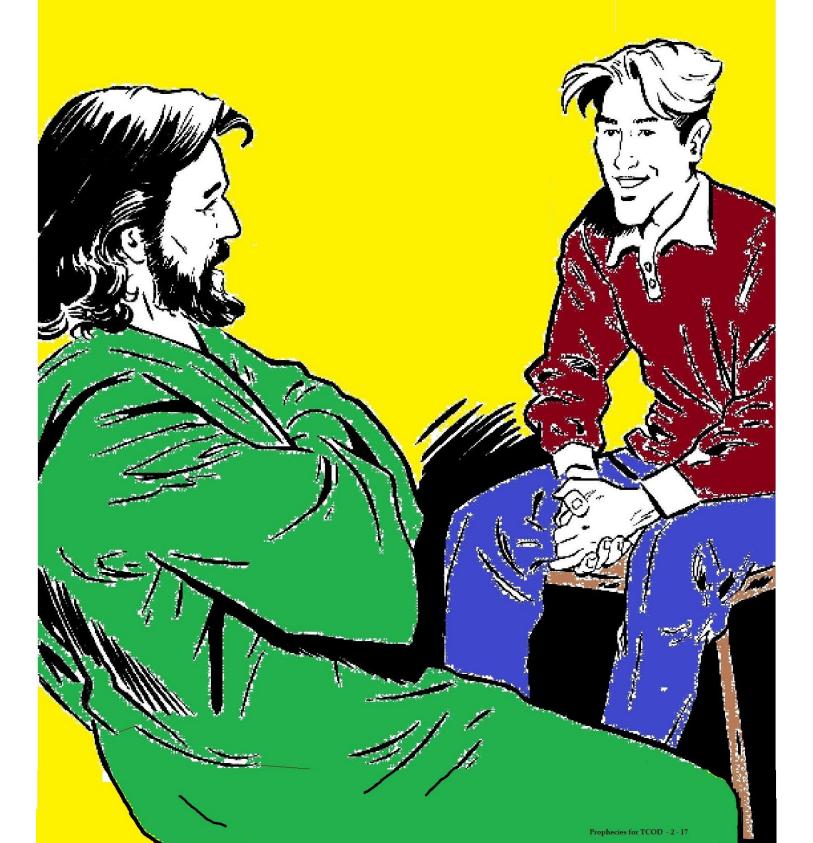
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(All prophecies are Jesus speaking unless otherwise indicated)

(Jesus:) Some things never change and one of those things that will never change is that you will always need to walk by faith and live by faith if you're going to be My disciples. You're always going to have to keep looking to Me step by step and getting My direction as to "What next?" As your Father David said, "For God's sake, follow God! You're going to have to trust the Lord! It's come to that!" It has always come to that, and it will always come to that!

Learn to depend upon My voice and wisely discern it, trust in it and lean on it as truth, no matter what the circumstances may look like in the natural. You must learn to put your faith in My Word and in My voice of prophecy, and stand unmovable and unshakable, completely trusting in Me, the Lord your God. (2)

The secret is to stop and ask Me. Wait and get those words in prophecy from Me. Trust that I'm going to give you those words. Know that it's not in your strength that this work will be accomplished. Know that I am doing it. As you give your work over to Me, as you give your life over to Me, I'll lead and guide you. As you ask and listen to Me, I'll be there for you. Take a moment to hear My voice of prophecy, and again and again through the day as you reach a turn in the road, look to Me. (3)

Ask Me for the faith of a child who reaches up and receives her Father's gifts. She doesn't think about it and analyze the message, because she has childlike faith and trusts that her Father knows what He's doing and He knows what's best, and all she has to do is trust. (4)

Always be asking Me what you should do, how you should do it, when you should do it, where you should be, what you should be doing. Always ask Me everything, and as you receive My answers and obey them, you'll be able to walk down the center of My will, pleasing Me, being at peace with yourself, knowing you're doing your best and that you're doing what I want you to do.

The Enemy will fight your hearing from Me in prophecy. He'll fight it

viciously. He'll bring up every excuse in the book why you shouldn't do it, why you can't, why you don't have the time to do it. But there really is no excuse for not doing it, and there's every reason in the world for doing it! If I am the Creator of the universe, and if I am the One Who ordained it all and keeps it all moving, I am the One Who can give you the instructions that you need to do your part to keep your little universe in tune and in line with Mine, to keep you going the direction that you need to go.

Make it easy on yourself and let Me do the guiding, let Me do the driving, let Me take over the controls as you sit back and relax. Let Me take the strain and the pressure off the situation. Let Me smooth out the rough spots. Let Me make the ride smooth, relaxing, comfortable, and easy for you.

Of course, not all things in life will be perfect and without difficulties, but use these things to let Me draw close to you, to put Me to the test, to see what I can do for you and how I can help you through. There will be times when things are more difficult. But if you do your part and seek Me, as you acknowledge Me in all your ways and hear from Me in prophecy, then I can direct your paths. I can give you specific direction and counsel to help you through the difficult situations, as I have promised in My Word. After you've done your part and heard from Me in prophecy, then you need to learn to relax and let Me take over. You must trust that I will perform what I have promised, even during those times when I may tell you that you must simply hold on to Me, have patience, and wait for Me to smooth out the difficulties and resolve the situation. This takes faith, and in some situations it takes great faith. But that's what I expect of you, My dear children who walk closely by Me, who know Me intimately, who desperately seek to do My will. (5)

When the Pharisees brought the adulterous woman to Me, asking, "Master, what should be done with this woman?" I knew they were testing Me and that they were out to get Me with that question, and I didn't know how to answer it. I couldn't rely on My Own wisdom or experience, nor did I receive the answer from My Father right away, even though I asked. That was the hardest part and was a big test for Me. Would I panic? Would I go ahead in My Own reasoning? Or would I simply not answer and walk away? What was I to do? I did not know. *I will wait. I will be still in faith and wait for My Father, and I will trust.*

Those moments seemed like hours to Me, and to those around Me as well.-To My disciples who wondered inwardly if I had the answer to such a controversial question; it seemed like a lose-lose situation, and their faith in Me was tested. To the scribes and Pharisees, who were impatient and pressed Me, as they were eager to trap Me in front of the people. To the crowd around Me who were keen to mete out judgment. And to the woman whose faith was also deeply tested, as she awaited her sentence.

It was a life-and-death situation, and the pressure was on. I was tempted to give in to the huge amount of pressure I felt to "deliver." But I waited for the guidance of My Father. I waited quietly and patiently for the voice of the Lord. I waited in faith, knowing that My Father would not fail Me if I did not fail to do as He had commanded.

Then the answer came! My Father spoke, and then it was clear, and what a relief that was! It was the perfect answer and was the right thing to do. He instructed Me to say, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." And because no one there was without sin, no stones were thrown that day, and I forgave the woman's sins. (See John 8:3-11.) ⁽⁶⁾

I had stayed close to My Father. My love for Him was great, so My first immediate reaction was to call out to Him, trust Him and obey His still small voice in My heart. (7)

In the days to come ye must hear from us on this Side to know what ye must do on that side. For it now becomes too complex, too difficult and too deep for you to understand all that goes on about you. But we understand and we can lead you and guide you and direct you if ye will but listen, and if ye will but believe, and if ye will but trust and have faith that the Words that we speak unto you are Words from Heaven and are Words of God, and are instruction from us Here unto you there. (8)

There will be plenty of times in life when you'll face decisions that only you can make, or when you will need to do something that only you can do, and you need to have your faith built up and ready to trust Me for the answers and direction that I give you in those times, and have the faith and peace of mind to follow through on them. This is another reason why it's important to build up and strengthen your faith; you never know when you'll need those muscles strong and ready for use.

Learn when it is time to stand on your own feet and put your trust and faith in Me, taking a stand of faith and personal responsibility. (9)

It took great faith to do the things My Father instructed Me to do while I was there.

Do you think giving the "flesh and blood talk" was a piece of cake? (John 6:47-63). It took faith for Me to say yes to My Father. It was a step of faith to yield, to speak the words that He gave Me to say, to deliver that message-as well as all the other "hard saying" messages. But every time as I obeyed, as I delivered the words, as I praised My Father and put My trust in Him, the answer came. I understood. I received the benefits. I had to put My faith, trust, and belief in My Father's word first, then came the blessings. It didn't happen the other way around. (10)

Can you not trust Me to speak through you and to help you get it right? If I am able to open the mouth of an ass and give good counsel, am I not able to open your mouth and give good counsel through you or your brother or sister? (11)

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