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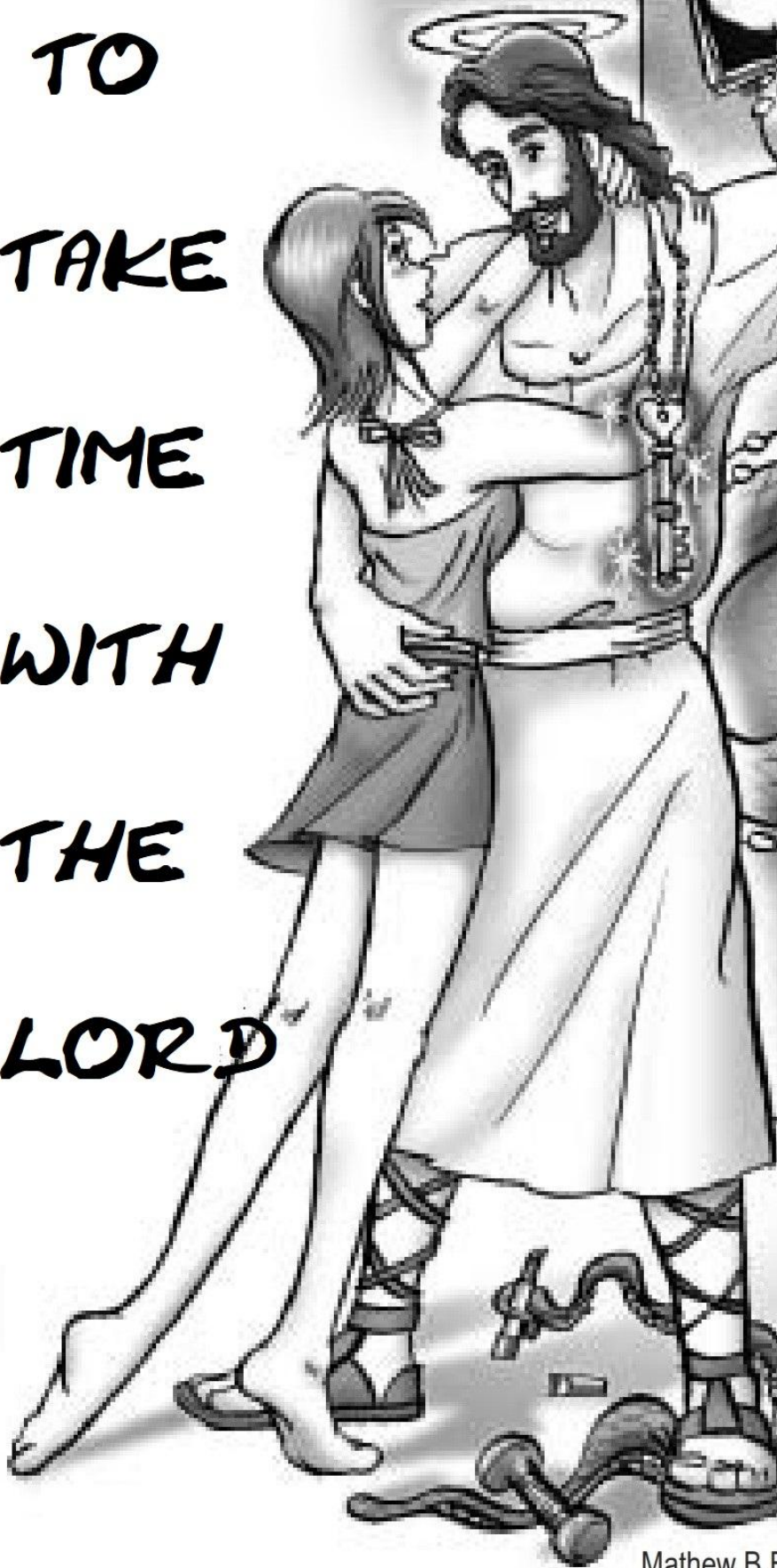
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(All prophecies are Jesus speaking unless otherwise indicated)

Every day, before you do anything else, take time with Me. Rest in My arms and hear My Words and let Me speak to your heart about your priorities, lead and guide you, remind you, instruct you, and speak to you with My still, small voice. Take time each day to be My channel. Take time each day to hear My Words, to love Me, to rest in Me. Make this your priority. ⁽¹⁾

Do you remember the account from My time on Earth when I was in the back of the ship resting in the midst of a terrible storm (Mark 4:37,38)? I wasn't just sleeping, but I was resting with My Father. I was spending time with Him away from the hustle and bustle of the storm about Me. I knew that My Father was in control. I knew that He would take care of the storm. And I knew that My time with Him was even more important than immediately seeing to the storm and calming it.

My attitude was right, My heart was right. I was fully focused on God and He was all that mattered to Me. Even when it seemed as if certain death battered our ship, I was not in a hurry, because My Father had asked Me to spend that time with Him and that was more important.

This is why I chided My disciples afterward, saying, "Why are you so fearful? How come you have so little faith?" I was in essence telling them that they too could've calmed the storm, or at least had faith through it, even if I hadn't solved the problem for them.

And it's much the same for you, My loves. Regardless of what is happening about you, if I show you to come away and spend that important time with Me, then that is the most important thing you could be doing at that time. I'm in control, and in My time and way I will calm the storms and help you to see to all that needs to get done--once you've been faithful to spend time with Me. ⁽²⁾

If a child knew that at certain times of the day he could go to see his father, and that his father would dispense into his hand a special gift, the child would be faithful to go unto the father day by day at the specified time. And though ye see not the gift that I will bestow upon you, ye must come in faith, believing that I will bestow upon you that which ye need. For as ye show your love unto Me, so will I bestow upon you My blessings and all that ye need!

Though this may seem a sacrifice unto you, to come unto Me and to take a few minutes in praise, in thanksgiving, in adoration, in worship and in affection of the Spirit, I will be well pleased. And it will be My pleasure to give unto you the blessings of My Spirit. ⁽³⁾

The touch of My love recreates and gives new life. It breathes fresh vigor into the tired and weary. All it takes to remain full is faithfulness to your times alone with Me, where you retreat to My arms and find Me and My love in all its fullness. Its abundance will never diminish, and it will always be there for you--all you need of it and more. ⁽⁴⁾

The more you are praising Me, turning your thoughts into prayers, and faithfully taking your quiet time with Me, the easier it will be for you when you stop for a moment to hear My voice. When you are very busy with other things and neglecting your time with Me, that is when it is harder to enter into My Spirit, for you have to travel farther. The distance between your busyness of the world and the quiet peace of My Spirit is far, and when you are not stopping regularly for My Spirit, it can become a great labor to enter into My Spirit.

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These moments spent with Me are essential to the miracles I want to do through you in the future. You must have a very close connection with Me, a good clear channel that can hear the slightest whisper. I'm tweaking your upgrades and I'm testing your equipment to make sure it's all just right. I've got to use you, it's a big part of My plan, but I have to know for certain that your equipment will be reliable and dependable and will not fail Me in the middle of an important test.

That's why it's so important that you take these times with Me, because they're tuning you, training you, testing you, and showing Me you're dependable--that I can depend on you to come to Me, to listen to Me, and then to follow through, whether you think it's important or a big deal or not. Whether or not you're dependable determines how much I can use you.

If you're very dependable, I can take you with Me everywhere and use you for any task. If you're somewhat dependable, then I can use you most of the time. But if you're a little flaky and can't be counted on to do the job right when I need it done, then I can't call on you very often and I can only use you in low-risk situations where it wouldn't be too bad if the equipment failed. But the high-risk situations and intense missions are out of the question because I don't know for sure that I can depend on you.

That's what I'm teaching you now: dependability in the spirit. You learn that by faithfulness in spending time with Me, and then following through on the things I show you during our time together. I'm teaching you to be responsible and reliable in the spirit so that I can depend on you and know that you will be suited to whatever task I call you for, because you will do as I ask of you. That is spiritual dependability. ⁽⁶⁾

Even though there's so much to do, don't skimp on the things that are essential to your spiritual health and well-being--such as the Word, prayer, praise, and hearing from Me. If you're not faithful with these things, then you'll wear out and burn out fast, and then you won't be much good to anyone. ⁽⁷⁾

Be faithful to stay close to Me no matter what happens. ⁽⁸⁾

In order to be proactive for Me and a positive force and demonstration of My love while out in the world amongst its people, you will have to stay close to Me and strong in spirit. You do this by being faithful and diligent in your spiritual life, taking in My Word every day, praying with and for one another, praising and having a joyful and grateful attitude, communicating with Me and one another, and putting My Word into effect in all aspects of your lives. ⁽⁹⁾

Find the eye of the hurricane, that special spot where there is perfect calm and quiet. Find that place with Me where, even though the world around you is being tossed about and turned upside-down, you still have peace in the midst of the storm. It takes practice to find the eye of the hurricane, but if you are faithful with your times with Me, resting in Me, dwelling in Me, loving Me, praising Me, and thinking of Me, you will always be able to find that "secret place," where nothing will be able to touch you. ⁽¹⁰⁾

Thank you for being My forever love. I am so thankful for brides like you who keep their oil burning, who are faithful to fight to come spend time with Me, even when it's difficult. You have strength that you know not of, because I am your strength, and I never run out. ⁽¹¹⁾

The key is still the same, My loves. It has to be you leaning completely on Me for the strength, the faith, the vision, and all that you need to do My will. And that faith comes from a very close and personal connection with Me. Without that connection, you will falter and possibly fail. But if you're wise and faithful to guard your connection, there is nothing that I will ask of you that you cannot do. ⁽¹²⁾

Faithful, consistent, quality time with Me is the key to everything else in life. It's the key to productivity. It's the key to wisdom. It's the key to having your works remain, rather than being destroyed by the first opposing storm (Mat.7:24-27). It's the key to My blessing. It's the key to leading a balanced life. It's the key to happiness. It's the key to loving and fruitful relationships with co-workers or loved ones. It's the key to everything good! ⁽¹³⁾

You and I both know that when you're faithful to take your time with Me, and I mean really take your time with Me, then I work behind the scenes to care for what you can't. ⁽¹⁴⁾

It's not only you anymore that is living there in your body, but I am also living there with you. If you've been faithful to spend time with Me, it will show, even in what might to you seem like normal, ordinary things. In fact, your testimony and sample during those normal everyday things can often be the most powerful--when it's obvious that you are not "you" anymore. ⁽¹⁵⁾

When you're taking your time with Me faithfully, I'm able to help you keep things in perspective, and you're not as easily pressured and tempted to overextend yourself. I'm also able to bring the solutions through prayer, much quicker than you could ever bring them about, if you could bring them about at all. I will do the work for you if you'll let Me. The dynamics of the spirit are such that you can accomplish much, much more if you spend time with Me. ⁽¹⁶⁾

Be Faithful to Tend the Garden of Your Heart

(Dad:) He's seeing who's vigilant, who will faithfully and carefully tend to the garden of their heart, who will be on guard at all times. ⁽¹⁷⁾

You must also tend to your spiritual state and take time to tend the garden of your heart by watering it faithfully with the Word, by pulling out the weeds that spring up, that can eventually choke out your fruitfulness if not recognized and pulled up while they're still small.

It's a daily process and one that you cannot neglect. ⁽¹⁸⁾

Watch the garden of your heart; never let the evil start. You must watch diligently and faithfully the garden of your heart and mind, for anything that is not yielded to Me becomes a potential opening for the influences and thoughts and evil seeds of the Devil. ⁽¹⁹⁾

Your mind and heart are as a garden that needs to be tended well and protected against the evil seeds of the Enemy. If you are diligent and strong in faith and in the fear of Me, the moment you see the seeds of the Enemy spring up in your heart and mind, you will run over as a faithful gardener to pluck up the evil weed, while it is small and weak and its roots are shallow. ⁽²⁰⁾

Loving Jesus Intimately is Now Needed to Deepen your Relationship with Him

(Dad speaking:) ... If you've been faithful to cultivate your relationship with Jesus and deepen it through loving Him intimately, then when the heat is on, your connection with Him will be so strong that it will hold through any test. ⁽²¹⁾

(Dad speaking:) The Lord didn't promise us an easy life, but He did say that His yoke is easy and His burden is light if we come unto Him. That's the only way our service and obedience to the Lord becomes easy and light and a pleasure. That goes for everything in your service for Jesus; it's still the same formula--you have to trust and obey. Trust and obedience come first, then He answers your prayer and gives you the anointing and faith you need to do His will.

Why did the Lord ask us to say love words to Him? Why is it so important to love Jesus in this way? If you look at it in the natural, it doesn't make much sense. After all, the great God of the universe is all-powerful, all-knowing, so why does He want you to say love words to Him? Why can't we just love Him like Christians have for thousands of years--by loving His Word and loving Him in our hearts?

The simple reason is because Jesus has asked it of you. He's bared His heart to you and told you of His need for your love--the love of each of His brides and each Family member. He's requested this love, this deeper and more intimate relationship with you, and just as He first loved us and saved us, we should in turn love Him in the way He asks, and do so gladly. He knows that it's a difficult thing and a sacrifice for some, but He's still asking it of you. Don't worry, though; He'll more than repay. There are other reasons too which I'll get into, but the primary reason why we should love Jesus intimately is because He's asked it of us. How can we not give the One Who has given His life for us the love that He asks for?

Another reason is because this is the Endtime and the Lord has promised that "greater things than these will you do" in the Endtime. Not only will He use you to do greater things, to be great witnesses, to even do miracles and wonders in the Endtime, but He's also asking you to do some things that He's never asked of you before. He knows it's going to be difficult for some, especially the younger generation, and a real pride killer. But it's part of His plan, and even if you don't understand it or even like it, the key is the same--trust and obey. Then you'll reap the rewards of your obedience.

The Lord is using this as part of your preparation for the Endtime, part of your preparation to be the witnesses He wants you to be. He's using it to draw you closer to Him, to strengthen your connection with Him, to deepen your relationship in the spirit, so that He can use you more mightily. If you try to operate with only the weapons of the past and you don't try to use the new weapons of the spirit, you won't be prepared in spirit for the days to come and you'll fall away when the going gets tough. But if you've been faithful to cultivate your relationship with Jesus and deepen it through loving Him intimately, then when the heat is on, your connection with Him will be so strong that it will

hold through any test.

You have to have faith in what the Lord has revealed to the Family, and choose to trust and obey by faith, even if it's difficult for you and you don't particularly like saying love words to Jesus. You have to trust that He likes it, that He wants you to say love words to Him, and that He will bless you for it. He'll use it to strengthen your relationship with Him, to draw you closer to Him and to mature you in spirit. He'll use it to cause your love for Him to grow so that you can be an even better witness and sample of His love to others.

The Lord has asked the Family to do many radical things before, things that other Christians weren't doing and didn't want to do, and now He's asking the Family to set the standard in this area as well. He's our Lover, our closest and most intimate friend, so naturally you should want to develop as close a relationship as possible with Him, and saying love words to Him is a vehicle for deepening your relationship with your Lover. ⁽²²⁾

(Dad speaking:) I'm glad you're learning to love Jesus in a newer, deeper, and more intimate way. He's promised that if you love Him and seek Him and desire Him above all others, He will add all these other things to you in His way and in His time. So continue to be a faithful lover and bride for Jesus, and He will be more than faithful to you, and love you, care for you, and bring those special blessings along just when you need them. He knows and He cares. ⁽²³⁾

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