build bonds of unity, love and trust.

It's not that you're not loving or kind to people, but it's a continual fight to have quality time with people other than your closest or most immediate friends and loved ones. It's worth the effort, though, so don't give up and don't fall into a lethargic "if it happens, it happens" attitude. Do something--even little somethings--to help make it happen. And I will bless it and you will feel the results.

(Jesus:) <u>Your top priority is your time with Me and your fellowship with Me</u>, and sometimes you might even need to forgo desired fellowship with others if you haven't yet fulfilled My desires by spending enough time with Me. But for the most part, <u>your</u> fellowship with your brothers and sisters and loving them is a very close second on your priority list. It's not that it's above your work, because your work has to get done, but it's somewhat on an even par, and you have to have the right balance between the two.

If you are reaching out to others and meeting their need for love as well as fulfilling your own need for friendship and companionship, then on both sides you will be more inspired and encouraged and thus more productive. If things are flowing well in the spirit between you and your co-workers and mates, and your interactions are loving and caring, things will of course go better in your working together, without bumps and friction. It's not just an exercise in humility or obedience--although in some ways it is one of those things that teaches you yieldedness and makes you soft to My Spirit--but it's also a means that I seek to use to bless you and make you a blessing to others.

It's good to be dedicated to your work, and there's a time for everything; but when it's time to play, it's time to play. Or when someone's visiting and fellowshipping with you, it's time to give them your full attention. If you're really in the middle of something important and timely, well, say so; but if not, set it aside for a moment and focus completely on the person you're communicating with.⁽⁸⁾

About Our Previous Full Freedom of the Law of Love

(Note from Editors: Since 2010 when Peter and Mama through the Reboot documents dissolved our communal living as one pillar of the Family way of life, most of us of the remaining Children of David have had to accomodate our sexual habits to the normal monogamic boundaries of the society wherein we have had to enroll. Therefore from then on <u>our living the law of love "to the full"</u>, which meant with broader sexual limits beyond marriage, has also had to be restricted to follow a more normal set of sexual rules, specifically, <u>limiting our sexual relationships only within marriage, as Paul in 1st</u> <u>Corinthians 7 counselled</u>)

(Jesus speaking:) The doctrine [Of living the Law of Love "to the full" with broader sexual rules beyond marriage] is not on trial here; it's the people's implementation of it that must be judged. The question is not whether the doctrine is right. It is. The question is whether the people can be trusted with it.

There is no doubt about the validity and truth of the full freedom of the Law of Love. David received the truth from Me, and he was faithful to give it to the Family. Maria and Peter have built on that truth. There is no doubt that <u>the full freedom of the Law of</u> Love is of Me; that is not in question.⁽⁹⁾

The Law of Love, as you all know, is very broad and *covers just about everything in your lives*.⁽¹⁰⁾

(Maria wrote:) The sexual aspect of the Law of Love is really a very small part. The Law of Love is the basis of our lives for Jesus, our communal living, our testimony as disciples, and even our salvation. Jesus brought the Law of Love when He came to Earth. He suffered and died on the cross so that we could be freed from the old law, the Law of Moses, and so He would have the power to forgive us for anything we ask His forgiveness for. In place of the old law, He taught us the Law of Love.

(Jesus speaking:) the Law of Love is about meeting the needs of others. Is the Law of Love guiding all your actions?⁽¹¹⁾

(Dad wrote:) NINETY-EIGHT PER CENT OF LIFE IS NOT SEX! So why not enjoy the other 98% instead of letting 2% ruin all your enjoyment of life & all your pleasure? There are lots of other pleasures in the World besides sex! I guess I'm over-sexed & was sexually deprived a good deal of my life except for what I personally supplied.

I WAS ALMOST FORCED TO BE CELIBATE FOR THE SAKE OF THE LORD & HIS WORK'S SAKE, REALLY. My religion kept me pretty celibate, so I was a eunuch for Christ's sake. So for Christ's sake why can't some of you just be eunuchs & be satisfied with it?

Sex is not the greatest thing in life! SERVING THE LORD IS THE GREATEST THING IN LIFE! Serving others is the greatest thing in life! Jesus said to love Him with all your heart & mind & strength & to love your neighbour as yourself, that those are the greatest things in life! (Mt.22:37-39; 19:19) The Law of Love didn't even necessarily include sex. He never said anything about having to love sex!

(MARIA: I THINK, HOWEVER, THAT PEOPLE NEED TO REALISE THAT MOST EVERYBODY STILL HAS THE NEED FOR AFFECTION EVEN IF THEY DON'T FOR ACTUAL SEX.) Yes, everybody wants to be loved, of course. (Maria: Affection is very important, kisses & cuddles & hugs just to know you're loved even if sex doesn't enter in much. The physical contact is important because it shows that you're loved & it helps you to feel secure. Sex isn't necessarily a sign of love, but affection is always a sign of love.) That's real love, genuine love & it can even be sacrificial love!

WHAT'S THE GREATEST LOVE IN THE WORLD?--THE LOVE IN WHICH YOU LAY DOWN YOUR OWN LIFE FOR SOMEONE ELSE. You sacrifice your own life & your own self for the sake of someone else. That's real Love, God's kind of Love, sacrificial love, spiritual love! (Maria: And that's the most important.)⁽¹²⁾ (Jesus speaking:) *It's much more important to be free in the spirit than in the flesh,* for <u>there are many circumstances and situations where My Spirit will guide you not to</u> <u>demonstrate your freedom in the flesh.</u> Yet even in those situations, you can still be free and yielded in the spirit, demonstrating the wild and free spirit of David, who led the Family out of the System and all its conformity and covering up, and into the beautiful new realm of abandonment of all that was in the world, and total acceptance of the love of their Creator.

Being free in the spirit is about truly being married to Me and seeking to please Me in every aspect of your life. It's about being Spirit-led. It's about asking Me everything. It's about checking in with Me if I want you to do the humble thing in any given situation, and how I want you to do it. It's about being humble enough to let Me stretch your spirit into new areas of growth, even if those areas are a little uncomfortable for you.

Being free in the spirit is about praying always for My Spirit to flow in your times of recreation, and fellowship with others. It's about glorifying Me and loving Me intimately. It's about being vocal regarding your faith in Me and love for Me.⁽¹³⁾

(Dad wrote:)WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ABANDON A FEW THINGS TOO. "All things are lawful to us, but not all things are expedient" (1Co.6:12, 1Cor:6:12) Some of our literature & some of our pictures, & maybe even some of our doctrine & freedoms, we may have to forego in order to survive!

SO NEARLY ALL OF THESE MOVEMENTS WENT THROUGH THIS SORT OF EVOLUTION, GROWTH, MATURITY OR MATURATION. If they could get through these various crisis stages, if they could survive each of these, then they'd sail on through the next very well.⁽¹⁴⁾

I Set a Challenge: Love More Deeply!

(Jesus speaking:) What I ask of My children is a miracle--I ask for outgoing, sacrificial love. It's the nature of man to be self-preserving, self-seeking, self-satisfying. It's the nature of man to put his own needs and survival above others. But that is the way of the men of this world who know Me not. My children have a great advantage because I've broken those natural circuits. I've cut those wires and I've rewired their minds and hearts to do My bidding, which is to love others. What a marvelous testimony this is!

When I was with My disciples I said, "*By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another.*" In that day, this love was a great testimony; it drew much attention and caused a mighty widening of the eyes. But how much

more so is this love a miracle in this day and age when people are completely consumed with themselves, their own wants, needs and desires. People have closed themselves off from loving sacrificially. There is such darkness, such misery!

But this lack of love only serves to make the love of My children shine more brightly! It's as a beacon of love, direction, miracles, power, strength! People cannot deny that such love is out of this world. They ask, "Where do you get such love? How can you live together? How do you do it?" Ah, such satisfaction it brings Me when My children are such a testimony of My love!

In this day and age there is an even greater need for love, because the hearts of men have grown terribly cold and hard. They are no longer sensitive to the gentle reflection of My Spirit--they need strong blasts of the red-hot, fiery, blazing power of My love in action! Only then, when it's as a huge, brilliant bonfire in their midst, will they notice, see and believe. For this reason I have set a challenge before the children of David to love more deeply, more sacrificially, more impartially.

I know this is far above your natural ability. It's out of your reach to find such love on your own. If you try to do this in your own strength, the arm of the flesh, you'll be disappointed, frustrated, and tire of such labor. But if you call out to Me, simply asking Me for the love you need, and are then willing to put that love into action by faith, I will give you My love in such tremendous volume and power that you will know you have witnessed a miracle!

It takes desperate prayer, a believing spirit, and a willing mind and heart. Then follow this with many small steps of unselfish love, and you will become a new creature. You will think of others, have more concern, and feel for others' needs more readily. You'll be willing to give up your own plans and ideas to care for the weak.

Love is action, love is doing, love is outgoing concern. But all of this must come from My hand if it is to last. I have such love for you! I'm waiting with a flood of love to pour out upon the children of David, if you will but ask, seek Me with desperate hearts, believe that this is possible, and then be willing to be made willing, available, sensitive lovers of others.

I am the God of miracles, and I will give you this miracle of love. I want to give you this new anointing of love, which is synonymous with My power, My face, My person. I am Love, and you can have more of Me than you've ever had before. Ask and you will receive! *(End of message from Jesus.)* ⁽¹⁵⁾

So give, give, give unto one another! Love one another! See Me in one another! Treat one another as if you are speaking to and treating and talking and touching and loving and interacting and feeding and encouraging and strengthening Me. For I dwell in each of you, and My abode is there, My Spirit lives within the tabernacle of your body. Therefore I am in each of you, and that which you do to the least of these your brethren you do unto Me, whether for good or whether for evil.

Thus look at one another as My Love and look at one another as Me. Therefore love one another, for by this shall all men know that you are My chosen ones, My called-out Church. For you are the Children of David! ⁽¹⁶⁾

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