

*To My Disciples with Love!*



*Book 1*

*To My Disciples with Love!*

Book 1

Messages from Jesus in Prophecy

By Maria Fontaine

For noncommercial use. Not for resale.  
Internal Publication of the Children of David  
Digital Copy  
Originally written in 1997 with the title "*From Jesus wit Love*"  
Edited by theaudiokey.com  
(Password: thekeys )  
July 2020

## 1

Come, lie here in My arms and let us reflect awhile. I remember when I formed you, before the foundations of the world. With great care and special attention, I poured into you. I handpicked each talent, each gift, each characteristic, each fiber of your being, until the combination was exactly the right portions--each specification perfectly in sync to accomplish My will and My purpose in your life, and in the lives of all those you were to touch on the great journey of life.

I remember the moment when I breathed into you the very breath of life! Oh, the excitement I felt! The love welled up so intensely inside of Me, I could not contain it! For I knew the joy you would bring, not only to Me, but to those who would cross your path along the road of life.

I remember the first time I laid eyes on you, what joy you brought Me! So much so, that I numbered each hair of your head and marked you as My Own. From the beginning I chose you, sanctified you in truth, and poured upon your head My holy calling. You were destined from the beginning of time, ordained by the great "I Am" to fulfill a role and a purpose that could be for no other. Faithful and loyal, called and true--it is your destiny. For I have used you, and blessed you, and will yet use you in a mighty way, as you stay close by My side, following step by step.

I knew it would take time, even years, to reach the goals I set before you. Yet this too has been part of My infinite plan, to mold you, make you and shape your heart into pure gold.

It was with great love and tender care that I have nurtured and watered and brought you along these many years. Even the testings, the purgings, and the trials of your faith have been My purpose to make you white. For I love you from everlasting to everlasting, and in you I am well pleased. Through thick and thin, through tests, trials and purgings, you have held on! You have stood test after test, and yet you continue loving Me and loving My Word. In this I am well pleased.

## 2

I have gifted all My children, but many do not see or perceive My gifts because they look or perceive with the eyes of man instead of the eyes of the Spirit. They judge according to outward appearance, according to that which is great in their own minds, instead of judging righteous judgment.

I have gifted all My children differently so that they can be as a body fitly joined together, each one doing his part to make My Kingdom strong. I have gifted some with many gifts,

some with fewer gifts. The important point is not whether there are many or fewer gifts, but that those gifts come from My hand.

You must trust Me to know that I have made you what you need to be, and what I want you to be. Your rewards in this life and in the life to come will not be according to the number of gifts you have, nor according to the greatness of the gifts, nor according to the showiness or outward appearance of the gifts. Your rewards will be according to your faithfulness and what you do with the gifts that I have given you.

### 3

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. You have poured out your soul and have died daily for My sake, for which I am most pleased. I am pleased with your service and with your sacrifice. I am pleased that you have set your own self aside that I might live through you. You are bought with a price, you are not your own, and I am pleased that you have understood this and that you have given yourself to Me.

I am pleased with the lessons that you have learned. I am pleased with the progress that you have made. The death of your own self in My sight has been precious to Me, as the blood of the martyrs spilled out in days before. You are My children in whom I am well pleased! (GN 496).

### 4

You may wonder, "What is the Lord's will in my life? What is the plan that He has for me?" But you are abiding in My will and in My plan as you take one day at a time in faithfulness to Me--faithfulness in absorbing the Word, faithfulness in studying the Word, faithfulness in applying the Word by having love one toward another, toward the ones you're with, toward the younger ones that are in your Home, and toward the babies that are in your Home. The love that you give and the love that you share is multiplied and will return to you.

### 5

As the wind bloweth where it listeth, so is My Spirit. Each situation is different, but look to My Spirit and it will guide you into all truth. In each situation, look to My Spirit. Stop, look, and listen. I will give you the specific solution to each situation if you will stop, and

look, and hear from Me. My Spirit will bless you and lead and guide you and melt your problems away (ML #2956).

## 6

Oh, My precious love, My precious darling! How much I love and desire you! How much I wish to pour forth My blessings upon each of you! So come unto Me. Find rest in My arms. Be filled to overflowing with My love, for I have so much to give! I have so much I want to do with you. I have so much I want to pour into you, so many blessings that I wish to bestow upon you!

For you are My faithful bride, My lover, the supplier of My needs. Know this, and know this clearly, that as you supply the needs that I have, so do I pour forth in great abundance to supply your needs--spiritual needs, emotional needs, physical needs. I promise you I will not fail you. I will be a faithful Husband and a faithful provider, and I will pour forth blessings upon you that you did not even know existed. For I am the Giver of gifts, I am the Supplier of needs, and I am your Husband.

So stay close to Me. Make love with Me. Be filled with Me, and I will pour out My Spirit upon you in great measure, far beyond your wildest dreams, that you may be filled, that you may be strengthened, and that you may accomplish My purpose through the gifts and the blessings that I pour upon you.

Hold not back, but give Me all, and I will give you all of Me in a new way, with new strength, new power, and new anointing--the anointing of the lovers of God.

## 7

In My Kingdom, in the life to come, you will not be rewarded according to the gifts that you were given, but according to your faithfulness, your yieldedness, and your fruitfulness. Each one will be rewarded according to that which he received from My hand, and that which he returned unto My hand in the way of diligence, faithfulness, fruitfulness, and obedience.

The gifts and talents that a man has are nothing of himself--they are gifts from My hand. Therefore glory not in your gifts and talents, but give Me the glory. Seek diligently and wholeheartedly to do your best with what you have been given, knowing that I will reward you accordingly for a job well done.

I will reward you both in this life and in the life to come. In this life I will give you your heart's desires, and in the life to come I will crown you with a crown of glory!

## 8

I have put before you a task that is so great and so monumental that it will force you to your knees to call upon Me and to lean and depend upon Me, that you might realize in your hearts and minds that without Me you can do nothing, and without Me it is an impossibility. And then in that moment, in realizing your own lacks and weaknesses and inability, I will be able to come through and show My strength and power through you.

This is My design and My plan, and I have prepared the way. I have brought upon you this crisis, this emergency, this monumental task, that I might be glorified. With what measure you seek Me and look to Me, with the same measure I shall pour forth solutions and finances and all that you need. As you obey and do the wanting, and do the things that you already know you should do, I will provide and make a way where there is no way, that I may be glorified (ML #2956).

## 9

School--the school of prophets, the school of learning patience, the school of preparation, the school of planning. This is My chosen school and you are My chosen people. Although the Enemy tries to distract you and get you sidetracked, together you are learning to be aware of the Enemy's devices and not to be ignorant of them or deceived by them.

My precious children in the school of preparation for the future, you have a bright future, and My promises to you shall be fulfilled! You shall be used as My Endtime prophets and prophetesses, to proclaim My message in these Last Days, these exciting days of the Endtime!

So be not weary in well doing nor faint in your minds. Don't be discouraged! Don't give up, but hold on! My Word shall be fulfilled and I will not fail. Although you may be impatient, and although you may want to accomplish more and be more used, you are being used of Me and accomplishing My will as you strive to be faithful and diligent in the calling that you have.

So continue on in faithfulness to Me, faithfulness to My Word, and faithfulness in giving and showing love to others. For love never fails. Love is the fulfilling of the law. The greatest of these is love. So love in word and in deed--in kind acts. When you see a

brother or a sister in need, show and give love. For inasmuch as you do it unto the least of these My brethren, you do it unto Me. I see your little acts of kindness, your deeds of love, and you shall be rewarded. I love you!

## 10

You work so hard. You toil and strain and struggle, but My yoke is easy and My burden is light. These burdens were not designed for you to carry, for they are My burdens. You are My children. So let Me be your Father. Let Me carry the burden. Bring it to Me. Ask of Me and seek Me, for I promise to show you and to give you the answers that you seek, that you may find true rest in Me. Let Me do the work. Seek Me, hear My voice, and do those things that I show you, so that you shall know that it is by My Spirit that these things are accomplished. Thus shall I receive the praise and the honor and the glory that I deserve.

It is humbling to come before Me and admit that you need these answers. It will be humbling for you to see My power in comparison to your own. But in humility is great peace and rest. So come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I will give you the rest of My answers, the rest of My strength, and the rest of My power, if you will but seek Me, if you will but hear My voice, and if you will operate according to My plan.

So rest in Me and be freed from the heavy burdens. For though the questions may not go away, the answers can flow forth in great abundance if you will but tap into the source, My Spirit. In Me is great power, and in Me is all that you need, for I am all in all, and I am here for you (ML #2987).

## 11

Reach, reach, reach and you'll receive! I will meet every effort you make, for I hear your prayers.

Walk, walk, walk upon the waters!--And I will meet you there! Fear not, neither be weary in well doing, because you shall reap.

Sing, sing, sing praises to My Name! Raise the roof in jubilation!--And I will meet you there to embrace you! For I wish to embark on a new journey in your life, a journey to bring you closer to Me than ever before.



Marvel not when you hear Me say that I know your thoughts. I hear your questions, and I wish to answer all. However, some things I put before you are not clear, or not fully understandable, for these are for the trying of your faith and patience. Therefore wrestle not with your mind, but follow your heart, for this is where I dwell.

Trust, trust, trust in My powerful Name! For in Me, you will find your rest. Come to My pavilion. In the secret of My tabernacle, find Me. Tell others all of the wonders that you hear and see, and I will bless you with the spirit of enthusiasm to inspire them, and to glorify and uplift My Name!

## 12

Behold how I have blessed you with riches and treasures that those of the world know not of! You are so blessed--the most blessed upon the face of the Earth! For you can feed of the Words of David and the Words of Maria and feed your soul and strengthen your heart for the battle. Behold how I have loved you and how I desire to love you and to lift you in My arms, to hold you ever so closely and to whisper in your ears the things that you must know, to give you the direction and the instruction and encouragement to strengthen your heart, to lift your burdens, to bear your burdens for you. Cast your burdens upon Me and I shall sustain you (GN 496).

## 13

To fulfill My will today is not a matter of just today, it is a matter of long preparation--especially when it concerns those who know Me not. I must begin a work in their lives years in advance. I work in their hearts and in their lives in order to prepare them for the time that I will use them to fulfill My will.

This is the mind of God and the working of the Spirit--to know these things well in advance and to work in the hearts of those involved so that they may be in the right place, at the right time, in the right frame of mind, and in the right position of heart to be willing to do My will--even though they do not know that it is My will that they perform.

It is also a matter of prayer--the prayers of those who are seeking My will. If there is not a prayer and a diligent seeking of My will, then these opportunities can be missed, for your prayers have influence. Your prayers influence these that I work on, for they have a choice whether to listen to the Spirit of God or to listen to the spirit of evil. Through the prayers of My children there is greater influence by My Spirit. When you pray diligently,

My Spirit predominates in the heart of the one for whom you pray, and it is easier for them to choose that which is right.

When you pray diligently and faithfully, when you seek Me for a matter, so can My Spirit be empowered in a person's life. Your prayers affect those for whom you pray and make it possible for their hearts to be changed and moved in My direction. I do not force people to do things that they choose not to do, but through your prayers you enhance the power of the Spirit which speaks to their hearts. You increase the receptivity of their hearts, so that My hand can turn them.

## 14

Be not fearful, for a time of great anointing is at hand. I will use you mightily. Have I not promised that you shall do exploits and instruct many? Many shall come running to you for answers. You must be faithful to give them what you have received. Freely you have received, freely give.

I shall give you boldness and conviction that you may go forth to minister and to pour forth, unafraid of what might happen. Fear not them which can kill the body and have nothing further that they can do, but obey My will and go forth, bold and unafraid! (GN 494).

## 15

My precious love--do not give up! Do not let go! I love you and I need you! Hold on to Me, for I love you so much! Hold on to Me and to My Words, which give courage and strength and faith and hope and life and power, where there is none. I have so much more yet to give you, to show you, and to use you for. There's so much ahead of you! Don't let go of all that I have in store for you just because you can't yet see it. There is more! This is not the end; it's just a bend in the road. And though I know the way looks very dark and bleak and dreary, around the corner there will be glorious sunlight and much happiness and fulfillment! But I can only take you one step at a time.

I want you to show your love for Me by trusting Me. Put your hand in Mine, like a little child who utterly trusts her loving father and is willing to go into the fierce and raging storm clinging desperately to his hand, even though to her it looks so great and fearful. Even though she is afraid, yet she trusts her father more. As she puts her hand in his and steps into the dark and stormy night, little by little, step by step, her fear is replaced by faith as she sees her father leading her safely through the storm unharmed.

Reach out, My love, and take My hand, and I will not fail you! Not only reach out and take My hand, but throw your arms tightly about Me and cling to Me with all your heart! I will put My arms around you and I will carry you through the storm, close to My bosom, and nothing shall by any means harm you.

## 16

Do you marvel at the youth of your body? I am the One Who has given you this youth. Do you marvel at the fact that you can move and dance and are now more vibrant even though older?--More youthful, more bright, more loving? It is through your dependency upon Me that you have gained strength and power in your body. For you have accepted to come into My chamber that I may pour to you My love, My message, My truth, My Words. You have clung to those Words of life and have been an ambassador and a sample of My love to others.

You have not been ashamed to show My love to others and to be part of Me and to be labeled as Mine. You have accepted to be that sexy bride with nothing to hide, more vibrant and more youthful than before. I now desire you to come into My chamber, for lo, I want you and desire your love, that I may share and give and love you with more love, that you might give Me more children of David and of Maria.

Accept now My love. Disrobe yourself of anything that might be preconceived, that you might receive the naked truth of all that I have reserved for you through the breath of My Spirit, the closeness of My heart, that you may receive more, to pour more unto the hungry (GN 496).

## 17

Your rewards are not a result of what your gifts and talents are or how many you have, but the rewards are a result of what you do with such gifts. I seek not those who are strong and great and mighty in themselves, but I seek those who are willing to glorify Me. I seek those who are willing to acknowledge that all that they have and all that they are comes from Me--that it is My gift, My blessing, My anointing, My power in their lives.

Someone who has fewer gifts and talents, who is small in his own eyes, who acknowledges his weakness and depends utterly upon Me and gives Me all the glory will be more greatly rewarded than one who is strong and mighty and greatly gifted with many talents and skills, yet who leans to his own strength, and takes the glory to himself. I cannot reward such a one.

Do not be confused, thinking that heart's desires or crowns of glory go only to those who have many great gifts and talents, for this is not true. No matter what your gifts and talents, whether they be many or few, if you give them all to Me and invest them well and are diligent, careful, prayerful, faithful, and do your very best for Me, this is what will bring the rewards that you seek.

## 18

What have you done today to save a soul? Have you asked yourself this question today? This is the question that you must ask. Have you carried your part of the responsibilities to save a soul today?--Not only in the works of the flesh and in obedience to your schedules, but have you carried your part of the load in prayer and supplication?

Have you carried your part in caring for the children? Have you carried them to My bosom in prayer? Have you fought by their side? Have you seen their needs and their lacks and have you fought for them in prayer? Ask yourself, because this too is what you must do to save a soul.

If your children lack, have you wrestled in the Spirit for them? These burdens that I lay upon your heart--have you acted upon them? What have you done today to save a soul?--To save this soul, this child that is before you?--The one that sweeps the floors, that makes the bed, that empties the potty, that washes the dishes, that dusts the banisters. Have you carried this child before Me in desperate prayer?--Or have you looked upon this child as a burden and a care? Turn around and take this burden and care to Me in prayer, and I will lift them up (ML #2956).

## 19

I have ordained you from the very foundation of the world. I have called you, and you have been faithful to heed My call. I love you for your yieldedness and your sacrifice in giving yourself to do My will to serve others. Every deed of kindness, every loving word, every stooping to lift the burden of another is noticed by Me.

I have given you many gifts--strength of body, strength of mind, strength of character--and I will use these gifts even more greatly as you continue to yield yourself to Me and to others, so that you can continue to be the sweet and loving help you are to others. I have called you in special ways to serve Me, so continue to look steadfastly to Me and listen to My whispers that instruct you in the ways that I want you to go.

You have grown up and matured so wonderfully in ways you yourself cannot even see, but in ways that others can see and marvel at. Your sample of growing close to Me and others speaks loudly to your peers, who, though you may not realize it, look steadfastly to you for your sample. You are one of My bellwethers whom I depend on, and who your shepherds depend on to be a help and a strength to others. You have been, and you will continue to be, a bellwether as you learn to heed My whispers even more.

You are as a faithful gardener tending to all My little ones I have placed in the garden. Your faithfulness to love and shower tender raindrops of love and care and diligence are so beautiful to Me. I love you! You are very precious and dear to Me.

## 20

My Holy Spirit hovers over countries and fields that are so hungry and waiting for My Words! She weeps for these nations that have not seen the light of My Words. She weeps for them even now!

You reap and toil and sow in fields that are so hardened to the Gospel and hardened to Her message and to Her Spirit. She weeps, for there are so many that are waiting for the Words. She waits to pour down the blessing of Her Spirit upon these hungry people, yet there is no one there to do it for Her. She is waiting for you to join Her. She is waiting for messengers to come who can give Her message, Her Spirit, Her love and Her Words to these hungry people.

You must move now with the Spirit of God! You must move now when it is God's time. You must move to where the people are receptive and hungry. For even now it is the time to set our soldiers in place for the great Endtime battle that is ahead. It is time for our children to pour forth as never before and reach every nation. For when this Gospel of the Kingdom is preached in every nation and every country, then shall the end come!

And yet there are some who have not heard, while you give the Gospel over and over again to those who have heard many, many times and do not wish to hear it any more. You must move now with the Spirit of God! (ML #2973).

## 21

You ask why--why the battles, why the trials? That's easy. It's a simple answer: I wanted you to understand! I wanted you to be able to feel the infirmities of those that you work with, those that you serve. I wanted you to be able to feel the pain, to be able to be touched by their infirmities so that you could understand!

I have also grown you up. You have grown! You have become a new creature! Many old things have passed away and many things have become new, because you did battle! You battled, and now you're being made strong. You battled, and now you understand. You cried, and you understand what it means to cry, to hurt, to feel lonely, to feel pain. This is why I've brought you through this.

These are the reasons for your trials and for your pain. Now you've got a foundation that's strong, so continue to build on that foundation by feeding on My Spirit and My Word. Let Me break you and make you the person that I've wanted you to be all along. Don't worry or fear. Have faith in My love. Have faith in My breakings. Have faith in the trials. Because when they've done their work, you'll be as fine gold--gold that is pure and gives help, gold that can do great and mighty things! Gold is a special and precious thing. Be thankful for those trials. Be thankful for those hard times, because now you're able to appreciate the joy and the beauty of My salvation, the joy and beauty of My Spirit! Now you're able to appreciate and understand what it means to be happy, the contrast of sadness and joy, of hate and love. Now you understand. This is why, My child, this is why.

## 22

My rewards are not meted out according to the number of gifts and the strength of a man, but according to your faithfulness, yieldedness, and humility. So you see, the rewards do not gauge how much or how little I love a person, for once again, My love is unchanging and constant. I love each person equally, whether they be great or whether they be small.

The rewards I pour forth depend upon you and how you live, what you do for Me--whether you give 10 percent, 50 percent or 100 percent. I have made an original investment in you as an individual, and the returns that you will receive on that investment depend on what you do with it--whether you take the investment and you hide it away and bury it, or whether you use it wisely, consistently and faithfully.

You are the one who is responsible for the rewards, for the returns, and for the blessings that you receive from Me.

## 23

Imagine that there is a scale before you. It is a balance, and I took My Own Son, the One Who is dearest to Me, My one and only Son, and I laid Him on one side of the scale. It tipped so far to that side! Then I took you, with all your weaknesses and your

shortcomings and your NWOs and your idiosyncrasies, and all the things about yourself that bother you so much and that you think make you of so little value and that make you so hard to love and not worthy of My love, and I put you--just you--on the other side of the scale. And the scale was perfectly balanced!

I saw that it was a good trade, to put My Son on one side, and you--just you--on the other side. I saw that it was worth it to trade the life of My Son for you, that I might have you forever! It was worth it to give My Son just for you! This is how great My love is for you! (ML #2985).

## 24

You're the man, and for you I have a plan. I love you, wonderful, precious young man whom I am forming and molding into My man of the future. Despise not the day of small things and of your youth. It takes time to become a great man of God. All of My great men were once little people. So despise not being a young man and having to learn and grow. One day you will be the man that I want you to be and fulfill the role that I want you to play, which is a very needed part in My Family.

I am even now teaching and training you to be what I want you to be. But it takes time and it takes dedication and perseverance. It takes staying close to Me. The closer you are to Me, the more I can use you; and the more that you please Me, the more I will please you. Learning to love Me and others is the most important groundwork for your future.

You are a wonderful young man and I'm very proud of you! I'm very happy with your yieldedness and the love that you have for Me. Thank you for being sweet and humble. Thank you for being willing to do what I ask you, and what others ask you. I'm very happy with the time that we spend together, and I love the way you call out to Me and ask Me for the answers. Others respect this in you also.

## 25

Are you burdened to see the joy sparkle in your children's hearts? Are you burdened to see them carry on the Revolution? Then you must give them the Spirit! They must see it burn within you--the love of Christ that constrains you.

Above all else, they must see you give your hearts to Me. They must not see you looking upon the fleshly pleasures of this world, but looking unto Me, caring for Me above all else! (ML #2956).

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence, and there shall His children find that place of refuge. This place of refuge is promised to all My children, yet so few venture therein. I say unto you, come aside, My dear one. Come under My wings, into My place of refuge, that you may experience My love and My peace that passes all understanding of your own.

When the storms blow about you and you are tossed and buffeted and carried to and fro with the winds of tribulation and adversity and difficulty, then I would say unto you, come into My chambers for a little while, until these calamities be overpast. Come into the warmth of My arms. Rest your head upon My shoulder and see how I will care for you, and how I will stroke your brow and make these mountains of problems melt away entirely.

This is the refuge that I have promised you--the solace in My love, the comfort in My arms, the peace that flows from My heart to yours, that fills you and envelops you and transports your spirit to another realm, a Heavenly realm where you see things with new eyes. You experience new thoughts and new feelings that you never had before, because they are being taught you by Me.

In those quiet moments when we commune together, I can change your perspective. I can give you new ideas and new thoughts. I can plant little seeds in your heart and mind, which over time and with careful watering of My Word shall grow into strong trees that shall bear much fruit to benefit many, that shall be a source of comfort and encouragement, and of restoration unto many. So you can see how many things I can do for you, if you would just step aside into the chamber of My refuge.

I know that it may even seem selfish to you, and you think, "How can I care for myself when there are so many others that need to be cared for?" But this is because you are looking as man looks, and not as I look. The shepherd must first be strengthened before he can strengthen his flock. Therefore in that time when you commune with Me, then shall I restore you. And when you shall go back out to the battle, you shall find that I have been working in the meantime, and My angels and My forces have been preparing the way for you, so that all you need to do is walk down the road and pick up the pieces that I have placed in order there for you. Everything shall be done with ease and with comfort and with peace, and without toil or travail.



I work in the lives of many and influence them to accomplish the purposes that I wish to bring forth. The Evil One also works in the lives of people to accomplish the purposes that he wishes to bring forth. Thus My children should pray for kings and magistrates, for rulers, so that My influence upon them will be greater and that they will accomplish the things that I choose for them to do.

I work in the lives of all, but they have the majesty of choice and they are not forced to choose to do the good that I put in their hearts to do. I wish that all men would do the good things, the loving things, the kind things, the right things, the proper things; but they do not, for their hearts are evil. Nevertheless, I continue to influence them, and I speak to their hearts to show them the right things.

I work in their lives and engineer the situations around them, so that they might choose to do the right things, and they are judged according to the choices that they make. I influence their hearts and lives in such a way that they know what is right, and then they choose. But because the heart of man is evil, and because of the influence of Satan, they often choose to do those things which are against My will.

If they continue to reject that which I show them through their conscience and through the circumstances that surround them, they close themselves off to My voice and to seeing the influences that I place about them. Nevertheless, I still speak and I still show them.

## 28

How glorious are the crowns of those who struggle through hardship, through desperation, through dismay, through fear, and yet carry on. These are like the widow who cast in her last mite, and feel as if they have no more. But they know not the great and wonderful honor that I will bestow upon them for their sacrifice and for their willingness to hold on and to trust Me, though all around it seems that I have failed them.

Though they feel that I have failed them, yet they trust Me! What honor I will bestow upon them, for great is their faith! So great is My love for these, the widows, the forsaken ones--these who stood strong when their mates weakened and left. Or these who sent their husbands off to war and stayed behind--these whose husbands went down the path of My will, and as the path separated, it caused one to go one way and one to go another.

I know and I feel the hardship of these, the widows. But I say unto you, great is their reward in Heaven! Great is the honor that I bestow upon them for their love for Me, and great is My love for them (ML #2979).

## 29

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to My Word. How do you take heed to the Word, and how would a young man like you cleanse his way? In other words, make a clean sweep? Well, it's a lot like having a pair of roller blades. The Word can do things for you and make things easy for you, like roller blades do. Don't roller blades make getting places lots of fun, besides making it easy? Well, that's what the Word can do! Can't you get places a lot faster with roller blades? That's what My Word does. It's like flesh or spirit. With the roller blades of My Word, you can fly along in the spirit so effortlessly with the greatest of ease! You just glide along using less strength and energy. Man, you can really cover ground!

But doing it in the flesh is like having to walk everywhere, so slow and boring! So if you really want to have fun, and you really want to go places, let the Word be like those roller blades! It can help you fly high and get where you're going, and make it a lot of fun at the same time. Okay?

Memorize the Word, live in the Word, quote the Word! Be a Word man and you'll have your spiritual roller blades on all the time, everywhere you go.

## 30

I love you from the depths of My heart. And though I know that you face pain and suffering, hardship and sorrow, you can face these things in great faith, trusting Me and trusting My Word and all that I have promised, for I will not fail you.

So trust Me for that which is ahead, even if you must endure crucifixion and the sorrow and the pain and the loss and the hurt and the forsaking. But know that I will never forsake you if you will cry out to Me, if you will seek Me and My Word, and if you will hold fast to that which you have, the crown that I have placed upon your head. If you will carry its weight, even through this Jordan, I shall reward you with great peace, great love, great understanding. I will say to you, "Well done, My good and faithful servant; enter into the arms of My love!"--As My Father said to Me when He held Me in gratitude for the sacrifice that I made and the suffering that I endured (ML #2987).

## 31

Come, My dear one, into My arms! For, oh, how greatly I love you and care for you! I long to comfort you and soothe your hurts. I wish to lift you from your depths of despair, to cheer your heart, to give you fresh courage, a renewed vision, an enlightened mind, and a heart with wings, that you might fly into My presence, into My love, into the temple of the ecstasies of My Spirit.

Alone with Me in the intimate chambers you will find the strength needed to continue on in the battle. Only in gazing upon My face and receiving Me through My Words will you find the vigor and stamina you so desperately need. Without My love you are powerless, you are incapable, you are helpless. The job at hand is large, and the task which lies before you is great--overwhelming, in fact! My jobs require My power, My anointing, and My divine inspiration.

## 32

Lying vanities, lying vanities, lying vanities! Both the young and the old say, "I have sinned and come short of the mark and am not worthy of the Lord's love." The old one says, "I have nothing to give. I am undesirable to the young and have no way to give encouragement, for I am spent." And the young one likewise is caught in a snare of lies, feeling that none can understand him, knowing not that those that have gone before him experienced the same.

I have given you what you need to comfort one another if you will forsake these lying vanities! For this is indeed an age of cynicism and hate, and the love of many waxes cold, as I foretold ages ago by the prophets. This is an age of cynicism, an age of fear--but greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. I have given you great love to overcome this spirit that would now envelop the world in coldness and darkness.

But as iron sharpens iron, and as stick rubbed against stick will cause a spark, so if you do rub against another in your communion, and in your tears, and in your sweet breakings and humbling of yourself, and bare your soul to another and your innermost fears, so will I cause that love to spark as never before!

It is there! It is an explosion that is waiting to happen! The elements, the chemicals, the molecules are in place. All that is needed is for the hand of faith to reach forth and touch them, and I will cause this fire to burn within your hearts greater than any nuclear fire!

Reach out by faith, and heed not the Wicked One who would say to you, "There is no love for you, for you are unlovely; you cannot love." Believe it not, but reach forth in faith!

For how I would bestow My love upon you through one another! How it does break My heart to see you as beggars, when you could be rich, enjoying the inheritance of the riches that I have set before you. Therefore doubt not, but believe it, and reach forth in faith, receiving (ML #2985).

### 33

My precious lily of the valley in whom I am well pleased! My beloved one! My victory girl who wears My victory in her smile, who sings My victory in her soul! My victorious one, how I love you!

Be not weary and heavy laden, troubled with the fears and the trials and the tribulations of your precious children whom you love greatly. Worry not for the burdens that do press them, and thus press you, but come now into My arms and find your rest. For if you are to find the rest that you need, you must not only cast your burdens upon Me, but also cast the burdens of these for whom you care upon Me. My shoulders are broad enough and My arms are wide enough to carry the load.

Know that I have seen your tears, I have heard your cries, and I do answer. I see your mother's heart, how you long to comfort and to hold and to help each one. I see the purity of your desire as a true mother of God who wants the best for her children. Know that this is your very best: The best you can do is to cast all the burdens upon My altar--your own burdens, and the burdens of these for whom you care--for it is I Who will carry you, and I will carry them. I will give you the solutions you so desperately need as you continue to seek Me in all things.

Yes, My sweet one, you are unable to do enough. But I am able. I, in you, am able to meet the need.

### 34

*(Spirit helper:)* Things in the world aren't always going to be easy. They aren't going to seem easy. They aren't going to be problem-free, and it's not often going to look like we're winning. But that's what "taking it by faith" is all about. That's what it's all about--just standing on the Word and believing that the Lord is going to do it (ML #3073).

### 35

Today's battles and tests cannot be fought and won in the same way as the battles and tests of times past have been fought and won. This is a new day, and I call upon My children everywhere to launch out, to climb My new path, to follow Me closely and to accept the new ways I am leading in this new and marvelous day. For is not this the day that I have made? You should rejoice and be glad in it! I have given My children the key to the door of victory. Only a mustard seed of faith is needed to reach out, to take the key, and to try it--thereby opening the door of My will and blessings in their lives.

I have given unto you the gift of faith, the gift of a believing heart. You must fill up your heart, your soul and your mind with good things--with the instruction, the counsel, the inspiration and the answers from My Word--which will cause the evil seeds of discouragement, fear and despair to wither, vanish, and melt away.

Lift your eyes unto Me! Open the windows of your heart and soul and let My light, love and power flood into your heart and once again renew you. Take hold of My Word with a believing heart, with a willing mind, and receive My Word.

Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown! Cling to My Words, for they are as a strong pillar to which you may hold as the waters and torrents of the deep splash and whirl about you. My Word is as a high rock upon which you may stand firmly, resting sure that the foundation is solid.

### 36

Who will answer the call? Who will truly live the Words of David? Are you as those who say, "Be ye warmed and filled," yet supply not that which your brother or sister needs? Or are you as those who, like the man on the road to Jericho, lift up the weak and the wounded and say, "I will care for you, and whatsoever it costs, that will I pay"?

Lift up your eyes and look unto your brethren. See these that are so desperate, and pour forth your love. For how can you say that herein dwells the love of God if you have these in need in your presence and you care not for them and give them not the love and attention that they need, and do not care for the children?--My children, your children, our children!

For these ones are so tender and so broken and so in need of love and care and attention. And their children are so in need of love and stability, of someone that they can look to and say, "I know this one cares for me, for he leaves me not."

Look not to your own feelings, but look unto the needs of others. Look unto the needs of these little ones who are so desperate, and who do not understand why they are not like others, why they do not have a daddy.

Oh, that My children had such love! For no greater love has anyone than this, that you lay down your life, that you lay down your loved one, that you lay down your own selfishness and your own desires for your brethren. So take them in! Take them! Gently gather them in, that they be no more fatherless, that they be no more widows, but that all may be one (ML #2979).

### 37

I am the faithful Shepherd, and I prepare the hearts of My sheep for the days ahead. For I know My sheep and their needs; I know in which ways they need to be strengthened. I know My children. I know My Family, and all of you who have been faithful fighters and are called to be My Endtime soldiers. I chose you and called you before the foundations of the Earth, and you responded to My call and have fought valiantly for the truth, that My Kingdom may be established upon Earth!

You are fearsome warriors like unto the warriors of old, who are unafraid to enter into the heat of battle! You have proven yourselves over and over throughout your many years of experience and service unto Me, and I have taught and trained and guided you. Through each experience I have grounded you and founded you on the Rock, on My Word, and thus have you remained stable and strong.

I see into the future and I know the path that is ahead. I know the battle plan. I know that you remain faithful warriors and are willing to continue to march into battle that we may win the war. But I need to train you and direct you and prepare you for that which is ahead.

So think it not strange concerning the fiery trials and battles which you experience, and the many breakings that your heart goes through. It does not mean that you are coming to the end of your usefulness, but only that I, the One Who understands your heart and your needs and the future, am preparing you. I am polishing you and fine-tuning you so you may be fully prepared for the days ahead.

### 38

Look to the distant fields! For, behold, there awaits a great and mighty harvest that is yet to be reaped. There are multitudes, yea, multitudes who are waiting for the Words of David, whose hearts are breaking, those who are starving for the Words of David!

Therefore, go! Run to these fields! Run to these broken hearts! Pour forth the water of life that you may slake their thirst. For there are multitudes who are dying of thirst and who have yet to hear of the love of Jesus, who have yet to hear the Words of David, who have yet to feel the sweetness and warmth of My Spirit. Therefore, run, that you may embrace these hungry ones and feed their souls and their hungry hearts!

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields that are now white unto harvest!--That are more than white! The fruit is dying on the vines because there is no one there to reap it! Therefore, go and rescue these lost ones! Reach out your hearts to these hungry ones! Feel their need and see their tears and let your hearts break for those who are truly needy!

Run into these open arms and open fields, and there you will be well received and blessed, and I will supply your needs abundantly! I will pour down My blessings upon you, and you will know that I am with you. You will feel in your hearts that you are in My perfect will. You will have no doubt, for you will see about you abundant blessing, abundant fruitfulness, great satisfaction, and great fulfillment!

There is much to be done, and all will be greatly challenged. I will supply your needs! Whatever you lack, I will supply! Therefore, fear not, but only go. Run, as you lift up your eyes and look on these fields that are white now to harvest! (ML #2973).

### 39

You are a strong young man with a strong mind, a strong spirit, and a strong body. Yet you must learn to find your true strength in Me and in My Word. For I have a great future in store for you, and many ways in which I wish to use you.

I see you as a strong young warrior with a beautiful sword hanging at your side, sharp and shining! The sword is My Word which you have stored in your heart. You have been brought up gently, and diligently taught My Word from the time of your childhood, brought up in the nurture and admonition of My Words and My ways. You have a great wealth of My Word stored in your heart. That is the sword that is hanging at your side, and I wish to teach you how to use this sword skillfully, lovingly, wisely, accurately, precisely.

In order to use this sword, as My Word says, you must study to show yourself approved unto Me, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. I

wish for you to learn to use this sword in a loving and skillful manner.--Not recklessly or foolishly or for your own purposes or to the hurt of others, but to further My Kingdom, to love others, to help others, to be a strong warrior in My army.

This gift of a strong spirit and a strong mind that I have given you, I am able to use to lead others. But the most important thing is that your heart and your spirit and your mind are submitted to Me and to My will and to My love and to My wisdom.

## 40

*(Dad:)* Stop thinking that you've got to do everything, and you've got to help every single one and comfort them and nurse them and feed them and figure things out for them. They've got the Word. They've got the Lord. They've got His Spirit. Teach them to pray. Teach them to hear from the Lord. Teach them to have faith. Lead them to the Lord and let them work together and find the way that seems right to them. They do really love the Lord. They might not always do the right thing, but they love Jesus and they are trying to serve Him the best that they can.

You've got to let the Spirit shepherd them a bit too. You've got to let some of their experiences shepherd them a bit. You can't always be a buffer for them. Sometimes you have to let them get buffeted, because that's how they learn. I know it hurts to see that. I know you don't want them to have to go through that and make mistakes and get hurt and all the rest, but sometimes that's the only way people can learn. Those are the lessons that they really remember. If they insist on going their own way, well, you've got to let them go.

Which are the lessons you remember? Aren't they the ones where you really screwed up and maybe hurt people and hurt yourself? You remember those lessons really well, even better than the lessons that you read in the Letters, or what someone else told you when they tried to protect you from something. Sure there are going to be mistakes, and things aren't going to work as well as you would like. But they'll grow, they'll be strengthened, and in time they will understand much better. So let them grow! (ML #2987).

## 41

Come unto Me, My dear one, for you are heavy laden and I will give you rest. I will give you victory. I will give you strength, love and repose from your struggling and your weariness. Come into the temple, under the dome, and feast on My Words. Give your heart to Me and rest in My goodness, for I wish to give you rest.



Rest in My Word and spend time with Me in the bed of love, in My secret chambers. For this is one of the new ways which I have given My children in these Last Days to combat the attacks of the Enemy, and to find a reservoir of strength and power and love.

So come unto Me, My dear one! Come into My arms and rest awhile. Receive My Words and love Me intimately, and I will raise you up from the depths to the heights of My love and glorious marvels of the Spirit! I will restore your vision and renew your mind. I will give you the faith, perseverance and dedication which you need to continue, and I will make your ministry and your labors a joy unto you.

You have been a faithful child, a faithful soldier, a diligent servant, one in whom I am well pleased. Come, My dear one. I love you! I long to hold you close to My bosom, to comfort your heart, to wipe away your tears, and to fulfill the desires of your heart. Come unto Me!

## 42

The days ahead require continued strong, unyielding faith! You need not learn to fight with more sophistication. The training that you need is not in modernization or in improving your techniques or methods of ministration and outreach, but the training that is needed and that I am imparting to you is that of simple faith.

The battles of the future will be won through pure and simple faith, and a strong belief in My Word and where I am guiding. The battles will be won by leaning heavily upon My Word and My voice and My shepherds, and by believing wholeheartedly in where I am leading and what I am doing.

Your faith will be a light to those who seek to believe, and it will draw those of My lost children who are looking for the way. For I have yet much to give to the world and to the lost, that they may be won. And who can I use to give My message but those of My Family who have shown strong, unyielding faith?--My Family which has been willing to receive and believe and preach My message to the world!

You have been faithful. And your queen has been faithful to give that which I have revealed to her. She has not held back through disbelief, but has been a faithful and obedient servant to My voice. She has given to you, and you, in turn, will give to the world. You must be prepared and ready and willing to help the lost to believe by faith, that they, too, may receive and experience My love in a fuller way, just as you have.

## 43

Be born anew by the breath of My love! Be touched by the tenderness and the infinite understanding which I give to you without measure. Say not to yourself, "Because of these difficulties I have no love." Doubt not in your heart that I love you. For when you come to Me, you must believe that I will reward you as you diligently seek Me. For as My Son, Jesus, has said to you that His yoke is easy and His burden is light, even so will I lift your burden and I will make light the weight which sits upon you.

Yet you have a responsibility in all this--to put forth the effort of a believing will. If you can in your last breath say only, "Lord, I believe--help Thou mine unbelief," I will answer this prayer, and I will fill you and nourish you and bring you up to know a greater love (ML #2985).

#### 44

I see you as a young warrior kneeling at My feet in submission and in humility and in yieldedness, ready to do My bidding. This is My will for you, because as a strong young warrior, you will lead others, and where you lead them will depend on your choice. It will depend on your love for Me, your dedication, your loyalty and your faithfulness to Me.

If you truly love Me with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, you will bow before Me in humility and yieldedness, that you may lead others--your younger brothers and sisters, your peers, those that look to you--in the way that I would lead, as you follow Me down the path of My will where I would that you should go.

But this is a learning time for you. You have many desires in your heart and in your mind. You're restless. You're sometimes frustrated. But be patient, My son. I know that you have had much patience, but you must hold on yet a little longer. You must look to Me and to My Word.

This is a time of learning to submit your mind and your heart and your spirit into My hand so that you may learn My ways, that you may be strengthened in heart and spirit; that you may be strengthened in the use of My Word and in closeness with Me; that you may draw closer to My bosom and become more strongly connected to Me--to My heart and to My Spirit--so when I open the doors for you, when I release you to serve Me in greater spheres of usefulness and to move forward according to the path of My will, you will be ready and you will be closer to Me and will follow Me whithersoever I lead you. This is My will for you, and I pray for you, that your faith fail not.

I love you, My son. Have courage. Have strength--strength in Me and in My Word. I will lead you and I will help you. I will give you the strength that you need. I will give you the faith. I will provide all your heart's desires if you will desire Me above all else.

These who are no longer with their mate are not truly widows, for they are married to Me, and I am a Husband to them. I care for them and I love them. I provide for them, and would provide for them, but My provision is limited to the yieldedness of those around them. For have I not made My will clear through the Words of David that these are all your children, and that you are all married to one another?

I would that all the widows be as married. I would that all the Family be as married to one another, that there would be no divisions and no contention; that those who have, share that which they have to make up the lack of those who have not. I say to you, husbands and wives, share with those who have lost. And those of you who have not, share with others who have not, or those who have lost, that all your needs may be supplied.

I expect you, My children, to live the great law, the Law of Love, in all aspects--sharing and giving and supplying each other's needs, no matter what the need. For I gave unto you My full life; is it not therefore meet that you should lay down your life for your brethren, for these that are so in need, and for their children who so desperately need love, attention, care, and discipline?

How is it that you look upon these widows and say, "Oh, your children are so undisciplined." Or, "Why can't you keep up and accomplish more?" Or, "Why are you so downhearted and discouraged?" I say unto you, lift up the arms that hang down and strengthen the weak knees, for love and care is the fuel needed to rekindle the flame in these ones (ML #2979).

Not one thing that I have spoken will fail. All will be fulfilled and all will be answered according to My will and My purpose. That which you do not understand today may be because it is not My time to fully reveal to you My complete plan and purpose. Only believe and trust, even though you do not understand. For My ways are not your ways, and you can never know the mind of God by trying to understand and analyze with your own fleshly mind. I will reveal My thoughts and My ways by the power of My Spirit to those who are receptive, yielded and believing, who will receive My voice with faith, love and appreciation.

I promise that if you will hold on by faith--not even knowing if you have the strength to hold on--you will not fail, and you will come forth as finer gold! Those who pass through the fire and through the Jordan and continue to keep their eye on the other side, who have been through the deep waters and the hot flames of testing, are those who come out as finer gold. I test you now, My love, that all the dross and impurities may be melted away. So fear not the testing, for I purify you out of love, and I cleanse you in answer to your prayers.

My love, this is simply one of your testing times. I know it is difficult, and the tests and trials run deep. You feel your faith shaken and think that you may not be able to stand. But you are not alone, My love. The others around you, whom you feel are doing so much better than you, will also face tests and difficulties. For I love each of My children, and I care for each one, and train each one, and teach each one the lessons that are needed.

#### 47

Is My love only for My Family? Are My arms and My kisses and My seeds and My lovemaking--yes, even our sexual lovemaking--are these gifts of My Spirit only for My Family? No. But My Family will be the vehicles through whom I can reach and touch and give My love to the world, to those who will receive and believe and accept.

You must be prepared to stand strong, unashamed, with humility and joy, that they may look at you. Although the message may be radical to their way of thinking, by keeping their eyes on you and looking to you, they will see My love reflected in your faith.

You must be willing to go through the preparation and the training--the lessons, the softening, the molding, the reshaping, the breakings--that you may be true vehicles of My love. This is only the beginning; there will be more, so you must be prepared to give My messages. Just like your Father David and your Queen Maria, you must also be prepared to relay My messages to the world, no matter what the message is--even those that you may not like.

You must be prepared and have pure, simple faith in My wisdom--that I know what is best, that I am in full control, and that I know where I am leading. The preparations of your heart are in My hands and under My control.

#### 48

Beware lest you be entangled with the yokes of the System! Be not charmed by its delicacies. Be not interested. Take not fire into your bosom or you shall be burned! Be not beguiled by their knowledge and by man's wisdom. Be not enticed. Be not overwhelmed by the wisdom of man, the knowledge of this world. Do not let it trap you. Do not let it ensnare you. Do not let it suddenly destroy you. You must not let it use you. You must not let it hurt you. You must not let it destroy your beautiful spirit. Guard against that influence by fighting to stay close to Me (ML #2984).

## 49

The joy of the Lord is your strength. How do you get this joy? It's actually very simple: Love Me with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength, and also remember to love others. Don't worry about what others may think, about their opinions. Just do the loving thing and the humble thing. In fact, people will love and respect you more for that!

You are becoming a young man, and with this comes added responsibilities. As long as you have a loving heart--love for Me and love for others--I will be able to trust you with more responsibilities because I know you will do the right thing, the loving thing. As you continue to put Me first and the Word first and others first, above your own wishes, I will give you the desires of your heart.

So remember to show outgoing love and concern for others, and I will fill you with My joy, My peace, My happiness.

## 50

*(Spirit helper:)* That's a little problem with some of you people--you expect immediate results and smooth sailing, and when you have problems, you wonder if you're out of God's will. Well, sometimes that's the case, but sometimes it isn't. You have to be able to just look to the Lord, look to His Word, and believe that He is going to work the miracles, bring the victories, and accomplish His purpose (ML #3073).

## 51

*(Dad:)* These are important days of preparation in the Family. These are days of a real dividing of the men from the boys--to show who really is determined to go on for the Lord by faith no matter what! These are days of great decisions for the Family.

So don't worry about it! It's in the Lord's hands and it is part of His plan. He's bringing the Family through many testings as stepping stones to the future. They are being trained, although they probably don't see it as training!

The Endtime days ahead are going to hold just what the Lord said they will. His powerful, meaty messages are messages the world needs to hear, and it's going to take messengers who are powerful in the Spirit to deliver them!--Those who know that their only power comes from the Lord, their only strength is in Him and His Word, and that the only way they're going to make it is just by simply hanging on to Him and continuing to have faith.

So there is a sifting here, and a weeding of a little here and a little there. It's an important time of preparation for the battles ahead, and we're going to end up with a strong, fighting army of real warriors--strong soldiers who are willing to do anything for Jesus! We're going to be very proud of them and happy that they hung on--and there's going to be a big reward waiting for each one!

So the messages are coming! The messages are on their way--the Family just has to be willing to be the messengers. Sounds simple enough, but it's going to be a test!

## 52

The Enemy goes about amongst My children, seeking those whom he may devour and pollute. He seeks to destroy their link with Me, My gift of prophecy. He seeks to destroy our connection with one another, for he knows that in the days to come, and in the darker days ahead, My gift of prophecy will provide the strength, encouragement and direction that My children need. For now I am teaching and training My children to hear My voice and to listen for My whispers; to practice in these days of peace and quiet, to learn to hear My voice and My guidance, and to discern My voice. Thus the Enemy attacks with great force, to pull you away from Me, and to sow doubt and confusion!

Have faith, and do not look at the waves. You must only believe with simple, childlike faith, and continue to trust. Listen not to the voice of the Enemy! Reject his doubts and refuse to hear his lies! You must simply believe that that which you hear is My voice, a supernatural working of My hand, and My Spirit which speaks unto you. It is a gift of My Spirit, and I am teaching and training My Family in the use of this gift.

## 53

Precious in My sight is the death of My saints--the death to self, the death to sin, the death to your own ways. From this death springs forth the beauty of life, the beauty of

resurrection, the beauty of My Spirit. For this death to self and the decision to say, "Yes, I will go to the cross; yes, I will go to the flame; yes, I will go through the flood," is what brings forth the beauty of the resurrection and of the life to come. Without this death there can be no resurrection. The laying down of your life, your will and your desires--even though you do not see what is beyond the grave--is the step of faith that brings forth the beautiful resurrection of My Spirit in your life!

For without faith it is impossible to please Me. If you can see the way, or if you know all that is ahead, then the decision is not one of faith, but one of knowledge and one of understanding and one of clarity. But when you see not what is ahead, when you look forth and see only darkness and know not where the light is or when it shall come or from whence it shall come, but you say, "Yes, I will follow anyway, and I will take the step because You have said this is what I must do, this is what You require of me," this is great faith and it does greatly please Me. And because I am well pleased with you, so will I pour forth unto you all that you have asked for. So shall I strengthen you and so shall I lift you up, and so shall I pour forth unto you My Spirit and My love, My compassion and My understanding. So shall I bring you into the rest of My Spirit that you seek (ML #2987).

## 54

Anyone at any time can be weakened in their mind and in their mental prowess and the capabilities which I have given them. Just as you can step away from My anointing through disobedience and unwillingness to accept My anointing and receive its full powers, likewise, anyone at any time can also be distant from My mind, My thoughts, My Spirit, My heart and My ways through their own weakened mental state, which comes from unyieldedness, pride, and a lack of faith.

Those who continually resist My voice, who continually walk in their own ways and their own pride and carnal reasoning, who yield not to My will and to My voice which would speak to them--their minds grow dull and weakened, and their understanding of My will is darkened so that they do not see clearly.

My voice and My will speaks to each one individually and is not the same for all. I lead and guide each of My children in the way that I purpose for them to go. I direct their steps and I show them the path. I show them My will and I speak clearly to each person whose mind and heart is set on Me, who desires to hear My voice and obey My will. Each one who follows Me step by step, who yields to My voice and gives of their best, who stays humble and submitted, an open vessel unto Me, close to Me and on My channel, shall maintain a strong, sound mind of faith.

## 55

Be not afraid to launch out into the deep! Be not as those who crowd the shoreline and look out in wonderment and amazement at those who ride the waves. For have I not said that many changes will come like a mighty ocean breaker? It shall come and come and come again, and you must ride these waves. Even though you understand not, you must take the plunge into the cold water. You must fight against the current. You must put your heart into getting into position, that the wave may catch you and drive you forward to new heights of the spirit!

Though you may be inexperienced and though you may be cold or feel frigid, I ask only that you step out onto the water that I may take you up, that I may come under you with the power of God like a mighty wave, that I may swoop you up. You shall find the exhilaration of My Spirit far beyond what you have experienced before.--So much so, that you shall long for this feeling, you shall desire this change, you shall want more and crave more and never get enough.

Have I not put in the heart of those who ride the waters the same desire to want more? I shall put that desire in you if you will but take the first step and launch out into the deep for Me. Be not as those upon the shoreline who watch and marvel but do not partake. You must launch out to receive the benefits. You must strike out into the water. You must dive in!

I will not require it before your time, but I will require it, each in his own way. But I have promised you that you shall be able to ride this wave and the many waves to follow, if you will only take the first step (ML #2994).

## 56

*(Dad:)* It's a difficult thing, trying to describe the Lord's love. Human words and expressions fall so short. That's why He so often gives word pictures or analogies to try to help us to grasp His great, marvelous, infinite love. His unconditional love is something that you're learning a lot about. It still amazes me, and I'm still learning a lot about it! It's remarkable, astonishing! I'd say it's unbelievable, but I do believe it because I've seen it and experienced it. Of course, I believed and knew the love of the Lord when I was with you, even before I came Home, but now I understand it so much better.

If people could just understand the magnitude of the Lord's love, how truly unconditional it is, how vast and deep and wide and unending it is, it would solve so many of their



problems. They would find freedom from so many of their fears and worries and condemnation. When you know the Lord loves you and you really understand that, then you know everything is going to work out. You know that He is going to cause everything to work together for good, because He is in control of every detail and His hand on our lives is so perfectly loving.

## 57

My dearest, My beloved one, My precious one, I hear your thoughts; I know your innermost longings and fears and insecurities. I hear them all. I know them all. I see you go about your life, through your day, and you think that I have no love for you. You think that you must prove yourself. You think that because of your sins I am far away. You think that I wish to punish you, that you are too bad, and that I could not possibly love you.

You try to do the right thing. You try to be good. You try to show My love to others. Yet you feel that I am so far away and that I do not listen to you, that I do not talk to you, that I do not really care. For that, My heart grieves for you. Nothing could be further from what I really feel for you!

For now I say it; I say it to you, I say it to the whole world, I proclaim it--you are My beloved one in whom I am well pleased! You must forsake these doubts! You must cast them out! You must forsake these lying vanities, these lies, these doubts that you believe! You must be filled with My Spirit, My Holy Spirit, My Spirit of love, for I can fill you. You are very precious to Me and I love you very much, and you must refuse these lies. You must cast them out! You must take that step of faith to believe that I do love you. You must resist these lying vanities, for in them you forsake your own mercy!

I know your faults, but I love you! I know your sins, yet I am not far away. I am right there beside you and I care for you. It saddens Me and grieves Me very much that you do not believe it, you do not receive it, you do not let Me come in. You blame it on Me. You think that it is My fault, but it is not. I love you! You must believe that I am not far away. I do not seek to punish you. You do not have to be good enough for Me, or try so hard to feel worthy of My love. You are unworthy, but that does not matter; I love you anyway!

So cease from these works and these efforts of the flesh to try to be good enough for Me. You will never be good enough, and you can never do enough. But that is not the point, do you not see? I love you just the way you are! (ML #2985).

Your life is like a song of love. So much love has been poured into your life--the love of your mother, the love of your father, the love of your brothers and sisters both of the flesh and of the spirit, the love of your mate, the love of your children, the love of your shepherds, the love of the sheep! And of course My love most of all, which is the source of all this love that you have received.

As My Word says, unto whom much has been given, of the same much shall be required. Ah, but what great joy and great release you will find and have in yielding to this song of love, so that I can continue to bring forth in your life and in the lives of others the fruits of all this love that you have received.

The song of love shall continue and reverberate! Waves and waves and waves of love shall lap upon many shores because you have decided to let the song of love continue in your life, and consequently in the lives of many others. Lean not to your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Me and this beautiful, beautiful song of love.

I have watched you and nurtured you, lo, these many years--as a tiny sprig, as a wobbly sapling, and now as a fine tall tree. Therefore spread forth your branches and let others lodge in them, and learn and benefit from all that you have experienced.

Break the box and let it roll! Let it roll--all this love that you can share with others. And thus I will cause your tree to grow stronger, to bear more fruit, and to flourish in the courts of the Lord.

Be encouraged with My courage. Be inspired with the spire of My Spirit. With you it is impossible, but with Me all things are possible. This is your heritage and your legacy: to be a loving shepherd, a faithful witness, and to teach others to be the same.

Oh, you are so beloved! And this song of love that springs forth from your life, as I have promised, shall bring forth much fruit.

I will not hold it against you if you feel weak and incapable. I rejoice in this, for it brings you closer to Me and causes this song of love to ring truer and purer, to give a clearer picture of My love--that it is I Who fill all things, and that without Me, you are nothing.

So sing it forth! Give it forth! Live it, and it shall be well with you and your seed and all that you do.

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest! The harvest is plenteous and the trees are laden with ripe fruit. But even now the fruit falls to the ground and perishes for want of those to harvest it. Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields! Be not secluded in your blessings, but let your heart be touched with the feelings of those without--those who know not the truth and who know not the Savior, those who are dying of starvation and who freeze in the cold for lack of the warmth of My Spirit and My love.

The hands do reach forth and the voices do call out, saying, "Give unto us of the Words of David! Feed us with the Words of Maria! For our hearts do hunger and we perish!" Therefore say not ye there are yet four months, but take up your bags and go and pour forth as good shepherds and shepherdesses. Pour forth the Words and sow the seeds and reap the harvest, for time is short! (ML #2997).

## 60

My sweet, faithful one, quiet and tender of heart, loving and gentle in your ways, I see your tenderness. I see the love in your heart for Me and for others. I see your desire to be a blessing and to serve Me with all of your heart, and I will bless you for that love and for that faithfulness.

There are treasures of great beauty and love in your heart, and I wish for you to share this beauty with others. You do share these treasures with others, but there is much more in your heart that you have to give if you would have the faith to uncover your heart, to expose your heart and to give freely.

You think that you don't have much to give, but you have great treasures to give, much more than you understand. Continue to give what you have. Seek to open your heart to others and reveal the beautiful treasures within that I have given you. These treasures are from Me, and as you give them to others, as you scatter abroad, they will increase and I will be able to use you in even greater usefulness and greater fruitfulness, and will bring you greater joy and happiness and fulfillment in serving Me.

I love you, My son, and I will reward you greatly for your faithfulness, for your stick-to-itiveness, for your cheerfulness, and for your love and gentleness.

## 61

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty--liberty to proclaim the joy that you find in Me! The joy of your salvation, the joy that comes from My Word, from My Spirit and

prayer, from the testimonies of your Family, from your friends. Speak one to another of these joys and of the love and the power and the liberty that My Spirit brings in your life! By so doing, you will lift many out of condemnation and fear and worry and apprehension and the many things that people fall into when they fall away from My joy and the liberty that only My Spirit can bring.

Was not your prophet and king a man of great joy who led his children in dancing and singing and loving one another? He was continually pouring out and uplifting and caring for everyone that he met, everyone that he came in contact with, always speaking of Me and lifting Me up. So be not fearful but believing, and have joy and peace in your hearts (ML #3002).

## 62

Come over here close by My side, and let us cuddle up, snuggle up, and take our rest. You are a good and caring mommy, a sweet and gentle mommy for these, the sheep of your fold. You are always on call, always on duty, to teach and train and care for your little ones. You see their burdens, and you understand their desires. You have a tender mommy's heart, ready and willing to comfort them in their distresses, to feed them when they are hungry, to stroke their brow when they are in need of solace, to hold their hand when they are tempted to fear, to lend a listening ear when they need to pour out, and to teach and to train them in the way in which they should go. You have a true mother's heart as you give and give, again and again, over and over, day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year.

But My precious lily, My sweet flower, you too have need of rest and refilling from time to time, here in the bed of love with Me and Me alone. I know your heart, and I see your desire, and I know that you wish to have this time with Me. Therefore fret not for the children as you come take rest with Me, for I wish to love and to woo you. Though I am pleased that you care so diligently, so lovingly, and so tenderly for these, My precious children, be not tempted to neglect to make time for Me in our special secret place--time to rest, time to nestle here, time to cuddle up, snuggle up, lie in each other's arms and gaze into each other's eyes. For I, your Husband, also have need of you.

Therefore fear not, and fret not that the children will take up so much of your time that you have nothing left for your Husband. For in this special time of love and passion that we will have together, you will find the strength and inspiration that you need to carry on.

## 63

No matter who you are, where you are, or what you are doing--whether you are a prisoner, a captive of the System, whether you are in a dangerous situation, a war or any other difficult situation, or whether you are in a peaceful situation and experiencing days of Heaven and happiness--you can choose your state of mind.

You have power over your mind. Just as you can choose to say yes or no to Me, you can choose to have a strong, sound mind of faith, or a weakened, handicapped mind that has been dulled and darkened by being on the wrong channel.

Anyone can lose their soundness of mind, whether it be temporarily or permanently, for the warfare rages for the minds and hearts of My people. The battle has always been strong within the minds of men. The decisions that are made within the mind are at first unseen by others. They often are unknown and subconscious, but they surface later in an attitude, a thought pattern, an outlook that is not of Me and not of My Spirit.

Those who have been weakened mentally can become strong through the power of My Word and My voice, or they can remain weak through lack of faith and belief.

Those who will be the strongest in spirit and in mind and in faith will be those who let My Word live in them--those who live and breathe and drink My Word! Those who absorb My Word and believe and let My Word become life and strength to them will continue to walk with great strength of mind, spirit, faith and heart. Nothing shall be able to quench the strength of My Word in those who cling to it and keep it always foremost in their minds!

## 64

You are precious, you are beautiful, you are wonderful, each one. I have created each of you for a special purpose! I speak to you as an individual, as My beloved that I would draw unto Me, that I would take into the bed of My love, that I would shower with My love and kisses and embraces, that I would surround with My warmth, that I would clothe with the security and the protection of My love, that I would fill to overflowing! I speak to you as the special creation that I have made, each with a special, individual, unique calling and purpose.

My eye has been upon you since before you were formed in the womb. I have been with you every step of the way. I have watched you. I have loved you. I have cared for you. You have never been out of My sight.

How I long to pour My love upon you! How I long to draw you to My bosom! If you would take this time with Me in prayer, and listen to My voice in your heart and through

My Word, I would show you of My great, great love for you.--Love which is greater than the ocean, which stretches further than the horizon, which the whole universe with all its stars and galaxies cannot contain, which reaches out of understanding into infinity and eternity! (ML #2985).

## 65

Bathe in the beauties of My love! Revel in the ecstasies of My Spirit! I have created all these pleasures for your enjoyment. My precious child, My young bride, I have called and chosen you for the calling that you now find yourself in. I have placed the desire in your heart to be a representative of My love to the lost and to those who do not yet know Me and who do not yet know of My love. You have willingly taken up the calling and have utterly abandoned your personal desires and ambitions and dreams and accepted My will for you, and in this I am well pleased.

Thank you for answering My call, for dropping everything and following down the path where I lead you. You are My mouth to speak words of love, to be a channel of My love toward others; you are My hands to comfort and to soothe the hearts that are broken and the hopes and dreams that are shattered; you are My feet to carry My message to those who have not yet heard of Me; you are My eyes that weep tears of joy for every soul that finds Me. What a high privilege you have been called to--to be a representative of My love. Great is your reward for heeding My call and for giving it your all!

## 66

When you look at the job before you with the eyes of man, and when you think of all that there is to do and the weight that there is to carry, it is overwhelming! But when you look at it in the strength of God, in the strength of My voice, in the strength of My guidance and in the strength of My power, it is not too heavy; for I am God, and there is nothing too hard for Me! All that there is to do is beyond the capabilities of any man. For with man it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

All things are possible to him that believeth. Do you believe this? If you believe, come before Me and seek Me, and do those things that I show you. Bring your petitions before Me, and then stand back and see Me perform that which I will do!

I do not wish for you to be heavy laden and burdened and crushed. I have put you in this position so that you will know it is impossible for you to do it and you will seek Me. I

will teach you that your true strength is in Me. This you must learn so that you may teach others, and that they may teach others.

Come before My throne of grace and let Me carry the load, and I will show you the true power and the true strength--the power of prayer, the strength of listening. So though this looks like a very difficult and trying time, it is a time when I am calling you to Me to show you that I have all that you need and I will give it to you freely if you seek Me (ML #2987).

## 67

Your lesson has been how to rely on My strength. Strength comes not from the bed of languishing, or from your own spirit. Strength comes not from carnality and reasoning of the mind. True strength can only come from Me. True strength can only come from resting in My arms. True strength only comes from the bed of love. True strength comes from resting in My arms, for I am strength. By Me, kings reign, and the world exists through My strength. I am strength, and My desire is to live through you.

But I can only live through you and I can only perform many mighty miracles through you if you are letting Me do it by resting in Me, by getting your strength from Me, by relaxing, by getting refreshed each morning, and asking Me what I want to do, what I have planned for the day, and what My will is. I can only live through you if you let Me live through you. I can only do many mighty miracles through you if you let Me work through you that day.

You do this by spending time in the bed of love every morning with Me and saying, "This is Your day, Lord. Do with it what You will." This is where you will find your strength for the battle.

## 68

Those of the world who know Me not and desire Me not, who work against Me, who oppose Me and who worship the Devil, will never have power that compares to My Word and My Spirit! Although in outward appearance their minds are intelligent, educated, witty and seem to have great ability, such strength and ability of man will not prevail in the days to come. They will look unto you, My children, and they will beg of you! They will follow you and cling to you for the strength that I will give you, for they will see that great power has been given unto you.

If they will recognize Me as their Savior and bow down to My Name and accept My authority, then will I receive them to Myself and touch and heal the scars of their mind and the pollution of the Enemy. But those who receive Me not, who reject Me and hate Me and fight Me, will be given over to the Enemy that he may destroy them, that they may be as he is--the Destroyer, the insane, the evil.

I have power to restore and cleanse and keep and strengthen the minds and hearts and spirits of My children and those who call upon My Name. The power is always available, at your fingertips, and is but a thought away, but a prayer away!

Unto all who ask, it shall be given, and those who were once weakened I am able to strengthen. Those who were once feeble and shaken I am able to strengthen and make steady. To those who doubted and wavered and were insecure, I am able to restore faith and belief and steadfastness. To those who were tormented with fear and confusion from the doubts and lies of the Enemy, I am able to give peace, faith, and a sound mind.

## 69

*(Apostle Peter speaking:)* It wasn't until I denied the Lord that I was able to become the man of God that He wanted me to be, because before facing the condemnation of that denial I did so many things in my own strength and zeal and idealism. I tried to fight and do so many things in my own strength and my own wisdom. But through this crushing, the bitter failure of denying Jesus, I could only fall on my face knowing that I had no strength of my own, that there was no way I could fight off this horrible condemnation that the Devil was bringing upon me for this cowardly act.

It was only then that I saw that in my own strength I was so nothing, that I would accomplish nothing for the Lord unless at that moment I reached out for the Spirit of God and the mercy of God. It was at that time that I saw the true Spirit the Lord was imparting to us. Even the Lord did not try to fight the battle Himself, but before the time of His death He went to His Father begging for help and mercy and strength, and even to have this cup removed because He knew it was so difficult. Yet because He went to His Father, He was able to do the things that God was asking.

So it is with all of you, David's children, Jesus' avant-garde army. You must fall on the mercy of God. You must not try to carry the weights of your sins and mistakes and faults. Condemnation cannot be overcome except through the blood of Jesus Christ. But if you will accept His mercy, your strength will be renewed and you will be able to accomplish the things that you desire in your heart--your desire to help others and set them free from the condemnation of the Devil.



If you can overcome this and rise above it, then you become the men and women of God that He needs to help set others free from this viselike grip of the Devil, this horrible condemnation which is straight from Hell! Jesus broke the bands that held us all under that condemnation.

So continue to set people free! Show Jesus' love and His message of salvation. And most of all, believe in your own hearts that you are free from all guilt, all sin and all remorse, for there indeed is no condemnation in the Kingdom of God (ML #3008).

## 70

*(Dad:)* I'm so glad you decided to give Jesus your 100% without any reservations. That sometimes is the answer in itself--total yieldedness. It doesn't leave any room for anything else--for questions, personal desires, personal ambitions, or confusion about anything.

As for your question about whether leadership is the calling that the Lord has for you: I can understand how you'd have that question in your mind sometimes, especially when you're young, because it's hard to be sure if the Lord's having you help out in a shepherding role temporarily, or if this is your life's calling. But I think you'll find, as I found out, that when the Lord has a calling for you, and He keeps steering you in that direction and you just can't seem to get away from it, then you can be pretty sure that this is what He'd like you to do! When He keeps bringing you back and putting you in that position, when you're not even asking for it, it's a pretty good confirmation that this is what He'd like you to do, because you have the gifts and talents for it; otherwise He wouldn't have given you those abilities.

The Lord's created us all as different instruments and different tools. If He's made you a hammer, and it's pretty obvious, then it's no use trying to be another tool, like a saw or a chisel, because it's just not going to work!

The best way to find the will of God is to have no will of your own. I think if you'll accept this calling as the Lord's calling for you, it will take away your questions and help you to be more single-minded, and be able to put more into shepherding and helping others. This is a great commission and an important role, and the Lord trusts you with it. Your age makes no difference. The Lord can choose leaders at a very young age. And since you've been a bellwether for a while now, I think you can count that as an even further confirmation that this is the vocation that the Lord has for you.

So just do your best. Put your whole heart into it, and the Lord's going to mightily anoint you. You actually already have the anointing; you just have to have the faith to reach out and take it and live it, and the Lord will do the rest.

You can't always trust or go by your feelings. Sometimes you may have a burden or a desire to do something else; it may even become a burning passion. But you can't always trust that, as it might be a decoy of the Enemy. So if you ever get tempted with that, or if you ever waver, remember how the Lord has commissioned you, and look again at His promises and seek Him for the conviction to do His highest in the place where He has put you, putting your will on His side, filling the need in whatever way it may be.

Put the Lord's Word, what you know He's called you to do through prophecy, the need and what leadership asks your help in, and what the Lord has commissioned you to do above your feelings. This will be your anchor if you ever question your role as to whether you should fill a leadership position, or if you feel like you would like to do something else.

That's what I had to do--although sometimes I felt like doing something else, and sometimes I did do something else for a while. The Lord was always very loving and merciful to me, and always gently guided and directed me back into my calling. As long as you put your life in His hands, He'll never fail to lead and guide you. Just keep going for God!

## 71

I teach you and your children now to hear My voice and to hear the whispers of these that help you. For the time is coming when this will be of great importance--a time when you must tap into My power and My resources. But those resources are there now at your disposal, at your asking, at your bidding. So ask and seek and believe and let your helpers help you. Let them do the work. Cooperate with them by listening, by obeying, and by following the checks of the Spirit. It is these checks that bring you to the place where you need to be so that all of the pieces are in place for the plan that has been engineered to be fully executed.

But when you are so full of your own ideas and your own plans and so determined, and not willing to stop, to look, to listen, to go slow, to be prayerful, you miss being in the right place at the right time, and doing or saying the right thing to the right person. Then the plan is foiled and there is disappointment. But, oh, what great joy and rejoicing there is when you step into the plan of the helpers, the plan of God, and it all works well and each piece functions just as it should and it brings forth great results. There is great

rejoicing and great happiness both in the Spirit and within you, when you see the answer to your prayers, when you see the power of God, when you see the engineering of the spirit world.

All of this is part of the power of God. All of this is part of the strength of God. If you would go forth in My power and in My strength, it means that you would be letting these helpers participate in your life, and that you would be working well together with them to fulfill My will.

So work together and work in harmony. Be in tune, be in touch, be listening. Be weak--weak in your own strength and your own plan. Be strong--strong in listening, strong in quietness, strong in rest, strong in hearing My voice and hearing the whispers, that when the plan is ready to be put into action, you will step right into your place, that all the pieces may fit well together to bring forth the results that these have prepared and I have approved, that we may together bring forth My will and My plan and accomplish My purpose (ML #3005).

## 72

My darling, My little love, My sweet and faithful one, how I love you and care for you. I know every detail of your life, every thought, every prayer, every need. I see your struggles. I see the tears that you shed. I see your laughter. I see your pain and your joy. I see your suffering. I see your patience, your faith, and your heartache. There is nothing that escapes My view. You ask, "Does anyone care? Does anyone understand? Does anyone reach out to me in my hour of need?" I say to you, My darling, that I understand and care. I reach out to you and long to comfort you, for I cherish you.

You are precious in My sight, as a faithful one, and your faithful labors for years and years in the field will not go unrewarded. I will continue to supply your needs and give you strength that you know not of, that you might continue to climb the mountain, to reach for the prize of the high calling of God, that you might continue to feed your little ones with the truth and love that they so desperately need. So do not be weary in well doing. Do not be discouraged, thinking that all is lost and no one understands or cares or sees your need, for this is not true. I have never left your side, and I will never leave you nor forsake you.

## 73

Behold, I am the good Gardener, the faithful Gardener, and I have planted a beautiful, wide, glorious garden of special flowers. In My garden, each flower is different and unique, beautiful to My eyes and special. Each flower is a unique color and a unique size. Each one serves its own purpose and has its own place in the garden and in the heart of the Gardener.

Each of you is unique to Me. Each of you is a special flower in My eyes. Each has its own place, and its own purpose and calling. I know all about your gifts, your talents, your battles, your NWOs, and all the things that bother you about yourself. I know about the nagging problems that you can't seem to get a victory over. I know your spiritual strengths and your spiritual weaknesses, your idiosyncrasies and all the funny things about you that make you an individual. I know these things!

I know all about your heart's desires and your secret longings. I know about your desire for adventure and excitement and change. I know about your desire to be close to someone and to be loved. I know about your desire to find a mate, to find that special person that you feel is your other half. I know about your desire to be trained, to find a ministry, and to be fulfilled in your service for Me. I know about your desire to have fun and to have time off from your work. I know about your desire to have your talents expanded and to be used in the greatest capacity possible.

I know about the times that you compare. I know about the times that you think negatively about yourself and you feel bad and you feel that you are not good enough, when your weaknesses bother you and embarrass you and get you down and discourage you. You feel like there is no hope and like, "What's the use? How can anybody love me, anyway?" I know about all these things and I love you anyway! (ML #2985).

## 74

*(Dad:)* The way you stay strong mentally and spiritually is by living in the Lord and drawing on His strength, because we can't do anything without the Lord. We can't even think the right thoughts or depend on our own thoughts, understanding or reasoning. You just have to have the Lord's mind.

Anyone who has spent any time entertaining the Enemy's thoughts and letting him use their mind and their channels will probably come to the realization that there's no end to what the Enemy will do once he gets you on his channel. It's a pretty frightening thing to give your mind over to the Devil and his doubts and lies, because the end of that road is destruction. He's out to destroy, and he'll drive you insane!

So thank the Lord for our dear folks who have seen the light and cried out for help and are on the road to victory and recovery. But it's going to be a fight--probably from now until the day they come Home to Heaven! They're going to have to fight to stay on the right road and close to the Lord, because the Enemy's always going to hope he can get his toehold in there one more time. But that's probably what the Lord wants to use to keep them desperate!

Everyone has something in their life that the Lord uses to keep them desperate and close to Him. We should be thankful for that, because that's where we want to be--desperate and close to Him. Then He can keep using us and keep feeding us His thoughts, giving us His mind and helping us to be a reflection of His thoughts and His mind.

## 75

Have you invested your talents wisely in your children and in those around you? Have you poured forth what knowledge you have? Has each child, each teen, each person in your Home shared with somebody else the skills and the talents they have?

Have you shared your ability to spell? Have you shared your ability to read? Have you shared your ability to memorize? Have you shared your verse today? Have you shared with somebody else what you have learned from My Spirit?

How much are you sharing? Or are you selfish? Are you sitting on your talents? Are you burying them in yourselves and not letting them burst forth in your children? You can increase your talents by pouring them into children (ML #2956).

## 76

I have allowed this time of testing in your life, even though at times it seems to you to be unfair and unjust and too difficult to bear. But know and understand that in Me you will find the strength you need to carry on. After you have suffered for a while and passed through this Jordan of breaking and testing, this trial of your faith, you will enter a glorious Promised Land, and your life and the lives of your children will once again be filled with joy and love! At that time, you will see these Words and promises which I have given to you fulfilled in full, and you will know that I have not lied, but My promises are true.

So do not cast away your confidence in Me. Do not let the Devil steal your Halloween Wheel of power by falling into discouragement and despair. Continue to trust Me, and see My hand and My love even in the smallest things of your life--in the supply of every

small need, in the keeping of your health and strength, in the keeping of the safety of your children in a dark, dark land. These are tokens of My love to you. Your children's love for you is a manifestation of My love for you, and the brethren's care and concern for you is a manifestation of My love for you. And these Words for you are a manifestation of My love for you.

So do not be fearful of what the future holds, for there is a light at the end of the tunnel. There is a rainbow at the end of the storm and a pot of gold awaiting you--the pure gold of God's promises fulfilled in your life.

## 77

There is nothing hid from Me. I know your every thought, your every desire, and every secret prayer. Every time you look up to Me and you cry out to Me, I am near. I hear your prayers and My heart is moved with compassion. I never harden My heart. I never get tired of listening to you. I never turn away. I never sleep. I never have a "Do Not Disturb" sign on the door. I am never distant. I am never too tired or too busy for you. I always hear and answer your prayer--sometimes in the way that you would desire, and sometimes in ways that you know not, or in ways that you cannot yet see. But I do hear and I do answer! (ML #2985).

## 78

Take heart, My dear one, My darling! Know that I am your Husband and the Father of your children. I will never cease to care for you and love you and comfort you as My Own. Your children are My children. I will supply their needs and encamp them round about with the angels of My protection. I will let no evil befall them.

Do not fear even for this wayward one's future. Do not be dismayed or condemned about the choices that he makes, for even he is in My hand, and My love for him is unending and unconditional. I love him as My wayward son, My prodigal son. I will encamp My angels round about him as well, and in due time, when he so chooses, I will bring him back to Me and to you.

I have placed in his hand the majesty of choice--whether he will learn the easy way or whether he will go the way of the transgressor, which is hard. But even if he goes the way of the transgressor, and even if he may suffer many things as he travels the road of the wayward son, still I will have My hand upon him and I will cause all things to work

together for good in his life. For he is My son, and no one or nothing will be able to pluck him out of My hand.

His rebellion and hardheartedness is only for a time--only a moment in time when compared with all eternity. So do not fret, and do not let the Devil condemn you! Do not waste time with remorse and guilt. Give your wayward son your unconditional love, and trust Me for his future.

## 79

*(Apostle Paul speaking:)* In my time on Earth I saw many afflictions. I was shipwrecked at sea and spent a day in the water. I saw the high waves crashing all around and it was very frightening. I was not delivered out of it but I was kept through it. I was beaten and I was stoned and I suffered sickness.

Many times I felt so discouraged that I felt like giving up, but I knew I had to keep going. I saw much hardship, and many times I felt defeated physically, mentally and spiritually. At times I would think, "I've endured so much, and I'm so tired!" But I knew I could not give up, for I knew there was a great crown of righteousness laid up for me.

In my defeat, in my discouragement, and in my despair, I carried on faithfully. As I did, these things came to pass, and I was brought through them. The storms did not always end when I wished them to. I had to go through the beatings and the stonings, but the Lord always gave me the grace, and afterwards comforted me, healed me, kept me, and rewarded me.

Our Lord kept me and protected me, even through the storm, and even through the beating, and even through the stoning, and even through the persecutions, and even through the discouragement. He did not deliver me from these things, but He kept me through them.

So when the storms come and beat high upon your ship, and it seems as if your vessel is breaking into pieces, trust. And even if your ship does break into pieces and you are cast into the waters and the waves are overwhelming you, trust. If the stones of persecution are being cast at you, trust. If the scourging of the Enemy's lies is being meted unto you, trust. For our Lord is always there, and He does not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able to bear, but He makes a way to escape.--Not always to escape from the affliction or the battle or the test, but you can escape through trusting.

So don't let go! Hold fast to that crown--that crown of joy, that crown of life, that crown of service, that crown of reward. Set it not down. Hold it. It is well worth it to hold on

through all the depths, for when you do, you have great reward there upon the Earth, and abundant great reward Here in the Heavenlies. For we are watching and we are helping, but it is you that must make the choice.

Once you choose to hold on, then we can spring into action and help even more. But you must choose. You must take the step of faith; that is for you alone to choose. So be not fearful to undergo whatever it is that is sent your way--your testings, your trials, your purgings. But know that He is faithful to keep you in all your tribulations, and through your tribulations, and beyond your tribulations (ML #2987).

## 80

*(Dad:)* Hi there! This is Grandpa, and I wanted to tell you that I love you! I wanted to encourage you and tell you how proud of you I am!

I know you feel like you've lost so much time with your dad, because you've missed him as you've grown up all these years. But you can be comforted to know that up Here there is no time, and once you get Here, and once you two are reunited, you'll have so much time and opportunity to catch up! You'll see that you won't have missed a thing. You will have suffered no loss, you'll have only gained.

Plus, Honey, it's made you into such a beautiful little angel. I don't mean an angel in that you're perfect, but I mean an angel in that you have a heart of love. You've been touched with a little bit of sorrow, a bit of heartbreak, not having your daddy and feeling that he's not around. You've missed growing up having him there and living with him and being close to him, as you'd like. But, Sweetie, don't you see that's made you into what you are today? That's not the only thing, but that's one thing, and I know it's played a big part in your life and it's been on your mind quite a bit.

But you can know and be happy that the Lord is real pleased with the way you're turning out, and His plan is being perfected and worked in your life and in your heart. He wants you to have a heart full of love and compassion, so that you will look upon the needs of others and want to help fill their needs and satisfy their longings and lift them up, to give them cheer and joy and happiness in place of your own.--Like an angel, see?--Always helping others. That's what Jesus wants, Honey.

So hang in there! When He's done working in your life, you're going to be just beautiful, and you'll shine upon others with His love.

## 81



*(While Peter was experiencing severe heart pains, the Lord said:)* So does My heart hurt!--For the lost! So does My heart pain!--For those who have pain, and those who are lost, and those who are brokenhearted! So does My heart hurt!--For the war-torn and the weary; for those that thirst in the heat of the desert for My water, and those that freeze in the cold and seek for My warmth; for those that are lost and lonely and seek for My love. My heart aches and My heart breaks for these!

This is but a token of the pain that I suffer and the hurt that I feel for the lost and for the lonely, for the hurting and for the sick, for the dying and for those who do not know Me. For they seek and they die without Me. My heart aches for them, for I long for them to be with Me. But they must hear of Me. They must receive My Words. And how can they receive My Words unless you give them to them?

My Words are the leaves that heal, that warm, that quench the thirst, that give light in darkness. The world waits and they hurt and they suffer. Their hearts ache, and the void of their heart is not filled with Me because they have yet to hear My Words and My kisses, My message. They need My leaves that heal their wounds, that heal the suffering!

I wish to fill their bellies and fill their hearts and fill their spirits. And this is the pain that I suffer for them, for I know their hearts and I know that they suffer and they are lost and they are lonely and they are hungry and they need My Words. They need Me and they need My truth. So have I commissioned you to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Go forth, My children! Go forth to relieve the pain! Relieve their pain and relieve My pain! For as their hearts are healed by Me, so is My heart healed. Give them My Words; yes, give them My Words! For this is the calling that I have given you--to go forth, to preach the Gospel, to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up their wounds, to give them the oil of gladness. This is the fast that I have chosen, that you pour forth your bread to the hungry and your water to the thirsty; that you share your light and your love with the lost and the lonely; that you give them the direction that you have been given, that they may find the way (ML #2990).

## 82

I know your heart. I know your secret desires. I know your fears. I know the discouragement and condemnation of the Enemy that plagues you, as he seeks to get you to doubt My love. He tries to make you think that I'm a distant God, One Who does not understand, One Who does not hear your prayers and come to your aid in your time of need. But I say unto you that these are lies of the Evil One. Cast not away your

confidence, for you shall have great reward if you reach out with the hand of faith and believe, knowing that I am able to supply every need, and that if you put Me first, I will give you the desires of your heart.

See with the eyes of expectancy and anticipation, and I promise you that your desires will not go unrewarded. For I am your Husband and you are My bride, and it is My desire to shower upon you blessing upon blessing. It is My pleasure to give you the desires of your heart.

My willingness and ability to give to you is only limited by your faith. Draw nigh to Me, My darling, precious one, and I will draw nigh to you. Seek Me, put Me first, love Me, desire Me, and I will reveal Myself to you in ways that will be such a consolation, such a miracle, such a revelation, that it will chase away the doubts of the Evil One.

If you set your affections on things above, My precious one, you will be amazed at the way I am able to work in your life, supply your needs and show you My love.

### 83

*(Dad:)* Even if someone has been weakened mentally by listening to the voice of the Enemy for long enough that it's actually weakened their channel with the Lord to where they can no longer recognize the truth from the lie, there's still hope for them. It doesn't mean that they'll be in a weakened mental state permanently.

Look at dear Leila! [*See ML #947, "Freedom From Fear!"*] She was under the Enemy's control, and he had her in such bondage through fear that she could hardly even hear the verses that I was repeating to her. She couldn't even hear the Lord's voice. But she pulled through--the Lord gave her the strength--and she got a tremendous victory by accepting the Lord's love. So people who have been through that can turn it into a real strength in their lives by just staying yielded, obedient, and close to the Lord.

### 84

My love is manifested to you in many different ways. You feel that I don't love you and you can't recognize My love, you can't find My love. But My love is manifested to you in every joy and pleasure that you feel in life, in every supply of your need--this is My love for you. Every time one of your brothers or sisters or lovers or your mother or father or uncle or aunt takes you in their arms and gives you love and encouragement and affection, this is My love for you.

Every time you feel the need and you go to My Word and you find strength and inspiration to go on, this is My love for you. When you lie down at night and you are so tired and weary from your many labors, and you find sweet sleep and refreshment to your body and your spirit, this is My love to you. In your times of relaxation, when you find recreation and enjoyment and laughter, this is My love for you. The times when you go out witnessing and you pour out your heart to a hungry soul and you are able to give them the answers that they are looking for and lead them to Me, and you experience that thrill of sharing the truth with another human being, another lost person, this is My love for you.

In every new thing that you learn, and every new experience that you have, in every way that you find satisfaction and joy and challenge and contentment of heart and rest of spirit and comfort to your body--all this is My love to you.

The more that you recognize Me in these everyday affairs of your life, and the more you learn to appreciate these little things that I give you and these little ways that I manifest Myself to you, so shall you grow to know My love and appreciate My love and feel it (ML #2985).

## 85

*(Dad:)* It's really sweet, Honey, that you would share your heart about this boy that you love. It's good that you're so honest, and that you want to hear the answers and counsel. It's also very good that you've been praying and taking it to the Lord.

Remember, He's your best friend, and He wants to hear about what's going on in your life. He wants to know how you're feeling. He wants to help you. He wants to give you all that you need, and He wants to give you love.

Just remember to keep praying as you have been and looking to Jesus every step, so that He can keep your heart fixed firmly on Him, so that you don't get distracted, and your mind and heart and thoughts don't get pulled away from His work, which you know you've got to keep in first place.

The only way you can be sure you'll be staying close to Jesus is to keep your eyes, your heart, and your mind fixed firmly on the Word and looking to Him. So if you're worried about getting off track or distracted, then there's the cure, there's the answer, there's your solution.

Make that your first priority. Put the emphasis on Jesus and the Word, and everything else will fall into place. Then you won't have to worry about giving or showing love to others,

because you'll know your priorities are in the right place, and loving others will not take away from your love for Jesus.

How's that for a simple solution? Not too complicated, is it? Just love Jesus, love the Word, and then love others!

## 86

Faith is the key to the life of a Christian, to the life of My missionaries, My children. It is the key to faithfulness and blessing and provision and power and protection and inspiration and receiving every good thing that I wish to bestow upon My precious children whom I love.

Do you believe that I love you? Do you have faith in My love, in My care, in My provision, and in My protection? Do you believe that, as a most loving and caring and doting Husband, I would not leave My wife comfortless, without the utmost care, without her needs met, without guidance and direction, without the solutions to her problems, the grace for every situation?

No, I could not be such a Husband that would neglect the care of a wife so precious to Him! For you are My precious one, My darling bride, My yielded and obedient wife who seeks to do My slightest bidding, who loves Me with all of her heart and who lays down her life and body in service for Me, because of her great love for Me and My children. Would I not care for her as My beloved? Would I not cherish her as the precious treasure she is to Me? Would I not help her and deliver her from every evil thing and provide her every need and surround her with My love? Yes, I will do all of these things, and more!

But the key is faith--faith in My love, faith in My promises, faith to obey in spite of the odds, in spite of overwhelming obstacles and seemingly impossible situations. For this is the proof of My bride's love--her faith in Me, her faith in My Words, and her faith in My power to fulfill them. Her great love for Me is manifest in her faith--the golden key of faith.

So guard this precious treasure I have given you, this golden key of faith. It is something that must be kept through constant care and nurturing and feeding from My Words, which are spirit and life. By doing these things, by believing and receiving and imbibing and drinking in and partaking of My Words, you keep the golden key of faith bright and shiny and polished, and you will be well able to use it to open many mighty doors of My blessings for all that you need in every area of your life. For you are My precious bride and loving wife, and I love you (ML #3073).

## 87

Fear not that your heart breaks, My dear one. Fear not for the sacrifices. Fear not for the weeping, for I say that this weeping shall endure for a night, but there will be joy and the sun shall break forth with shining once again in your life. The heartache that you feel shall be washed clean, and I will give you a new beginning.

As you walk down the path of My perfect will, you shall go from strength to strength. You shall feel My hand of blessing upon your life, and you will know beyond a shadow of a doubt that you are in My perfect will. You shall find great joy, satisfaction and love. You shall find new challenge and new inspiration in your life.

The things that you once held on to, but are now willing to let go of, shall in the future be looked upon as weights that turned into wings. You shall soar on the winds of My Spirit higher than you ever dreamed possible, freer than you ever knew possible.

## 88

*(Dad:)* You are a beauty! You are one of God's beautiful queens, so sweet and lovely--a mother queen, a loving queen, a caring queen of love. You mothers have always been a marvel to me--how you can love and love and give and give and serve and serve, wake in the night, work all day, and bear the burden of bearing children and continuing to care for your household.

Oh, what special rewards you dear mothers have! I love you! Thanks for shticking. Thanks for being faithful to pour into your kids even when you're dead-dog tired. Thank you for continuing to pour out to others in your witnessing. You're amazing! The Lord's given you lots of energy and strength on that gorgeous chassis of yours.

You also have a unique beauty of wisdom, maturity, calmness and depth. You are like a pearl. Pearls only grow more beautiful as they age and as they are worn and used. They shine with a special luster.--And that's you! You're soft and sultry and warm and sensuous, and you exude love. You know me, I always think about the loving and the sexy part, and that's you! You're both of those.

I'm looking forward to greeting you personally when you get over Here. Just like that song I used to sing, "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus. Life's trials will seem so small when we see Christ. One glimpse of His dear face, all sorrows will erase. So bravely run the race till we see Christ!" I'm singing that for you, Honey, and you can hear

it on my tapes. Next time you hear that song, smile real big and remember that I love you personally.

## 89

Throughout all the ages of man, the struggle has been between leaning upon the arm of the flesh and the strength of man, and leaning upon the power of God. All of My children from the beginning until now have struggled with leaning upon their own strength in their service for Me, and leaning upon Me to perform their service. They struggle, feeling that they must do this and they must do that, and they have not fully understood that I wish for their service to be done through My power and My strength and My might.

In My service there is always so much to do, for the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few, and My Spirit compels them to do all that must be done. But they feel they must do it in their power and in their might, and they have not sought Me and My power, nor trusted Me and My power. They have not fully understood all that My power can do through the power of prayer, through the power of My Word, through the power of My direction. The power and might of God is so strong, yet My children do not tap into it nearly as much as they could. This has been the battle throughout the ages.

But those that would perform in the power and in the might of God turn to Me, and they seek Me, and they follow that which I say to them and that which I show them, and thus do they accomplish My will with effortless ease! For have I not shown you how much easier it is to seek Me and to ask Me? And how that which I show you accomplishes My purpose with very little effort on your part?

So would I have it for My children, that they be not so strained and burdened. When they have a problem with their children, they should pray and seek Me. When they have a problem in their Home, they should pray and seek Me. When they have a problem with their outreach, they should pray and seek Me. When they have a problem with their finances, they should pray and seek Me. When they have a problem with those in their Home, they should pray and seek Me, for I do have answers. I do have the strength. I do have the power. It is there.

Have I not said, "Pray without ceasing"? Have I not said, "Call unto Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you know not"? That "they that seek Me early shall find Me"? "When you call out to Me with a whole heart, I will answer." "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you." These are not mere words of man, My children--these are the promises of God! Avail

yourselves of My promises, and believe, and you shall have strength and might and power that you know not of! (ML #2987).

## 90

I work in everyone's life to bring them closer to Me and to make them more dependent on Me. With some I give them mates and children and families. This is a very sacrificial life, for when they are married they are no longer their own. When they have children it requires even more giving and sacrificial love, and a forsaking of one's own personal desires. Once you give your life to another, it is no longer your own. It is a sacrificial life when you become one with another individual.

This is My plan, that one should leave their parents and be joined to another. Some are ready for this and some are not. And some go forth with it when they are not ready, and unfortunately, people are hurt through the experiences that they have.

I say to you: Are you ready for a spouse? Are you ready for a life of sacrifice, of living for someone else? Of changing your schedule for them? Of changing your habits for them? Of changing your personal ways for them? Of changing your appearance for them? Are you ready for that? When you take on a mate, your life is no more your own, but it now involves another person. This is a life of giving, a life of sacrifice, and the life of forsaking independence.

## 91

The greatest way that I can show My love to you is through another person, another human being. For have not I said that I have no heart but your heart, I have no hands but yours, no lips but yours, and no feet but yours to manifest My love to another? I want to use your hands to reach out to each other, to touch one another and hold one another. I want to use your lips to kiss away the heartaches and the tears of another. I want to use your voice to express words of encouragement and love to lift one another up, and words of forgiveness.

I want to use your eyes to look upon one another with comfort and compassion, and to shed tears for one another as you let yourselves be touched and moved by each other's needs. This is the greatest way that I can manifest Myself to you--through another living human being (ML #2985).

I promise you, My sweet bride, that your sacrifices will not go unrewarded. I swear to you that you will receive a hundred times more than what you have forsaken. That which weighs so heavily upon your heart today, that which is given at such a great cost, that which causes your heart to ache, and that which causes you to cry out for My mercy in the depths of your spirit, will soon be much easier to bear.

The time will come in the not-so-distant future that you will look back upon these days of forsaking and this time of crushing, and you will see My promise fulfilled, that as you put your Isaac on the altar, and as you gave Me that which was most precious to you, I opened the windows of Heaven and poured upon you blessing upon blessing, so great that it seemed more than you were able to receive.

My love and blessing will be so overwhelming to you that you will kneel before Me, raise your hands in thanksgiving, give Me the glory and praise, and say, "Oh, I thank You, my Lord, that You gave me the grace to give all. I thank You, my Lord, that You gave me the faith to trust You. I thank You, my Lord, that You have heard my prayer. And now You have given me my heart's desire, more than I ever dreamed possible!"

So trust Me through this time of testing, through this tunnel of darkness, through this squeezing of your heart, and know that I will cause it to bring forth good fruit in every way. Because you have been a cheerful giver, I will give unto you cheerfully and abundantly.

Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, neither can you. The more you call upon Me, and the more you look to Me, and the more you yield and lean on Me, the more fruit you can bear for My Kingdom.

If you will walk with Me to the garden, I will speak to you and I will reveal things to you to lead you into greater fruitfulness and greater truth. But you must make that effort of sitting at My feet, being patient to listen and to hear the Words of truth and life that I have yet to share with you, that you might be more fruitful, and that you might look even more to Me in the days to come (GN 496).



Though this is a hard school, it will bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness, and many valuable lessons will be learned. For there is a solution and an answer, and it will come in due time. Though the battles are rough, the problems very real, and the frustration and exhaustion bring tears, I wish for you to climb into My arms and sing to Me the songs of praise. In the midst of your heartbreak and sorrow, and your burdens, confusion and cares, sing sweet songs of thankfulness and praise. As you do, call your children to you to hear the sweet praises of their mother to Me, for it will be a soothing balm to their souls and a comfort to them.

In spite of how sorely you are tested and how weary you are, as you rest in My arms and sing to Me the praises of thanksgiving for all that I have given you, I will open the way before you. I will lift you above the burdens and melt away the anger and frustration. I will dispel the questions as you rest in My arms and sing sweet songs of love and praise to Me, your Lover and your Husband. For I will never leave you nor forsake you. I will never fail you!

If you lift up your eyes and your voice to Me in song and praise, in total surrender in My arms, I will give you grace and strength, and make the way clear before you. For you cannot forge the way ahead alone. You cannot carry the burdens or push away the hurt and sorrow in your own strength. Only I can do these things. I can make the mountains melt away as you love Me and rest in My arms and sing to Me your songs of praise and thanksgiving.

## 95

Receive this anointing that I would pour upon you! Reach out and receive it! Raise your arms and grasp it! Desire it and want it! For it is a great anointing, a new anointing, My anointing of love. How do you receive it?--Just as you would receive any gift from Me. You ask, you accept, and you believe. How do you enact it?--One step at a time in one deed of love followed by another, followed by another.

Receive My anointing and enact it day by day, step by step, deed by deed, word by word, action by action, love by love. As you put forth an effort to give and to share and to love, I will match you abundantly, and I will pour into you a greater love, a new love, and a strengthening love.

Therefore be not afraid, just receive. Open up and say, "Yes!" Open up and say, "I want it!" Open up and receive, and it shall bring forth fruit in your life, in the lives of those about you, and in the lives of those you see and touch, who hear the words that you give them. For this love, though seemingly small, is of great power and of great strength, and

it will greatly change the world. And the children of David shall be known as the children of love (ML #2988).

## 96

I know you, I see you, and I care about you. I care about each of your heartbreaks. I care about how you feel. I care about what you think. I care about the difficulties and hardships that you face. I care about the lives of your children. I care about your afflictions. I care about your struggles for finances. I care about your housing situation and your material needs. I care about the things that you need for your children and the repairs that your vehicle needs. I care about your spiritual struggles.

I know your heart's desires are to please Me and to love Me the best you can. I receive your love with open arms and I feel your love. I know that the love you send Me through your labors of love to win My children through your prayers and through your love for each other is sincere and genuine. It is precious in My sight. It shines before Me as gold. Your love comes before My face as a sweet-smelling vapor that cools and refreshes. My precious child, oh, how I love you!

## 97

The things of old are past, and behold, all things are become new! I have made you into a new creature. As the caterpillar that crawls upon the ground and is so close to the dirt and so earthy enters into a cocoon and is changed and comes out as a butterfly, one that flies in the heavens and sees the heavenly things and no longer sees the dirt on the ground, so is it with you. So have I changed you! So have I given you beautiful wings to fly into the Heavenly realm as you set your mind and your affection on things above, and as you listen to Me and to those that help you. I am turning your mind and your eyes and your ears and your heart Heavenward, and as you look up, I will pour forth upon you in a new way.

Behold, old things are passed away! That which was before is no longer. That which was before is dead and gone. For when the cocoon opens, is the caterpillar there any more? No, it is gone. It is finished. It has changed, and a new life has come forth, a heavenly life!--One that flies into the heavenlies and knows and understands and sees things from above and no longer from the earth; one that sees things from the heavenly realm. Yes, this is how I have made you (ML #2992).

Consider the snowflake. What intricate design! What beauties are found there! What countless numbers of snowflakes there are, and yet not one of them is identical, for each has its own peculiar design. So are My children--each one special, each one different, each one so dear to My heart, each one so lovingly cared for and attended to, each one following My perfectly designed plan for his or her life. The goal should be the same for each: to find total joy, happiness and fulfillment in loving and knowing Me.

The day is soon coming when all shall rise to meet Me, and we will laugh and rejoice and be melted together as one! The things of this life will fade away, and we will all blend together as one in My love, joy and happiness forevermore.

The Promised Land is the land of My Spirit, the land of My power, the land of My strength, the land where My children no longer need to struggle in the arm of the flesh to do the things that they seek to do as they attempt to accomplish My will. It is a place in the spirit where My children shall be empowered with a greater power and a greater anointing, where they shall have rest from their labors, where they will have tapped into the power of My Spirit, where they will operate in the power of My strength, and thus will receive My blessings.

They will operate in harmony and in unison with those in the Spirit, and thus will have a new power, a new strength, and a new anointing! This will bring forth a new joy and a new peace and a new rest--no longer struggling, no longer striving, no longer weary.

For when the children of Israel crossed the Jordan, they still had much to do. They had to conquer the whole Promised Land! But as they stayed close to Me and cried out to Me, I defeated their enemies. They went forth to battle, they put in some effort, but they sought Me and I gave them instructions, and they always won as long as they stayed close to Me and sought Me. They were assured of victory if they battled according to My plan.

I did many miracles and brought forth great victories! I even went ahead of them in My power and cleared the land of their enemies. I did things that they knew not of until later. I sent forth hornets to drive out the inhabitants of the land so that the land would be free for My children.

I work in many ways, and if you will seek Me and cry out to Me, if you will love Me and praise Me, and if you will grasp all that I am saying, My power and My Spirit will work

in even greater and stronger ways than it did for the children of Israel in their Promised Land (ML #2987).

## 100

Say not, "I am strong, I cannot be hurt. I am a Christian, I cannot be deceived." For even the very elect shall be deceived if they do not stay tuned in to My voice. Look around you. Do you not see some of your own family, your own brothers and sisters and friends deceived by the riches of this world, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life? They desire to be free to do what they want, not seeking My will but following their own desires. Many have already fallen prey to the desires of the Enemy, being used by others to make money when they were not willing to be used by Me to reach souls.

Oh, the way of the transgressor is hard! There is no need for them to go through such hard times. For I am as a rich father, willing to give them what they want and need if only they would be willing to do My bidding. Is it so hard? I ask you, is it so hard to do My bidding? Does it seem a difficult road to follow--the road of submission and yieldedness in My will?

Compare it with those who have chosen their own way, their own road. So many have suffered. Some have died. There is so much loneliness. They are willing to sacrifice the love they have in My Family for a life that is empty of true love. There are some who have chosen to bare their bodies for lustful men--for what goal? Surely not to win them to Me! Have they not chosen to do this for money, power, and lust? What motives do they have?

I feel hurt, because although they willingly prostitute their bodies for lustful men, they are not and were not willing to bare their souls, hearts and minds before Me--to shed their cover-ups, pride and selfishness. They have chosen the hard road--the one that will lead them down a very difficult time in their life, until they return to Me in humility and shame. And they will return!--Some after much buffeting by the Evil One, who tempted them with the wealth and so-called freedom of this world--riches that in reality leave you poor in faith and in spiritual bondage.

This is all a visible lesson for you, for each of you must choose. Now you are protected from harm. You've been sheltered for years by your parents' faith. They have taught you, protected you, and prayed for you. But now you have stepped over the threshold and entered a world that is new to you. Your life is changing, your body is changing, your mind is changing. You must now make decisions. You must learn to choose what is good for you. You will not be forced to love Me and to do My will. I want you to love Me, and

I desire you to follow Me, but I cannot force you to do My will. I cannot force you to love Me.

Each of you is different. Each of you has desires you want to fulfill in your life. Some of those desires are healthy and good for your spirit; other desires are dark and evil and will only bring you emptiness if they are fulfilled. However, I will not force you to choose My way and the things I desire for you. You must make the choice on your own.

I say to you, watch and pray. Watch and observe those that love you, for they want the best for you. They want to lead you in My plain paths. And pray--pray for those who lead you, that they may guide you into My truth, into the glorious future that I have planned for you!

When you were a child, you spoke as a child, you thought as a child, you understood as a child. But now you have grown and are no longer a child. You must put away your childishness, your foolishness, your childish thoughts and games and shallowness, for I have truly given you more--much more than you can imagine! I long for you to come into full adulthood, to be a disciple for Me!

## 101

I am very proud of you for your willingness to believe in spite of these deep hurts and heartbreaks and disappointments. But I am not a disappointment, for I am the Lord your God and I am your Husband. I will care for you, and I do care for you. Rest in Me and trust in Me and I will pour forth blessings upon you--showers of blessings and showers of love!

But you must do your part. You must hold on. You must trust. You must believe and you must not doubt. And in due season you shall receive all that your heart desires and all that you need.

But know this, that I am always with you. I am always at your side. Come unto Me, you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Come unto Me, you that are lonely and you that are hurting, and I will give you love. Come unto Me, you that are disappointed and you that are suffering, and I will give you surcease from these things.

Come, My dear, come! Come to My arms and let Me hold you close to My bosom. Let Me whisper in your ear as I say unto you, "You are My love, you are My love, you are My love" (ML #2979).

As you diligently seek My face in prayer and as you acknowledge Me and bring your requests before Me, I will be a faithful provider and a faithful Husband unto you. I will continue to care for you, to protect you from harm and evil. For we are married, and our marriage is eternal, and no man can put asunder our love and our bond of marriage.

As we are wed together and you are My bride and I am your Husband, I will perform the duties of a loving, caring, supportive Husband and protector. I will provide for you, My wife. I will succor you in danger. I will comfort you in tribulation. I will give peace in time of turmoil. I will bring joy in place of sorrow. For I am a true Husband, and it is not I who will fail. Heaven and Earth shall pass away but My Word shall not pass away. I will never fail to keep My promises to you.

But you must do your part and be My true and faithful and dedicated bride. If you seek Me not, I cannot answer. If you desire not My peace nor come before My presence in stillness and quietness, My peace cannot fall upon you. If My bride desires not My comfort, but instead insists on comforting herself, I cannot give her My strong arms of comfort. You must be a loving, dedicated bride, as any bride is to the husband she adores. If you adore Me not and come not unto Me, I cannot come in unto you. I will relieve your fears and worries as you come to Me and lay them at My feet in humility, and request My help and My peace.

My love and My heart are open to you and ready to pour out to you My answers, My comfort, My love and My strength. So call unto Me and I will answer you. I am here for you. As you call, I will answer, for I have more to say to you and more to give to you--more strength, more guidance. I will lead and I will protect and I will guide, but you must be My faithful, loyal bride who is willing to cling close to My side. I remain your faithful, loyal, dedicated Husband.

I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears, and they are precious in My sight. Though you may feel that this is one of the lowest times you have ever been through, yet in My eyes it is a precious time. I feel you closer to My heart than you have ever been before. As I hold you in My hands and I behold your beauty--the beauty of your tears and your prayers before Me, the beauty of your surrender, the beauty of your humility in coming before My feet and saying, "Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling"--as I behold this I love you. I hold you close to My heart, and I comfort you.

But you must let Me comfort you. I wish to reward you greatly for your sacrifice and your love for Me, for laying all on the altar of sacrifice. I wish to reward you greatly, but you must reach up and take the gift from My hands. You must have faith to reach out and receive from Me. It is nothing that can be earned or that can be worked for. I wish to give it to you freely in My love for you.

Each one must make the decision to accept My peace and My comfort. And though this time seems long, it is only a moment. You will be rewarded greatly for your faith, your obedience, and your humility in giving all to Me. Through this I will be able to use you greatly.

## 104

At night when you go to sleep, ponder the love that I have bestowed upon you. Count your many blessings and you will see how in so many little ways and in so many little things and through so many people I have extended a kiss, a touch, a word, a blessing, a meal, the weather, a house--so many ways that I have loved you personally.

But I ask you also to ponder how much you have given love. What have you done to show love to another, that they may also be touched with My love? For have I not said unto you that there is greater joy in giving than in receiving? There is so much more love in giving love than in receiving love.

How much do you give to those who I also love? For remember that I have no hands but yours, no eyes but yours, no heart to touch others' hearts but your heart. So in this you have been commissioned to also give.

Give and it shall be given unto you. For have I not said that inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me? Therefore be touched by My love in touching others with My love, with your love.

Will you ponder this when you go to bed at night? Will you look around you to all those that I have put on your path that day and see what they need? Then maybe you will comfort them, and encourage them, and love them, and give to them (ML #2985).

## 105

*(Dad:)* Happy birthday! With every new year it's nice to keep books with your soul, so you can not only see where you're coming from, but where you want to go; to be able to learn from some of the things over the past year to help you in the year to come.

Out of all the things that happened in the last year, what was the thing that you enjoyed the most? What was the thing that gave you the greatest trial? What was the happiest event? What was the saddest? Of everything you did last year, what did you feel the most fulfilled in? What's the thing that you like to do the least? What area do you think you need to grow in the most, and what area in your personal life do you think you made the most progress in?

If you could get the answer from the Lord on any question that you have, what would the question be? Would you like to room with someone and be married to them? Would you like to go to a different Home, or go to another field?--Or have another ministry--working in childcare or outreach or provisioning, or meeting new people and new young people? Or teaching classes?

You may wonder why I'm asking all these questions. Well, for your birthday present I'd just like you to be happy! One of the greatest gifts a person can receive is to feel fulfilled, challenged and happy. That is what I'd like to give to you! And in order to do that and to fulfill that, then others have to know the things on your heart, the things that you have a burden for, the things that you feel led to do or called to be.

So if you wouldn't mind telling your shepherds the answers to these questions, that would help in knowing if there's anything they can do for you. Tell them if you feel you need more variety and more change or new scenery, whatever is on your heart. You could pray about these things, because you're old enough to pray and seek the Lord about decisions of this sort.

Every birthday is a time to rededicate your life. Maybe you could pray a dedication prayer to the Lord, asking Him what He would like you to do; dedicating and pledging your loyalty and your service to Him. Your birthday is always a good time to rededicate yourself to the Lord, asking Him to take you as you are, to help you, to keep you, to continue to use you in the way He would like to.

## 106

*(Dad:)* It worries people when they look at their shepherds and see them so burdened. But it inspires them when they see you looking to Jesus and trusting Him and having faith! It's like kids and their parents. If they see their parents worried all the time and struggling or fighting or having a rough time, it really worries them. But if they see their parents are in love and joyful and happy and full of faith, it inspires them!

You're only going to have that kind of peace and joy and happiness and faith if you'll stop and pull back a bit and spend more time with the Lord, and if you'll spend more time with



those commissioned to help you [spirit helpers] and you get the right directions, and that will inspire others!

You don't get those answers in the midst of the muddle, folks, but when you pull back and spend time together fellowshiping and loving the Lord, singing to Him, praising Him and seeking Him. Folks, that's where the strength lies. That's where the power is. Don't forget it, because you just can't do it any other way (ML #2987).

## 107

My dear child, I know your loneliness and the feeling of being unloved. But know this, that I love you dearly, and I am there for you any time, all the time. If you had the love and companionship that you so desire, I would lose that very close touch that I have and desire with you. I know it is hard in the night seasons. I know it is hard in the times when you seek companionship and find none. But My dear one, I am your constant Companion. I am your best Friend, I am your Husband, I am your Lover, and I have a great desire for your love.

So turn unto Me in your loneliness and set your affections on Me, and I will fill your every need, for I am He that filleth all things. My love, it is part of the price that you pay in your service unto Me. It is part of the love that you show Me, and I behold and look upon it very, very dearly because I know what it costs you. I know the heartache and the loneliness that it causes you.

But I say unto you, the day will come when you shall no more be lonely. For you shall be with Me forever, and these days shall be as nothing. They shall be no more remembered for the great joy and the great love and the great companionship that you shall have in Me. For, yea, you shall have your heart's desires and more--I say much, much more than mind or heart could ever imagine. I will give this unto you because of your love, because of your sacrifice, because of your faithfulness.

So look unto Me with great love, great joy, great praise and great thanksgiving even for that which seems to be difficult, and I will carry you and I will hold you and I will love you all the days of your life. I will bring you unto Me with great joy and great rejoicing.

## 108

Think it not strange concerning these fiery trials which try you, but rejoice, knowing that I have looked upon you as vessels fit for My use--vessels of honor through which I wish to pour My love, My peace, and My comfort.

If you want to know the key, I will tell you. It's very simple: Look unto Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith. You cannot look at your present surroundings or circumstances, much less the trials and the battles that come along with it. You have to just keep looking to Me, knowing that I am the Author and the Finisher of your faith, believing that what I have promised I am able also to perform. I have given you many precious promises to hang on to--not only those I have spoken for you personally, but promises throughout the ages of time--My Word which never changes, never passes away.

But this takes faith. This takes placing your hand in Mine and walking as if it were with your eyes closed.--Not looking around you, but only trusting Me that I lead the way, that I will not let you fall into a pit or stub your toe on a rock, that I am a Good Shepherd and I love you. When it gets too difficult to walk, I'll pick you up and carry you. But this all takes faith and trust in Me, letting Me lead and believing that I know the way, and that I have a plan.

When you look into My eyes and you love Me with your heart, it all becomes clear, for I give you peace that passes all understanding. That is the key.

## 109

I give you fullness of life--a full spectrum of emotion! I bring joy and I allow sadness. I bring happiness and difficulty, that you may know the full spectrum. But you must allow for all of them, and not leave one undone. The joy and the laughter and the happiness come from Me, so quench them not. My Spirit brings forth great joy and happiness and freedom in the spirit, so quench it not. Allow it to burn! Yes, to burn!

And in your joy, praise Me! In your joy, worship Me! In your joy, sing unto Me! Your children will see your joy and your happiness in Me, and they will want it and they will seek for this. They will also find their happiness in Me as they see you come alive in My Spirit with My joy, with My freedom, with My praise, with My songs on your lips. They will see the transformation of your spirits and they too will rejoice and partake of the freedoms that I give.

Therefore, rejoice! Rejoice, I say, rejoice! Be glad! Sing a new song unto Me!--A song of gladness, a song of happiness, a song of freedom! I wish to free you with My love, free you through My Words, free you with My strength, and free you with My joy! (ML #3002).

## 110

*(Dad:)* Do all you can to advance the Kingdom where you are, even if it's just pouring into those children and teaching, loving, and training them. Look at the fruits of that ministry! Look at you! Look at your brothers and sisters. It's because your parents poured into you--taught and trained you every day. They loved and cared for you and helped you through the tough spots. They showed you how much Jesus loves you and how much He means to us all, as well as how much the world needs Him.

Be a help to your brothers and sisters and the others in your Home. They're gonna need strong bellwethers, shepherds and leaders--with or without titles. Leadership in the Family is a matter of your heart. It comes from the Word and conviction and following closely--that's what leadership is! It doesn't matter where you are, whether you're changing diapers or you're encouraging our young people or helping to shepherd a Home; it's all the same in the Lord's eyes.

When you get Here, what's gonna matter is your faithfulness! What you'll want to hear from Jesus is, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" Isn't that a wonderful thought? Isn't that what you want? I know it is, and I'm proud of you for fighting!

## 111

This is the paradox of God, that those who are weak shall go from strength to strength, and those who are strong--who think themselves strong--shall go from weakness to weakness. For has it not been said that the first shall be last and the last shall be first? My ways are not your ways. My ways are higher than your ways. But you can know My ways. You can know the mind of Christ if you will put away your own thoughts and your own mind and the things of your own heart which tend only to poverty and weakness.

You must look to Me for the strength that I have offered you. You must be willing to put away your strength for My strength, for your strength is but weakness in My eyes, and it must also be so in your eyes. Each person must realize this for himself.

I lay before you strength and weakness. I will give you My strength if you will trade in your weakness which you have looked upon as strength, but that I have called weakness. Choose ye this day, and I shall give unto you bountifully if you shall be willing to give of your life that others might live. For he that seeks to save his life shall lose it. This is the paradox of God (ML #2992).

## 112

Hello, My precious one! Hello, My darling bride, My precious jewel which I did form on this, the day of your birth, the day that you celebrate the beginning of your mission in this world. I do speak to your heart My Words of love, My Words of comfort, telling you that I am with you, and that I will always be with you.

On this day I look back and remember when I created you, when I formed you, My beautiful vessel. I did look upon you with such love! You were perfect in My hands--that which I had created. I did place within you all that you needed. I did place My love in your heart and the desire to serve Me, to give your all unto Me. I did breathe within you My Spirit, and I did make you as My heart desired you. And now I see how you have grown, how you have learned. Through all that you have experienced, you have drawn ever closer to Me.

My dear, sweet one, My beautiful bride, I love you more than you could ever imagine, more than your heart will ever understand, more than your mind can ever comprehend, more than you will ever know in this life! Yet know this, that I am always here and that I long for you! I long to love you, to kiss you, to have you beside Me. I long to help you. I long for you to ask Me for My help, and, oh, I am so happy to give it!

So on this, your birthday, I do renew My pledge of dedication to you, My precious bride, to be a faithful Husband, Provider, Lover and all that you need or that your heart could desire. I am yours for the taking, and there is no limit to how much time I can spend with you. More than any other doting husband, I long to be involved in every area of your life, to hear your every thought, to fulfill your every desire! And, yes, I can make your dreams come true!

I love you! I'm yours forever! And you're Mine forever!

## 113

I stir the waters and dredge up all that is settled. I bring it up and expose it, that it may be filtered through the sieve of testing and of trial, that it may be made pure and clean and fresh and re-aerated. For water that lies still loses its sweetness. It becomes flat, for it is not filled with My air. It must be stirred and splashed about so that it can once again come to life.

So it is with these that I test and try--I stir the waters and it dredges up some of the mud and some of the silt and some of the unsavory things, that these can be seen and filtered out. But this must be done so that the water can be made fresh once again, and alive and thirst quenching, and that it may be cleansed and filtered.

Some say, "Oh, but I like the flat water, the water that is still, that moves not, and I am comfortable with this. Do not stir me up." But without the stirring they receive not the life of the air of God that reinvigorates and re-aerates these still waters.

So when you look upon one that is being tested and tried, pray for them and encourage them. Encourage them to hold on and to realize that I am breathing My air into them--My breath, My Spirit--that they may once again come alive (ML #2987).

## 114

You see, My precious one, how well I know you? I know all your different roles. I know the thoughts and intents of your heart. I know your secret dreams and desires. I understand your hidden disappointments. I see your sacrifices and how you left off from following after your own desires, and ceased to pursue your own happiness. You have chosen to be a servant.

You have been faced with many choices in your lifetime--choices whether to serve yourself or to serve others; whether to seek your own happiness or to live to give happiness to others. At times you have wondered whether you made the right choices, or whether things could have been different had you traveled a different path, had you pursued your early goals and desires.

Yes, things would have been different, because your path, your experiences, your fulfillment in life is determined by your choices. Things would have been different had you chosen to follow your own desires and seek your own success, had you chosen to make a name for yourself, had you chosen to satisfy your desire for more education, or to follow your preferred profession.

Things would have been different, yes, but they would not have been better. In fact, had you chosen these paths instead of the path of humility and servitude, you would have missed many of the blessings in your life. You would not be the person that you are today, had you not chosen to live for others. To sacrifice for others and to seek the happiness of others is a great thing in My Kingdom.

## 115

Wherefore seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the burdens that do burden us, and let us look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. For I have called upon you to cast aside the burdens. The great cloud of witnesses are not simply there observing, they are there to participate.

They are there to reveal unto you the secrets of the Kingdom. I have given unto you the keys of the Kingdom, but you must ask, you must try them in the keyholes to open the great doors of the mysteries of God.

You are compassed about at this very moment with so great a cloud, that if I would reveal it unto you, it would fill this room! Many wise men and prophets would love to be part of this day, and are if you will release them to speak the Words of God. Therefore stir up the gifts that are within you, and lean not to your old ways in which you did seek Me briefly and go about your own way. But seek Me long and hard and call upon Me, and I shall be found and I shall speak unto you and make it plain.

How shall My yoke be easy? If you shall call upon Me and I shall show you and reveal unto you the way that you should go. You shall not only hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it," but you shall hear it on the left and you shall hear it on the right. I have many voices that long to speak unto you, but they have no channel but your mouth and your lungs and your larynx. Therefore stir up the gifts that are within you that you may hear from Me (ML #2994).

## 116

Fear not, My beloved, for I love you with a love that is endless! My love is eternal. Nothing that you can do or say will change My love or cause Me to withdraw or withhold My love. When you fall and make mistakes and do the wrong thing and disappoint yourself and others, when you are not the sample you should be and you follow afar off, when you mock My Word through disbelief, when you do not walk in the fear of Me or have the love that you should have, when you think negatively and get discouraged or entertain jealous or critical thoughts, these things do not cause Me to love you less.

You have gone through times when you were weak and times when you were strong. Sometimes you are up, sometimes you are down. Sometimes you are successful, sometimes you fail. But through all these times, I love you the same. Your failures and problems and weaknesses do not affect My love for you. They do not lessen My love for you. They cause Me to pray for you and weep for you, but I continue loving you just the same.

You can never be too bad for Me. Nothing you do or say or think could ever be so bad that it would cause Me to love you less. I do not put conditions on My love, saying you must be this way or you must be that way in order to receive My love. I give My love to you unconditionally! I promise you that no matter what, come what may, you will have My love in great abundance!

My gift to you is the master key--the key to unlock the treasures which I have long desired to pour forth to you. The time is now. The key is faith. The treasure is My Words. For you, My Family, My Kingdom of Love, My children of David, are truly the richest children in the world!

I do not wish for these riches to be for you alone. It is My desire that all My children may partake of My treasures. But to give unto others you must first receive it yourself, accept it, and believe that this is indeed what I am giving you. Take it in and let it become a part of you. Let it fill you until it overflows on others, until it pours out your eyes, your ears, your mouth, unto all who pass by.

I have so much to give that you will never be in want, you will not lack! All you must do is say the word and it's yours. It's your inheritance, for you are My children and I offer it freely. You are children of light, children of the King, princes and princesses who lack nothing--all you must do is ask and receive and believe.

I love you, My dear children! I love to hear you call on Me. I love to hear you seek Me. I love to see you take what seems to be precious time to hear from Me. And when you take the time to hear from Me, I will take My time to answer, to give you solutions to your problems, to supply your needs, to give you above and beyond what you could ask or even think. I have never failed, not once. Not since the beginning of time unto this day have I failed to hear the requests of the lips of My children, and answer them.

Blessed are you who believe these things that are told you by My mouth through My prophets, through these who seek Me and come unto Me with an empty vessel and say, "My Lord, my God, fill me up to overflowing." As I delight in the praises of My people, so do I delight in the faith of My people. I will never turn one away who comes to Me in full assurance of faith, for it is My joy to hear and to answer you, My children, My bride (ML #3073).

*(Dad:)* Right now you feel like you're losing the love of your life, and I know it can be devastating. But this will draw you closer to the Lord. This will teach you a lot that you need to learn, and give you compassion and understanding for others who are lonely and who feel like they have no one.

As a shepherd, you need to understand how much love people need, how much understanding, companionship and tenderness they need to receive from their brothers and sisters. This is especially true for those who are not mated--single moms, single dads, single YAs and teens. They need so much love, understanding and companionship. So this will make you a better shepherd, more tender, understanding, and loving.

## 119

My love is like a river that flows abundantly: It never runs dry, and each of you may receive to your capacity. Each one may receive individually, according to your need.

Fear not that it will be used up, for My love is never used up. Fear not that you will lose it, for My love is never lost. Fear not that you will be unworthy, for My love is not earned, it is received. Behold, how I love you!--You, just you, just the way you are. Yes, I know your faults. Yes, I know your weaknesses. I see when you stumble and fall, but that does not alter My love for you.

Does the love of the parent for his child lessen when the child falls? It is but increased, for he takes that child into his arms and loves it more than ever, and cares for it more tenderly. Even so is My love for you, for you are the apple of My eye (ML #2985).

## 120

Say not, "I am but a child, Lord, and I don't know what to say. Lord, I am slow of speech--how can I stand before so many and share the things that are on my heart?" I say unto you, you have been called and chosen. Each one of you has passed through many fiery trials and tests, and I have brought you through because you have clung to Me and been faithful to Me and proven your love for Me. Each test and trial and battle has brought you through to victory and has been good for you, for it has drawn you closer to Me and made you closer to each other. It has made you strong soldiers and valiant fighters for Me!

Now it is time for all of these things that you have passed through to benefit others. So don't hold back the things that I lay on your heart to say. If you knew that a word from you would lift a brother or sister from their trial and their battle and discouragement, would you hold it back? There will be many that benefit from the things that you share! So you must pour forth and have faith to give what I put in your heart to give.

The Devil has gone about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, and many have fallen prey to him. There are times when his ways are more subtle and he comes in



with his questions and doubts and misgivings, when he tempts you. He operates in many ways, and there are many that are turning away from the pillar and looking into the darkness. A word from you could help them to turn to the light and draw strength from the pillar.

It is time for you to shine! It is time for you to be a light for your brethren--for your younger brothers and sisters and your peers. It is time for you to reach out a hand of help to them and to draw them back to the pillar. So give what I give to you. Give in faith. Don't hold back in fear.

## 121

My lost and wandering sheep are ripe and ready to be harvested. I liken them to an aroused bride, ready and eagerly waiting to be ravished by her lover! Therefore this love that I give you is not meant to stay in your heart or to be enjoyed selfishly, but that you may give, that you may go out into this last harvest and search out My lost sheep and save that which is lost. For as the love of many worldly people grows colder, and indeed has grown colder, the poor, desperate, lonely, seeking, searching sheep are eagerly awaiting an answer--and your love will be the answer!

As the days grow darker and darker, and indeed have grown darker, the light of your love will be a bright beacon to those who are looking for the answer. There will be a great and mighty reaping in this last harvest, for I have ordained it, and I have ordained you to go out and seek that which is lost. For I have no hands but yours, no eyes but yours, no lips but yours, no feet but yours. Therefore you must go, and I will lead you every step of the way.

Therefore go, My vibrant church, My called-out ones! As a mighty, sexy, vibrant husband, you must go out with love so strong, irresistibly driven by the desire to save that which is lost. Even as the male is driven by his irresistible desire to love, to woo, and to penetrate the one that he loves that he may bear fruit, so shall your love be strong and vibrant, and so shall your love penetrate the hearts of those who so desperately need Me and My love. Therefore go forth and bear fruit and let nothing stand in your way, for this is the great and last mighty harvest! (ML #2996).

## 122

The waterfall of My love will never run dry for you! If you just have faith that this waterfall exists, then you will find that you can let it wash you clean. You can bathe in it,

you can play in it, you can ride the rapids of this waterfall and find great excitement! You can feed from it, and you will find strength that you know not of. This waterfall of My love can be all of these things to you, if you will just have faith that it exists, that it is there for you. I pour forth My love so freely and abundantly that it gushes and gushes and gushes, as I seek to swallow you up in the beauty of the waterfall of My love! If you have faith, you will see it and feel it and hear it. It will give you peace, it will warm your heart, and it will make your life worth living.

How much you see or feel My love in your life depends on your faith. I pour forth constantly without end! The flow of My love in your life is always rich and free and abundant! I do not withhold under any circumstances. How much you see and feel this love in your life is dependent upon your faith, how much you look for the manifestation of My love, how much you are willing to believe, how much you are willing to see it, how much you are willing to recognize it in the innumerable ways that I manifest My love each day. But whether or not you see it or feel it or recognize it, that does not change the fact that My love is constant and abundant and unconditional.

You cannot deserve it or work for it or be worthy of it in yourself, for I give you My love as a free gift. I love you because I love you--it is as simple as that! I love you, and I will never stop loving you, and I will never love you any less. I will always love you with a perfect love, with an unending love, with an abundant love.

So remember the example of the waterfall: Just as you cannot stop the powerful flow of the water, but you can only observe its beauty and feel its strength and inhale its freshness and marvel at its power, so is My love for you. I long for you to partake of this love of Mine in all its richness, beauty, power and glory! My love for you is forever love, and I am your forever Lover!

## 123

You may feel unappreciated and unnoticed now, but I promise you that your sacrifices will be rewarded in a way that you never expected--not only in the Kingdom to come, but also in this present life. For you have proven yourself faithful, unselfish, concerned for others. You have manifested My love when you have not sought your own satisfaction, but have thought of others and their needs and desires.

I have promised that what a man sows, that will he also reap, and you have sown good things. You have sown love, loyalty, faithfulness, tenderness, understanding and sympathy, and you are now going to reap great benefits. I have beheld you; I have

marked and recorded all that you have done, all that you have given. Now My promises will be fulfilled in you and I will give you the desires of your heart.

Call unto Me! Ask Me what you will, for it is My pleasure to give you the desires of your heart. It is My pleasure to grant you the requests that you bring before Me in prayer and in faith. According to your faith it will be done unto you. Ask and you shall receive, for I am your King and Shepherd and Husband and Lover, and I want to pour My blessings upon you and spoil you as My pet! You have been many years in giving and giving and giving, and now it is My time to give unto you. All your giving and sacrificing will be like a boomerang that will come back to you a hundredfold!

Bring your petitions before Me, My dear one. Ask Me for your heart's desires, and I will open doors where there are no doors. I will make a way. I will make the crooked path straight, and I will instruct you in the way which you should walk. I will lead you in a clear and pleasant path. I will protect you and supply your needs. I will bring you into a large new place of challenge and fulfillment. You will see this as a gift from My hand, as a token of My love. When you receive your heart's desire, you will know that this is My reward for your years of sacrifice and loving and giving to others.

## 124

As you lift Me up, I will draw more men unto Me and unto you--those who would be aligned with you, who will love you, who will serve you, who will support you, who will offer you a helping hand in time of need. For if you feed them, they will feed you. As you minister unto them the spiritual things, they will minister unto you the physical things.

So open your doors to these that are hungry, to these that search, to these that need the fellowship, the caring, the shepherding, the counsel, the wisdom. They need a listening ear. They need to be directed to My Word. They need regular feeding that they may be strengthened, that they too may become witnesses of My Word, and of you, unto others.

Though they may not be willing to leave all behind to serve Me, yet they can still serve Me by caring for and loving you, by witnessing in their workplace and to their friends, and thus they can bring others unto you.

Feed them and care for them. Become involved with them. Pour forth your hearts to them. Pour forth your love to them. Accept them and open your doors to them. Be not afraid (ML #3000).

## 125

(Dad:) It's sad that you felt so useless and unlovely, that you felt like you should just throw away your opportunity there on Earth to be a blessing to others. Of course I would be happy to see you and have you on my team Here, but you wouldn't want to arrive before your time and out of the Lord's will and miss all that He has planned and has in store for you there on Earth in the days ahead! There's so much ahead that you don't realize, and I'm sure you wouldn't want to miss it!

I know that life on Earth in the flesh can be a real battle sometimes, a real trial and trying of your faith. You can get pretty low and discouraged, especially if you listen to the Enemy and his lies about you, and even your negative thoughts about yourself.

But you are so valuable! You are worth so much! You are so priceless to Jesus that your worth couldn't possibly be estimated! You're off the charts! Jesus only has one of you, and you are so very precious and dear and special to Him. And He has special plans for you! He's been moving and working little by little in your life, day after day, year after year, very specially and particularly, ever since you were a tiny baby until this very day. He has a very special plan for your life with lots still ahead--big things and little things and very wonderful things that you couldn't even imagine now!

So don't give up! Don't let that ol' Punk tell you that you aren't worth anything or that you aren't useful or that you aren't beautiful and all those things, because you are! He's just scared spitless that if you keep going for the Lord and growing and becoming a mighty loving force for Jesus, that you're going to give him lots of trouble and help defeat his plans!

So hang in there, my beautiful little love-dove, and fly up on the wings of faith and love and positiveness and encouragement out of the Enemy's reach and into God's beautiful, wonderful future on the winds of His Word and promises. I love you, and I'm counting on you!

## 126

Are you pro-life or pro-abortion? Which will you be? Do we not look upon them which are pro-abortion in the flesh with contempt, and does not our heart break for the poor aborted babies? So does My heart break for My unborn spiritual children, and they which may be aborted by the neglect of those who will not put forth the effort of bearing them--of conceiving them and bringing them forth.

I have many unborn spiritual children, many which cry unto Me even now for the answer. I have laid this burden upon My queen, and she has heard My voice. She has passed the

test of asking her children to go and minister to these poor lost souls, many of which would never be born into My glorious Kingdom if it were not for the will of My children.

Therefore, it is My will that My children heed the call and answer the need to conceive, bear, and bring forth these eternal souls. For if My children are not willing to go, who will go? Who will go for Me to save that which is lost?

It is a sacrifice to go, but they who go forth weeping shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them. Yes, it is a sacrifice, but with such a sacrifice I am well pleased.

Therefore choose this day what you will do. If you are willing to deny yourselves and your own desires and your own will, to lay it all on the altar in order to go forth and win that which is lost, I will mightily use you and exalt you and bless you beyond your wildest dreams! For you never lose by giving, and as you pour out, I will pour in more abundantly than I have ever done before! Love today while you can, and you will reap eternal dividends in Heaven! (ML #2997).

## 127

I see your discouragement and your frustration, but you need not fear, for I will help you through. I love you dearly, and it rejoices My heart to aid you and to give you the victory. The problems, the battles and the difficulties are great, and loom large and dark upon the horizon. In these closing days of time they have increased and intensified. This is part of My plan, and you have been foretold and forewarned of this by My servant David.

Times are not as they used to be. All things continue not as they were in days gone by. Even within My Family of the Endtime there have been great changes, great moves of My Spirit which have affected every sphere of your life. Have I not said unto you that it is a new day? I have given unto you new gifts, new joys of the Spirit, treasures of intimacy, spiritual powers and strengths which you have not had before. All these things are needful. For in these days as the battle rages hot and heavy and the fighting becomes more ferocious and fierce, My Family is in need of a stronger spiritual connection and a greater closeness to Me.

As the battles have intensified and the feelings of discouragement have increased and seem overwhelming, I have given My Family new paths of victory, new methods of obtaining victory. These you must use if you wish to resist the Enemy in this day, if you wish to be strengthened, to stand strong, and to combat the lies, doubts and fears of the Evil One. His greatest power lies in fear, and without the faith and the strengthening

seeds of My Word, you will fall into the downward spiral of the Enemy's condemnation, discouragement and despair. But perfect love in My arms casts out all fear.

Come unto Me, that I may love you and fill you to overflowing! Come unto Me, that I may wash away your fears and renew in you the spirit of love and of faith and of a sound mind, for I wish to give these gifts unto you.

## 128

I need a companion! Would you like to be a companion to Me? You heard Me say that I needed a bride, a wife, and a lover, and you've agreed to be all those to Me. But I also need a companion, someone who will talk to Me regularly, and whom I also can talk to like a friend. Do you have a friend? Do you have someone you can talk to regularly? Someone who is special to you? I would like to be a friend to you and a companion. You can even be a listening ear to Me, and I want to be a listening ear to you.

I would also like you to be a listening ear to others, for there are many who need a listening ear. There are many who would like to pour out their hearts to someone as unto Me. Would you be that companion, that friend, that listening ear for My sheep, those that I love so much? If you are faithful to be a listening ear to Me and indeed learn to be so, you will also learn to be a listening ear to others, and you will have a great ministry.

Many carry a big burden, and how wonderful it feels when they can unload it or share it with someone else whom they trust. Of course they can come to Me and talk to Me, the same as I expect you and want you to come to Me. But they will look to you as a vessel in My service, and you can be a companion, a friend, and a listening ear that they need.

I want you to primarily be a reflection of My love, and in so doing I will empower you to be other things. For you have many gifts, some that you have not even noticed or seen yet, that I have yet to give you. But you will have to come even closer to be empowered with all that I have for you.

So be a listening ear! Be a companion and a friend to Me. I will whisper many, many things to you if you will but listen and care for the whispers that come from Me. I love you very special, very dearly! Will you come closer? Will you be My companion and friend? Will you accept to also be a companion to others?

## 129

The joy of the Lord is your strength! And this is My will, that you find great joy and great pleasure in serving Me and loving Me. For it is not a task or a drudgery. It makes Me happy when I see you enjoying yourself and when I see you happy and laughing. I love to see you laugh! I love to see you happy! So be happy and enjoy yourself and enjoy life. Enjoy your meals, enjoy your house, enjoy your get-outs, enjoy your work, enjoy your times together. For in enjoying these, you are enjoying Me. I love to see you happy! So be happy, and don't be afraid to laugh and enjoy yourself (ML #3002).

### 130

*(Dad:)* You have discernment. You see things that are wrong sometimes, but you have to be careful not to be too negative. A lot of times you have to just take things by faith. Wrap them up in a bundle of faith like I taught you. Just trust the Lord, and everything always works out.

Faith is a great thing, and the Lord has given you a gift of faith. So exercise it! Exercise it every day by being positive, speaking faith, going ahead by faith and trying new things, and helping to fix the things that aren't working. When you see things are wrong, don't just look for the negative--look for the positive! Look for an opportunity to turn it around, and the Lord will help you.

### 131

Be channels of My love, for I long to manifest Myself through you, one to another. Be empty vessels that I may fill, that may overflow upon each other, that you may feel My love shining through, one toward another, bountifully. Fear not to give love, for in giving you shall receive. Fear not the opinions of man, but be channels of My love, recipients of My love, that the Scripture may be fulfilled that says, "Let all your things be done in love"--My love.

Then shall you know how much I love you, and how I have ordained each of your steps, and that every movement that you make is known of Me. Be not faithless, but believing. Be samples of My love one to another, and you shall overflow! For My love is without end and is forever! (ML #2985).

### 132

Learn to glory in your infirmities, that My power may rest upon you. Look not at your weaknesses, your NWOs, as a burden, but see them as blessings. See them as I do--as stepping stones to greater glory and greater power.

And know that because of this, Satan tries to twist and lie and burden you with doubts and discouragement about yourself. He does blow way up and out of proportion your faults and the faults of others. He does magnify them in each one's eyes, in a feeble attempt to stop My power, for he knows that should you see as I see, he will be defeated. He knows the power; he knows the formula; he knows the match--that your weakness and My power equal strength, an impenetrable force which brings the victory--and which brings on Satan's defeat and his downfall.

Therefore do not fall for this ploy. Do not blow up your problems and faults bigger than they are. Do not look upon your shortcomings and fall into the depths of despair. Do not question and say, "Lord, why have You made me thus?" But lean these shortcomings on Me. Trust in Me, lean on Me, and I will carry you through. I will carry you over the mountain of shortcomings, the mountain of lacks and hindrances, and on to the bright horizon of a new day!

### 133

Oh, My beloved children, how I love it that you come before Me to seek Me, that you may move according to My direction and operate according to My will. You acknowledge that you know nothing and that you are nothing. You are not full of yourselves and your own ideas, but you are willing to listen to Me and Mine. You know that My blessings come from doing My will, and that the way to find My will is to seek Me and to ask Me. This brings Me great pleasure and great joy! It shows Me your love for Me, your faith in Me, and your faith that I will do the things that I have said I will do. It shows Me that you desire to serve Me, to listen to Me, to follow Me, and this pleases Me well (ML #3073).

### 134

I wish to teach you greater love, to open your eyes to unconditional love, that you may learn about it, that you may partake of it, that you may apply it, and that you may learn to love others unconditionally. For in the past your love has hinged upon many things--upon outward appearance, good works, looking at the person's past, even upon how you were feeling at the time.



But I wish for you now to look upon each person as I look upon them--with endless love, immeasurable love, love that is past understanding, forgiving love, understanding love, unconditional love--that you may learn to love as you have been loved.

Learn to love others with the same kind of love that has brought you through many tight places--the love that has given you strength to go on, the love that has helped you to forgive, the love that has helped you to open your heart, the love that has kept you in the Family--My love--despite the lack of love of others.

This unconditional love is a new measure of love that I am pouring out. It is a greater love--a love that will put your hurts of the past behind you, a love that will bring greater unity, a love that will cast the needed veil over so many faults and sins. It is a result of a greater outpouring of My Spirit in the Last Days.

### 135

He that is willing to say yes to Me will find that I will say yes to him. He that is willing to give his heart to Me will find that I will give to him his heart's desire. As you have laid down your life and have said, "Take me," so will I take up your life, and so will I strengthen you, and so will I give you the desires of your heart. For he that pleases Me shall be pleased of Me, and shall receive of Me the blessings that I can pour forth, and that I will pour forth, for your step of faith.

Though you may not see it at this point, the time will come when you will clearly see, and will clearly understand, and will glorify Me for the miracles that I have done. You will see the power of saying yes to Me. For he that withholds not will find that I withhold not from him, and that I give faith in great abundance--a great abundance of love, of care, of compassion, of joy, of My Spirit, and the power of My might.

You have come to Me with your vessel completely empty, saying, "I have no more herein to succor myself. I have no more herein to strengthen myself. I have no more herein to feed myself." You have come unto Me and begged, so now I pour forth unto your vessel and fill it full to overflowing! I will fill your vessel with My strength and My succor and My food. You shall be strengthened, encouraged and uplifted, and I shall restore your faith unto you in a new and greater way. You shall have the faith of the faithless, of those who have come to the end of their own strength and have found that I am He that is the Father of faith, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

I will pour forth unto you in great abundance! I shall lift you up and comfort you and heal you. You shall go forth in the power and strength of My might that you may accomplish all that I have chosen for you to do. Such is the power of saying yes to Me! (ML #2987).

## 136

My beautiful, vibrant, sexy lover! My faithful, adoring, loving bride! My caring, tender, kind and diligent mother of My children! I love you! Yes, I am your Maker, I am your Husband, I am your Lover, your Friend and your Companion forever.

When I see you weep in loneliness, when I see you cry during your desperate moments in the night seasons, My heart weeps with you! Yes, I know what loneliness is like. I, too, experienced the pain of separation from My Father and My Mother and My loved ones. I, too, experienced the longing for a loving, dotting wife by My side, with children around Me. I know that feeling, and I know the test it is to believe, to keep the vision. I know the test it was to keep the Heavenly vision and to believe that My Father would reward Me for any sacrifice I was making. All these things were a test for Me, and I know they're a test for you.

I heartily admire you, My dear one, for you do trust, and you do keep the vision, and you do put others before your own desires, and you do love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind.

Just know and believe that many rewards await you in My Heavenly Kingdom to come, many of which I will be honored to personally bestow upon you, because to Me you are a special, personal and dear friend whom I have known and have grown ever closer to throughout the years. I will count it an honor to see you face to face.

## 137

How can you know how to fight the battle unless you ask Me, the General, the battle plans? This has been a problem with the churches that are stuck in the past and who are not hearing My voice afresh. They are so bound by tradition that they don't hear from Me fresh--the new plans, new tactics, and new methods. But as you acknowledge Me, I will direct; I will give you the answers. Some of the answers are not yet for you to know, for you have to pray and hear from Me fresh every day to get continued direction. I am pleased with this! It is a new day and a new way of operating, and you can no longer look to the way you did it in the past or the way you operated in the past.

Have I not said that all things have become new? All things are become new! So trust in Me and look to Me, and I will give you all that you need (ML #2997).

*(Dad:)* Being a shepherd is one of the hardest jobs there is. It's one of the most important jobs in the Family, because you have to be a leader and a follower. You have to be a leader of the flock, and a follower of the Lord, His Letters, and your overshepherds. It can be a lonely job, as I've said, because of the decisions you have to make and the responsibility, the fame and the blame.

But as I found out through years of shepherding, it just has to be the Lord. He has to do it. I had to learn to trust Him that He was going to keep me on track, that He would keep me from going astray, that He would help me to follow closely. I had to learn to put myself in His hands and trust that He was in control, that He would lead and guide me, and He'll do the same for you.

I had to learn to let Him shepherd through me, and this helped to relieve the weight of the responsibility and the feeling of pressure, the feeling that I had to do it. I had to learn to trust Him for whatever problems came up, or emergencies, personality clashes, doubts, problems in the Home, personnel, or anything else. I had to learn to just give them to the Lord, and He would work them out.

As long as you continue to read and follow the New Wine and the new moves of the Spirit, this will keep you very close to the Lord, and He will work everything out, and everything else will just fall into place. You won't have to worry about whether you're growing, or if you're staying on track, or if you're shepherding the right way, or if you're making the right decisions. Just put the Lord first--loving Him, spending time with Him, following His voice, reading the New Wine, discussing it with your Home, praying about how to put it into practice--and the Lord will bless you in everything else.

He'll bless your spiritual growth and help you to grow and mature, even if you don't have an older shepherd or someone else to lean on. He'll teach you through the Word and the Loving Jesus time that you spend with Him, and He'll relieve the burdens of shepherding that you feel. Just let go and let God do it!

Cease from your struggling and rest in My love. Rest assured that as you come to Me, you will find Me and I will be all that you need. Fear not, and let not condemnation stop you. Let not others hinder you or cause you to feel badly, and to feel that I do not love you. Turn aside from them and just come and look at Me.

I know the weaknesses and the frailties of human flesh; you have many, and those who care for you have many. Those who have tried very hard in love to lead you and challenge you and help you to grow, they have many as well. All have failed, but I am making My path as easy and as light for you as I can.

You have needed stern taskmasters at times. You have had need of a strong hand and a solid form of discipline; this is needful and this is love, and you have need of this at times as well. But I know your frame and I know how much you can bear. Like a father pities his child who tries hard to please him, I pity you as you reach for the doorknob, and I freely open the door of My Own accord. I give you free entrance into My Kingdom! Come and enjoy and partake of the fruits of My Kingdom and of My love! Freely partake, for freely I give them, and they are yours to enjoy forever! (ML #2985).

## 140

Love is the best weapon that you have. If you will exercise that muscle and build it up, you will become an able-bodied man, a force that is unconquerable, which will make the Enemy tremble! Therefore exercise those muscles: compassion, love, understanding, forgiveness, mercy, patience. I liken all these to muscles and weapons to fight the warfare. But you must fight it in love and in humility, for all else will fail. You must fight it in My Spirit and with the help of My Word, for the Word is your most powerful weapon! Have I not said that it is like a double-edged sword?

If you will take that sword and practice with it, you will become a skillful fighter, and I will use you to defeat the works of the Enemy! I have great things in store for you. I need you to be My warrior. Therefore gird up your loins! Even as a member of a special commando force has to lay aside his own thoughts and ideas and desires and focus all of his energy on the job at hand, totally concentrating, so do you have to do these things to be part of My elite force, My avant-garde, My special commandos! I need you--many of you--men of valor, men of strength, men of youth, to be My warriors! Will you fight for Me?

## 141

*(Apostle Paul speaking:)* There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. The Devil, Satan, fights this truth with everything he has! With all his power he fights to keep you from receiving the truth that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. He blinds your eyes to this truth, because once you receive this truth in your heart and in your mind and you accept it,

it destroys the power that he has. It's finished. It's over. He has no more control through guilt and condemnation and remorse. He has no more control through your feeling so bad--too bad for the Lord, too bad for Jesus' forgiveness, too bad for the mercy of God. Once you understand the truth of this one thought, this one reality that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, then you are liberated from the chains of the Enemy's lies!

So that is why I say there is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. In order to do this, you must walk not after the way you see things or the way you perceive them, not looking in the eyes of the flesh at all the evidence round about you. That is looking with the eyes of the flesh; that is walking after the flesh; that is entertaining in your mind thoughts of the flesh instead of the truth of God, instead of seeing things in the Spirit as God sees them.

You must rise above what you see in the flesh to receive what is true in the Spirit! Because the truth of God's Word, the truth of Heaven, the truth of the Lord and His mercy and love and forgiveness is not dependent on what you see with your eyes and what you feel in your heart and what you consider to be true according to the evidence that you see. The things of Earth, the so-called facts, have no effect on the truth of God! (ML #3008).

## 142

Think about this: How would you feel if you never received any communications from the person you loved? Wouldn't you feel left out? How would you feel if you never received a love letter from the one who was dearest to you, not even a quick note? Or how would you feel if you went about your entire day and your mate hardly ever said one word to you?

When I don't receive any word from you, it breaks My heart. It makes Me wonder if you really care and if you need Me. Do good and communicate and forget Me not, for with such sacrifices I am well pleased. It shows your love. It shows your concern. It makes Me feel loved and needed and desired. It gives Me purpose and meaning and fulfillment.

I have so much to give you, and I need to pour out. I need to pour out My blessings upon you. For just as I am a lonely man without your loving, so I am a frustrated man when your communication is nil. Prayer is communication. Tell Me about your needs. Tell Me about your desires. Tell Me how I can help you.

## 143

You have been faithful to raise your children to know and to love Me, and with this I am well pleased. It is a great task and responsibility to be entrusted with the lives of others, the lives of these little ones, both younger and older, that I have entrusted into your care as their parents.

These children are your mission field, and they are a great test of your faith, strength and faithfulness. For as each one reaches the age of decision, they will have to decide how much of their lives they will give to Me, and whether or not they want to lay down their lives in service to Me, to serve others, and to bring them My love and My message in this dark and desperate day.

They look to you, My precious shepherds, for the example of that which they desire to become, that which is best. They know of your love for Me and of your commitment in your youth to leave your former lives of living for yourself to become My messengers, My missionaries, willing to go to strange lands as pilgrims and strangers to bring My love and light to those who had little or no light. They saw your sacrifice and dedication and willingness to follow Me to the ends of the Earth.

You have been the standard bearers, the bearers of My light and My Words to them all the days of their lives. They look to you with love and admiration for all that you have done, for the battles you have fought and the burdens you have borne, and for fighting to do your best to love and serve Me. And they yet look to you for that which is good and true and right, though they sometimes show it not because of familiarity and the trials and troubles of youth and the other influences in their lives.

Be faithful and true to My little ones, for these are precious talents that I have given you for My glory, jewels that I have entrusted into your care.

## 144

You say, "Teach me how to pray. Show me how to please my Lord!" I say: Sing unto Me! Sing unto Me with the voice of thanksgiving! Sing unto Me with the voice of praise! Sing unto Me with the voice of love! Sing unto Me with the voice of joy! Sing unto Me with the voice of desperation! Sing your prayers unto Me. For in My realm there is much singing! There is much music!--Heavenly music!--Music that worships Me, music that sings praise unto Me, music that sings prayers unto Me!

So sing unto Me! For as you sing, you can focus in even more on what you say and pray. There are many ways to praise Me. You can praise Me in your heart, you can praise Me with your voice, and you can praise Me with song. You can praise Me with love.--And I love them all!

These songs that are written--and, lo, there are many--are words of praise, of love, of joy, of service, and they are there for you! Sing them to Me as prayers. Sing them to Me as your own words, for I hear them as your words and as your heartcry.

For those who say, "Oh, I don't sing well," I say, I hear in the Spirit. I hear the songs of the heart, and not the melody of the mouth. So fear not to sing unto Me and to praise Me in song. For I love to hear these tender words, these praiseful words, these thankful words, these words of desperation, these words of service, these words of love. I love to hear them as you sing them unto Me, and as you pray them unto Me, and as you think them unto Me (ML #3005).

## 145

*(Dad:)* This thing about not feeling beautiful and feeling like you're ugly, oh my! If you girls could only understand how the Lord looks at you and what real beauty is all about! He looks at you, and we Here all look at you, and see such radiant beauty--the beauty of your heart and soul and spirit! That's what real beauty is--not that lump of flesh that you are going to leave behind one of these days.

Jesus looks at all those big tests and trials you had to go through with those afflictions, and all those big battles you had to fight and win, and He is so proud of you! You are one of His precious rare and special jewels, and He is polishing you up extra special. Even though it is difficult, you're coming through with a real sparkle and beauty! He's making you an even more beautiful and shining jewel, and He's not done yet!

If you could just see yourself like the Lord sees you, and how beautiful you are to Him, and what beauty He sees when He looks at you, it would change your perspective on things greatly!

## 146

Come lie down and take off your armor, for it is the time of love and of laughter, to revel in My love and happiness and to be filled with My praise and My joy, to enjoy Me and all that I have given you! For as you are enraptured with My love, you shall sing aloud your praises upon your bed! All that hear you shall rejoice, and they too shall sing and praise Me with joyful lips!

And when the time of loving and ecstasy and intimate fellowship with Me is over and you put your armor on to return to the battle, you can go forth with joyful praises on your lips coming from the melody in your heart. You will sing and praise and speak to Me as

you go about your duties and fight your many battles, until you once again return to My bed of love and the time of intimate fellowship with Me, rejoicing and reveling in My love and joy (ML #3002).

## 147

Oh, My precious one! Let go of the strain and the weights from the past. Forgive yourself for your past mistakes and receive the forgiveness of others. Don't worry about how things might have been different or could have been better had you done this or had you done that. Such confusion, such indecision, such guilt and remorse about the past are unnecessary weights and burdens that you carry.

Forget the past and find peace and faith, knowing that I have had My perfect plan in your life. Even the things that seemed to be mistakes and losses and setbacks were all part of My plan. I have led you as My little lamb. I am the great Shepherd and you have nothing to fear. You have nothing to regret. You have nothing to feel guilty or sad about. I have used all the experiences of your life to make you into the person that you now are.

You have had to know joy and sorrow, light and darkness, pain and happiness, loss and gain, defeat and victory, in order to teach you sympathy, compassion and understanding. This happened in order to make your heart soft and tender that you might understand others, that you might be able to put yourself in their place and say, "Yes, I understand what you're feeling. I know what it's like. I've been there myself. I've experienced that as well. I know how hard it can be."

You can teach others to find faith and hope and courage because you have experienced Me helping you through the dark times. You know that there is light at the end of the tunnel because you have seen it and you have passed through that tunnel. You know that it's worth it to keep fighting and not give up, because you have done it.

## 148

Do not fear if you do not understand all that I have said, and if some of My Words are not clear to you. Do not doubt if things do not work out the way you thought they would. Do not doubt or worry if you feel you did not hear My voice, or if you feel you do not understand My meaning, or if you wonder why I said something.

The things that are unclear to you, you can bring to Me again. Petition Me in prayer again, that I may speak to you and help you to understand. Not all situations can be made clear



or be fully answered in one message, but in My love and wisdom I give you that which you need, and that which you can receive.

I told Jonah to warn Nineveh, but I repented of destroying it because of their repentance and his obedience. Through a difficult time of testing, Jonah learned the value of obeying My voice, and was closer to Me because of it.

## 149

*(Apostle Paul speaking:)* This I say to any and all who suffer condemnation of the Devil: Cast off the works of darkness and realize that it is not from the hand of God! It is not what He is requiring of you or expecting of you, that you suffer condemnation to pay for your sins. This is not the truth of God! This is the lie of the Evil One. Cast it off and receive the Lord's light and His love and enter into a new day of forgiveness, a new day of love and of power and of strength!

For in the dark days to come you will need this love and power and strength, and you will not be able to receive the anointing the Lord would wish to pour upon you if you continue to entertain these thoughts and torments of condemnation. So cast them off! Rebuke them! Refuse them! Resist them with all that is within you, that you may war a good warfare and be strong and faithful soldiers unto the end! (ML #3008).

## 150

My little lamb, here I am, your Shepherd. I'm standing at the door of your life asking you to open it and walk in. I do not force anyone to walk through the door, because I love for My children to make their own choices out of love for Me. But the door is there, and if you walk through it you'll find a great light, for I am the way, the truth, and the life--a whole and a complete life of everything you could ever want! A life of happiness, of contentment, of love, of fulfillment! A life worth living for and a life worth dying for. I am life, and he who gives his life to Me will live forever, finding happiness not only in this life, but in the life to come.

So fear not to push the door open and walk in. As you open the door by faith and take the first step, I will always give you the faith to take another step, even if you can't see where it's taking you. You don't have to know where it leads, you only have to understand that if you're walking down the road that I have for you, there is no mistake, there is no higher calling in life, there is no greater fulfillment than to choose the life that I--the Creator of

all things, the Designer of the universe, the God of love, Who loves you and cares for you infinitely--have chosen for you, My little lamb.

I have not taken My eyes off of you since the day you were born, but have followed you and cared for you and planned for you and loved you every moment, even from the beginning of time, and will to the end of time. So trust Me with your life and with your plans, and make them My life and My plans.

## 151

Behold the power and the might of God, Who does all things well! If you could understand the power that is within your hand through seeking Me and through claiming My Word and through belief, you would praise and worship Me all the more. For I have delivered into your hand great power and great might through the power and might of God!

If I would open your eyes and you could see the multitudes that help you, that are there at your beck and call, that serve you, that I have commissioned to protect and to guide and to strengthen and to please you and to answer your prayers, you would have much more faith to pray, to seek Me, to listen, and to ask Me for the miracles that you need.

If you could see the engineering and the planning and the preparation that those who help you go through to bring to pass the little miracles throughout the day, you would be amazed! For they love to help you and they love to engineer. They work hard to do such things, that you may have the answers to your prayers. They do these things to bring you pleasure, to accomplish My will, and to bring to pass those things which must happen in order for My will to be fulfilled.

At times there is disappointment because the plans and the preparations are made, but My children do not listen, or do not hear, or do not yield, and thus they miss the opportunity for the fulfillment of My will. This is why I wish for you to listen more to Me, to listen to the spirits and the whispers, to listen to those whom I have sent forth to help, to lead, and to guide. For they prepare and they engineer and they work, but they also must depend upon you and that which you seek in prayer. They must depend upon your yieldedness, your willingness, your listening ears, and your listening spirit (ML #3005).

## 152

We danced long before the midnight chime. I was yours, and you were Mine, and what precious togetherness we felt! But then, like the famed Cinderella, you dashed out of My

arms and down the stairs and away, afraid that the midnight chime would bring you total exposure and total humiliation, afraid to be found in My arms so naked, so destitute, so nothing.

What I try to show you is that I love you because you are you, and not because of your talents or because of anything you can do for Me. I gave My life for you! There's nothing you can really do to repay that, and I'm not asking you for repayment. I'm asking you for gratitude. I'm asking you for praise and thankfulness. I'm asking you for love.

So will you face Me and cling to Me past the midnight chime? Will you stay past the crucial point, that turning point in your life when you must either turn to Me and confess that you are nothing and that I am your all in all, or will you run away and try to uphold your frivolous shams? Which will it be? Can you not accept My love?

Stop thinking that you must be lovely for Me to love you. You are so unlovely in your sight, but you are beautiful in My sight! Stop thinking that the mirror is the way to judge how you're doing with Me and how you're doing with others. People need to be loved, they need an understanding heart and outgoing concern. You can give them that, and that will be more to them than any physical beauty you could ever give, or any intelligent thoughts and ideas you could ever offer.

The beauties of the Spirit are what matter most: the tenderness of the heart, the humility of the spirit, the meekness. These are the things I want to bring out in your life. This is what I ask of you before the midnight chime. Will you still be Mine?

## 153

Nothing will break the tie of love that I have for you! Nothing can come between us. Nothing can separate Me from you, for My love is stronger than anything! No floods can quench it, no doubts can remove it, no lies can tarnish it, for it stands stronger than any of these.

As you seek for and discover My love, as you swim in My love and revel in the ecstasy and the joy that I would give you, you will understand why the martyrs were even able to die for this love. It was greater to them than any trial or any persecution or any problem. It was so strong that even at the moment when they could not feel it, they knew it. It was stronger than any circumstance or any trial. For these pass away, but My love will not pass away.

If you seek Me with all your heart you will find Me, for I would be found of you, and I would draw you unto Me. As you seek Me in the Word, you will find Me, for I will be found of you (ML #2985).

## 154

I know your love for your children is great, and your desire is for them to know Me in a much greater way, and to be close to My heart and bosom. This is also My desire, for I love each one specially. Each one is in My special care, a tender plant in My sight that I wish to be fed and nourished and strengthened by My Words, watered by the dew of My Spirit and tenderly cared for and guided so that it will grow in the right direction, straight and tall and strong and healthy.

But there are many things that attack My tender plants, that would attempt to destroy what I have planned for them. There are sicknesses and diseases and blights that threaten them--the sicknesses and poisons and pollutants of the Evil One, of that which is not of Me nor My Spirit nor My ways, but the ways of the world and of death.

So carefully and prayerfully guard and feed and tend and love and give utmost care to My tender plants, that they may grow strong and healthy and upright, and that the blights and sicknesses of Satan do not befall them.

The Enemy knows that his time is short, and he seeks to flood the Earth with his lies and pollution and deception, to pollute the Waters of Life and wash away that which is good and Godly and right and loving and truthful. Let him not wash away any of the tender plants in your care. Keep them watered and keep their thirst quenched with the pure waters of My Words, My rain from Heaven. For he that thirsts for the waters that I shall give him shall have no need to thirst after that which the Enemy offers, which brings sickness and death.

As the husbandman has great patience in tending and caring for the vine, and waits with patience for the fruit of the vine, so do I wait for the manifestations of My Spirit to come to fruition in the lives of these young ones. Be diligent stewards. Be not weary in your love and care and feeding of these tender plants, and you will be richly rewarded.

## 155

I understand the trying of men's hearts, the depths of despair, of discouragement, and of desperation. I understand the depth of forsaking, for first I had to forsake My Father to go to Earth, and then I had to forsake those that I loved so dearly to return to My Father.

I understand the depth of pain and affliction, for I screamed out in pain as the nails pierced My hands and My feet. I understand the feeling of being forsaken by those that loved Me, even My Own Father, and thus I cried out, "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

I understand the depth of fear--fear of facing that which is ahead for the pain and the sorrow that it shall bring. And so I said, "Father, let this cup pass from Me!"

I understand the depth of the feeling of loss, for those who loved Me most forsook Me as I was carried away into captivity. I know the depth of hurt to see one that you love betray you, even as Judas betrayed Me with a kiss.

Am I not a High Priest that is touched with the feeling of your infirmity? Do you think that I do not understand these things, and that I do not have great compassion upon you? My heart breaks to see you in your pain and in your struggle, and in the fire of testing, of trying, of purging--when you feel so hopeless, so lost, so forsaken, when you grasp with all your might and yet you feel as if there is nothing to grasp any more.

Though My Father did not let this cup pass from Me, and though I saw My loved ones flee from My side in time of trouble and this one that I loved betray Me, and though the nails pierced My hands and pierced My feet, and though I was beaten with many stripes, and though I felt as if My Father had forsaken Me, and though I had to pass through the deepest of Jordans--the Jordan of death--yet it all brought about such great victory, such great renewal, such great salvation!

For though it looked like a defeat for Me to be whipped and to be scourged, to be crowned with thorns, to be nailed to the cross, and even as I cried out, "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" yet My Father kept Me and brought Me forth in a great resurrection that changed the course of history and that changed all eternity!

Though all looks dark and you cannot see, know that I have My arms around you. I ask you to trust Me in the depths, trust Me in the despair, trust Me in your heartache, trust Me in your forsaking. For I do all things well, and I shape you and I mold you with My love. And if you are willing to drink of this cup, if you are willing to say, "Not my will, but Thine be done," you, too, shall have a glorious resurrection that will far surpass anything that you have known!

So come into My arms, My dear one, for great is My love for you, and great is My love for all of you who pass through the Jordan (ML #2987).

Behold the hidden treasures of darkness buried deep down in My mine! As the miner goes into the depths of the earth and sacrifices his desire for sunshine and light and warmth, and chooses instead to labor in the darkness of the mine and tolerate the dust and dirt and grime, the cramped spaces and tight quarters, the aching back and sore muscles, in order to labor and dig for the precious jewels hidden beneath the earth in the mines--so are you. You are now in a hard place, seeking the sunshine, longing for a breath of fresh air, feeling cramped, stifled and choking from the stale air, longing for a helping hand.

Do not be dismayed or discouraged, for out of this seeming dark place you will find the treasures that are more priceless and valuable than any other! These days will not be for long. They will not be forever. They are only for a time, only for a moment. So do not be weary in well doing. Do not be weary of the place that you are now in, for in this place you are learning to lean on Me. You are learning to stay within My arms, close to Me, where you will find the strength you need to carry on.

Do not be discouraged or dismayed, and do not feel that you are a failure. Do not think that I do not love you. I love you and I care deeply for you! My eye is on you every moment of the day! I hear your every call and prayer, and I see your every tear. I am always here to strengthen and help you.

So do not worry. You are not outside the circle of My love, but you are right in the center of My love. You are now in preparation and training for the days ahead. I have many children around the world in many different circumstances. Some are in circumstances like yours, some are in more difficult circumstances, but all are in training. All are learning to hold on to Me, to hold My hand. I will never leave you, nor fail you, nor forsake you. I will bring you to My desired end.

## 157

*(From a teen in Heaven:)* I really had a lot of negative thoughts about myself and compared myself with others. I just felt like I wasn't very needed or very gifted or very smart compared to others. I felt like I wasn't very good at anything.

But now that I'm Here I see things a lot differently, and I realize that those kinds of things don't matter very much. How good you are at different things, or how gifted or how smart you are, or how well you can sing and dance, or how pretty you are, all those things don't really matter to Jesus. What matters when you get up Here is how much love you have and how much faith you have, and whether you love the Word and you love Jesus and try to do the best you can; that's what matters.

So that's a really, really important lesson that I've learned since I came Here, that you just don't have to try so hard and work so hard to be all these special important things and have a special big place and do important things and be real smart and real gifted, and have all kinds of fancy talents. I realize that that's not what's important. What's important is just loving Jesus. It's loving your brothers and sisters and winning souls and doing the best you can.

I wanted to tell you that because I thought it'd be a relief to you. I thought it would give you peace and help you to relax in the Lord and to enjoy Him, enjoy your lives, and enjoy each other and everybody around you. It's just so nice to see how simple things are up Here. Everything is so simple. Everybody is so loving. Everybody is so warm and you feel so included. You feel so much a part of everything that's happening. It's really, really beautiful and I'm just so happy! (ML #3010).

## 158

You must saturate yourself with My Word, that it may fight for you and wash away the seeds of doubt that the Enemy has planted! You must soak in My Word, absorb it and live in it, for you have been exposed to much pollution of the Enemy. The Enemy seeks to hold you down, but you can be free of all confusion, all darkness, and all doubt. For I have promised that the entrance of My Word giveth light, and it giveth understanding.

So prove Me now herewith! Take My Word into your bosom and absorb it, live on it, drink it in! Let it cleanse you and wash you and free you from the pain of the Enemy. Turn not into his hands and go not his way, but keep your face toward your shepherds, and toward Me.

Set My Words before you--post them on your walls, set them by your bed, carry them in your pocket--for My Words are truth and life. Absorb them, listen to them, talk of them, think of them!

## 159

*(Dad:)* Folks, I've always taught you that if you're faithful to the Lord, He'll be faithful to you. If you're faithful to look to Him, if you're faithful to read His Word, if you're faithful to get out and preach the Gospel, if you're faithful to love, if you're faithful to witness, the Lord will be faithful to you. He's never let you down all these years, and He's not about to do so now.

But you have to do your part. Are you reading the Word? Are you obeying the Word? Are you taking time with the Lord? Are you taking time to pour out the Word on others? To preach the Gospel? To fulfill your mission? If you're doing these things, I know the Lord won't fail you. He can't, because He's promised it in His Word. He's promised, and He can't break His Word.

I know for a fact that if you're faithful to Him, He'll be faithful to you! If you just take these small steps--the step of obedience, the step of faith--then He'll do all the rest. He'll take the bigger steps, the ones that you feel you can't take. But He expects you to take the small steps of obedience and faith. Without those He can't take the bigger steps for you--the steps of overcoming the problems, of getting over the mountains, of overcoming the obstacles. Only He can do that.

You have to take the small steps of faith and obedience so that He can take you the rest of the way. Because if you just stand still and expect the Lord to do everything without even having any obedience or faith, then you're not going to get very far. He expects you to do your part, and then He'll do the rest! (ML #3073).

## 160

*(Dad:)* I know how it feels to get discouraged about yourself, because I got discouraged about myself lots of times, and thought I was skinny and ugly. But I had to just keep fighting. I had to keep my mind and eyes on Jesus and do my best to love Him and please Him and give His love to others and make them happy. Because of this, the Lord blessed me abundantly with so many people who loved me--even lots of women who loved me more than anyone else, just because I gave them the Lord's love. Then it was Jesus' beauty they saw in me, the beauty of His love.

If you're full of Jesus and His love and you're radiating it and giving it to others, others will love you greatly, and you will be very beautiful--full of the beauty of love! That's what is most beautiful. That is real beauty and what will make you beautiful!

That's not to say you shouldn't take care of your body and eat right. You need to have a good healthy diet and eat in moderation, and get good exercise and stay in good health. But if you're doing your best to stay healthy and follow His health rules, then you shouldn't worry about it. I know that's something you girls are really tempted to worry about and get discouraged about, but don't let the Enemy use that to defeat you. And remember what I just told you about beauty--that real beauty, the real beautifier, is love!



## 161

Lovest thou Me?--Love one another. Lovest thou Me?--Care for one another. Lovest thou Me?--Sacrifice for one another. For by this shall all men know that you are My disciples--because you love Me and you love one another!

You do many things out of your love for Me, to show Me your love. You obey, you go forth to witness, you even give your lives for Me. Now I say unto you, do such deeds for one another, that all may know of your love for one another. In doing these deeds for one another, you do them unto Me. For he that does these things unto the least of these his brethren, does them unto Me.

I have filled you with My spirit of love, but as with all gifts, it must be exercised. So begin. Begin to love one another. Begin with deeds of kindness, with words of love, with touches of affection, with the showing of appreciation, with the speaking of kind and appreciative words to one another, the holding of hands, the patting on the back, the stroking of the face.

Begin by faith to manifest this gift of love that has been poured forth upon you. And as with all gifts, as you become exercised therein, it shall grow and grow and become stronger and stronger, and you shall radiate My love for one another! (ML #3011).

## 162

I am the Giver of all life. I breathe the spirit into each one. Each new life is a gift of love to the mothers and to the fathers--My gift of love to them. Many look at it in the natural and say, "Oh, this is but a biological occurrence." But I say to you, it is a gift of love from the hand of God to the lives of the mothers and the fathers.

This child is My gift of love to you. Your child will love you deeply, and you will love him. And through him you will learn of My deep, unconditional love for you--that I love you when you're good, and I love you when you're bad. I love you when you do the right things, and I love you when you do the wrong things, just because I love you!

What better way could I teach you of My deep love for you than to give you your own child to love and care for, to hold, to feed, to teach, to love? When you look at him and when you feel love for him, remember that this is how I look upon you and this is how I love you. And yes, My love for you is even greater! For this, your child, is a manifestation of My love to you. He is My gift of love to you, created by My hand, specially made just for you, ordained just for you. He is especially tailored to fit your

needs, a token of My love for you here on Earth, a physical manifestation of My love for you.

When you hold him, think of Me holding you. When you feed him, think of Me feeding you. Even when you change him, think of Me cleaning you up and loving you in spite of sins and weaknesses, in spite of defecation in the spirit. You will learn that it means nothing--you just wipe it away. Though it is unpleasant, it does not take away from the great love that you have for your child. As he grows and you must discipline him, this too will teach you.

So My precious child, who has a precious child, know that My hand is upon you and that I have given you this gift of love. I have delivered him into your hands to love, to care for, to teach, and to train. He will love and care for and teach and train you through all that you learn in the raising of this, your precious young one.

### 163

Continue to fight the good fight of faith for My young ones, for they are very precious to Me and I have great need of them in these Last Days. Many are the dupes and deceptions of Satan, but few are the mighty men and women of My Spirit who will be strong and stand up against the flood of evil that is covering the Earth, and the forces of darkness which seek to deceive and to destroy.

I need strong young warriors of David, those who have the fight and the fire of My Spirit, who are strong in Me and in the power of My might, who have been nourished and fed at My hand.

David has fed you these many years, and now these young ones are the fruit of his labors, and of your labors, and of My tender care and feeding and protection. I will be a mighty strength within them, a mighty power, a terrible force for good and for My truth and My love, if they will commit themselves to Me and rise up to face the foe in these Last Days! These young ones are important to Me as My Endtime warriors and vehicles of My strength and power to combat the forces of the Evil One! It is for these days that I have given and nourished and fed and protected these young ones, and led you in their care, for I have great need of these young warriors.

### 164

Love Me! Praise Me! Thank Me! When you're doing dishes, stop and thank Me for the dishes that you can eat on. When you're cooking a meal, stop and thank Me for the food

that you can eat. When you're typing, stop and thank Me for your fingers which allow you to type. When you're listening to a tape, stop and thank Me for your ears that you can hear with. As you step outside and breathe the fresh air, and as you gaze on the greenery of the trees and the bushes, thank Me. This stopping and praising and thanking Me will refresh and revive your spirit and will give you strength for the tasks that I have given you to do. So have faith to stop and to thank Me and praise Me, no matter what you're doing (ML #3005).

## 165

Is your heart open to Me? It is a humbling to your pride to yield to your Lord and God. It is a humbling, but the way of ultimate fulfillment and happiness and total usefulness is the way of humility. Have you received My Words completely and fully into your heart, believing by faith? There you shall find the answers and the freedom that you seek.

I understand you completely, and it is I, only I, who can lead your life and give you the answers that you seek. I have poured out to you a monumental thrill of answers and love and strength and understanding. It is all there at your fingertips if you will but receive and believe.

Turn now to the pages of My Word. Pray desperately for a renewed hunger for My Word, for My Spirit, for My very Being. For all that come to Me will be satisfied, and all that seek Me and acknowledge Me and cry out desperately to Me will not be turned away, but will be filled and refilled and restrengthened.

You must pray desperately to see clearly with the eyes of the Spirit by faith. You must pray desperately to be led by My Word each time you sit down to read it. Acknowledge Me and ask Me to lead you, to show you, to take the scales from your eyes, that you may see with renewed vision, with the eyes of love.

Look not upon your life as a burden. Look not upon your service to Me and the Family as a burden, but pray for renewed vision, that you may see with the eyes of love, of faith, of sacrifice, of servitude, of humility, of nothingness. Humble yourself in My sight and in the sight of others. For I love you dearly, and My love for you will not stop! My love for you will not grow smaller or lesser. I love you now and I love you continually.

## 166

Think good thoughts of one another. Do not criticize or look down upon another. As you look at each one, think in your heart, "This one loves my Lover, Jesus. This one serves

my Lord with his whole life." Think, "Jesus loves this one just as He loves me, and this one loves Jesus just as I do."

Look not at the faults and the failings and the shortcomings, for I do not. I look at the love they have for Me. Do likewise. For all come short of the glory of God, even you. When you think to criticize others, think of your own faults. For all have shortcomings, and all have faults and failings.--You too. So overlook those things and see as I see. See the love. See that these are faithful to serve Me and have given their lives to Me, and have sacrificed in their service to Me.

Look upon one another with love. Think upon one another with love. Pray for one another in love. Exercise this gift that I have given you, that you may become strong in My love for one another, bonded all as one, as a strong Family united under the banner and anointing of My love, that you may go forth as a strong band of soldiers--united, loyal, faithful to one another and all together to Me.

For My banner is over you, and My banner is love. My anointing is over you, and My anointing is love. This is the greatest anointing that could be upon you, because love is the power that created the universe--My love for you (ML #3011).

## 167

Oh, My dear one, My bleeding little lamb! I hear your calls and your bleatings. They ring out loud and clear! I see you with your confused expression as you bleat, My little lamb. Your Shepherd is right here. I hear your call and your cries.

If you were to stand before Me in spirit, you would be so engulfed and overwhelmed by My love, that all the hurts and the pain and the misunderstandings of the past and the present would completely vanish! So great is My love for you that there is no room for sorrow or condemnation. If you were standing before Me in spirit, you would feel only total acceptance and total love, because you would know that all is forgiven, all is accepted. There is no fear in Me. I wash away all fear, and there is no fear in My love.

Even though you are still in the flesh, trust Me that My love for you is no less than when you shall arrive Here and stand before Me. I am no less distant now, and you are every bit as much in My presence. You are just as much forgiven and there is nothing held against you. You are My dear one, My beloved!

So find in My love perfect peace and rest and comfort, knowing that I hold you and I carry you, My little lamb, as if you were the only little lamb in the whole world.

## 168

Big or small, no matter what the problem, the answer is to let My light in. The secret to overcoming is the Word! Whatever the shortcoming--be it intemperance, impatience, slothfulness, unfaithfulness, forgetfulness, worldliness, pride, comparing, jealousy, doubtful disputations--whatever the fault, whatever the weakness, whatever the blunder, the secret to overcoming is My Word! The secret to lasting victory is My Word! For when one is truly touched by My living Word, it gives lasting power and strength to those that partake thereof.

Do yourself a favor and feed on My Word! Then give My Word to others who are in need of help. Share My Word, give My Word, walk in My Word, talk about My Word! Live it, breathe it, exude it! And if your brother or sister falls, help them up through My Word.

## 169

Be not afraid to drink this new wine. Drink and drink and drink until you are intoxicated!--Greatly intoxicated by My love! Full of My Spirit! As you become more intoxicated with My love, filled with Me and My Spirit, you shall become as new men and new women, saying things that you never said before, doing things that you did not do before, and being the kind of people you were not before.

For this is a new day, and you are to become My new creations with greater power, greater love, and a greater anointing. You will become the creations that I have planned from the beginning of the world for this mighty Endtime! You will do things that you have not dreamed of! But you must take these steps. You must reach out and drink that which I am pouring forth, to give you the Spirit and the power and the strength to become what I want to make you (ML #3005).

## 170

Concerning My son and his little lamb, she has the gifts and talents needed to make them a well-rounded team. She has what he needs to strengthen him in his weak areas and to soften him in his hard areas, to support him in his wobbly areas and to love him even in his unlovely areas.

As this dear shepherd learns to give and sacrifice that which is dearest to him, his little lamb, their love shall grow and grow. The more he gives, the more their love will grow; and the more she gives, the more their love will grow. I promise that these sacrifices of love will not go unnoticed or unrewarded, but as they give to love others, the love that

they pour out to others will be replaced in much greater abundance, and the love that each one feels toward the other will grow and grow without end.

As they pour out a stream of My love to others who are thirsty and in need, I will pour into them from My waterfall of love, so much so that they will be overtaken with My love, drowned in My love, and find great ecstasy in My love! It will be manifested in greater love for Me, and for each other, and for others. For in giving they shall be set free from the fear which has them bound, the fear of losing that which they love.

I will break the chains of fear and loose them from the shackles of selfishness! They shall find great freedom in the spirit, and their reward shall be great love. For it is in giving that you receive. But he that withholds and guards and protects and shelters and hides that which he loves, will only tend to poverty and to lack and to sadness.

## 171

In the day of Pentecost I poured forth My Spirit and the manifestation of tongues and prophecy, and now I pour forth My spirit of love! This is a greater gift than the others. I also pour forth My other gifts--of healing, of prophecy, and of tongues--but My spirit of love and My gift of love is the greatest of all gifts!

This is a gift that cannot be misunderstood. Behold, I do pour forth as billows of waters and as the waves of the sea! And you shall exercise these gifts as you step out upon the waters by faith and speak these words of love and perform these acts of love. It shall carry you forth and it shall hold you up in the midst of gross darkness and great tribulation. My love shall hold and keep you (ML #3011).

## 172

I withhold not My love from you. If you do not feel or see or behold My love in your life, it is not My fault nor My doing. It is not because I have withdrawn My love. How My love is manifested in your life depends upon you. Do you have faith? Do you believe? Do you truly desire My love? Are you willing to do whatever it takes to have My love? For have I not said, "Draw nigh to Me and I will draw nigh to you"?

The place of the favorites is determined not by Me, but by you. It is not determined by the love that I have for you, but by the love that you desire from Me, and by the love that you are willing to give Me in exchange.

I am here waiting with open arms, eager to pour My love upon you in great abundance. But I must first see your desire, your faith, your drawing nigh to Me, your creating a vacuum, your belief and your willingness to recognize the manifestation of My love in your life.

My love is not earned through your good works. It can only be received by faith, by eager anticipation and believing that I am, and that I love you, and that it is My pleasure to bless you with My love and the manifestation of My love.

Your desire, your hunger, your openness, your eagerness for Me and your passion for Me is what carves out a place for you as one of My favorites. My love for all My children, all My brides, is equal. But those who reach out to Me, who call out to Me, who desire Me with all their heart, who do everything they can to please Me--of course they are the ones who bring Me great pleasure. Due to their obedience and their faith, I am able to pour forth My love unto them more greatly. I am able to draw them more closely to My bosom. I am able to joy in their lovemaking, for they bring Me more pleasure. In this way they are My favorites.

### 173

Many shall be surprised when they come into My Heavenly Kingdom to see the great importance of love, the hidden, unseen acts of love, the giving of love. For to love is more important than service, more important than ministries, more important than many things that you think are so fruitful. These things you ought to have done but not to have left the other--the most important--undone, and that is to love.

Behold, this is a day of choice. This is a day of challenge. This is a day when I am saying to all of the children of David: How much will you love? How much will you think of others? How much will you give of yourselves? How much will you forsake your own personal plans, your preferences, your freedom, your independence, your immediate desires, to be able to give love to those who are in need?

Have I not said many times that I have no eyes but your eyes, no lips but yours, no hands but yours? Much of the love that I show can only be shown through another. Much of the comfort and encouragement and affection that I wish to bestow upon My children can only be given through another.

I have ordained and designed it this way that you might have need one for another, that it might draw you close in tight unity, that you might be bonded together in love.--That no one would be an island and no one would be self-sufficient, but that you would need one

another and depend on one another, for in this will be your strength. So I have ordained it that My love can best be shown through another (ML #3017).

## 174

How I love to smell your prayers, like the fragrance of sweet-smelling flowers! Have I not said that prayer is not the least you can do, but the very most that you can do? Think about it! If it's the most you can do, then why don't you pray more?

Prayer is powerful, and if you want My power, then you must pray! What is prayer? It's your link with the Divine! It's communication. It's tapping into the Source. It's faithfulness to the greatest duty of man.

Prayer is rest, faith, complete trust. Prayer brings down My peace upon you! Prayer gets action! It lifts you up! Prayer changes the course of history! Prayer heals! Prayer revives! Prayer restores! Prayer builds! Prayer is humility. Prayer is My love. Prayer moves My hand and spurs Me to action! Prayer gets results. Prayer is saving grace for mankind.

Most importantly, prayer makes us one! Prayer melts us together, that you might partake of My powers.

## 175

Turn your faces to Me and receive the life and warmth of My love! Receive it and take it in now, for this is your Pentecost. This is your anointing of love that I desire to pour upon you. It envelops you and it is warm and beautiful. Receive it, absorb it, for you need it much more than you know. You need it for yourselves, you need it for others, and you need it for the lost. Put it on now. Try on this new robe of love!

Do you think that you have been loving? You have been loving, but you shall be more loving if you now put on this robe of love and if you turn to Me and face the light and feel its warmth upon your face, and let it be absorbed into you for your health and strength and your bright countenance which shall reflect My love upon others.

So great is My love, so beautiful and so wondrous! I shall pour this love into you as you have never felt before--sweet as honey, warm as the arms of a lover, exciting and passionate as the moments of sexual pleasure! So shall you experience this love in such measure that I shall create new creatures--creatures of love! (ML #3011).



It brings Me great joy to give you My love, and to see you open and desirous of My love. It pleases Me. But without faith it is impossible to please Me. Without faith it is impossible for Me to enjoy the pleasure of pouring forth My love as freely and as abundantly as I would wish to, for your faith is what opens the door of your heart and life so that My love may flow in.

How do you find such faith to believe and receive My love? Such faith is found in obedience. When you walk in obedience to Me and My Word and My will, then you have boldness. You have confidence, for you know that I will honor and bless you for your obedience, your yieldedness, your desire to please Me.

Obedience and faith go hand in hand. The more you obey, the more faith you have that I will bless you. In your obedience you are drawing nigh unto Me. In your obedience you are creating a vacuum for My blessings and My love. Your obedience gives you confidence to come boldly before My throne. Your obedience causes you to look around you with eager anticipation to see the manifestations of My love in your life--which you know will be many because you know you have brought Me much joy and pleasure, as an obedient child brings to his father.

The Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are life, and they bring forth life. The Words your Father David gave to you were life-giving Words, Words of My Spirit, Words of My truth, Words that set you free from the captive's bonds, that set you free from the snares of Satan, that set you free from the clutches of this world. And whom I have set free is free indeed!--Free to love Me, free to serve Me, free to give love. But in this freedom, as in all freedom, there are those who take it as a liberty to do things that are in their hearts which are not of Me. Any time one does an unloving act, a harmful act, a selfish act, a hurtful act, it is not of Me.

For I am the Creator of all things, and I judge the heart of man. I know the heart of man and all that is therein, so My judgment is just and true. At the day of judgment when you stand before Me and your life is reviewed, I shall judge by the act and by the intent of the heart, thus I judge righteous judgment. For I know the heart of man and there is nothing hid from Me.

When you seek to do a thing, know that I see and understand the thoughts and intents of your heart. So in all that you do, be motivated by love--My love, love for one another,

love for Me and love for the lost--that you may be found perfect before Me, perfect in love (ML #3016).

## 178

Thank you for being the ministers of My love and Words to these precious jewels that I have entrusted into your care. Look to Me for the strength, the wisdom, the love, and the understanding that you need, for this responsibility is great, and you cannot do it alone. I will help you and give you the strength and the answers that you need if you seek Me diligently and desperately, and hear My Words of counsel and instruction.

Bring each one of these young ones before My throne and present your petitions. Bring Me each problem, each need, each question. I am more than willing to give if you will believe and receive the Words of love and comfort and instruction that I have to give you, that I wish to pour down upon you in abundance, in a rich, flowing, comforting stream.

You must fight for each one in prayer and seek Me for My answers and direction for each of their lives. I will show you how to handle them, how to best minister My love to them, and to know the desires and hidden things of their heart. I know their every thought and desire. I know their every trial and frustration. I know their questions and the things which trouble them, and I long to give them what they need. I long to answer their questions, to comfort their hearts, to alleviate their fears, and to encourage their spirits. You are My instruments, My channels to minister these things to My precious children.

You have but to ask and I will speak to you, lead you, guide you and instruct you in the way that you should go and in all that you say and do. I know your love for them is great and you desire that which is best, and that which I wish to give them.

## 179

Behold, what manner of love I have toward you, in that while you were yet sinners, I died for you. Ponder this simple fact and reflect upon the depth of My love, that while you were yet sinners, while you were full of iniquity and filth, I died for you. So great is My love for you that I could see beyond your weaknesses, beyond your sins, and I could see the beauty of My creation. I gave My love for you, I gave My life for you. So is My love.

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you; that you see beyond the weaknesses and the idiosyncrasies and those things which would put you off and frustrate you and bother you in those round about you; that you let yourself be

blinded to these things, that you might instead show forth My love and understanding and compassion for one another.

Look upon the many sacrifices and tests and battles that each one has passed through, and so shall your respect and admiration for one another grow, and you shall see one another as I see you. You shall look past the things of the flesh and see the beauty of the Spirit and the glory of the creation which I have made. In seeing this, such love shall spring up in you as you have never known, for you shall see as I see, and you shall feel as I feel, and you shall love as I love (ML #3011).

## 180

*(Dad:)* God has a plan for you, a purpose for your life. Do you want to know what it is? Well, there's one sure way that you'll find out, and that is just to obey His voice one day at a time. Obey His will, His leadings, His checks and His guidance one day at a time, and you'll get to your destination.

Don't get sidetracked. Don't be discouraged and don't give up. You have to fight for it, like each of us has to fight for it. You've got to fight! Just keep going one day at a time, and you'll make it. He's given you all this encouragement and promised you that you'll make it, and He's showing you how. He's showing you the way. Your part is just to yield and humbly obey.

## 181

To the many who struggle or are tempted to quit, who wrestle with the doubts of Satan, who fight discouragement, who wish to lay down the fight and come to Me--to these I say, stand fast, hold on, for these things are your Jordans. Each man's Jordan is different. Each test and trial is different, specifically tailored to you and your needs, to the lessons that I would have you learn, to the victories that I would have you win, and the things that I would have you to overcome.

Keep your eyes focused on the shoreline--not on the movement of water or the strength of the current, but only upon the shoreline. Keep your eyes on Me. Keep your eyes on the victory, on the blessings, and be not swept away in the swift current. Go forward in faith, trusting, knowing that you enter into the land of promise, the land of blessings. Hold on and don't let go--like Jacob who wrestled with the angel, and though maimed, received the blessing of God! (ML #3017).

When you are sorely troubled, when you are perplexed or confused, come to Me. Lay your head on My shoulder. Find your comfort in My caresses. Listen to the Words that I will speak to your heart and mind. Find your strength in Me.

For though you are a great warrior of the Spirit, you are still a weak man. For the greatness that you have comes only from Me; it is nothing of yourself. Therefore, lean hard upon My breast! Hold tight to My love! Seek desperately for My seeds! Only in such leaning and holding and seeking will you be able to continue strong and valiant in the battles that are to come.

Fear not to trust Me with your whole heart and with your life and with your future. Know that I do all things well. Put your hand in Mine, and I will lead you down a pleasant path with abundant blessing. I will refresh your spirit and lead you to the still waters where you can dip your hand in and be strengthened. I will lead you through many battles, and you shall be victorious, because you have proved yourself worthy of the anointing that I will place upon your head--that of a great warrior in the Spirit!

Just as there are many ways to love--many positions, many approaches, many exciting and desirable ways to love--so are there many ways to pray. There is a time and a season and a purpose for everything under Heaven. A time to laugh and a time to cry. A time to be happy and a time to be sad. A time to pour out your heart to Me in desperate crying, strong tongues, seeking Me in fervent prayer, and a time to sit quietly, serenely, in humble seeking and sweet bidding, whispering your needs and requests in My ear.

There is a time to pray as you go, petitioning from your heart in silent words, and a time to stop, putting all else aside to seek Me with strong prayers and crying. All are important and all have their place and purpose. I need and desire them all.

It's not the position of your body that matters, but the position of your heart. Pray long when it's needed; pray quick when you must run. There is a time to pray quick and a time to pray long, and you must learn to avail yourself of both. Pray fast or pray slow according to the need--but pray! Depend on prayer. Live your prayers. Be not weary in prayer.

Stop and think now as you go through the day: "Who am I passing by? I shall reach out and give him love." "Maybe he needs a prayer." "Maybe she needs a hug." "Maybe she needs someone to talk to." "Maybe he needs a friend." "I need to give correction today. How shall I do it? Shall I say to my brother in haste the anger I feel, the pent-up feelings that I feel?" No, I say unto you, please say it in love. Speak as if spoken through, in the way that you desire to receive it, and then you shall know how to give it.

If you pass by someone's door and see them sitting alone, why not stop and talk to them and give them some love? How many times have you passed by the children and let them walk by, only seeing up to your knees? Lift them up and look in their faces and give them much more love.

The greatest love I desire to pour upon you this day is My love. Would you love Me more than you love Me now? I am right here beside you as a lover, a friend, a counselor and a guide. I love you much more than you know, much more than you can comprehend. If you would just receive all the love I have to give you, then there would be no reason to stop and think about giving love, for it would pour out of you abundantly! There would be no room to hold it all! (ML #3011).

## 185

*(Dad:)* Hi! I love you! I just wanted to say that I understand what you're going through, being somewhat in between age groups. I'm so sorry about that. But I just wanted to encourage you and let you know that I understand and I'm praying for you to have patience and faith to trust the Lord that things won't always be like that. I know it's difficult and you don't really see how things can change, but I'll tell you for a fact that they will change. Nothing is always the same, and sooner or later your age won't make any difference any more. Okay? Do you believe that? Or can you take it by faith? When you're a few years older, it won't make a difference any more. One day you're even going to be surrounded by people your own age, so don't worry about it.

Just be loving to those younger than you and those older than you, and you'll have the best of both worlds! Love the older ones unconditionally. And even if you think and feel that they don't really receive you, just keep loving them, and love will find a way. Of course, they have their lessons to learn as well, and they shouldn't be selfish or exclude others just because they're a few years younger.

Everybody's learning together and growing together, and hopefully we'll all make progress and be the loving Family that He wants us to be. There is no male or female in Christ and there is also no age difference. We're all His bride and we shouldn't

discriminate. As long as you stay loving and cheerful and encouraging, the Lord will help you. He will bring along some friends that will be very dear and precious to you. You will love them greatly, they will love you greatly, and you will get along very well. So be encouraged!

## 186

My children are no longer children--they are men and women of God! They are strong in spirit! They are soldiers! They are valiant, and they need the meat of the Spirit! They need the strength of the Spirit! They need the rallying cries of the Spirit! And so I pour out to them that which they need. And so will I pour out to them in great abundance as they take up the challenge to fight for Me, to take their stand, as they enter into their day--their day of battles and their day of victories.

The children of yesterday are the soldiers of today! So they must lay aside the childish things, the brackish things, the poisonous things, and they must seek for the clear waters of the Spirit. For it is the clear waters that give them strength, that refresh their souls, that give them the vision and the courage and the faith to carry on! (ML #3022).

## 187

My ways are as high as the heavens above, higher than the ways of man. Many things that you interpret as punishment are Me granting your heart's desires! What you often call punishment, I call a gift! Be not as a blind man who cannot see when I pour out My gifts. When you ask for bread I will not give you a stone, and I do pour out many gifts in answer to your prayers.

When you ask for more love and I put that difficult personality in your path, that one person who needs more care and greater understanding--this is from My hand, that I may shower you with My gift of love. I give you gifts of patience in many forms as you pass through the trials and tests that are set before you. And My gift of humility is your great reward only as you walk the humble road.

When you feel weak and incapable and insufficient in yourself, as you lie stripped of all earthly strength, this is My gift of weakness, that you may find My strength. When you say you want to love Me above all else and you desire Me as your most intimate spouse, think it not strange that I grant you the gift of loneliness, for with this gift you become My intimate bride, with all other distractions aside.

When you find yourself in seemingly impossible situations and the tasks before you appear too big, too hard for your human hands, this is when I give you My gift of faith, and My gift of divine power. To some I give the gift of affliction, that you may come to know My healing power.

When you feel lost and misunderstood, I am able to pour out My gift of understanding to you. When you feel down and discouraged, I am able to grant you the gift of encouragement. I pour My gift of praise on those who feel at wits' end corner. Gifts of mercy do I bestow on those who stumble and fall.

So many gifts I give to you--and in all these, I pour out the gift of greater closeness to Me, of coming to My arms, of greater intimacy and hearing My voice, of greater enlightenment and love. Therefore, My love, do not question My gifts of love to you. And although at times you only see through a glass darkly, know that as you continue to walk, as you continue to trust, all things will become clearer.

## 188

The army of David is not large in number, but it is great in the Spirit and the power of the almighty God, Who has filled it with boldness, Who has made it brave, Who has lifted it high above all the other armies! What a cadre I have given you! What a host of recruits! Train them for Me. Grow them up to be My strong warriors. My Father in Heaven knows when even one of these tiny ones falls to the ground. Pick them up, and draw them to My bosom.

Thank you, My precious parents and shepherds, for sacrificing your personal desires to serve others in love. Truly your reward is great in Heaven! Truly you are close to My heart! Truly you are precious in My sight. For except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit!

You are the seeds that I sow in the ground; they are the tree and the branches that will spring forth. If the seed just lay there and said, "I am not willing to be planted! I am not willing to die! I cannot bear it!"--what good would it do? But in dying to itself, and even being hid where it is unseen, where it seemingly is not doing anything, it brings forth much fruit and multiplies itself greatly! So shall it be with you as you yield to Me and let Me use you in whatever capacity to help My precious children.

## 189

These are the days of the voice of the Lord, the voice of My whispers, the strength of quietness, and the power of weakness. No more will I allow the strength of the strong or the wisdom of the wise or the power of the mighty to rule, for those are the ways of defeat. Now the strength and power of My Word and the strength and power of your weakness rules. The strength and power of My voice instructs, and the strength and power of My love empowers. These are the things that must rule in these days.

Would you have this power? Would you have this wisdom? Would you have this understanding? Would you have this empowerment and this strength? Then come unto Me! Enter into My rest, for in quietness and confidence shall be your strength. You must stand back and see Me fight! Stand back and see My strength! Stand back in prayer. Stand back in praise. Stand back in quietness. Stand back in communion with Me. Stand back as receivers--listening and tuning in to My voice. Then you shall see the power and might of God in a way that you have not seen it in any of the days past (ML #3014).

## 190

I love all of My children equally. Each one is precious to Me, and I love each one as if he or she were the only one. Each one is as an only child to Me. This is how I pour forth My love and attention and affection and supply and protection to each one, as to an only child.

I am devoted to each of My children with unending faithfulness, as a mother is to her only child. She faithfully watches over him and cares for him, attends to his education, the supply of his needs, and his desire for love and encouragement and instruction. She watches her only child with great admiration and pride, and finds tremendous joy as he grows and matures and becomes the fulfillment of her dreams. As this mother loves her only child, so do I love each one of My children as an only child, with much love and devotion and attention.

One is not better than the other as far as deserving or receiving more of My love. But some of My children are more dedicated in that they have given more of themselves to Me. They are more yielded in that they have laid their will and their pride and their own desires at My feet. They have said to Me, "Do unto me and do with me that which seems best to You."

Some of My children have characteristics or have developed habits that make them more useful in My Kingdom, and in this sense, some are better and some are best. The ones who are the best in My Kingdom as far as their usefulness are those who have learned to depend on Me; who have a hunger for My Word; who are willing to let go of their pride



and do the humble thing; who have faith in My Words for today, My New Wine, and who have a desire to drink it in and to receive the strange truths that I give to them; who are willing to go where I lead and do what I say; who are willing to give themselves wholeheartedly without reservation to Me, that I might mold and make them into the vessels that I would have them to be; and especially those who love Me above all things, who put Me first in their heart and life and thoughts and desires.

Those who have taken hold of these attitudes in their hearts and minds are the best in My Kingdom. Not because it is anything of themselves that makes them better, and not because I love them more, but because they are better vessels for Me. I am able to use them more greatly, and My light and love are able to shine through them more brightly. It all depends on how much they give themselves to Me, how yielded they are in My hands as soft clay, and whether they let Me have full sway in their lives so that I might make of them that which I desire.

## 191

What makes you feel My love? Think about the things that happen in your life that reassure you that I love you and that others love you. There are many good answers there, and many ways that you can do the same for the one beside you.

Give a warm greeting instead of an indifferent glance. A smile and cheerful words reassure you that everything is okay. Take a moment to answer a question with consideration and sincerity, instead of in pressured haste and busy rush, making others feel belittled or in the way. Take time to help the one next to you, and in so doing, help them to feel My appreciation and to know that I need them, that I appreciate them and their service to Me, their labors in the duties that I ask of them.

Forgiveness, mercy, tenderness, gentleness, acts and deeds of kindness and caring, simplicity, thoughtfulness, rewards, words of love, words of encouragement, words of praise, all the positive and good things that you can say about someone, loving touches and caresses, giving of yourselves, taking time to talk, taking time to listen, making time to share, helping to carry the load, small acts of consideration, stooping to help the other--these will show My love and will reassure others of My love.

The list does not really have an end, for My love is endless and without limit and without bounds. As you learn to seek Me and desire My love to grow in your hearts and in your lives, you will be thrilled at the wonderful resurrection of love in your life, at the beauty and joy of simply giving and loving others.

Be a little channel of Jesus. Be a little duct that the refreshing, soothing, comforting waters of My love can flow through. Be a little pansy to cheer someone's day. I need little channels. Upon the smallest, most insignificant, seemingly obscure stones is My great work laid (ML #3011).

## 192

My precious jewel! O precious one in My sight, you do not see the sparkle, the shine that you have! But I see, for I am the Master Jeweler. I chip and I buff and I grind on you, My precious, precious jewel. You do not see. You do not know the plan. You do not know what you will turn out to be like, or the value that will be placed upon you; but I know, for I am the Master Jeweler.

Though the buffing and the grinding and the polishing and the chipping and the cutting take time, they are what add to the value and to the beauty. I could just give you a rough cut, a rough polish, a rough buffing, and there would be value and you would have beauty; but it's not the same. For upon you I am doing a fine work--detailed, slow, but sure.

You see other diamonds and jewels buffed and polished and finished before you, but do not be dismayed or disheartened. For the most precious, the most valuable, the most beautiful diamonds, rubies and jewels are those that require the most time to be cut and sanded and buffed. And the end results are diamonds, rubies and sapphires--precious jewels that are priceless! And so are you to Me.

I do not do a quick job on you. I do not just rough cut, but I fine cut and fine polish. And know this, that you are in the hands of the Master Jeweler. I am the Master of the craft, and I know My stones. I can look at them in their raw form and I see the end result. I know which ones need to be rough cut only, and which ones need the fine work. I know which ones I will have with Me a long time, working, slowly chipping, slowly polishing, and I know which ones will go quickly in and out. I see beyond the encasing. I see beyond the roughness of the original stone. I see the finished product, and that is why I continue to polish, to buff, and to sand.

Rest assured, My precious gem, that I, the Master Craftsman, the Master Jeweler, am polishing you. I do not give you to any apprentice or any under-workman, but I, the Master, am the One Who is preparing you, because I know your great value. I know that you are a precious, precious gem. So let Me work the work, for in the end you shall be a precious, priceless jewel, one who was taken from the earth, who was rough, who was encased, but who is now freed and polished and made priceless by the hand of the Master!

Do not look to the well of poison for your inspiration; neither look to the brackish well for the uplifting that you seek. Look to the pure waters--the pure water of My Words, the pure water of My music, the pure water of My Spirit. Oh, come! Come! Come up! Come up to the mountains where the mountain streams are clear and fresh! Come up where the air is not polluted! Climb! Climb ever upward, leaving the things of this Earth behind you, and you shall find a purity of spirit, a purity of heart. You shall find thrills that you never knew existed!

Come to Me with your cup in hand, and see if I will not pour out to you some of the fresh water of My Spirit! For if you will look to Me in prayer and in desperation, if you will seek Me, and if you will ask Me to pour out to you the songs of the Spirit, then I will pour forth.

Will you march forward? Will you march upward? Will you shed these things of Earth that hold you down? Will you set your affections on things above? Will you look to My face, and My face alone? Will you drink of My well and of My well alone? Will you come to Me that I may pour out to you the beauties of My Spirit, the beauties in song, the beauties in word, the beauties in action, the beauties in love? (ML #3022).

You ask if quick prayers work, and whether collective prayers count. What counts is what is from your heart and how much you believe. I know what you believe by how you live.

Heartfelt prayers are what count! If you pray a general prayer with all your heart, knowing that time will not permit more, or because you don't know all the specifics or have all the people's names--like when praying for the PG mummies and the teens--yet you believe in your heart, you tune in, you pray in full faith, believing I can touch and keep each one, then I do! But if you pray the prayer with vain repetition while your heart and mind wander off to other cares, then the answer reflects the same.

Full-of-faith prayers get results! Whatsoever you ask in faith, believing, you will receive! Collective prayers, like quick prayers, have their time and place. They keep the fires burning. But strike a balance. Have I not said that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much? Pray collective prayers, for they often serve as reminders of your dependence on Me. But also spread out the requests--assign prayers, divide the list up sometimes if necessary.

Pioneer prayer! Seek Me for ways to keep your prayer life alive, fresh, vibrant, growing and maturing. But whatever you do, pray!

## 195

It is difficult for many to share their hearts. It is not easy, and they are looking for those who see their hearts without them having to even say anything. But learn to say what is on your heart. Learn to open your heart, so that others can love you more and understand you better and be able to love you with a greater love and understanding.

Take the time to do this, for it is very important. It is very needed in order to give love. You cannot just say "I love you" and pass them by. You must see others for who they are and what they are, what they mean to Me, what they mean to you, what they mean to My Kingdom, even what they mean to themselves, in order to be a loving help and strength and blessing and encouragement.

With this commission of love, I commission you today to love one another by understanding and getting to know each other's hearts, and also by baring your heart to one another (ML #3011).

## 196

My child, My child! Child of My constant care, object of My love, purpose of My existence: Watching you, loving you, helping you and caring for you makes My existence worthwhile. It gives Me purpose. Even if you were the only one on Earth, I would have died for you. Your every thought is of interest to Me. Your every trial is My trial. I have walked with you each step of your life and carried you through. Nothing that you have done has been insignificant. No struggle has been in vain, and you have not failed, My dear child.

There is a great reward laid up for your perseverance, for your continuing to go forward by faith although you have not seen the promises, for enduring hardness as a good soldier and continuing on for the hope that lies ahead. I will help you through this difficulty as I have helped you through every difficulty. You are My child and I will not fail you.

You are Mine and you cannot be lost to My love. You can never be despised by Me. You never slip out of My presence for a moment. You are never abandoned for a split second. There's never a moment that I am not continually aware of you. There is never a fraction of a second that I am not caring for you. There is never a thought in My heart that is

unloving toward you, for you are Mine forever, My child whom I love and for whom I would give My life endless times.

Never fear for the future and do not feel remorse over the past. Look up into My loving face. Come unto Me and you will find perfect strength, perfect love, perfect forgiveness, perfect comfort from now until the day that I return for you.

## 197

*(Dad:)* You want more music?--Write it! You want more music?--Sing it! You want more music?--Listen for it! You want more music?--Look up and receive it. Sing it! Record it! Share it! God said He would supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, and He has great riches and great glory, and He has great music!

Music is an important part of our life Here. There is much music, beautiful music! There is every kind of music. It's Heavenly music--music that feeds us in the Spirit!--Music that brings forth our praise to God!--Music that brings us great joy and enjoyment! It's everywhere!--And we want to pour it down on you!

So if you want it, don't look outside, look up!--Up to where the greatest music is!--Up to where the purest music is!--Up to where the most exciting and thrilling music is!--Music with beats that you've never heard!--Music with words that you could only imagine!--Music that will stir your heart and soul, and that will motivate you into loving action!--Music that will motivate you to serve Him and to love Him, to fight for Him and to die for Him, to lay down your life for Him!--Music that will give you the burden to do the job!--Music that will help you to love your brothers and your sisters, that will convict your souls, that will melt your hearts.--Music that will change your lives.--Music that will encourage your faith.--Music that will help you march forward when you feel like stopping.--Music that will make you love Him like you've never loved Him before!

It's all Here! It's all ready! It's waiting! Open up the taps through faith, through prayer, through the Spirit, through the Word, and through seeking Him!--And the windows of Heaven will open up to you and you will receive these songs of the Spirit in a new way for this new day!

It's there, kids! Believe me! I'm telling you, it's there. It's there for the asking. So seek Him, cry out for it, and it is yours. You'll be glad you did, for it will be new music for you, my children in this new day (ML #3022).

## 198

I smell all your prayers, big and small. I smell, I hear, and I answer, for each one is precious to Me. I know your needs even before you ask. But oftentimes others do not, so your positive declarations to Me in earnest prayer not only move My hand, but often stir others to action.

Not only does it serve to remind you that you cannot do without Me, but your declaration of prayers unto Me also brand you and label you. For when others hear you pray, they know that you belong to Me. I love you and I'm proud of you, and I want the world to know you belong to Me! I want the world to know and see and feel My power within you, that I am the One Who makes you strong! I want the world to see your utter dependence on Me in all things--so pray!

## 199

You have learned to love and to serve and to give in your serving, but your serving will now need to be more filled with love. Ponder what I have told of Martha, who did not recognize that the Spirit had visited her enough to stop and to look and to listen, to stop from striving and working and being recognized in works, and learn to simply sit at My feet and be refilled and empowered. In this resting upon Me and stopping and tanking up and refilling, you will have love that you know not of.

Have I not given you the example of the Samaritan on the road to Jericho? There are many such occasions even in your everyday life where I would that you would stop and touch and caress and hug and listen and heal and pray. For all these are a part of My love and My care and My concern for those upon whom I wish to bestow a touch of healing. So be touched with My love, that you may touch others.

Will you say, "I have given once--it is enough"? For there will be many upon the road of your day; many occasions for you to recognize a need for love. Therefore stop your working and be touched by My Spirit. For as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me.

Have I not given you the sample of the good shepherd who leaves the ninety-and-nine--the duty, the responsibility, the administration, all that he thinks he must do--and his heart is pulled toward the one who cries and needs, to rescue those that are in need? Therefore, think not that you know what to do, but look and listen, and I will whisper in your ears what I see within the outward appearance. Learn to look upon the heart, for I see not as man sees (ML #3011).

## 200

Give freely, My dear ones, of the love that I have put in your heart. Give freely of each other to those who are in need. I promise you that you will not be found wanting, that you will not suffer permanently for this giving, that your temporary pain and tears will be washed away and you will break forth with singing and rejoicing!

I will bring a great victory of giving in your lives, and that which was once so painful and dreadful will become a source of joy and encouragement. That which was once your weak area will become your strength if you will exercise your power of giving by faith. You will not lose, but you will gain. You will not lose the love of the other, but you will gain--not only their love, but their respect and admiration and confidence.

## 201

I love your love! I love your kisses and your caresses! I love the sweet things that you whisper in My ear. I love your desire for Me. The more that you desire Me, the more I desire you. For as I have said, draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. And as with a lover, when you say you want them, and you say you want to be with them, and you kiss them and caress them, and so they desire to be with you, to remain with you and become married to you, so it is with Me.

I love all My children; every one is dear and precious to Me. But I spend more time with those who want Me and who love Me and who create a vacuum which I can fill; who lie in bed with Me and call for Me and woo Me. When you woo Me, I will come.

When you are stopping and calling, kissing and caressing, it creates a vacuum in the Spirit which I will fill. For as I hear your voice calling Me, saying, "Come, come. I want You! I need You! I love You!" so is My attention drawn to you. So I come to you and love you and speak to you and hold you and caress you and fulfill your needs. For as I said, ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. So when you ask for Me to come, when you seek for Me, when you knock at My door and say, "Oh please, I want You," then I am there.

Think it not strange, for have I not said there are brides with oil and brides without? Those that are without do not come into the bedchamber. So knock--knock on the bedchamber door. Come--come into My room. Seek Me and you will find Me. Ask Me and I will be there. For they that love Me most follow closest. They that love Me most show Me the most love. They that love Me most shall have the most of Me.

This is how I work. I am there for all, but they that call upon Me with their whole heart shall have Me. They that seek Me early shall find Me, and they that shall call out to Me and call My Name shall have Me (ML #3025).

## 202

Touch Me in the morning. Touch Me in the evening. Talk to Me throughout the day. Love Me and praise Me. Don't get too far away. Don't let the gaps between your time spent with Me become longer and longer. Keep in touch all the time, with just a word, a look, a prayer, a desire, a longing.

I accept all forms of your love. Every sigh of your heart and every desire of your spirit, however unique they may be to you, or unusual in the eyes of others, I translate into such beautiful love. For I see inside your heart and I understand your desire and longing to love Me. Though sometimes you find difficulty in expressing your love, I accept your love in every form. Therefore give Me your love in any form you desire, and as our love grows you will learn how to love Me more.

Set aside a time each day just for us. A time that you can look forward to. A time when you can just rest your body and lie in My arms. A time when we can talk, when we can love, when we can laugh, when we can cry. Whatever you wish to do, whatever you wish to say to Me, tell Me. I will be there for you.

So, My love, come and begin this new step of love with Me. This is important to Me, as I know it is important to you. I wait for you. I desire you. I crave your company. I yearn to feel you near Me. For you are My delight!

## 203

Prayer is for your benefit! Pray and be filled. Pray and receive powers that you know not of. How I long to fulfill your every desire! How I long to open the windows to My great storehouses and shower down blessings--the answers to your prayers!

All that is Mine is yours, just for the asking! Tell Me how I can help. Modem Me a message. Send a telegram. Write a letter. Make a personal phone call.

Short prayers, long prayers, group prayers, private prayers, desperate prayers, quick prayers, silent prayers, walking prayers, lying-down prayers, morning prayers, noontime prayers, evening prayers, in-between prayers, prayers for your needs, prayers for your wants, prayers for protection, prayers for your healing, prayers for your work, prayers for



your travel, prayers to gain victories, prayers of deliverance, prayers to be comforted, prayers for guidance, prayers for My wisdom, prayers for more love, prayers for miracles, prayers for difficult situations, prayers for others, prayers for yourselves, prayers to change history, prayers that change hearts--shoot them right up to the hotline service!

## 204

You have laid down your lives in love for one another. You have laid down your lives in love for Me and My work. You have given in sacrifice and you have had patience, and now I would that you might receive the reward. So often you do these things in dryness of spirit. You fulfill the letter of the law and you fulfill your duties faithfully and diligently, but you receive not the promise of the joy and the love.

But I say unto you, say the words and you shall be healed. Say the words, "I love you!" Say the words, "Thank you!" Say the words, "I appreciate you!" Say these words of love and appreciation and tell one another what you feel, and you shall be healed. You shall feel the flowing water of My Spirit and the soothing warmth of My love enveloping you and transforming your Home, transforming your lives!

You are married to one another, but so often your love and your marriage is a formality. You perform the duties and you fulfill the obligations, but you do not feel the love. But if you will only say the words, I will do the rest. The feelings of love and the joy of love will come if you will only say the words and live it. Look for it in faith and you shall feel that love and joy that you've read about and which you so earnestly desire (ML #3011).

## 205

My dear one, give of your little lamb, for in giving and encouraging her to love, you will be helping her to do My will, to become the shepherdess of love that I want her to be. Though it will be painful for her at first, she will be grateful, because she will know that you are helping her to perform My will. She does not want to fail, but she needs your help and encouragement and support. As David constantly encouraged Maria to do My will, even to his own hurt and pain, so must you be with this one, this precious little lamb that I have entrusted into your care.

Encourage her to walk down the path of yieldedness, unselfishness, generosity and love. She resists walking down this path because she does not want to hurt you. For her love for you is great, and it burdens her heart when she sees you hurt and weep and break. So she is torn between the two--whether to walk down the path of generous love, or to

protect your feelings and your emotions and your needs. But if you love her, as I know you do, then you must help her to obey and give, even if you must harden yourself to the pain temporarily.

Encourage her to give of her love not only for those who are in need of her love and tenderness and understanding, not only so that she and you will be the sample that you need to be, but also so that she will be faithful in all ways before Me, and she will be able to become the shepherdess of love that I need her to be.

## 206

You ask what makes the difference between the pure, clear waters and the brackish waters. It is the strength of message. It is the degree of conviction. It is the distance between the songs and the System. For only the songs of the pure, clear water can preach the dropped-out radical message of David: The message of war against the System; the message of total freedom of My Spirit; the message of complete dedication to Me; the message of laying down your life for the lost; the message of giving up all material goods that you might find and do My will; the message against the anti-Christ systems of today; the message of free sex done in love and the truth of My Law of Love; the message of Heaven and the world to come; the message of the Endtime and the warning of the things to come that shall befall this wicked generation.

These are the things that make the clear waters different! These are the things that make the music of the clear waters so precious and so valuable! It is because of the Words of David! My children have such a wealth of truth and knowledge, and only the children of David can sing the songs of David.

It is the Words of David that make the difference! It is the unique message that I have given to My Endtime army that makes the difference. It is for this reason that I want to give many, many special songs to My children of the Words of David, for the Words of David are so powerful! And when they are put to music, they will be yet more powerful! They will thrill the hearts of My young people! They will challenge them and inspire them with the vision that I have set before them (ML #3022).

## 207

I love you, My darling, My sweetheart! Let Me show you how to love. Let Me show you the secret of instant and perfect connection with Me.

At any moment, any time, if you feel yourself slipping just a little, your courage fading, your spirit falling, your happiness and joy being lessened through some encounter, through some words you have heard, or through the attacks of the Enemy, My dear child, stop for a moment. Halt everything and concentrate on Me.

Focus your mind's eye on a mental picture of Me as you love to see Me--ravishing, majestic, awesome, strong, caring, fatherly, playful, dream-like, your fantasy, kingly, royal. However you like, I will be that for you. Picture Me in your mind's eye, and then slip out of the work mode. Slip out of the business gear, away from accomplishing, away from the busyness, away from the working. Slip down out of the mind, into the chambers of the heart.

Open the door to the chamber of love and walk softly in, for I wait for you there. Such refreshment, such visions, such inspiration, such thrills have I to give you at every moment, at every turn, at every crisis point, if you will but for a moment, for an instant, for a second slip away with Me. I do not ask for a long stretch of your time, but only short moments consistently throughout the day where you slip away with Me for a glance, for a look, for a kiss, for a hug, for an exchange of a few words.

This is the secret, and this secret I share with you as the answer to how to love Me continually, how to keep Me first in your heart, how to keep Me first in your mind and in your life. How is that? By slipping away to be with Me throughout the day. By keeping Me ever-present in your mind and thoughts in all that you do.

This will not take away from your work; it will enhance it. For as you slip in and out of My presence, you take with you a little more of My glow, of My aura, of My wisdom and power and Spirit. And this aids you in your work and in the decisions you make.

So come, and make this a habit. I can hardly wait to see you more, to talk with you, to hold your hand, to kiss you. I have waited patiently for this, that I may spend more time with you. Now the desire comes at long last, and My joy is great.

I love you, My sweet one! Rest now in My love.

## 208

*(Dad:)* You've done so well, Honey. Don't worry so much about your problems. Everybody has problems, everybody has shortcomings, and everybody has thorns in the flesh. Like I said, you'll be fighting some of them till the day you die. They're for a purpose--to keep you humble and desperate and close to the Lord. But they don't make you worse than anybody else, because "all have sinned and come short of the glory of

God." So don't worry about it too much. Okay? Just stay dependent on the Lord and trust that He loves you, because He does!

## 209

These are days of preparation for that which is ahead. For I bring you along hand in hand, leading you, guiding you, preparing you, strengthening you, giving you what you need as you enter into these Last Days.

Whether you are prepared or not, the time will come, shortly. I try to prepare you, but your preparedness depends upon you--upon your willingness, your openness, your yieldedness, your desire for the things of the Spirit. For as a soldier learns the art of warfare, so must you learn to use My weapons of the Spirit. So must you learn to be strengthened in My Spirit. I test you and probe you now that I may know what you are made of, so that in the time of those tests that are ahead, you will have the means to stand.

Use this time of peace to prepare for the war of the Spirit that is ahead. For these are the days of preparation, the days of training, the days of testings. These are the days that come before the time of the end.

Prepare in Spirit. Learn to hear My voice. Learn to follow My Spirit. Learn to feed yourselves from the Words that I have poured forth. Learn to love one another. Learn to work in harmony one with another. Learn to trust one another. These are important matters. The days will come when these things will be the coinage of the realm, the things of great value. Your ministries and your talents, though useful, will not be as important as the attributes of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, the yieldedness of the Spirit.

Do you want to be strong? Do you want to do exploits? Do you want to prepare? Then prepare in the Spirit. Draw nigh to Me, that I may draw nigh to you. Set aside the ways of the world and prepare for the day of the Lord! (ML #3027).

## 210

This is a test. Yes, this is your Jordan, and I know that your heart breaks and aches, and you feel that this is more than you are able to bear. But My dear ones, I will never ask of you more than you are able to give. I will never require more of you than you are able to do. Whenever you reach the point that you feel it is too much, that the weight of the

sacrifice is crushing you, at that moment I will reach down and lift you up and draw you unto Me, and give you strength and faith that you know not of!

## 211

My love is like a mighty reservoir--deep and wide and unending! But there are many dams built that measure out the water of My love in meager portions, mere trickles or small streams, when I wish for it to burst forth and flood your hearts and souls and wash you clean and carry you along the current of My will!

There is more than enough of this water for all of you!--A plentiful supply to be carried far and wide to pour upon others and upon the thirsty ground, so that it brings forth to bud and causes to flourish and prosper and grow and bear much fruit unto Me. There is enough to cover this whole Earth and make it into a plush garden!

But you must remove the dams made of many rocks and obstacles--some big, some small, but all obstructing the flow of the water. Take away the rocks of pride, independence, fear, selfishness, weakness and the opinions of men. Think not of yourself and your many weaknesses and inabilities and what others will think of you or what the consequences will be. Think only of others and their need for My love, and I will lead in the right path, directed by My love and wisdom. You need not worry about yourself and the results, for it will be glorious and it will bear good fruit and the results which I desire.

I cannot fail! Therefore My love cannot fail, nor whatever is done in My love. Fear not that the flood of love will wash you away, but rather let it carry you to heights and places you have not known, and it will be a great joy and delight unto your heart and soul. So let it go, let it flow, and trust Me! (ML #3011).

## 212

Good morning to a fresh start! Everything is clean! Everything is new--except My love for you, which has been from the beginning. It is more today than it was yesterday, and it will be more tomorrow than it is today. Here I am by your bed as you wake up, ready and waiting to love you and listen to you. What would you like Me to do for you today? I am here, waiting to help you. What questions do you have that you need help with? I just love to help you and answer your questions. What problems would you like Me to work out today? Is there any place you'd like Me to go? Any errands you'd like Me to take care of? Any heart you'd like Me to change? Here I am, just waiting to help you.

I was your servant while on Earth, and I am still your servant. Whenever you need Me to do something, just speak up, because I'm always ready to help. I'm still giving answers, still giving solutions, still working things out, still working miracles. Do you have a complicated situation? All things are simple to Me! Before you tell Me your problems, I am ready to give you the solutions. Long before you wake up I am waiting beside your bed with the solutions already prepared, if you'll come and talk with Me a little bit and let Me give them to you. I love you!--Jesus.

### 213

I have heard your songs of love, your words of love and endearment unto Me. I have heard your words of praise and of giving glory unto Me. I have heard you listening to and absorbing My Words and turning them into prayers unto Me. These have come before Me as incense, as beautiful smells that remind Me of you and of your love and of your praise. It draws My heart near to yours. For as I love to speak to you, so I love it when you speak to Me. As you think it is precious when I speak to you, so I feel it is precious when you speak to Me! (ML #3025).

### 214

Pray, pray, and pray again! I love it! I want it! I need it! I revel in it! I love to stay in close communication, so we can be one. All your prayers are important. Some have different purposes, but all are important, so pray!

I want to be in constant communication, constant touch. Avail yourselves of every means, every way possible, and let Me shower you with My wealth! Wealth and riches, all that is Mine is yours for the asking from a well that never runs dry. Why settle for the human when you can have the Divine? Receive My power! It's here! It's ready! It's waiting for you!

### 215

*(Dad:)* Fill your heart with the Word, the New Wine. Let it reach into the very depths of your heart! Let it change you. Let it work in your heart and in your spirit to refresh you and to renew you. For it will strengthen you as you yield, as you receive, and as you put it into action.

All the Word, all the Wine, all the Water that is poured out to you is for a purpose. It's given to strengthen you. It's given to you now because we Here know the need for later. The things that the Lord pours out to you now are the things that you need now, so that you will have them later. So take them in and absorb them, read them, do them, be strengthened by them, so that you'll be ready to take what He has for you in the future. And there is a great future ahead!

So hold on! Don't let go! Keep the crown! Fight the fight! Win the war and receive your reward! For great is your reward in Heaven! Great is the reward of those who overcome, those who fight to the finish. I know it's a struggle! I know it's a fight! But let me tell you, I struggled the struggle, I fought the fight, and I know now it is well worth it. For the rewards are far greater than anything you could ever think or imagine! (ML #3037).

## 216

Step forth by faith into My chamber, and as you cross that magical threshold, you shall be transformed into another creature: a creature of love, of warmth and of affection that just loves to nestle in My arms. I would that you would never have to leave that special place with Me; but when it is necessary for you to go out, you shall be empowered with strength from on high. For I shall fight within you and for you and through you and around you. I shall be unto you a mighty force field, a glowing radiance that shall conquer all of your enemies and shall melt all barriers before you. As ice is melted away by the force of heat, so shall the forces of Satan be melted away by the strength of My love that radiates within you.

## 217

My love has no limit! For I am love and I cannot be contained. And I do pour forth! I break forth on the right hand and on the left! You come to Me with your cup, but I would open channels unto you, continuous channels of My love! If you would look to Me, and seek Me first, and put Me first, and draw nigh to Me with your whole heart, then you would overflow with My love. Your cup would not be empty, but would overflow! Your cup would run over continually! You would have not your own measly store, but the bountiful, immeasurable store of My love to share with others, to pour forth, to give! And as you give, it shall be given unto you. For the waters that you pour forth, I shall flood you with more, for there is no limit to Me or My love! (ML #3011).

## 218

*(Dad:)* The Lord is calling you to His bosom. He's calling you to be His bride. The concern you have that you don't feel close to Jesus is the result of the Lord Himself actually putting that desire in your heart to love Him more. So you are closer, just because you have that desire to be closer. He's putting that aching feeling in your heart.

So don't get down and depressed about it. He's making love to you and you're responding. He's drawing you closer to Him, and you are in His arms. He's been wooing you, and that's why you feel the need to be closer to Him. That's why you feel the need to feel Him, because He's been wanting you and placing that burden on your heart.

So just keep following Him. He wants you full-time as His on-fire disciple! He wants not only your full-time service, but He wants your full heart! He wants you to be wholly His, one hundred percent. He's calling you to step out now and be an Endtime witness in His Endtime army, alive and burning for Him, a heart aflame!

So come on, let's go! Let's burn for Jesus! I know you can do it because you've got Jesus! I'm counting on you!

## 219

If two line up to run a race, and one has prepared and practiced and built up his muscles, and the other has done nothing, and they are at the starting line and the gun is fired, the one that is prepared will run the race with speed, with strength, and with energy! But the one who did not prepare will run the race in pain, gasping for breath, slowly dragging behind, yet still running.

You must choose which runner you will be by making those choices today in the days of preparation. Are you taking seriously those things which I am saying to you? Are you learning to tune in to My Spirit and to work together with your helpers--those of the spirit world who can show you things that you don't know and lead you and guide you?

Are you shedding the things of this Earth and becoming more Heavenly minded? Are you setting your affections on things above and not on things of this Earth? Are you living My Words? Are you loving your brothers and your sisters? These are the things that strengthen the spiritual muscles that you will need in the days ahead.

If you want to know when these things will be, I say to you, they are coming. They are coming! They are coming! Harken unto the Herald! For the Herald says, "The days are ahead! The days are coming! The days are almost upon you! Prepare! Prepare! Prepare!



Look not to the right hand. Look not to the left. Look straight ahead. Get ready, for the day is at hand!" (ML #3027).

## 220

You must now, more than ever, daily take time to give the burdens to Me, and learn to work in the Spirit and not the flesh, leaning not to your own understanding but committing all your thoughts and all your ways to Me. When you commit your thoughts to Me, then I am able to strengthen you, for I strengthen your mind that it faint not in adversity. Your mind shall then be filled with My Spirit, with My thoughts, with the whispers--the same whispers that created the universe--and with My inspiration and power rather than your own.

So commit your thoughts and your mind to Me, that your thoughts become not entangled in the wisdom of man or in trying to figure out or analyze things. Give your mind wholly to Me that I may influence and speak to you through the simple whispers. For in simplicity there is great strength, power and conviction, because it is not entangled with entrapments and difficulties. You can then remain single-minded, looking unto Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

Come to Me, My dear one! Let Me take you. Let Me hold you. Let Me possess you every day and every moment! Let Me possess every part of your mind and heart, My beautiful bride in whom I delight, and in whom I love to live My life.

## 221

It is My will to use you as tools of love. For I am love. This is the word that best describes My nature. There are many hindrances to love, but because you have committed yourself, I will show you how to break down the hindrances. I will show you how to remove the obstacles, and I will help you to be vessels of My love.

But first you must let Me fill you up! A vessel that is moving cannot be filled; you must be still. You must provide the time for Me to fill you. You must be as hungry, empty vessels with open mouths, still and waiting for Me to fill you up. You must take this time with Me for refilling, for you cannot pour out of an empty vessel.

Do you think you can pour of yourselves? You will find very soon that your own love will be found wanting. As you rub one against another, the idiosyncrasies and the quirks of another will frustrate you and you will say, "Where is this great love that I am supposed to have?" You cannot do it by yourself, for even the little things will irk you.

But you can do it in My power! As you fill up on Me and My glorious love, you will have more than enough, and this love will pour out on everyone you meet!

As you spend time with Me, you will go forth from your chamber with My love shining on your face! Those who see you will know that it is not of you, but it is of Me. For this does not come from your own might or your own power or your own habits or your own knowing how to love. As you retire into your chamber and spend time with Me, I will teach you to love (ML #3011).

## 222

I am the Shepherd and you are My precious lamb whom I watch over with a tender eye. My arm is outstretched to you and I beg you to come, to rest by My side, to drink out of the waters to which I lead you. Drink from the cool, clear waters of My Word and My Spirit and My joy and My love. Eat from the rich green pastures to which I have led you. Rest beneath the shade of the tree and hear the sweet music of the Shepherd's harp. When you are weary, rest within the safety of My fold. I have many sheep, and I care for each of them as if they were My one and only lamb, the most precious thing to Me.

When I see that you are encumbered about with heavy wool which you do not need, I, in My love, shear this wool from you and free you from it. But you must trust Me as I shear your wool. For the sheep do not know the outcome. They have no idea what is being done, but they have learned to trust the shepherd. They rest assured that he does it all in love, that he cares for them as his own, that all that he does he does to make life easier for them and to give them the freedom they desire. If the sheep fight and kick, it seems worse and it takes longer.

So come to My arms, rest in My love. I will cover you with My cloak. Rest your head against My chest and feel My warm and reassuring heartbeat, My heart that beats in love for you and in care for you.

## 223

*(Dad:)* One of the beauties of prophecy is that the Lord gets all the credit. When you put your mind and heart and spirit in neutral and you just become a vessel and a channel, when you do nothing but sit and hold the dictaphone and the Lord gives the instruction, then it really glorifies the Lord and takes the spotlight off you. Because almost anybody can do that! Almost anybody can be a vessel and can then simply follow and obey what the Lord says.

You don't have to be somebody brilliant. You don't have to have great gifts and talents in the Spirit. All you have to do is be a yielded, open channel, a little child, someone who humbly and quietly follows in the footsteps of their Father.

## 224

You cannot shut your eyes and shut your ears and take in nothing from this world, for this world is all about you, and you are in this world. But if you would not be of this world, then you must cleanse yourselves and purify yourselves with the antidote of My Word, that you shall become clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you.

Heed My Words--listen to them and believe them--for Satan has desired to have you, to defeat you!--Not by a great flood, but by the little foxes that eat the vines. A little here, a little there; a little weakening; a little chipping away of the foundation here, a little there; a little disbelief here, a little doubt there; a little of your own wrong conclusions.

I say this to all: Let the Words of David, the Words of God, the Words of My mouth, the Words of My Book be your standard!--Not that which man says. Not that which is politically correct but is a deception and a deceit and a lie, perpetrated by those who would destroy the Word and the works of God! For am I politically correct? Was David politically correct?--Or did he speak the Words of truth as I spoke through him? Is the Bible politically correct? No, these things are an offense to man, but they nevertheless are the pure Words of God!

To those of you who are pure, My Words are pure! They are life-giving waters! They cleanse your spirit! They nourish your soul! They strengthen your minds and your hearts, and they draw you nigh unto Me (ML #3025).

## 225

*(Dad:)* The most precious thing on Earth is that sweet communion you can have with Jesus in the garden of His love, heart to heart. When you miss that communion with Him--when you don't take the time, you're too busy, you're too rushed, too full of this or that--then you miss the most precious thing there is--a time of loving and fellowshiping with Jesus.

That time is gone forever; you can't go back and make it up. It's not only time that is gone, it's part of a special intimate relationship with Jesus Himself that you miss. You miss out on His Spirit and His love. You miss out on absorbing the strength He has to give--the

special words of instruction and encouragement that He has only for you, and you alone. He just enjoys being with you!

## 226

Let Me light your fire! For My love is like a stick of dynamite and you are the fuse. Let Me ignite you. You do not have to ignite yourself. You are the little spark that goes along the fuse, the line of My love, the cord of My love, and you have only to sparkle along. Just burn away and burn free. But take care as you burn along this line of love that your cord does not get wet, that your little fuse does not get pinched or broken along the way by doubts or fears or the weights of sin or looking on the outward appearances of others. Just keep sparkling until you get to the dynamite and I explode!

Your part is the smallest part. I just ask you to sparkle, and then I do the exploding, the grand fireworks! When I blow up, everybody will see it--all of the magnificent colors, the boom! It is not you, it is Me. You just sparkle along the fuse and I will do all the rest. Don't worry, this is God's explosion and I will do the blasting! (ML #3011).

## 227

Come over here, Honey. Come, Sweetheart. Don't be afraid. Come sit down with Me on the bed. Here, I'll lie down and you can come lie next to Me. I'll put My arm out and you can lay your head on My shoulder, and I'll hold you close. I have something to tell you.

Sweetheart, My precious bride that I gave everything for! I came to Earth, and everything I did, I did for you, because I love you so much! Honey, I'm so thankful to have you in My arms like this, to be able to stroke your hair, and that you're just resting here in My arms. I've wanted this for a long time! I've waited for this, but you've been so busy. You've been trying so hard, wanting to do so much and so many things. But I just wanted you to come here and lie down beside Me.

I love you so much, precious girl! I created you, and I love you the way you are! I'm sorry that you've hurt so much and you've felt so down and so low. But through this, you've come to Me. You've been willing to lay everything aside--your pride, your reputation, your fears, your own plans. You've been willing to lay all that aside, because you've seen that it just doesn't satisfy, that it didn't work out when you tried to do things yourself. In laying all that aside, it was like undressing and being willing to come and lie down next to Me and let Me love you.

You really wanted My love. You've really wanted to make Me happy. You were trying to do all these things to impress Me, to win My love, to make Me proud of you. But Honey, I already am! I couldn't love you any more than I already do! It was so sad for Me to watch you. I kept calling and calling; I really wanted you to come. I didn't want you to have to work so hard and struggle so much, to go through so many things, but you couldn't hear Me calling. You weren't really listening.

Then things started happening, and because you didn't confess them when they were little things, they started coming between you and Me. You felt ashamed or embarrassed to just come to Me. It was like you started getting a little bit dirty, and because you didn't wash off, of course you didn't want to come lie down on the bed next to Me.

But you got so dirty that you knew you had to wash off. Now you're all nice and clean, and I want you right here beside Me. I want to kiss you and caress you. I want to love you more than your most wonderful fantasy!--And I can do that, because I love you more than anyone else ever will.

Thank you, Honey, for being willing to wash off and come. You're going to be very happy now, as long as you learn that little secret--the secret of coming to Me no matter how dirty you feel, no matter how ugly you feel or how busy you are; the secret of just coming to Me and letting Me clean you and strengthen you, hold you, love you, and fill you.

I have so much I want to tell you, so much I want to give you! So come, lie down beside Me and stay a while! This time can be so precious, Honey! I really long for it, and I know you do too, but because you haven't experienced it for a while, you've kind of forgotten how wonderful it is. But now that you've washed all clean and you've tasted My kisses again, and I have you here in My arms, you'll never want to leave!

I love you! I don't love you any less now than when I first created you! You're Mine, always Mine! Even if you run away sometimes, or you don't listen, or you get all dirty, I still love you, and I'm always waiting for you to come back and let Me wash you off and hold you. If you ever need a reassurance of My love, just come!

Please stay with Me. I love you, and I need you! Please take heed when I call. Please take time with Me. I know you see a lot that needs to be done, and there is much that you want to do, but the best way to get it all done is by spending time with Me and letting Me instruct you on what to do first, and exactly how to do it. You'll be amazed at how much easier that is, and how much more fulfilling and beautiful--and how much better the results are, too.

I love you, Honey. Please don't ever doubt My love for you. Don't ever think that you're too dirty to come and lie down with Me, because as you come to Me, I will clean you up. You're beautiful! I love you! You're My sweetheart forever!

## 228

Little children, enjoy My fluid of the Spirit! Enjoy the lubricants of God, the tongues of the angels of God, the utterances of the Spirit as they rustle through your soul and free your mind from your day-to-day tasks when you come before Me in prayer. It's like the wind of God that blows through and clears your mind of its present thoughts. The sweet lubricants of the presence of God flush out your thinking. They fill you with thoughts of God, the presence of the Lord, and help you focus on the Spirit and what God is speaking to your heart.

So enjoy these things. If there is an interpretation that is useful for all and you know it, then give it. But otherwise, just enjoy it! Enjoy the freedom of the Spirit as the Lord loosens your bound spirit and helps you be free.

Quench not the Spirit, but let it flow! Crank it up, cook it up, stir it up! Encourage new and mighty moves of My Spirit, and you will partake of thrills and ecstasies! Everyone will be thrilled and enraptured by My Spirit and the beautiful things I can do. Singing in tongues and praising in tongues will burst forth into interpretations and messages and revelations! I have gifts of miracles to give! I have gifts of healing to give! More and more things will come as the days unfold and as you exercise your muscles of faith and your muscles of giving and listening and pouring out.

## 229

*(Dad:)* Some of you think, "Oh, [the end] is not going to happen. Dad's been talking about this for years. Nothing's changed. I haven't seen it. I don't believe it." Well, I've got news for you, you will believe it! The only problem is that because you don't believe it now, you won't be quite so ready. I suggest you start believing it, start living it, and start acting like it! Because whether you believe it or not doesn't make any difference. These events are not contingent upon your belief, they're contingent on the Word of God, and that never fails. He said it's going to happen, so it is going to happen! He said it's going to happen soon, so it is going to happen soon!

My question to you is: Are you going to be ready? Will you have reached all those that need to be reached? Will you have ministered to those who will then minister to you? Are

you dealing your bread to the hungry so that in those days it will return unto you? You've sure had ample warning. Are you using it?

You don't have to worry so much about the details of it all. As the events begin to happen, it'll be very clear to you. The Lord will reveal it to you. But take advantage of the time that you have now to prepare--to prepare in the Spirit, to prepare through your witness, through your ministering and through your feeding of others. Like I used to sing, "Be ready!" Be ready! Be ready! (ML #3027).

## 230

I have given you My child--a special link between you and Me. She is the fruit of our love together--your love and My love! She is the result of your passion for Me! She is the reflection of the love that you feel in your heart for Me. When you received her from My hand, you felt My love in return. You were so happy to realize how much I love you, that I would give you such a precious, priceless bundle of joy. She is My kiss of love to you! She is the tie that binds us close together, that none shall ever separate.

## 231

As I have brought weakness to your shepherds, so do I bring weakness upon you, for I will not let you operate any longer in the arm of your own might. Instead you must operate in the power of My might, in the power of prayer, in the power of quietness, and in the power of communion with Me.

What must you do to accomplish this? You must take time in quietness--listening to Me. You must take time in feeding--feeding on My Words. You must take time in asking--asking for My help. You must take time in seeking--seeking My direction. You must take time in listening to My voice.

You must continue to do the work that I will show you that you must do. But you can no longer do this work without the power of My Spirit, and the power of My Spirit can only be received in communion with Me.

Do not fight it. Do not resist it. Just yield. Just yield to Me. Yield by stopping. Yield by looking. Yield by listening. Yield by putting up your antennas and carefully tuning in to My Spirit in faith, in quietness and in confidence, knowing that as you tune in to Me, you shall receive that which I have for you. And that which I have for you will work and will strengthen you and empower you, and it will push you and move you and guide you. By

this you shall surely know that it is the power and might of God that leads you and that brings forth victory.

It will cause you to praise Me even more! It will cause you to seek Me even more! It will be a continual cycle of you seeking, Me answering, and you praising. The more you see these victories and the answers to your prayers and the empowerment of My Spirit, the more you will praise Me, and the more you will ask of Me, and the more I will do for you; and the more you will seek Me and the more you will praise Me and the more I will do for you! It will continue rolling and rolling and rolling, ever gaining momentum and gaining praise and gaining victories and gaining miracles.

So shall your strength grow, your faith grow, your in-tuneness grow, and so shall My power and might within you grow. So shall you be the children of David, empowered by the Spirit and the might of God! So shall you have faith to do the exploits and the mighty things that I will call upon you to do in the Last Days.

This is the beginning, and you must learn these things now! Take the humbling and take the step of faith. Do it now, that you may begin the cycle of the empowerment of God! (ML #3014).

## 232

My bride, you've been a faithful lover for many years--an ardent lover, a passionate lover, a 100% lover. You have been as one of the brides that has filled her lamp with plenty of oil, and has always been ready to do My will, to come to Me, to love Me, to love My sheep. You've been ready to go, ready to stay, ready to pioneer, ready to do anything I ask. Faithful to love Me, faithful to read My Words of love to you, faithful to live them and to pass them on. You have given your all as a faithful bride. You have given your life, your mate, your children, your mind, your heart, and all your strength.

You have already been a faithful and loving bride through many years--although you may not feel like it, for feelings are deceptive. You do not have to feel romantic and passionate to be a 100% bride. I do not measure your love for Me by the feelings you have for Me, and you cannot judge whether you are passionate or not by the feelings you have.

I judge by the heart--by how much your heart gives to Me, by how much you are willing to love Me. This is real passion. In My sight, if you say the love words by faith, even though you do not have the feelings to go along with them, this makes you an ardent and passionate bride, because you are loving Me by faith!



As it is in many other areas, just because you do not feel a certain way, does not mean you are not. There are many people who do not feel beautiful, but they are beautiful. There are many people who feel incapable, but they are capable in My strength. There are people who feel worthless, but this does not make them worthless. There are many times when how you feel is the opposite of the truth--like the sinner and the self-righteous hypocrite. The sinner felt unworthy and like he was not close to Me. He felt like he was worse than the dirt on the street, yet in My eyes he was a jewel of great price, a beloved bride, a sweet lover.

So do not feel condemned. When you say the love words by faith and out of obedience without the feelings to back them up, in My eyes this is counted as passionate love, fervent love, a burning and compelling love for Me!

What great love this is, and how I adore you for loving Me this way, for you are giving Me everything and holding nothing back. You are giving Me your all, and what can be more passionate and ardent than a lover who gives everything? There is no greater love than a love given through sacrifice.

Oh, how I love you, and how I am proud of you for giving your love by faith without the feelings to accompany it. So do not be condemned and confused, for I know that you love Me passionately, with all your heart. I am pleased with your giving, and I am thankful, My beautiful and passionate bride.

## 233

There are multitudes in the valley of decision. There are multitudes searching their hearts. There are multitudes looking for the truth. There are more looking for the truth than shall ever find it in this particular time period! But I have called you to go and to reach those that you can. For though you may not reach them all, you can reach some, and in reaching the ones you can reach, their testimonies will be spread abroad and others will hear, and those that do not know or have not heard will hear in My time.

So why sit at home where your faith dwindles down to a bare flicker and your strength is diminished and your hope wanes, encumbered by the cares of this life? Why not launch out and follow the leading of My Spirit to where you will grow strong and tall and you will find a new might and a new strength welling up in you, and you will find the power of My Spirit in the land where the anointing shall wait for you!

Why tarry behind? Why sit in fat places when I have called you to minister My Word and My truth and My Spirit to the lost and to the lonely?

Who will heed the call? Who will follow when I give the signal? Who will hear the trumpet blow? Who will hear the call of their Commander? Whose courage will rise up, and who shall pick up the banner of David and take it forth into the field that they may be a standard bearer and they may proclaim My truth and My Word to these dying and desperate nations? (ML #3027).

## 234

Is it not written that in the Last Days I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy? Is it not written that I will pour out My Spirit upon you, and you and your children shall prophesy and speak the wonderful Words of God, and show forth the wonderful works of God?

Is it not written to stir up the gifts that are in you, given you by the laying on of hands of the presbytery, that by these gifts you may war a good warfare? For indeed these gifts are your weapons by which you may fight the good fight in these darkening days, that you may have My lamp, that you may see what is before you.

It is written. Therefore fear not to lay hold upon Me and upon that which I give you. For all these things are of Me, that by them you may war a good warfare.

## 235

You must encourage those on the receiving end to be able to assimilate My Words and digest them.--Not just skim over them quickly and take them in for information, but to take them in as spiritual food. Encourage the Homes, My flocks, the flocks of David, to be calm sheepfolds, and to have appointed times to take in My Words.

With the increased flow, you must have an increased capacity to receive, so that My Words will have an effect and will empower My children. For this is the time of abundantly pouring out in preparation for the times ahead. This is the time to wash My children clean--their hearts and minds--to refresh them. For there are times ahead when there will not be the abundant time and the abundant Word, and they must go on these things that they have taken in now. I will supply all your needs, including the time and the way to assimilate My Words (ML #3037).

## 236

I love you, for you are My bride, My lover. You are the one that I long to take into My arms and into My bed. I long to love you, to comfort you, to make love to you and fill you with My seeds, through which you will find power, anointing and strength that you know not of.

I long to fill that place in your life and in your heart and in your bed. I long to be the One that you turn to, that you talk to and confide in. I long to be the One that you have need of, that you desire, and that you reach out to for satisfaction.

I am your Lover, your lifelong Companion! I am the One Who can give you love that will never end, companionship that is flawless, understanding that is perfect, the answer to all your questions, as well as the strength and mercy and power that you so desperately need.

I am the only One Who can truly satisfy. I am the only One Who understands you completely, Who knows all your needs and has it within My power to meet those needs. So turn to Me, My love, My bride, My precious one, in this hour of sacrifice and heartbreak, and you will find in Me such love, such tenderness, such passion, such excitement that it will relieve your loneliness, give you peace of mind, and set your heart at ease.

### 237

Shhh! Shhhh! Be still and know that I am God. I am your Husband, your Lover. How do you think I feel if you pass by My room and you don't come in to see Me, you don't come in to love Me, you don't come in to talk with Me, and you don't listen to what I want to tell you? If you love Me, come to see Me! Come talk with Me. Let Me talk to you, and listen to what I have to say. But you must come and be quiet; you must stop by My room and see Me.

Come in! Come in and lie with Me in My bed and I will speak to you. I'll give you the answers you seek and I will love you, and you can walk out of the room and love others and you'll know what to do. But without coming to see Me, you just won't know what to do and you'll probably make a mess of things. So come to see Me and we can talk. And don't forget to listen well, because I'll give you the answers if you listen! (ML #3014).

### 238

I would that you not be fearful of using the gift of prophecy, but that you would rejoice and exult and be in ecstasy over My Words, that you would be so happy for how I am

pouring out! They are not to be feared or to be nervous or anxious about, for I have tried and proven you as fit vessels to give My Words.

It is of utmost importance that you hold not back, but that you pour forth My Words in a bubbly, joyful, happy, sparkling stream, to refresh and enlighten My children. You will receive new strength for your tasks. You will have new joy in your labors if you will see the confidence and the faith I have placed in you to entrust you with this greatest of all treasures--My Word.

For did not I say that My Son was My Word made flesh? I sent Him as a manifestation of My Word. And now in this time, these Words that I give you are again My love embodied and personified--gifts of love for you to enjoy and revel in. For this is one of the main uses of these Words of Mine--for you to enjoy Me and to love Me and to know Me better.

## 239

Do not be lulled into a false sense of security in thinking [the end] will not happen, that you will not see the day. For I say to you, you shall see the day! Be patient and prepare. Prepare in spirit. Prepare in dedication. Prepare in My Word. Prepare in love. Prepare in communication with Me. Prepare in closeness to Me. For I say to you, they [those who support the Antichrist] prepare! They work hard and diligently to bring about their kingdom, the kingdom of the Evil One. Will you not prepare also to bring forth your Kingdom, the Kingdom of God?

Prepare, I say, and watch! Look about you! See the signs of the time. Do not use this period of relative peace and ease for rest and self-satisfaction, but for preaching My Gospel to all the world! For now you have ease of travel and movement with few restrictions. Use it! For the time is coming when such unrestricted moves will no longer be possible, and there will be great difficulty.

Fulfill your commission now! Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature! Saturate the world with My Words! Saturate the world with My truth! Saturate the world with the love of David! Teach others who can teach others! Raise up the indigenous churches! Pour forth the truth into those who will be able to remain and to carry on!

Do not forget the calling and commission that you have to preach the Gospel, to witness the Words and to love them into My Kingdom. Pour forth the message while you can, while there is ease, while there is peace. For now is the hour for you to spread forth My Words like never before!

Preach the Gospel! Spread the Word! Hold not back! Use the time of preparation to prepare by plowing the field, sowing the seed, watering that which has been planted, nurturing it and helping it to grow, that it will provide for you of its fruit in the days to come (ML #3027).

## 240

Oh, My dear, do not feel that My love for you is failing. Do not feel that something has gone wrong because things didn't turn out as you had hoped. Do not feel that I am punishing you or that I feel that you are incapable. Do not ask why. For it is not because you are incapable, or weak, or unlovely, or undesirable. It is not because you are destined to always be alone. I cannot tell you why it is better for you to be where you are, because it is important that you go through the steps, and go through some of the difficulties and hardships that I am requiring of you in order to fulfill My plan in your life.

At the moment you see only the four walls around you. You see your world as it is now. You see the routine of your daily life, and you are thankful for My blessings on your life--for your child, for your family, for the happiness, the pleasures, the joys, for My supply and My provision. I know that you are thankful for everything from My hand. I know that you praise Me and you love Me, and your heart's desire is to please Me and to serve Me.

But at the moment you only see a limited part of My plan for your life. You can only see so far. You try to understand what is going to happen to you and what it will be like in the future for you and your child. My darling, I cannot tell you everything right now, but I can tell you that you will be very happy. I can tell you that if you hold on by faith and continue to take one step at a time, holding My hand, trusting Me, and giving Me all that I ask and all that I require of you, there are greater things in store--greater than meets your eye now--things that you have not even thought of!

## 241

In the days to come you must hear from us on this side to know what you must do on that side. For it now becomes too complex, too difficult, 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 you will but listen, if you will but believe, and if you will but trust and have faith that the Words that we speak to you are Words from Heaven and are Words of God, and are instruction from us Here to you there.

You simply cannot know what to do unless you seek Me, unless you listen, any more than My disciples in the early days could have known what to do without seeking Me step by step, day by day. Why were they so successful, and why did they reach so many, and why did they spread through all the Earth in such a short amount of time? Because they heard My voice and they followed and obeyed. So shall the children of David grow and expand and reach many with the Words of David and the Words of God. For they will listen to Me and they will fight the battles according to My instruction, and they shall fight in the power of My might because they hear the voice of the Spirit of God (ML #3014).

## 242

Because you are willing to give up something so precious to you, you will receive in return something even more precious. You will receive a closer, more intimate, more loving and passionate relationship with Me, your Husband, your First Love, your Bridegroom. I am the One Who will never leave you nor forsake you. I will be with you through thick and thin. I will hear your every prayer. I will see every tear that falls from your eyes. I will know the heartcry within you and your secret desires, and you will be as My pet. I will hallow you round about with an honor guard of angels to protect you and keep you in the way.

You will learn that it is true that you never lose by giving. At this moment you cannot possibly see how you could receive anything in return that could be of greater value than this one that you love so dearly. But I promise you, the blessing that you will receive in return will be even more dear to your heart and it will bring forth even greater fruit in your life.

## 243

Fear not to hear and to give My Words in prophecy, for they are a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. You have learned to follow in many ways these many years, but this gift I would refine--this special gift, this closeness, this close following, hand in hand, heart to heart, mind with mind. I would have you follow closer than ever before. So neglect not the gift that is within you. Neither neglect My other gifts. But this is the time I have chosen to refine this gift, to polish it and make it a jewel of great price to all My children--not only to a few prophets, but to many prophets.

A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid, and I would have all My children as shining lights--lights that shine in the darkness the world over! I have given you My shepherders

to teach you how to use this gift, how to draw from My Spirit that you may pour out waters of refreshing, and that I may lead and guide you in this new and brighter way.

For the day is coming and even now is, when darkness shall cover the Earth. You have need of this close, intimate, personal communication and hearing from Me so that I may lead and guide you to the end.

## 244

*(Dad:)* The way to be used mightily is not to be doing things in your own strength, but to be tapped into the Spirit!--To be operating by the power of God, the might of God, and the strength of God! The way to be used mightily is to be doing the thing that God Himself wants you to be doing. And the only way you can find that out is by seeking Him, by being yielded to Him, and by really hearing from Him and knowing what is His will.

The problem with so many is that they get led around by their feelings or the things that they think they should do, and they don't really seek the Lord. They don't listen to the counsel and wisdom of others either. So often their minds are made up as to exactly what they want to do, and it doesn't leave any room for others to help them, or for us on this side to get through. In the end they often learn the lesson, but often at the expense of a lost opportunity, of a bus that's missed.

How much better it would be if they would seek the Lord, if they would pray with others, if they would know exactly what it is that the Lord wants them to do.--And it's not past finding out! (ML #3027).

## 245

My plan for you is special, and it is an important plan. You will be an important key figure that I will use to help many if you faithfully follow the steps that I am taking you through, keeping your eyes on Me, constantly looking up into My face. Don't look at the waves and the conditions or the circumstances that you find yourself in, but determinedly fix your eyes upon Me and follow Me. Follow hard, for I am leading you to a special place--one in which your heart will greatly rejoice and you will say, "Every sacrifice, no matter how great, has been worth it for this treasure!"

You will be able to look at the past testings and trials as needed stepping stones, and see that it was only they that could have helped you and brought you to this special place.

Try the spirits, for there are doubts that are doubts of man, doubts of the mind, and there are doubts of the Devil. How do you know the difference? You try the spirits.

There are those who question, who do not understand, and who truly seek answers. There are those who say, "I believe, help Thou mine unbelief!" because they do not understand and it is not clear to them. In their heart they believe, and they want to receive. They want to accept and to drink in, but they do not understand. They question, they have doubts, they seek for answers--and they are open for those answers, for they want the doubts dispelled. These are they whose spirits are clean, who are seeking, though they have doubts and questions. In the spirit they are searching for answers, and they are open to receiving that which answers their question.

Then there are those whose minds are made up and who have made a decision in their heart that they will not receive, for they are closed. They are not receptive and they seek not the answers, but seek to preach their message of defiance and of doubt. Their questions are a false pretense, for their questions pour forth the voice of Satan. So I say, try the spirits.

The spirit of him that truly seeks an answer is a spirit of hunger; it is an open spirit, a spirit of true questioning, of seeking, of desiring to understand. Then there is the spirit of divisiveness, the poisoning spirit of Satan who seeks to weaken, to destroy, to disassemble. So how do you know? How can you tell the difference? You try the spirit. You test the spirit. What is the spirit? Is it a seeking spirit of questioning, or is it a closed spirit of doubtful disputations?

Be patient and loving with those who truly seek, and give them the answers. The answers will dispel the doubts and will help them to fade away, for they are met with acceptance and agreement and understanding. But with those whose words echo the thoughts of Satan, these must be challenged and confronted, for those doubts are insidious. They are as a disease that spreads from heart to heart, from spirit to spirit, for these are the workings of Satan. So again I say unto you, try the spirits.

With the one, be longsuffering and understanding and answer the question. Encourage them along and have faith in them, for though they struggle, yet they have a believing heart and truly seek answers. But with those who spread forth their questions with the intent to damage, give no place, no, not for a moment! But know the difference, try the spirits (ML #3041).



You mean so much to Me, more than you know. You are so very precious to Me. You are one of My Own very dear children who I will not let fall to the ground. I will pick you up and hold you and carry you for as long as you need. I will nurture you and nourish you and strengthen you through your affliction, because I love you.

But in order for Me to pick you up and carry you, you must first cast yourself down at My feet. I want you and only you. Leave everything else behind. I have no need of anything else in your life, for all things that you possess come from My hand. I have given them to you as My love gifts, and I want you to have them. But when you come to Me, you need only bring yourself.

Give Me your heart and your mind and your soul. It is you and only you that I want. I have a great love for you, and I long for your love. I long for your heart to yearn for Me as Mine yearns for you. I long for your eyes to be upon Me with longing looks of love. I long to know that you need Me more than anything else.

Cast yourself down at My feet, that I may bestow upon you the gifts of My Spirit that shall never fail you. You shall not repent of these gifts, but you shall cherish them eternally. Therefore, bow down before Me. Put your hands and your face upon the ground in utter surrender and yieldedness to Me--your loving Father, your King and Lord. Come before Me in humility and meekness and know that I will not despise you, but that I wait for you and will receive you with open arms and with tenderness, love, gratitude, warmth and encouragement that will fill you to overflowing.

## 248

As you go into the Endtime it is necessary that each of you has a close link with Me. As the darkness covers the Earth, it is important that I have as direct a link as possible with all of you.

Do not those in the System turn on the TV to get the latest news, or turn on the radio, or get on the telephone? So must I have a direct link to tell you specific things, as specific as you hear on the news, as specific as you could get on the radio, as specific as you could ask a friend on the telephone--specific instructions for a specific event. For truly the end of days does come, and I must be able to speak specifically about specific things from one breath to the next so you may know which way you should go.

## 249

(Dad:) These battles that people have with prophecy are really a device of the Enemy to keep them from hearing from the Lord themselves! The Enemy knows how dangerous it is to him and his minions when one of God's children taps in to the voice of God, when they and those that they live and work with stop and pray and get their instructions straight from God. Because when they do, those instructions work, and the job is done, the victory is won, and the Enemy is defeated!

Why do you think so many people battle with it?--It's because the Enemy is fighting it so hard! Just think of it: People are battling about hearing from God! Who is it that would not want them to hear from God?--The Enemy, of course! He fights it tooth and nail, because he knows if he can defeat someone in this area, it is a major defeat. If he can cause them to doubt prophecy, it keeps them from tapping into the Source personally, and it causes them to doubt the Words that the Lord is giving today.

The Words the Lord is giving today are just like the Words that He gave me! I just got them a little differently, that's all. What's the difference whether the Lord spoke to my heart and gave me the Words to say, or if the Lord speaks to the hearts of those who Mama has asked to receive the Words? What's the difference? It's the Words that the Lord gives through the channel which is chosen, and the Words come out.

If a message comes to you via a telephone call, or via a letter, or via a radio, or via another person, what's the difference if you get the message? The message is the same. It's not the carrier of the message that counts, it's the message itself.

This is a battleground in the hearts and minds of my children! We see it Here. We see the Enemy attacking this foundation of faith, because he knows the defeat it can bring. So fight for this! Raise up the standard in this area. Use the gift yourself. Show faith in it. Show faith in others with the gift and use it. Let it help you in your decision-making. It is a gift of God! Use it, for it is the way of the future!

Use it! Believe in it! Have faith in it and don't let the Enemy steal it away from you! Don't let him cause you to doubt it, because within it there is great power!--The power to find and to understand what the Lord has for you to do.--The power to help you choose His choices, to have faith to follow and faith to do that which He shows you to do (ML #3027).

## 250

Bow down before Me in total yieldedness and submissiveness--the yieldedness of saying yes, even when it hurts, even when you don't understand--and I will be able to strengthen you. Do not worry or fear, but rest in Me. Lean upon Me and My Word.

Look not at what you do not have, but keep your eyes upon Me and have faith in My promises! Have faith in My Words to you. Have faith in My voice speaking to your heart. Have faith in the love that you feel surrounding you. When you are tempted to fear or doubt or worry, fix your eyes on Me and trust. When you are tempted to tremble, just trust in Me. When you are overwhelmed and the tears fall, keep trusting in Me through your tears. Trust Me through everything!

Trust that I know best and that where I am leading you is My highest will for you. Trust in My wisdom. Trust in My ability to lead you and guide you and use you to the fullest. Trust in Me for the future. Trust that I will not fail you, and that I will fulfill all of My Words to you. Trust that I will not leave you comfortless. Trust that you will indeed feel My love and know My love in a greater way than before.

Trust that I will comfort you in the night when you feel that you have no one else. Trust that I am able to be there by your side. Trust that I am able, and will help you through this time of testing. Trust that I will not fail you, no matter what your mind tells you.

Don't trust in your mind or your thoughts, for the carnal mind is enmity against Me. Keep your eyes on Me and trust Me wholly. Don't trust in your worries or your fears or your doubts. Trust only in what I have told you. Trust in My Word, in My will for your life, in My plan for your future. Trust in Me for your destiny!

## 251

The path that I would lead you on is the path of humility. This path leads through thin, tight places, and to squeeze through, you must shed all of your outer garments. For without shedding these, you cannot pass through the tight places in the road. When you come out on the other side, you are naked and have nothing. This makes you fearful, as it may be cold and you fear being exposed. But I will cover you and keep you warm and protect you.

The burdens of self must be laid down. The burdens of image, the burdens of loveliness, the burdens of self-image, the garments of pride--all of these things must be laid aside. And though it seems that you shall be exposed, in fact you will be freed! For you can then take on a garment of simplicity and of humility, which is a much lighter garment, much easier to wear.

Accept the humbling, for in humility you will find great happiness. This is the road that I choose for you--a road of gentle humility, of submission, and of yieldedness (ML #3043).

## 252

It is an utter forsaking that I require. It is not only a willingness to forsake your belongings or your ministry or your job or your mate, but it is a forsaking of your own self and your pride. Lay these down before Me and come with nothing in your hands. I will hold you and I will not let you fall. I will take you up into My arms and I will reward you many times over for this sacrifice and your yieldedness to Me. It shall not be a loss, but you shall gain and flourish and reflect the tenderness of My Spirit upon others.

Others shall find comfort in the comfort that you have found. Your brokenness shall bring unto many the sweet understanding, sympathy and comfort that they long for and need. You cannot see it now, but through your yieldedness and forsaking of your pride I will shape you into a vessel most dearly used by Me and cherished by others. So hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take your crown. Know that I will not fail you, but I will fulfill My promises unto you. Fear not, only believe, and accept My Words of love. Not one thing that I have promised will fail.

## 253

Your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour! When he latches hold upon one, he rips them and gnashes them and tosses them about! But I am the Good Shepherd and I protect My sheep. I will protect all that call out to Me in truth and in humility, for I would that none would be devoured!

But you must call upon Me in truth and in humility, with yieldedness and receptivity. For it is difficult to fight against the ravaging of Satan while at the same time resisting My Spirit, My Word, and My truth. As with overcoming all problems, with all deliverance, the will of man must be on the side of God (ML #3041).

## 254

Intimate are My Words that I whisper in your ear. For as I breathed upon My apostles and disciples of old and said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit," I would breathe in your ear My Spirit, My Words, My instructions, that you might have the power to fulfill that which I have commanded. For the Word which I speak unto you is spirit and it is life. By hearkening unto it you will have faith--faith to climb mountains, faith to overcome obstacles, faith which none other can give.

My Words are life and spirit unto you. Therefore listen to My intimate instructions, as a lover listens to the whispers of her lover in her ear when they are on the bed of love. So I

would whisper in your ear My Words of comfort, My Words of love, My Words of intimate instruction for you.

## 255

Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, but rejoice, in that you are a partaker of My suffering. There are two ways to face this test: the way of resistance, or the way of yieldedness. The way of yieldedness is the easy way. For as the two goats meet on the narrow mountain path, and the one lies down and lets the other walk over him, this is the way I would like for you to be. Otherwise there is only confrontation and the butting of heads. It is so much easier just to lie down and let the other pass over you. For I say, let it pass, let it pass.

I know your heart and your struggle, but so much could be easier if you would but yield.--Not only yield to Me, but yield to others, esteeming others better than yourself. You must learn this basic humility, basic simplicity, and basic love. Thus can I use the gifts that I have bestowed upon you.

Strive to be humble. Strive to be loving. Fight for kindness and for understanding, for these are great jewels that you can wear, which will bring forth the true beauty of God. Seek to be simple. Seek to be loving. Seek to be gentle. It is there, I know, for I see your heart and I know your heart well. I know that in the wellsprings of your heart these desires are there--the desire to be full of love and loving, the desire to be humble and sweet and kind, longsuffering and understanding. But these can only be released from your heart as you shed the cloaks of pride and selfishness (ML #3043).

## 256

Will you please do something for Me? Will you please believe in yourself for Me? My Word lives in you, and as long as you are loving Me, loving My Word, praying and obeying Me as you so faithfully do, you can believe in yourself, because I dwell in you.

I think you know by now that the situations you have listed are all in My hands, because you have so sweetly placed them there. So leave them there--don't pick them up again. Just leave those cares in My hands. I'm going to hold them tight and not let you take them back. You must do your part to believe that I will definitely take care of any burden or situation that you place in My hands, and that you can't take them back. They are Mine, because I'm the only One Who can help take care of them anyway.

I love you and need you! I long for you just to believe Me. I know you do, as you always have. Enjoy the utter abandonment of believing in Me in you, having faith and confidence in yourself, knowing that I Who have begun a good work in you will complete it until the end and forever. You are Mine and I am yours, and we are one together.

## 257

Do I become your enemy because I tell you the truth? For have I not said that My Words are as a penis or as a sword? To him that is receptive, it is received with great joy. But to him that rejects in unyieldedness, it becomes a sword. It is the same Word, but it is the receptivity that counts. For one looks at it with great joy, and another looks at it in distress. And why is that? Because the one is open--open in heart and open in mind--and he receives. The other is closed in heart and closed in mind, and receives it not.

The problem is not with Me nor with My message, and it is not with your queen and king, who only pour forth that which I give them. The problem lies in the receptivity of your hearts, in the rigidity of your minds, and in your desire to keep things the way they are. Let not Satan deceive you or distance you from Me. For he that comes to Me must believe that I am, and that I am the rewarder of them that diligently seek Me.

You must come to Me in faith--faith that even when the things around you look, through the eyes of man, as if they are not going right, that I am still in control and that My children are still in My hand. For seeing through the eyes of the mind of man, the logic of man, is foolishness to Me. The ways of man are the ways of death, but the ways of God--faith in Me, trust in Me--are the ways of life, the ways of receptivity, and the ways of My Spirit.

Thinking that you know better than Me is a dangerous business. For was this not even the problem of the Evil One? Did he not think that he knew better than God, that he had the answers? And thus in that state of mind he was resistant, unyielded, and was no longer fit for the Heavenly Kingdom.

The mind of man is no match for the heart of God! (ML #3041).

## 258

*(The Apostle Thomas:)* O ye of little faith, wherefore do you doubt? I understand you and I have compassion upon you, for I too had questions. I too had doubts. For I am Thomas, and was labeled with the name "Doubting Thomas." But I have learned much.

My mind was my enemy. I analyzed every word. The Spirit did bear witness unto me and I was a firm and true believer, but in my pride and vanity and in my mind I suffered torment. In spite of all this, I felt love and was loved, and I have learned and have grown and do testify to all newcomers to the Heavenly Kingdom. Sometimes we laugh about it now, for I no longer doubt or question.

But I say unto you, if you have faith and if you believe, blessed are ye. May the Spirit of the Lord lead you and guide you. May the warmth of His heart overflow upon you, and may the power of His Word guide you. For in these times He has promised to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and His sons and daughters shall prophesy. Even though there are many means of confirmation, these are His Words, pure and sweet, admonishing and instructing and loving. I have learned and will be eternally overwhelmed with the glory and the honor and the victory and the majesty of the voice of the Lord in your realm, and in this realm beyond.

I was shown great love and great forgiveness, and was made an ensample. I have been made an example throughout the years, and I treasure that example because you shall learn from my mistakes. Therefore trust and obey, and hearken unto the voice of my dear Lord, for the Words that He speaks are spirit and life, and I bear record of this. The beauty and the power of His Word does reverberate through the Heavenly City and beyond into the hearts and minds of His children, my beloved brethren, you dear ones. You are frail as I was frail, but learn as I have learned.

I understand that the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Sometimes you battle with your mind, and you try to analyze and think thoughts that hinder and confuse. But let His Spirit guide you. Let your heart be lifted and let your mind be washed, for His abundant Word shall continue to pour forth over the prophets, through the prophets. Each time you call upon the Name of the Lord He will answer in abundance, for He has much to say to you.

Therefore, doubt not. Fear not. You shall be cleansed and renewed and strengthened and become greater prophets and finer-tuned instruments, and the static and the distraction of the mind shall be overcome. Therefore hold not back, but give forth as a vessel that is placed beneath the waterfall of His Word which continues to flow from the mountains on high. Be as these vessels and be placed under the waterfall, for this is pleasing in His sight.

I do rejoice and I do praise with the angels in the Heavenly City! We rejoice and are exceeding glad as you pour forth the Words from the Spirit of God.

## 259

When I humble you and I allow you to make seeming mistakes, instead of being so frustrated and condemned, just praise Me and say, "Thank You for humbling me! Thank You for showing me up. Thank You for showing my faults and failings."

When others fail you or make seeming mistakes, instead of blowing up in anger and frustration, say, "I pray for these and I love these. I want to help them and make it easy for them." Think thoughts of love for these who frustrate you. Pray for them. And as you think these thoughts of love and pray these prayers of love, so will the love in your heart be able to permeate your spirit and spread beyond the cloaks (of pride and selfishness), and the cloaks shall dissipate. So think thoughts of love--love toward others (ML #3043).

## 260

My sweet love, My darling, how I rejoice in you! How I rejoice in the way I have created you! How I love to see the love that you pour on others. How I love to see the tender mother that you are for our baby. How it touches Me and pleases Me to see how you treasure My special love gift to you, and how you bestow such love and care upon her. A faithful mother, a faithful woman, a faithful wife shall abound in blessings. How you inspire Me!

How it thrills My heart to see that the years of training and all that I have poured into you have borne such beautiful fruits of love in your life. I love to see the love that you want to give to others, how you go out each day as My bride, cheerful, happy, helpful, enthusiastic, and a blessing to all! I am so proud of you and so proud that you are such a cheerful and yielded bride.

I am proud of our love together, and proud to call you My wife, because I know of your loyalty and faithfulness and determination to stay close by My side.

## 261

Do not think that you know best, for the mind of man is not greater than the mind of God. That which seems logical to your mind does not necessarily mean that it is the way of God. For My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. It is in the acceptance of My Word, in the acceptance of faith, where there is peace and where there is rest in spirit.



So lay down the burden of your mind. Lay down the burden of your doubt. Lay down the burden of your analyticality. Lay down the burden of that which you have seen and that which you believed to be true, and come to Me with faith.

When I lay in the boat sleeping, and the waves and the wind and the storm battered about, My disciples knew not what to do, but were fearful for the wind and fearful for the waves and fearful for the vessel. So they woke Me, they came to Me, for they knew that the answer lay in My power. I said, "Peace, be still," and there was peace. They came to Me, admitting that they knew not what to do, and I gave them peace.

So come to Me in faith, the faith of a little child who knows that his father will not lead him astray, but will speak the truth to him.

Come to Me in faith, laying down your preconceived ideas, laying down that which you are so certain is so. Come to Me with an open heart and an open mind and let Me give you peace--the peace that comes from faith, the peace that comes from trust, the peace that comes from knowing that you are yielded to the will of God (ML #3041).

## 262

The things that I say to you are not mere lovely words, My dear. They are My love words to take to your bosom and not only receive, but believe and act upon. You are lovely and full of Me! You are full of My goodness and love. What more could you ask for than to be full of God's goodness and love? So let us rejoice together! Let us partake of this love together and be truly one. Let's defeat the Enemy together, shall we? Let's defeat his condemnation, his lies, and his every ugly device by being full of love and light and happiness!

Come, let us be continually ravished with one another's love! I love your love and it means so much to Me, though you feel that you have nothing to give Me. Oh, but you do! I love you and I need you, and I thank you for your love and your faith and trust that you put in Me. You please Me greatly, and I long to please you and to help you. So continue to look to Me and to thank Me. Trust Me that I have made you, and that I have allowed incidents, circumstances and people in your life to help mold you and shape you into what you are today, so that you are what you need to be.

## 263

You've been so busy gathering, preparing, and working towards this great challenge in your life of going to a new mission field. Your desire is to please Me and to be used by

Me to reach many. But love is the most important thing, and now I am meeting your needs and hearing your prayers--maybe in a way that you did not expect. What I am doing is in answer to your prayers to prepare your hearts and make you the missionaries that you really want to be, to bring forth much fruit. This may be the most difficult of all the challenges you've faced yet, because I'm asking you to sit still and to be quiet before Me. I'm asking you to let Me work on your hearts.

Crossing the ocean will not make a missionary of you if there are things in your heart that need to be prepared and changed, so you may be broken and remade, to build a solid foundation, one that will last through any storm of life. This is what I am doing now. So take courage and trust in Me. Just live for one day at a time. The end result will be glorious, and you will know that I do all things well.

## 264

Seek to be humble. Seek to do those things which are humbling, and rejoice in them. When there is a choice to do the proud thing or the humble thing, always choose to do the humble thing. For therein lies My blessing, therein lies My strength, therein lies My love, and therein lies the joy that you seek (ML #3043).

## 265

*(Dad:)* Jesus sees your heart. He understands that you want to love Him and please Him, and that you want to love others, be faithful, and obey His Words, and He's very happy about that. He's so pleased with your desire to love and serve Him and others, to do something for Him and to make a difference! And you are, and you will!

But don't expect so much of yourself all at once, because the Lord just takes us a step at a time. He understands that you can't do everything at once, and He takes each of us where we're at. He wants to make it easy for you and just lead you gently along, one step at a time.

So don't worry that you can't reach or attain a certain thing right at this moment. Just take whatever steps you can take right now and be faithful in that. Then when you're ready, you can take another step and learn how to be faithful with that. And then another one, and then another one.

Don't let the Enemy scare you into thinking you have to take this big giant step that you feel you can't possibly take! Jesus just wants to lead you gently and lovingly along, a step at a time. With each step, He's so happy and proud of you for all that you are willing to

do, the steps you are taking, and the progress you are making. He looks at all the steps you have already taken. He looks at your heart and your desire to love and please Him, and how you're trying your very best for Him and you don't want to fail Him. He loves you so much for that!

So don't let the Enemy condemn you. Don't make such high demands of yourself that you can't yet reach. Just take Jesus' hand, and take one step at a time. Take one step and try that. And when you're comfortable with that, take another step, and then another. Does that help you not to worry?--To know that Jesus isn't expecting so very much of you that you can't do? He loves you just as you are, and He's so very pleased with the progress you've made. So keep it up! Don't let the ol' Devil discourage you or make you worry that you can't do it.

Jesus is so thankful and proud of you for trying to be faithful and to love others and to do the right thing. Even if you don't always succeed, don't worry! We humans often fail to do all that we'd like to do, and be the way we'd like to be, and the way we know the Lord wants us to be. But don't get discouraged--just keep trying! Most of all, keep asking Jesus for His love and His help.

## 266

A covered pot does not receive the flow of the water of My Words, yet that does not change the purity of that water, or the fruit of that water, or the thirst-quenching ability of that water. For the same water poured into a receptive vessel is received with gladness, and quenches the thirst.

So when you judge the fruit of My Words, it must be judged by the reception of the open vessel. All My Word, when received by the receptive, brings forth beautiful fruit, changed lives, and love in their hearts. But My Word, when poured upon an unreceptive vessel, is rejected and does not bring forth fruit. So do you say, "Oh, the Word does not bring forth good fruit?" No, for the vessel, the receptacle, is at fault.

When one realizes that their vessel has been closed, and then they open it, they receive the refreshing waters in abundance and in gratefulness. So help these with closed hearts and with closed minds to understand that the problem lies not in My Words, and not in the carriers of My Words, and not in the delivery of My Words. The problem lies in the lack of receptivity within their own hearts and minds, for they block the way and they reject the very refreshing waters that they need.

How is it that My Word brings such great joy and uplifting to some, and to others it brings heaviness? Is it not the same water? Is it not the same truth? But in one it is received and in the other it is rejected. It is a battle of the heart and the mind.

Satan tries to defeat through constricting the receptivity. For a bottle with a very small opening, which is constricted and restricted, does not receive much of the great abundance of water that is poured upon it. But if the restrictions are taken away and the mouth is open, the bottle is filled and refreshed.

I test the bottles now to see if the openings are constricted and restricted, or if they are wide open and receptive to receive the water of My Words (ML #3041).

## 267

Many look to you and are helped because they know that you are full of Me and My Word. They know that you have taken on many of My queen's attributes of love, mercy, and understanding. But let them see even more now. Let them see that you are happy and content in yourself; that you are the way you are and you are happy about it; and that you are happy about the talents you have.

Enjoy being you, because you are wonderful! Enjoy being you, because you are sexy and full of life! Enjoy being you, because you have so much to pour out to others! Enjoy being you, and enjoy My life that I have given you!

I love you! Please accept and trust that these Words are with love from My heart personally to you. I love you, and I pray personally for you, that not only will your faith fail not, but that your faith will grow--your faith in Me and in yourself. I love you!--Your Jesus.

## 268

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come! Come ye, whomsoever will, and take of the water of life freely. For I pour it out, without measure!" But your cup can only hold so much water. Take what you can, each day, each time, each moment. Drink it, assimilate it. Let it refresh your being and then come back for more. Think not, "Oh, this is too much. I can't contain all of this." Can you contain all the water of the ocean? No, you cannot. You can only contain a cup at a time. But if you assimilate each cup, you will have strength to take the next, and the next, and the next.

Therefore worry not, fret not, but rather rejoice that the rivers of My waters, the lakes and the oceans of My Word, never run dry! Rejoice that you have it at your fingertips! It is ever near. It is not parceled out to you meager portion by meager portion, whereby you only have enough to make it, to barely survive. Rejoice that your cup is running over every time!

## 269

Strip off the garments of pride! Strip them off, cast them aside, and lie naked before Me and before others. They will not despise you for this--they will love you and they will honor you with the honor of God! They will say, "This is the one that has taken on the beautiful, light, see-through garment of humility, the garment of love. Oh, how she glows! For we now see that the light and the love of our Lord shines through her. We can see it, for it is no longer covered with the dark cloak of pride. Now we see through the see-through garment of humility. Oh, how beautiful it is to see and to behold! Oh, how she radiates! Oh, how she smiles! Oh, the joy that we see in her!"

It is because of My love that I take you, and because of My great love that I wish for you to shed your clothes, that I may even see you and hold you and love you and caress you. For I do love you, My dear one, and I will make this as easy as possible, like a lover who lovingly kisses and opens the blouse and drops it to the floor and holds and caresses, and unzips the skirt and slowly brings it down, who slowly and lovingly disrobes you and lays you down. So shall it be, if you will just let Me do it; otherwise it is a struggle.

I want you naked, My dear. I want you naked in the bed of love. I do not want to have to rip the clothes of pride off you. I just want your gentle yieldedness as you say, "Yes, strip me naked and love me." And so shall I do this thing. For as you say yes, I shall be as a lover who gently, gently disrobes you. You won't even feel it because it will be with My love and My kisses and My caresses.

So yield to Me, My dear love, and let Me strip you. Then let Me cover you, for I will cover you with Myself. I will lie on top of you and I will envelop you with My warmth. I will cover you with My love (ML #3043).

## 270

*(Dad:)* Happy birthday! This is quite exciting! I want to tell you happy birthday and give you your presents! You've already gotten some of them. The Lord's given you a new heart and a new spirit! He's seen your tears, and He's given you the will to go on.

Do you like your birthday presents? The biggest one is the Lord's love for you, His gift of Himself, of showing you how you can be closer to Him. Oh, He loves you so much! He doesn't care about your past mistakes, so don't feel condemned. He's so proud of you for your commitment to love Him and to go on!

Jesus wants to shower you with presents!--With a closer relationship with Him through loving Him, through making love to Him, through being His bride and sexy wife!

## 271

*(The Apostle Thomas:)* You heard my story, how I would not believe unless I put my fingers in the holes and in the gaping wound in His side. I wouldn't believe it because I couldn't see it, and I didn't understand it. It was beyond my comprehension. It was beyond what I thought could be real. Others said it was so. Others said they saw Him, they felt Him, they touched Him. Others, my brethren, those that I loved, said that they saw Him. But I wouldn't believe. Why wouldn't I believe? Because I lacked faith--faith to trust, faith to look beyond my carnal mind.

What saved me was that I wanted to believe, and because of that desire, He showed me. Though my mind raged against my spirit, though my mind could not grasp it, could not understand it, could not see it, yet in my spirit I wanted to believe. My prayer through my doubts was, "Help me to believe! Help me to see! Help me to understand!" Though I said with my mouth, "I will not believe until I touch the wounds with my own hands," in my heart I said, "I want to believe, I just don't understand! I just don't see it!" Because this was the cry of my heart, so did the Lord show me, and so was I able to touch the wounds and fully believe.

This is the key to faith.--Even though you do not see, and even though you do not understand, and even though you doubt, if in your heart you want to know and want to believe--but you do not have the means to believe because of your battles or because of your doubts or because of the limits of your mind--if you will but call out in faith, saying, "I want to believe! Lord, help my unbelief," if you leave the door open, His light can shine through. It can get into you and give you the truth and help you to see and illumine your heart (ML #3041).

## 272

I am so in love with you! All your faults and your failures have no place in My eyes! I am blind with love--love that sees beyond your shortcomings and mistakes. Love that only

sees the good and the possibilities that others do not recognize. I only see you, My love, and I long to fill your desires. How I long to make your way easy and smooth, that we may soon live and revel in love for all eternity--enjoying all the happiness and bliss that Heaven affords!

I do not have a great big stick standing by ready to wallop you at your slightest failing! I do not stand ready and waiting for you to trip and fall, that I may whack you right back in line. Oh, My love, how could I? For I, too, walked in your shoes. I, too, took on the cloak of the flesh that I might know and feel and understand everything about you. I know the frustrations you feel, your every longing, the incapacities of the flesh, and even your secret sins. I feel your humanness, and because of this, I have promised that on you, My beloved bride, who seeks to please Me, who lives to love Me--I will have mercy and not sacrifice. My thoughts toward you are thoughts of mercy, peace, forgiveness, longsuffering and compassion.

### 273

My way up is down, and for Me to use you as you desire--and I know your desire--you must first shed these weights and come to Me in all humility, so I may empower you. For as long as you are in the way, I cannot allow My Spirit to pour forth unto you in the way that you need, to do that which I would have you to do.

So come, My dear one, My gifted one, and let Me use your gifts! Let Me control your life, so that I may pour My Spirit into you in a new and even greater way. For he that saves his life shall lose it, but he that loses his life for My sake, the same shall save it. So lay down your life. Lay down yourself. Lay down your pride. Lay down your images.

Come unto Me, that I may cover you with My anointing, with My love, and with the robe of humility, so when others look at you, they will see Me; when others feel your love, they will feel My love; when others enjoy your company, they will be enjoying My company. Then others will not say, "Oh, what a man of God," but rather they will say, "Oh, how we see Jesus shine through this one!"

I know that this is what you seek. I know that you wish to be used of Me. I know that you love Me, but too much of you has gotten in the way. Therefore lay it down. Lay it down that I may empower you, and that I may make you and mold you into the man that I would have you to be, a man of great use to Me and to My Kingdom (ML #3043).

### 274

Be ye bearers of My Word in your hearts, in your minds, and on your lips. Let My Word fill you to overflowing, so that you exude its warmth, its cheerfulness, its love, and its positiveness. Think not your own thoughts. Look not at your own bodies which you consider as being old and over the hill. Look not at your own personalities which you feel are flat and dry and uninspiring. Look to the joy and the happiness and the love that is in My Word.

As you fill your hearts and your lives with My Word and pass that love on to others, you will become identified with My Word. You will become one with Me each day, and you will have strength to love others that you know not of. You ask, "Lord, where can I find the strength to love?" You look on your own incapacabilities, and you look on the others around you and you see their weaknesses, faults and failings. But I say, look not at your own weaknesses, and look not at the failings of others. Just live My Word! Let it run through your veins! Let it come out of your mouth!

Live according to My Word and the love that is therein, for My love is synonymous with My Word. As you let it fill your heart and your mind and your spirit, it will come out of you. It will be what others feel when they are around you. It will provide an aura of love around you that others will want to be around and partake of.

Therefore do not fill up your heart with your thoughts. In any choice or any decision that you face, come to Me. Look for the answer in My Word, and seek to do what My Word says. As you match your actions and your decisions against My Word, I will transform you and you will see My love and power flowing out of you in a way that you never imagined. This is My blessing and this is My reward. As you let My Words flow through you, I will give you the love that you seek.

## 275

*(The Apostle Thomas:)* In the day that the Lord said, "Eat My flesh and drink My blood," there were many that were with us. We didn't understand. It was disgusting! What a thought! There were rumblings amongst us, and many turned back. Those of us who were close, though we didn't understand, we wanted to understand. We wanted to believe and we had the faith to trust, to wait, and then we understood.

The key is the desire of your heart. Do you say, "No, I don't believe! I won't believe! I don't want to believe!" Or do you say, "I don't understand, I don't believe, but Lord, I want to believe! I want to understand!" Because he that seeks for an answer will find it. He that knocks shall find the doors are open to him. He that asks for faith, he that says in his heart, "Lord, help my unbelief," shall find relief and release in faith.



So choose! Will you choose the path of doubt, the path of a heart that is completely closed, the path that is not searching for faith? Or will you choose the path of faith, that even though you do not understand, and even if you do not believe, you wish to believe, and your heart is open to receive? He that chooses the path of the closed heart is not open to the truth of God (ML #3041).

## 276

My bride, My darling, My favored loves--how I love you! I am your loyal Lover. I am as One who is hopelessly and endlessly in love with you from everlasting to everlasting. How I long for you! How I love you! How I long to please you! How I long to wait upon you, to see you happy, to fulfill your every dream and wildest longing. How I live for you--to please you, to fill you, to thrill you. How I delight to satisfy your every desire and to supply your every need. How I love to love you. How I thrill at the sight of you! How I long to lighten your load. How I long to do anything within My power to make it easy for you to be good.

My darling, My most intimate spouse, My most favored bride, My Family of lovers, My most favored of loves--I am as a man sick with love for you! You truly are My pets! How I long to please you! How I wait ever so patiently, constantly at your side, that I might answer, that I might do your bidding, that I may come when you call--always ready, always waiting, always listening.

Oh, My precious loves, please do not misinterpret My motives. Do not think that I seek to punish. How I love you! How I adore you! How it pains Me, the very thought that you could think of Me as an ogre in the sky--cold of heart and lacking in understanding. I am not a strict taskmaster. I am as one who is starstruck with love--love that longs for you; love that will go to any length; love that will stand any test; love that is ever waiting, ever patient, longing for you to love Me, to know Me intimately.

## 277

You have chosen the good thing, the humble thing, the yielded thing, and this is where My blessings dwell, and they dwell with you. As you have become a babe again, so do I hold you, and so do I strengthen you, and so do I supply for you. Do not think that these times are only times of struggle, for these are times of learning and of preparing and of humbling--times of desperation, but times of great joy.

You do not have the burdens of leadership, the burdens of caring for others, the burdens of notoriety. You have this simple life that I have given you at this time so that you can learn those things that I would have you learn, so you may be strong and useful and highly anointed in the days to come.

My way up is down. I have brought you down to a low place, a quiet place, a humble place, that I might greatly exalt you in the days to come. So learn to be a new man, a humble man, a prayerful man, that I may use you in the days to come. For only those that are humble, that are yielded, that are vessels for My using, can be used in the way that I wish to use them.

The lowly and the meek, those who are dependent upon Me, who hear My voice and who obey My every whim, My every Word, My every thought, those are they that I can use in the days to come. And who will these be? They will be those who follow My road to humility, to yieldedness, to meekness, and to love. So do the lowly and do the humble and do the meek things, that I may highly exalt you in the days to come (ML #3043).

## 278

Few people take sufficient time to rest in My arms and find strength from My Spirit and My Word. This is what I want you to do for Me--spend time in My Word. You will find faith, peace and rest as you absorb My Word. As a newborn baby cannot grow or be nourished without spending time resting in the arms of his mother, drinking the life-giving milk from the breast, so must you rest in My arms, drink of My Words, and grow in faith by absorbing My Word.

This is a necessary part of your growth in Me, to walk with Me, talk with Me, listen to Me, be rooted and grounded in Me and My Word, establishing yourself in the faith. Be very careful that the cares and burdens of this present life and world do not crowd out your special time with Me.

To receive My strength and My blessings, you must complete the cycle: Believing and receiving Me, which you have done; reading and absorbing My Word, which you are doing; then obeying and acting upon the things that I show you through My Word. You must be doers of the Word and not hearers only. If you obey My Word, you will receive the strength and health and blessings that you need and desire in this precious life I have given you.

## 279

Oh, My precious wife, say not that you have no husband, for I am your Husband. I am just away on a journey for a short while. Although it may seem long to you, I will return for My bride, My wife.

I know your need and the emptiness you feel, the companionship you miss, and the longing to share with someone intimately. There are others, like yourself, who have no earthly husband and who feel the same emptiness. Those of you who have no mate or someone to feel close to, look to Me as your Husband. Let Me fill your thoughts, let Me comfort you with loves and with whispers of love. Be wholly Mine, with no other distractions.

If you choose this good part, as Mary did, it shall never be taken away from you. For though you have no earthly husband, this is only for a moment in time, a fleeting speck of time. For you have always been Mine, and firstly Mine--My creation, My love, My wife (ML #3045).

## 280

My love for you is so great! My arms are always and continually outstretched toward you. Even if everybody else fails you, I will always be here for you. These light afflictions are but for a moment, and then will your love be perfected in Me, and My love perfected in you. Your face will shine like the sun! My love will be all-encompassing about you!

Please know that no matter what happens, you are My special child and you are always by My side. I don't ever leave you. I don't ever forsake you. Please never doubt My love. I wish to always care for you in whatever way I can. Though others may fail, I won't fail.

I do My best to teach people to love, to portray My love to you, but men are not perfect and their hearts do sin against Me. Yet My love is pure, unchanging, unending. Please understand that I am with you always.

I will have My way in your life. I wish for you to be comforted in Me, to be comforted in My love, to be comforted by My care, to be comforted by the Family's love, by My Words, by all the different things that I give you throughout your life--all your different blessings. Look to these things and thank Me for each and every one, and you will see how I have comforted you each day and night, and how I have been with you in so many special ways--ways which you may not have even noticed, which have passed you by. But now in this time of crisis in your life, all these small things and all those bigger things can become more real to you.

Please understand that I love you dearly and I am not chastening you. I wish to bring you closer to My heart. I wish for you to see My face so that you will shine. I wish to shine upon you. I wish for this to make you perfect in Me, perfect in your understanding of Me, to bring you into My glorious light. I am always here for you and I will never leave you. You will never be alone.

I will bring you through this time in a special way, but you have to have faith in Me and trust Me to know that I will bring you through. I will not stop halfway and leave you by the wayside. My love will carry you all the way through to the very end. So be comforted in Me and in My care.

## 281

I have spoken many Words unto My children throughout all the ages. I have revealed unto them truth, truth, and more truth. I have given unto them many revelations through My Words, and it is up to them to choose to follow, to believe, to receive. Those who do, prosper and grow; those who do not, fall along the wayside of limited fruitfulness. There are many in the church today who believe My Words, but do not receive all that I have to say. They are able to accomplish some, but I cannot use them to the full, because they do not receive all that I give, or all that I have given, nor all that I will give.

That is their choice, and this is the choice that I give unto each one of you: whether to forge ahead and to continue to receive and believe the Words that I give, or to remain at the plateau at which you have arrived. This is always the choice that is given to My children. Will they continue to climb, or will they be satisfied where they are? If they choose to be satisfied, then I will use them there on that plateau, and they will be fruitful there. But those who choose to carry on up the mountain will go to new heights and receive the blessings and the fruitfulness that are higher up the mountain.

These are the Words that I have given, and this is the choice that I put before you: Do you come to Me with an open or a closed heart? Have you decided that you have climbed this far and will climb no further, or will you climb further in faith? This is what I ask you: that you decide, that you search your heart.

Know this, that I love those that remain on the plateau, and I love those that continue the climb. But they that continue to climb will ascend higher and see more and partake of those things which are higher up the mountain. Each one must make his own choice (ML #3041).

How I love you! How I long to have you Here in My arms forevermore! I do not wish to punish and smite. My love for you is patient and is kind; it suffers long. I do not wish to drive you away--I cannot bear the thought! I do not afflict strife or judgment willingly on My faithful ones. This is not My way, for I only seek to love you into all truth. I stand by you, to lead and guide you ever so gently. So tenderly would I gather you to My bosom of love. With great mercy and compassion and softness of heart, I long to woo you and to win you into My bed of love, My haven of rest, that here you may rest and find comfort.

I see when you fall, but I also see the deepest yearning and desire of your heart. I see that you seek to please and that you want to do that which is right, but in the confines of human frailty, it's often a task too big, too hard for human hands. But fear not, for this too is in My hand, that you might lean wholly on Me, and in leaning find your strength. I have created it thus.

Faults and failures and shortcomings you have always with you, that you may have need of Me. I do not punish you for something that is beyond your control. I do not punish you for your shortcomings, for all have sinned and come short of My glory. I am a just God.

Oh, My darling, I see your heart. I see your desires. I am not a taskmaster that would whip you into Heaven. I am gentle and slow to anger with those who love Me. My paths are those of mercy and truth to you who keep My testimonies. In the multitude of My mercy I do gather you. I would never ever seek to drive you away. I could not bear to willingly afflict you, My beloved bride. I shower mercy and truth on those who devise to do good.

My way is the way of mercy, and thus I have said, by mercy and truth iniquity is purged. This I give you, My beloved bride, that by My mercy and by My truth, you may find the way.

Your service and your love and your care for this one has been great. You were chosen by My hand by divine appointment to care for this child in his tender years, to ease him into manhood. His love for you is steadfast, though he knows it not. For as he goes the way of youth, the way of young men, the way of idealism, the way of independence, the way of feelings over faith, he does not recognize or value this love.

He reaches for the unknown, for adventure, for freedom, for experience--not because he does not love you, but because he must try life for himself. He feels he must not be led

around by the hand of others, but by his own hand. I have put this yearning into the hearts of youth, and it is not a bad thing. It is a force which compels them to leave the loves of home to strike out on their own. It is the force of nature that I use within youth that makes them want to leave their loved ones and to find their calling, to experiment, to search the unknown.

It has been this way since the beginning of time. I do this. I place this compulsion within their hearts and spirits so they will branch out, pioneer, conquer, change the world, marry, go new places, spread My Word and grow up.

Many times this will become their school of experience that they otherwise would not go through, from which they learn important lessons which fashion them from teenhood into adulthood. As they change and grow, they suffer many hard things and heartbreaks--not only them, but their loved ones as well, their mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters. So it is a time of change and transition, not only for the youth, but for the parents as well, for all are passing into a new phase of life and growth.

You parents and loved ones must learn to let them go, to trust Me and to trust them. You must realize that your duty has changed from teaching to trusting and praying. Your job has changed from teaching your children to praying your children through the transition of youth and into adulthood. You can teach them just as much by showing them that you trust them and are willing to let them go, and that you'll be there when they come back; that your love is unconditional.

This teaches them the greatest lesson in life, that of true love--love enough to let them go; love enough to just watch and say nothing when they blunder; love enough to be patient and wait until they ask for help or seek your counsel. They know that you're trusting Me and that you trust them, and that you are not trying to force them or legislate righteousness or legislate counsel.

Your boy will return a man--a needy man, an understanding man, a thankful man, a grateful man who has learned to appreciate your love. By letting him go, you will win him. He will feel your love through your prayers. He will know that you have been praying for him. This is love unshakable. This is faithful love. This is real love, true love that he will come to value.

Through your heartbreaks you can release great power in prayer in crying out to Me for him. In doing this you will have helped him more than all of your human love put together, for I am the greatest teacher and parent.

So continue to serve My son in your new ministry of prayer. For as time goes on we all change. We grow into new lessons, new stages in our lives, new relationships. You both

pass into a new phase--his of adulthood, seeking freedom as a son that goes off to war and to see the world; yours as a mother who has done her best to teach and train and love her son, and has now entered this new ministry of praying and yielding her son to My service and to My care, and being there whenever he needs you and needs home and love again. This is truly a lasting and eternal love bond.

## 284

Your service to Me has been filled with many mountains, and many steep and deep valleys. You have been as one walking who trips into deep holes, and must then climb out and begin again. You wonder why you have to be faced with the deep valleys, and why you fall into the holes, for the falls are painful and the holes are deep, and it requires effort to crawl out and to once again begin your journey.

You go into the valleys and you fall into the holes because of your overconfidence. When I put you on the straight path or when I bring you to the mountain peaks, you so easily forget Me and do things in your own strength, thinking that you have the wisdom and the understanding to do the things that I have anointed you to do. You have looked upon others and said, "I know better than they." Thus I have allowed you to trip and to fall into these holes, so you would be desperate and so you would see that your own wisdom is not that which has done the things that you have done, but it has been My power, My anointing, My wisdom, and My strength.

How do you keep from falling into the holes or traveling through the valleys?--By constantly looking to Me, giving Me the credit and the glory, and letting Me empower you. How do you accomplish this?--By praying desperately every day for Me to lead and guide you. By judging that which you do by these questions: Does this glorify the Lord, or does this glorify me? Am I listening to others, or am I only giving my opinion? Am I yielding to the voice of the Lord? Am I yielding to the voice of my teamworkers? Am I yielding to the counsel given by others? Am I so sure that I am right? Is what I'm doing bringing forth love in others and showing love to others? Am I manifesting the fruits of the Spirit--longsuffering, joy, meekness, temperance, love, patience?

Judge all your actions by the touchstone of love and of humility, and thus I can keep you. Thus can you travel on the road without falling into the pits, and thus can you climb the mountains and remain on the peaks (ML #3043).

## 285

Dear one, My love, My darling, My young bride: Come from your toil, your cares, your chores, your housekeeping and all the things you do for Me. Lay them aside and come learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly, and you shall find rest.

You have given much and poured out much, till you have become weakened and without the energy to bear the burdens; without the strength to carry on and to continue to lift the standard.

Come, suck of My seeds. Take time for My kisses. Learn of Me. Learn by making love to Me, by reading about Me, studying Me, loving Me and absorbing My seeds. After you have rested awhile, reading and fellowshiping with Me and being re-strengthened, taking a honeymoon with Me in the bed of My love, then you can go out a new bride, a wiser bride, a bride who has learned that she must take time with Me daily to be strengthened.

## 286

In your loneliness, call out to Me. And though you cannot see Me or feel Me, you will be closer to Me than if you were lying in the arms of a lover, and more intimate than when with your closest friend. In those times our love will grow stronger and our relationship deeper than any earthly love could ever hope to be!

In this oneness with Me will grow your greatest and most lasting happiness, fulfillment and contentment. The aching in your heart that you have for a mate is what I use to start this deeper relationship with Me, which is the beginning of the deeper love that we learn to have, and that is continued when you arrive Here. That longing to share, to talk, to fellowship, to have constant companionship, to love and to feel loved, will be completely fulfilled when I return for you, My wife, My lover.

But for now we can love in Spirit. So come--come into My arms! Love Me. Kiss Me. Talk with Me. Walk with Me. Share your heart and thoughts with Me. Make love to Me. Come be with Me constantly, all the time, everywhere you go, in everything. I want to be with you. There is not a minute that I don't want to be with you, by your side, listening to you, looking at you, lying with you, sleeping with you, eating with you. Everything about you I love and want to share. So come--come be with Me. Be My wife, My lover.

I will only be gone a short while, on a short journey. I shall return for you. I know you miss Me, but we shall be together again and the wait shall have been worth it. The wait will make the love greater, and the joy of meeting again a great joy, with tears and laughter such as you have never known before. This is a great joy, and we shall be in each other's arms again. You will be glad that you waited for Me.



Come and be Mine! Be My lover and My constant companion, My darling, and My sweetheart.--Your Lover and Husband, Jesus (ML #3045).

287

Do not listen to the lies of Satan when he tells you that I would punish in such an unmerciful way. Satan does seek to confuse you in these matters. He knows that if he can deceive you with lying vanities, you will forsake the mercy I would pour out. Oh, My beloved, I will have mercy and not sacrifice toward you.

Hear now and learn a great truth. Within the majesty of choice that has been granted to man, My hands are tied according to your will. Open your eyes and see beyond the veil--for many circumstances and incidents are brought down by your own hand. Be not confused between what is from My hand and what is from your own hand, and what is from the hand of the Evil One, for he does ask to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.

In the divine majesty of choice that has been granted to every man lies great responsibility. Of you to whom much has been given, much is required. In this you are learning to be responsible for your own actions. Be not deceived and mock Me not, for whatsoever a man will sow, that will he reap. It is the trickery of Satan that would have you believe that all punishment is from My hand, for he walks about seeking to distort, that in so doing he may cause you to doubt My love. Therefore you must not blame Me for actions of your own doing.

Many things that you call punishment are but a reaping of your own actions. It is by the majesty of choice that a man willfully chooses and signs his fate. Have I not put ample warning within My Word, that you may follow? Likewise, have I not promised that as you love Me with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your soul, and as you love your neighbor as yourself, all will be well with you? Have I not promised that as you trust in Me and do good, you will dwell in the land and be fed?

Have I not promised that as you delight yourselves in Me, I will give you the desires of your heart? Have I not promised that as you commit your way unto Me, I will do all things well concerning you? Have I not recorded in My written Word, and do I not continue to pour out daily through My living Word, oodles and oodles of promises toward you?--Promises of power and peace and plenty in all things concerning you, My loves, if you will but follow, and reach out, and take hold. Have I not promised mercy in place of sacrifice? By mercy I do lead you and by mercy I do teach you, for My mercy toward you is from everlasting to everlasting.

Great love! Great, wonderful, wonderful love! Joys of love! Joys of laughter! Joys of ecstasy! Joys, joys, joys! My children joy in My love. My children joy in My ecstasies! My children revel in them! They dance in them and whirl in them! They twirl and fly! Beautiful, beautiful love! Beautiful ecstasies! Wonderful!

Oh that you, My children, would dwell in them more! But this world is too much with you. If you would only keep one foot in the Heavens, then your life would be so much more Heavenly and your joy would be full, because My Word would remain in you and My joy would be your strength in time of trouble. You would know the joys of trusting, of faith, of going forward, of going where you had not had the faith to go before.

This world is too much with you--the cares of this world, the trials of this world. You limit My mighty hand, which has so much to give you. Bounties beyond your wildest dreams are available to you now, My children, if you would step through the gates of praise, the gates of My Word, the gates of My living Word, and would follow as I would have you follow--step by step, moment by moment, not doubting, not fearful, not complaining.

Oh, it does break the heart of your father! Your father David longs for his children to have all that they need, all that they desire. He intercedes before Me, crying for you, saying, "Help them, help them! So many are heavy laden, so many are burdened, so many feel doubtful, so many wonder and wander." I say unto you, My children, the children of David, go forth! Go forth in the power of My might. But you can only go forth if you believe, if you trust, and if you listen to My voice inside you saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

I have given you the written Word, begging you, My children, crying as a father cries over his lost ones, saying, "Believe My Word! Follow My Word! Trust My Word!" If you do, such great things are in store for you--such wonders, such joys, such ecstasies! But so few follow with all their hearts. So many follow with trepidation, with fear, and with uncertainty. Follow they do, but not with a whole heart. Oh that you would follow with a full heart, and then you would have full joy and fullness of life!

Once upon a time there was a man who owned great riches, and as he was walking, he looked and he saw a glorious pearl of great price. The man said in his heart at that moment, "I must have that pearl!" And to buy it, he sold all that he had, all of his possessions, that he might obtain that precious possession.

Thus am I with you, My pearl! You are that pearl of great price that I saw, and I determined that I would leave everything, I would leave My throne in Heaven, that I might come to Earth, that I might have you, that you might be Mine! For this reason I sacrificed everything that I had, that I might obtain you. So you would not rob Me of the pleasure of now having you, would you? Can't you see that I gave up everything for you? Come to Me, because I want you, I need you so much! I love you!

Don't talk to Me about your mistakes. I say to you, what mistakes? What faults? What failings? Don't throw the past at Me--for to Me there is no past. I can't say that you have faults or weaknesses, for at this moment I see them not. When I look at you, when I look at your heart, your weaknesses to Me are no more. They vanish because of My great love for you which overshadows everything. So don't even try to talk about how bad you are, because it's not going to work. I love you too much for that.

Don't worry. Just let your heart receive these things I say to you. I know it's hard to believe, and it's hard to even think about these things. But don't think about them. Just relax, sit back, and think about Me. Visualize My face in your mind. Hold a picture of Me in your heart. Close your eyes. Shut your door. Let your children be cared for by others this one evening. Unplug your phone. Let everyone know that you are unavailable, and give Me an evening that the two of us can spend together.

Lie down on your bed and think of Me, and I will come to you personally and I will love you. And at that time you will know how much I love you, for I will place My burning Spirit within your heart, and I will ravish you with My love once again, and I will never depart from you (ML #3047).

## 290

My dear shepherd, give of your little lamb, this one who was chosen especially for you to be the best companion and helpmeet that you could possibly find. She was created by Me to be at your side, to love you and cherish you and be one with you in My service. So give freely of that which I have entrusted into your care, and know that in your giving and in your sacrifice, she will learn to love you even more greatly. For she will see a side of you that she has not yet seen, and she will admire with great admiration your desire to please Me, to do My will no matter what the cost.

Though she will find love in the arms of many others, she will never find a love like she has found in you. So fear not, for her heart is fixed. I have brought you together for My glory and to perform My will. Fail Me not through fear or pride or selfishness, but give freely. Test Me and prove Me to see if I will not open up the very windows of Heaven for

you and your little lamb. You shall have showers of blessings that you shall not be able to even contain!

## 291

I have ordained you for this job, and I have called you to the work that I have sent you to do. I have given you the gifts, the wisdom, and the ability, but these are nothing without My power and My love. The gifts of God become a hindrance when they are not used in the Spirit of God, when they are not used in love, for it is a false usage of the power that I have given you.

Lean not to your own understanding. Always and constantly seek Me for My answers and for My wisdom. Think not to do things in your own wisdom or in the natural, but always seek Me. And listen! Listen to those around you. Listen to those involved. Listen to the voice of the sheep. Prayerfully counsel with them, and prayerfully bring their petitions and their suggestions before Me. Lean not to your own understanding. For your abilities and your capabilities become your downfall if you do not use them according to My plan and My will, but in your own wisdom.

I have made you capable. I have made you able. I have poured many gifts upon you. Use them in conjunction with My Spirit and with prayer and with seeking Me, so you may do these things in the power of God and not through the mind of man.

The gifts and calling of God are without repentance, and these that I have poured upon you are many. As you use them according to My Spirit, touched by My Spirit, these gifts are greatly used of Me (ML #3043).

## 292

Oh, My precious forever loves, I do not willingly afflict you with pain and problems and punishment. I am a God of love, a God of mercy! Great is My mercy toward you, so great as unto the Heavens and unto the clouds!

I am a God of love, a Lover of love, a Lover of salvation. I do not afflict willingly with hellfire and damnation, problems and sorrow. With great mercy and great truth I do all things well toward you, My loves. In the multitude of My mercy I preserve you, My beloved bride.

Therefore know that many things you interpret as punishment from My hand are but a fulfilling of your own will; it is a reaping of your own choices. I am bound by My Word.

I am not a man that I should lie, and as I have bestowed upon you the majesty of choice, so I am bound within these choices.

Other things that you misjudge as punishment are merely a granting of your desires and prayers. And when necessary, even the instruction that I send from My hand is all in love. For I am not an infidel, and I do care for My Own--and I only care for you in love. In great love and in great mercy do I gather you unto Me, My precious loves.

## 293

Your praise is very pleasing to Me. Sock it to Me with your words of love and your praises! I love to hear each one, and it inspires Me and excites Me in the same way that My Words excite you. Your praises are your love kisses to Me. Just as My Words kiss you and comfort you and encourage you, your beautiful words of praise and your pledges of love give Me encouragement and comfort and happiness.

I never tire of hearing your words of praise. Thank you for telling Me that I'm beautiful, lovely, inspiring, adorable, fabulous, irresistible, fascinating, dazzling, magical and encouraging, and for telling Me how wonderful My Words are. You can never say enough words to Me. I'm always eager for more. My ears are always listening for your praises.

You can use any words to praise Me. There are none too small or too big. Stretch your vocabulary! Let your heart overflow to Me! Don't be shy. Don't be embarrassed. Use those words. Tell Me I'm incredible, magnificent, electrifying, grand, stupendous, far-out, wild, cool, groovy, "in the house," "out of this world," way up, on the ball, the best, the greatest, the neatest, the most! Tell Me I really "send you!" Anything you want, I love it! I'm yours and I'm here for you.

So lay it on Me! I love it and I need it and I want it! Love Me with your words of praise! Let go and really love Me! Tell Me that I'm easy to be with, simple, unassuming, comfy-cozy, a homey Hubby. I love to be your Hubby! You can give Me any name of endearment that's in your heart--any pet name that will be real special between you and Me--and I might give you one! (ML #3045).

## 294

Follow fully--not partway, not 90%, not 95%, but 100%--and then such joys await you!--Such victories, such triumphs, such achievements that you can now only dream of! Your dreams shall become reality. I love you, My children. I love each of you with an

undying love, and I wish for you to have the joy that comes from following Me with a whole heart unreservedly, without hesitation, without reservations. This is the key!

You must cry out, cry aloud and shout your faith in Me! You must shout your trust and proclaim in triumph, in victory, and it shall be yours. For I give all things into your hands--all things--if you would but have the faith.

Oh how I love My queen! She is a marvel, a wonder! She is indeed wonderful, because she has faith. How I wish that all My children would have such faith! It is yours for the asking, for even faith is a gift of God. Even faith shall be given to you if you ask for it and if you nurture it with belief in My Word.

There is always more; it's only limited by your faith. Oh ye of little faith, wherefore do you doubt? The moment you doubt, you lose strength and power. It's like the knob on an appliance: When you turn down the power, it goes slower. Every time you doubt, it's like turning the knob a little slower, closer to the "off" position. Take the hand of faith and turn it up again! Let not the hand of doubt turn it down!

## 295

You have looked upon yourselves as weak, as broken, even as forsaken, but I have said, great is your faithfulness! You have looked to Me. You have kept the faith. You have trusted Me year after year, decision after decision, baby after baby, country after country, trial after trial, persecution after persecution. You have kept your eyes on Me regardless of the circumstances, and even more, you have held fast to the Words of David. You have drunk these in as sweet nectar and honey. You have grasped at them! You have clung to them! You have taken them unto your very soul, as one who is thirsty drinks after a long walk through the desert. Your hearts have rejoiced at My Words through My servant David.

This has been your manner for year after year after year, in spite of your own weaknesses, shortcomings or failures. You have clung to Me and to My Words, and for this I do highly honor you. For as it was said of Abraham, that he was blessed because he believed Me, and his faith was counted unto him as righteousness; so has your faith been counted unto you, recorded in Heaven, and never to be forgotten!

You have storehouses of treasure and rewards waiting for you! Each hour, each day, each week, each month, each year that you have lived for Me will be rewarded. You will be amazed and astounded at the rewards laid up for you, for every ounce of faith and trust that you have placed in Me (ML #3047).

In My great love and in great mercy I would even gather again to My bosom those who would turn and run away from Me. To those who would seek to run, who try to remove the helmet of My salvation, I give My touches of love. For these are they who by their own choices do choose the gifts of troubles and sorrow. And this I grant, that they may come to know Me in a way they have not known before. For although they choose the hard road, nevertheless I am faithful, and I continue to pour out My gifts so that they will not be lost from My love forever.

Therefore you must not interpret My gifts of love as punishment, for I am plenteous in mercy and ready to forgive. Determine not by what you see and feel initially, in a fleeting moment, but determine by the fruit it brings in your life. If it brings about the good fruits of patience, joy, love, longsuffering, temperance, peace, laughter, meekness, humility, prayerfulness, a closer walk with Me--if it brings these gifts and many more--then know that these are from My hand. These are not punishments, but gifts of My everlasting mercy and love.

It is with great mercy that I gather you to My bosom. I am not a God of punishment but a God of love, a God of mercy. I grant you gifts according to your will, for I am bound by your own free will and choice. I do all things well concerning you, My beloved bride, that I might gather you to My bosom in that great day when you are Home at last, eternally safe in My strong everlasting arms. In that day, mercy and truth will meet together, righteousness and peace will kiss, as we, My beloved, enjoy the pleasures of Paradise forever and ever without end.

It is your love for My Words and for the spirit of David that has made you what you are this day--a good shepherd and one who loves the sheep. It is your humility, your willingness to be open to those that you shepherd, to confess your faults, to seek prayer and to seek the help of others, that has made you what you are today. Remember these things, for these are the things that keep you--My Word, My Spirit, your humility, and your love for Me.

So seek My Word and My Spirit. Seek to be lowly and open, humble and loving, that you may bring forth fruit. For without these things, your natural tendencies come to the fore and are an offense. But My Word, My Spirit, My love and your humility cover this, and I shine through you, and this is what your sheep need to see. They need to see Me shining

through you. They need to see your humility and openness. They need those who are touched with the feelings of their infirmities, even as I came forth as one of the people. I now understand the tests and the trials, the hardships, and I have compassion. So must My shepherds understand and have compassion upon My sheep.

Knowing that your sheep love you and look to you is a heavy burden to bear, for they follow you because they love you, and they imitate you because they love you. Thus you must be desperate to stay very close to Me and to My Words and to My love, and in humility and in lovingkindness one to another, so they will emulate this, and that they will not see you in your own strength or your own ways, lest they imitate that. So seek to stay very close to Me and filled with My Spirit, following closely day by day, that your sheep may see Me shining through you (ML #3043).

## 298

Be sober, be vigilant, for your adversary walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. As I have spoken before and warned you, you must be diligent and on guard. For the Enemy casts his fiery darts of doubt, and seeks to spread his sickening doubts and lies.

Has not My written Word spoken of David of the end? Have I not said that I will set up one shepherd over them and he shall feed them, even My servant David? Has not My voice of prophecy spoken of My servant David, David of the end, and that this is My David whom I have raised up to be the true shepherd of My sheep? For they wandered in darkness in the world and were buffeted about and devoured by the false shepherds. But by My Spirit I called and spoke to your father David and asked him if he was willing to be the shepherd of the sheep, to lead them and guide them on the true path.

Has not My voice spoken it? Therefore beware of the leaven of the Enemy and his doubts. For if you believe not My voice of prophecy nor My written Word and you cannot believe fully in the founder of your Family, in the cornerstone of your Family and that upon which your foundation has been laid, how can you believe the things that I have for you in the future, and how can you believe My voice of prophecy for today?

There will be many deep revelations and new messages, new direction and new voices which I wish to send to My Family. But you must remain true and established in the foundation of your faith and that which I have already spoken unto you. For if you doubt My Word now and consider that it is not important, that it is old and unnecessary and that you can carry on believing as you choose and deciding for yourselves which of My Words you choose to believe and which you choose to disregard, you will become



weakened in the days ahead and not strengthened. For the Words that I give unto you are spirit and life, and not one Word will fail of all which I have spoken unto you.

## 299

Sweet kisses of love are your praises to Me. Wonderful, warm, affectionate kisses and caresses that touch Me and thrill Me and fill Me. Your words of praise that come from your lips, from your heart and from your spirit to My heart and My Spirit, are the joy of My life. Send them forth at all times! Send out your words. Speak them any time to Me. Never be ashamed or embarrassed or afraid to express how thankful you are for Me and for My love.

I love your words, each and every one of them! No matter what you say, I understand. Even though you feel your words are inadequate, I understand, and they mean a lot. All the words that you say to Me mean a lot to Me. Every expression of praise and thanksgiving thrills Me and satisfies Me beyond your wildest dreams! (ML #3045).

## 300

*(Dad:)* The Lord really wants to help you young couples and newlyweds, and those of you who have run into a few rough spots in your marriage. Maybe you've become familiar in your relationship, or you're having second thoughts. He wants to give you the gift of renewing your first love with Him, and renewing your marriages by loving Him together with your mate. He wants to rekindle your love for each other, so that you'll have new faith in each other to build each other up, to encourage each other, to look at each other in a new way, with a fresh start, with a new heart of love.

*(Dad crying.)* Oh, won't you open your hearts to each other and receive this wedding gift from Him to renew your love with each other, and with Him? He wants to heal your marriages, your hurts, and your hearts. So come together in the bed of love. Make love to Him and to each other, forgiving each other, as He has forgiven you. As you start this new love relationship with the Lord, start it with each other. For love suffers long and is forgiving. Love sees the best in each other. Love forgets the past. Love never gives up. Love keeps trying. Love can never be quenched.

*(Jesus speaking:)* I give you the gift of saying kind things to each other; the gift of doing little things, of showing appreciation; the gift of seeing each other not as you are, but as what I will make you; the gift of being able to bring out the best in each other. These I set

before you. These are gifts that I give to you today, that you may take them and give them to each other as presents, to make you happy in your marriage and in your service for Me.

*(Dad:)* So kids, enjoy your gifts, your presents. I pray you like them! Loving Jesus will do wonders for your relationship with the Lord and with your mates and with your co-workers, as you learn to live and love together in greater unity, harmony and humility.

So if you've been having problems with your marriage, why not give it another chance, okay? Don't give up too soon, all right? With God all things are possible, and with Him nothing shall be impossible. That's what all these new presents and gifts are for--to help you in these areas. So give it a go, okay? God bless and keep you in the year ahead! I love you!--Dad.

### 301

There is coming a dark and cloudy day, and in this day, physical strength will be of no help. What will be needed and what will be important will be your spiritual closeness to Me, your attitude of leaning on Me, your habit of drawing on My strength. The channels that have been forged of connection with Me will be drawn upon in this time. For now you are learning to hear more from Me than before. The young people also are learning to hear more from Me than before, and this will be your strength. This will show you the paths to walk in. This will protect you in the dark and cloudy and stormy days.

More important than the many accomplishments that you have striven for in the past is that you strengthen your connection with Me, that you may hear from Me, and that you may know which way to turn. I will lead you and guide you into the paths of light and safety and protection, for this is My will for you (ML #3047).

### 302

You were together and now you are apart. I brought you through this love relationship that you may better understand the love I desire to have with you--the personal, intimate love relationship that I wish to have with you as a Husband and a wife. It was a learning experience, and a time for you to experience and understand the depths of romance, the longings of the heart, the desire for love and how to give love, so that you may use what you have learned to now be My loving wife--and not Mine only, but to be My hands that will extend My love to others.

Use the love that I have put in your heart, and use your broken heart to shed My love on others. Use your hands to touch them with My love. Use your tears to understand their

tears. Use your longing for love to fulfill another's loneliness. Use the gift of love that I have given you. Think not of this gift of love as a weight or a heaviness or a burden, for it is meant to be a blessing to those around you. As you warm others with your love, so will you also be warmed.

### 303

You must remain true and established and grounded and rooted in the Word, My Words of truth. For I have more truths to say unto you and much more to reveal unto you, My children, through My mouthpiece, through My queen and through her faucet--true, genuine, deep and marvelous wonders of My Spirit. Messages, instruction, guidance, and much more have I to give unto My children, unto you who can receive by faith, unto you whose hearts and minds are yielded and receptive to My Spirit and continue to believe and have faith.

Those of you who are open to Me and continue to cling to Me and to My Words by faith, I will be able to use greatly and lead and will guide through the Endtime days. You will continue to be My mighty men of David and to have the strength of David's men and the faith of David, and you shall fight with the strength that I shall give you. You shall wound the hairy scalp of the Enemy by the power of the Spirit of God!

This is a privilege and honor that I have given to the children of David that I have not given to others. This faith comes to you by the spirit of David, for he is indeed My Endtime prophet and will continue to guide My children with great faith and anointing, and will continue to speak into the ear of My Maria.

### 304

I have blessed you for your humility, for your willingness to do the jobs that had to be done, for your humility to not seek the high place, but to seek the low place. I have brought you to the high place because you have sought the lowly place, because you have been diligent and faithful in the little tasks, in the smaller duties. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much. Now I give you duties in the house of your queen, that you may minister to her through your faithfulness, your willingness, and your humility.

I have given you a strong and powerful mind, and I am well pleased that with this gift you have yet been willing to do those things which are small in the sight of man, but

which are great in the sight of God. Your humility has made you great. Your willingness and your yieldedness has caused you to reap great reward and a place of honor.

For many years you trudged along day by day doing your duties, through hardships, through toil, but always in faithfulness. Like the tortoise, as opposed to the hare, you faithfully plodded along--until you plodded right into the house of the king and queen! Though you have not done those things that are great in the sight of man, you have done those things that are great in the sight of God, for you have been faithful in the little things, faithful to My calling, faithful to My checks and My admonitions, faithful in your obedience and in your willingness. Your faith has made you strong. Your faith has made you whole. And your faithfulness has made you great (ML #3043).

### 305

*(Dad:)* I really love you! I think you're a good kid! You love the Lord and are trying to please Him, but you just want to be happy. You want to enjoy life, and there's nothing wrong with that.

I don't think I have to tell you this, because you've already seen it and experienced it, but the System is a tough place! It's a hellhole out there! Although it looks good and can be quite appealing to the eye, once you get out there and you have a taste of it, you see that they're all struggling too, and the Enemy's really got a hold on them.

It's true that in the Family it's a sacrifice to serve the Lord. You've got to give up your own personal desires, and there are difficulties with living together communally. You've got to give up some of your independence and freedom. But the rewards that you get in Heaven, and even the rewards that you get on Earth--the blessings, the fruitfulness, the happiness and joy, the fulfillment and satisfaction of helping others and helping to win the world--are so worth it!

### 306

You can talk to Me in many ways, as your Lord, God and Savior, and praise Me for My wisdom, for being a genius, mastermind, mega-brain! Just use your own words that come from your heart. Tell Me I'm smart, wonderful, clever, witty, super-mind, power-packed brain, wonder-worder! I understand and appreciate and love your praises that pour forth from your heart.

Praise Me for My power! Tell Me I'm marvelous, awesome, terrific, strong, mighty, grand, super-human, earthshaking, powerful, the greatest! Praise Me for being your God and

King. Tell Me that I'm mysterious, scary, wonderful, elegant, marvelous, beautiful, dumbfounding, remarkable!

Praise Me for being your Friend and Husband and lover. Tell Me that I am sweet, your darling, gentle, kind, thoughtful, loving, considerate, sympathetic, understanding, encouraging, funny, humorous, sexy, handsome, attractive, appealing, a turn-on, gorgeous, appetizing, lovely, beautiful, pretty, sensuous, muscular, "off the charts!"

Tell Me anything you want! I understand and I know your heart, I know your feelings and I know what you mean. Every word thrills Me. I love to hear the words that come from your heart and out of your lips. Tell Me I'm warm, cuddly, close. Tell Me that I feel good, that I look good, that I smell good.

Praise Me for My protection and care of My children around the world. Say, "Thank You for taking care of us." "Thank You for always looking out for us and watching over us and keeping us from harm or trouble." "Thank You for how You never get tired of loving us and taking care of us."

And when your words fail you, you can praise Me with your tears and with tongues of joy and happiness of praise and thanksgiving (ML #3045).

### 307

Lie still, My child. Lie back and rest awhile, for this is what I ask of you. I ask that you put aside other things, other activities, other work in the wings and other hubbub, and that you lie down and rest for a moment. Take time to be still. Take time to be holy--wholly Mine.

Observe moments of silence and communion with Me. Let Me commune with you and speak to you through My Words, through times of quiet reading, meditating, absorbing My seeds. I wish to count on My time daily with you. I wish to rest assured that it will not be overlooked, that it will not be forgotten, that it will not be crowded out by the myriad of details and pressing work which you have always at hand.

Choose Me first. Choose My love above others, and love Me with all others. For in all things there is the avenue of loving Me that I have made always available unto you. I wish for you to retain Me in your thoughts at every moment, talking with Me throughout the day, keeping Me abreast of what is happening in your life, in your heart, and in your mind. I am your best Friend, and the time you must spend with Me supersedes and overrides the time you spend with others.

I wish to give you all things, but nothing can be built upon any other foundation than that which is Christ Jesus. During this time, My sweet child, you have more need of Me, a greater need of Me. I have created the vacuum in your heart to be stronger, the void to be greater. If you do not fill the vacuum and the void with My love and My satisfaction and desire, you will be spent and left dry. For your heart and your soul pant for Me; your spirit cries out for Me. You must take the time, set it aside, fill the void, satisfy the vacuum, quench the thirst. I am the Great Satisfier.

### 308

The Enemy goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom of the children of David he may devour and turn away from their faith. Those who are tempted with his doubts must cry out desperately to Me and cling to My Word and receive of My Spirit to be washed and cleansed and kept from the lies of the Enemy. I will keep them, and not one of My children will be lost if they cry out desperately to Me. For I am able to deliver them from the doubts and the power that the Enemy wields.

But those who choose not to cry out to Me, but prefer to go their own way and to live their own lives according to their own plan, and choose to reject My Words and the truth that has been given to them by the Light of Israel, and choose not to uphold the standard of their Father David and of My Word and to teach it unto their children and to speak of it in the gates and to raise it high and proclaim it and be proud to be part of the Endtime army of David--these will grow weaker and weaker, and soon will not fight with David's mighty men. For how can they fight with David's mighty men except they wear his colors and carry his banner and display his symbol, and that for which the Family stands and has been anointed for, to carry the Endtime message to the world?

For you are a peculiar people and a chosen few through whom I have chosen to work and whom I can trust with My messages. There are few of My children in the world who continue to have unflinching faith in My fresh new voice, but you have been yielded and open and receptive and willing to follow Me wherever I go. Such faith have you received from your Father David, who was willing to receive My Endtime message and My anointing upon his life as the Endtime prophet, and continued to follow Me wherever I led, every day of his life. You will receive this same anointing if you continue by faith, not yielding your crown to the Enemy.

For there rages a spiritual warfare! The Enemy seeks to speak to each Family member. He seeks to whisper in their ear doubts about their Father David, and about the Words that I spoke through him. He knows that if they will swallow his doubts and listen to his lies, their faith in everything will be shaken.

So be not ignorant of the Enemy's devices, but be strong and be forewarned. Listen not to him, but remember from whence you came, how you clung to your Father David and how you rejoiced that I had raised up one shepherd over My sheep, even My servant David. This is not a time for doubting My Word, but for strong faith and strong belief in all of My Words. It is a time to hold the standard high and proudly display the banner of the Family of Love, and proudly witness your beliefs and your faith to the world.

### 309

You have gone forth as a strong man to run a race, and you have run well! I delight in you, and I am proud of you! But the race is not yet over, and what may seem like the end of the road to some is only a bend in the road of this race, which will lead to even greater things.

If you look back at My great men and women throughout history, and even your own Father David, their greatest accomplishments all came not when they were young, but when they were old. For the many years of youth are but a preparation for the greater things that come with age.

Fear not and be not discouraged. Look not at the past, but at the future. Look at the sample of your Father David, how it seemed like he spent his whole life and yet had not reached his greatest accomplishment. But I worked through him more mightily than ever before, and so it will be with each of you if you yield to Me and you keep your eyes on Me.

Don't let the Enemy come in and discourage you and rob you of the victories that are ahead of you. Strength in life comes from Me, and I can give it to anyone that I choose, regardless of whether they feel strong or whether they feel weak, or whether they feel used up or not (ML #3047).

### 310

*(Dad:)* I know you know we all love you. We love you a whole lot. Your parents love you, your brothers and sisters love you, your friends love you, I love you, Mama loves you, Peter loves you, and we all want to see you continue to grow and be happy and fulfilled in your service for Jesus.

You're a good kid and I'm real proud of you! I'm proud of you for making the decision to return to the Family. You're one of His princes, and He's got a great mission for you! I know that you've seen life isn't a bed of roses--it isn't out there in the System and it isn't

here in the Family either--but in the Family you've got a whole lot more support, a lot more love, and a reason for living. In the Family, you're living for others and helping make other people happy, which in turn makes you happy!

So relax! Don't worry about trying to be happy or trying to "make it." Just love Jesus and love others and the rest will come!

Oh, how I love you, I do!

The Lord's gonna do some mighty things through you!

Just keep holding on, have faith above all,

And He'll hold onto you and pick you up when you fall.

Just remember, your Grandpa is cheering for you!

And when you reach the finish line, we'll shout "Hallelu!"

Ha, ha! Well, that's just a little poem to let you know that I love you and I'm rooting for you and I'm praying for you! I've got a lot of faith in you and I know you're going to make it. Keep it up! Keep fighting! Keep serving Jesus and He'll serve you--well! I love you! Love, Grandpa.

### 311

Those Here in My Heavenly Kingdom in the realm of the Spirit are all happy and fulfilled, because they understand that they have a role to play, a job to do, and they understand My love for them more fully. They do not question My love, for they have experienced the depth of My love for them. They have great peace and great joy and great contentment in being used in the position wherein I have placed them, knowing that those things which I give them to do are My will for them.

There is no competition or feeling that this one is greater or that one is greater, because they have contentment as they do My will. And oh, what joy they have in this contentment, in this knowledge that I love each of them for themselves. They understand that each one is precious to Me, each one is special to Me. They understand that I died for each one, that I have redeemed each one, and thus each one is very special to Me.



And so it is with you--each one of you is special to Me! Each one of you is called to Me, and I died for each one of you (ML #3052).

### 312

The Enemy walks about as a roaring lion, as a monster or beast of prey, seeking whom he may discourage, seeking whom he may cast down, seeking whom he may confuse and afflict with doubts. This is the Devil's machination today. He knows how discouragement, despair and hopelessness cripple the soul, and wound and weaken the spirit. Therefore he tempts all with great discouragement.

You have endured much confusion, because you have not understood why your battles have intensified, why they have become heavier and stronger at a time when it seems to you that you have made the right choices, launched out by faith and sacrificed of yourself.

My dear one, the Enemy attacks you in a greater way now that you have stepped out and are pioneering new territories, giving more of yourself and your life to Me than ever before. The Evil One hates this and is doing all within his power to render you useless in your service to Me by striking at your very inspiration, and causing your heart to feel such discouragement.

But I offer you a path of light, a path of encouragement, a path of courage, cheer, hope and inspiration! I hold out My hand to you. My arm is outstretched, willing to lift you out of the despair and darkness that surrounds you, out of the intense discouragement and the heaviness of heart which you are experiencing. I long to wrap My arms about you and tell you of My love for you.

Come into My arms, My dear one, and abide under the shadow of My wings!

### 313

To you young people I say, despise not the wisdom of the ancients, for there is much to be learned from them. Open your ears and open your eyes, and think not that your own arm will save you. Think not that you are strong in yourselves, and that by your own self-assurance you will accomplish what you want. For it is I Who work through people. It is I Who work through you. This comes not of yourselves, and there is much to be said for the experience, and for the tests, and the trials.

This is how I shape great men and women of God. Look at the example of Moses, how he spent 40 years in the desert tending the sheep. I prepared him to be the man of God that I wanted him to be. For when he was young and full of his own ideas and full of himself, he was not useful to Me. But after I had taught him and trained him and brought him through the difficult experiences, the tests, and the trying of his patience, then was he fit to accomplish that which I had prepared for him.

So it is with you. I have many things that I want you to accomplish, many things that I want you to do for Me. But I must bring you through these experiences, through the tests and the trials, like I have done with your parents. For they have come through as better gold, and I am able to use them greatly, and they are precious in My sight. They are My chosen people--not only the ones that I have chosen, but the ones that have chosen Me, and have continued to choose Me, even when the going was rough.

So remember that it is I, the Lord, Who gives strength and anointing to My people. They that are faithful to Me and to the Words of David are the ones in whom I delight and through whom I accomplish My will. Therefore carefully study these Words and pay close attention to them, that you may also follow in the footsteps of your fathers, and that you may also pass through the tests and learn from the experiences and become the vessels that I want you to be.--Not necessarily vessels of great beauty or great honor, but broken vessels through which My love and My understanding freely flows (ML #3047).

### 314

*(Dad:)* You, my funny little one, have been learning the lessons that you've been needing. Even during the times that you've been failing, you haven't been letting yourself get bogged down in the mire of condemnation. So you've been growing! You still have a long ways to go; you know that. Just like the Lord's been laying on your heart and like I've been whispering to you in these recent months, there are still definite areas you need to keep desperate about, that you're never going to be perfect in. But if you just keep desperate and keep praying, the Lord will help you overcome. In spite of your weaknesses you'll do great and mighty things for Him that you know not of, because He's working in you. So don't worry or fret! He's going to do it, because it's His work.

You'd better fight with all your might to plug into the Lord's Word every day, because that's where your peace is going to come from. That's where your steadiness, your faith and trust and calmness of spirit and peace of mind is going to come from--from making sure you stop, making sure you read. It doesn't matter whether you have some wonderful program set up of what you're going to read, or even anything organized at all. It will be the spirit and attitude of stopping everything and getting quiet before the Lord that's

going to count. The Lord will bless your faith and faithfulness to just stop and get quiet and read and reflect and listen and ponder and pray and take things to Him.

There are going to be some hectic times ahead, and people will depend on you to be depending on Jesus, and depending on me, and depending on all that's been poured into you. A lot is going to be required of you, more than you can imagine. And do you know what?--The Lord is going to do it through you! You'll be amazed! But the only way you're going to make it, the only way He's going to be able to do all this through you, is if you promise Jesus you'll stop every day somehow, some time during the day, to be with Him.

Of course you won't be perfect, but you've just got to do that. It's what's going to keep you sane. It's what's going to keep you fruitful. It's what's going to make you the blessing that I'm counting on you to be. And even though you don't feel worthy, even though you don't feel trustworthy, even though you don't feel all the wonderful things others believe and see in you, you are, because you've been found faithful.

### 315

When I put one in a position, I give them the grace and the anointing for the job. I give the power, the spirit helpers and the wisdom that is needed. But this is not their doing, this is My doing. But with these extra gifts, I expect them to yield to Me in an even greater way. And because I have given them these many gifts and these extra spirit helpers, those that counsel and guide and give them wisdom, so do I require of them great yieldedness, and so do I judge them accordingly.

Though I give those in positions [of leadership] gifts and talents, helpers and anointing more than others so they may do their particular jobs, it does not mean that I love them more. For I love you all individually, one on one, with a love that is between Me and you. In the eyes of man it looks like these have a greater measure of My love. But the measure of My love is not judged by the job, it is judged by the heart (ML #3052).

### 316

Many can love Me to a certain extent through their work, by doing what I ask them. This is not wrong, but as I have said before, I desire your love most of all. More than your service, more than your works, more than any other outward show, I desire your heart.

When you give your heart to Me fully, then I am able to satisfy your heart. Then that longing for the world, that emptiness, that wanting to fill your life with new and exciting

things, is no longer the same. Yes, you still desire to go forward in your life, to experience and to live and to love, but the emptiness is not there.

I open My arms to all. I call all to come into My bed of love, to yield themselves to Me and to let Me fill them with My love, My happiness, My anointing, My fulfillment and My strength. Yet very few choose to come as My surrendered bride and give their all to Me. But they cannot know My love and experience its blessings unless they come to Me, willing to strip themselves of their pride, their own thoughts and opinions, the pretenses that they hold up, the talents and the vain show. Unless they are willing to give all and to lie in My arms and be My bride, I cannot fulfill all that they long for in their hearts.

If they only knew! If they could only see that which I long to give unto them, how I desire their love, how I long to hold and to comfort, to fulfill their every desire and their every thought, to make them fruitful in My service, to make their heart fulfilled and bursting with joy, overflowing with My love to pour out on others! For in this is true happiness and true fulfillment.

### 317

I say unto the young, pattern not your thoughts after the influences of those about you in this evil world. The conversation of those who believe not permeates the airwaves about you. Therefore, emulate it not, copy it not, inquire not after their gods, saying, "How do they worship their gods? Even so will we do likewise." Make not the mistake that My people made when they asked for a king, when I sought to give them prophets (ML #3047).

### 318

What has been written has been written in obedience to My voice. It has been written with the guidance of My Spirit and with My love and concern and consideration for each of My children in the Family. For I know each heart--each young person's heart and each older person's heart. I know each one's needs, their strengths and talents and weaknesses, and I am deeply concerned for each one's welfare and happiness and spiritual growth.

It is My deep desire that each one grows closer to My bosom and to My heart with each written Word. Those who desperately and sincerely hunger and thirst after Me through My Words are the ones who will grow quicker and stronger and nearer to Me. They are the ones who will know My inner heart, My inner feelings, and My inner thoughts.

What they feel are new and radical or even shocking ideas from Me help to keep them seeking Me and desperate with Me. Those things help to keep our relationship alive, vibrant, new and young as they come to Me for understanding and answers and the changes that they desire.

They are in need of seeing that My love is so much more than the carnal mind can even comprehend. They are in need of understanding that My love has no limit and no end, and is willing to go to any lengths to show love and comfort to one in need.

### 319

*(Dad:)* You've got to learn to be prayerful, cautious and desperate, lest you fall prey to the devices of the Devil. For the Devil goes about as a roaring lion, seeking to destroy you, to hurt you, to injure you, to wipe you out in any way he can. It's a spiritual warfare, and that warfare does not cease, but continues day in and day out, 24 hours a day! You've got to be on your toes! You've got to be in the Spirit, deeply in tune with God. You've got to follow God. You've got to love Jesus. You've got to "for God's sake follow God!" I've said it year in and year out, in Letter after Letter. I've pleaded with your parents, I've pleaded with you kids, and I continue to plead in the halls of Heaven. I don't stop praying for you!

So get this lesson and get it right and get it down: You've got to be very prayerful, very desperate and very cautious! Being prayerful is not enough; you've got to be careful too. You've got to be prayerful and careful--seeking the Lord always in prayer and supplication! Look out for one another, pray for one another, love one another. Lay hands on one another in prayer. Lay hands on your drivers. Don't let that driver drive without laying hands on him first and praying for him. Lay hands on your vehicles and pray for them!

Be careful for your lives! Be careful what you eat! Turn out the lights and save on your utilities. Live the life of a missionary! Be revolutionary! Be saving! Be loving! Think of others. Pay attention to all these things that I've told you, for they are life and they are the way you should live your lives. They're for your good and for your training and for your upbringing (ML #3054).

### 320

All things are yours in Christ Jesus. Behold, I set before you many open doors, each door leading to a different aspect of My service. You have been called to many tasks, but seek My face daily for that which is My highest will for you at that time.

I wish to lead you in many ways and to show you many things. You have been raised to love Me since your youth, and this is a great thing; few there be that do this, and these in My Family are some of those few. So yours is a high calling, called not only to be a servant, but also to be a lover of your King, of your God.

So serve Me with all your heart. Love Me with all your heart. Do not hold back, but go forth in My love. Strive in My love. Work in My love. And yes, even love in My love. For this shall bring forth great and wonderful fruit! Your labors shall be blessed, and your life shall be blessed.

I am your First Love. If you keep Me as your First Love, then your way shall be blessed and whatsoever you put your hand to shall prosper.

### 321

You must learn what this means, that man looks on the outward appearance, but that I look upon the heart. I measure the faithfulness and yieldedness and love of the heart--not the position and power given to the man. Though some men must have positions and power, I nevertheless judge by the heart, by the spirit. I judge Heavenly judgment, not earthly judgment.

I weigh each person's love, yieldedness and faithfulness in a balance that is counterbalanced with the weights that I choose--the weights of the gifts and the talents that I have given them. To him that is given much is much required. For if much is given, the counterbalance weight is heavy. He that is given much is expected to give much in return, and he is balanced against those things which I have given. He whose talents are less has less of a counterbalance on the scale.

I do not judge all men equally by counterbalance, but I judge each one as one, as an individual. I do not compare. I bring each one through their own lessons, their own testings, their own trials, and I judge them accordingly. I do not judge one according to the tests and the trials of another. I judge this one according to the tests and trials of this one alone, and I reward accordingly; each one according to their own tests, each one weighed according to their own counterbalance.

I judge not according to the manner of the law, but according to the manner of love. For each one is an individual. Each one is individually loved by Me. Each one is individually judged and rewarded according to My love, according to My wisdom, and according to My justice--the justice of love, the justice of understanding (ML #3052).

Fight to be freed from the pollution of the Enemy! It is not something that you must do in your own strength. You must simply look to My Word. Read it prayerfully and carefully. Continue to ask Me for the strength and the help that you need, and I will not fail you.

My Word is powerful and is able! I am able to do that which none other can do. I am able to restore you and to give you peace of mind. I am more than able. You must just continue to trust and hold on to Me. Do not analyze, do not worry, and do not fear. Just hold My hand, rest in My bosom, and I will sustain you.

Rest on My Word and it will keep you. Think on My Words and they will cleanse you from all fears and doubts and afflictions of the Enemy. Dig into My Word, old and new. Dig into the treasures and let not the Enemy rob you of the truth. Let him not steal your place in My Family, and let him not steal you from My arms. Let not the Enemy take away your connection with Me and rob you of the blessings, strength and faith that only I can give.

Your loved ones who have left their crown at this time and have strayed far from My side have not the peace of mind that they seek, nor freedom from their fears. They are not free from worry or regret. But I am able to give you the peace, comfort, strength, and freedom from fear, worry and doubt that you need. Only I am the source of peace, for I am peace, and I am love.

You must simply come to Me and rest completely upon My Spirit and upon My Words. I simply ask that you come, that you call upon Me, and let Me work within you. Let My Words work within you, and let My Words give you strength and faith. For no one else can give faith--it is in My Word and My Word only. In My Word lies everything. My Word is the source and can supply all of your needs.

Love has magical powers! It is the mystery of the heart, the center of emotions. When you are in love, it is the highest feeling, and when you feel loved it is the most comforting feeling. It is one of the greatest gifts I have given you that you can give to another, and requires the greatest wisdom in handling it to help others and not hurt. It is also very volatile. It can be a great blessing or it can be very painful.

All love is of Me, and I place that love toward another in each person's heart. But emotions can be of man, and the emotions of love can sometimes be overpowering and hard to control, like any emotions--anger, impatience, disappointment, discouragement.

But they can be controlled by the Spirit, and when brought into subjection and controlled they are a great blessing. But when they run away out of control, like a runaway horse, then it can hurt the ones they come in contact with, and the rider.

So let My love constrain you. Let the love of Christ constrain your emotions to keep them in check. The love of Christ will not hurt others, for love bears all things, is not easily provoked, seeks not her own, is patient and longsuffering. So ask for My love to constrain you and to bring your feelings and emotions under control.

No love can be forced. I love many people and want to show them and give them My love; but if they are not ready, then I cannot force it on them. I can only offer, and then return another time and offer again. For time solves many things. In time, many people's hearts change, and in time they may be ready for the love you have to offer, or you may be ready for another.

Do not be disappointed, and do not set your hopes on one person. For throughout the life of each person I bring many people across their path. Some fall in love with each other mutually, and sometimes only one person falls in love with the other. Each is designed for a special purpose, for a particular lesson and stage of growth.

Whether you are in love or not, there are always many lessons to learn--how to be loving even though you're not in love, which is an even greater love; how to love unconditionally; how to handle and treat each other's hearts in love. The lesson of life is learning how to love and act in love in any situation, whether you are in love or out of love. If you can do this, this is true love.

## 324

This is a day when young and old must be married as one, for I have called My bride as one bride. My bride is one bride and there is no male nor female, there is no young nor old in Christ Jesus. I look upon the heart.

Forget not the time in which you live. For I have said unto you, old and young, that you shall go through Great Tribulation, but I will be with you and I will give you grace. But the Enemy seeks to divide and conquer, and there is great need for unity and solidarity, that you think and move as one man, as My one bride, as My one wife. Therefore be married one to another (ML #3047).

## 325



Do not ask yourself, "Who am I, and what can I do?" For I say unto you, as you go in the power of My might and My strength, I will lead and guide you. You truly are nothing of yourself and your strength is not very great. There are times that you may think you're strong, and that you have the courage and the gumption necessary, but know that this strength is only of Me.

I will go before you and lead the way. I have given you so many blessings, so much, because I love you. And I know that you love Me. I know that you cherish My Words and My love. It is for this reason I have given you so much. I have much more in store for you, My dear one--so many more blessings that there shall not be room enough to hold them all! I love you dearly! The love and service that you have given Me shall not go unrewarded.

### 326

*(Dad:)* I plead with you to be prayerful, to be sober, to be vigilant, to grow up! Now is the time to no longer be children, but to be strong young men and women, those who can carry a big load in the Spirit, those who can be trusted. Now is the time to grow up, kids! I've taught you and trained you all that I could, and I continue to plead and reason with you from Here in Heaven.

Now is the time to put away childish things and to embrace the Words which the Lord has given me for you. Now is the time to become a man or to become a woman. Put away childish things! Flee youthful lusts and put away frivolous and foolish things!

And by all means, put away envying and strife from among yourselves, comparing yourselves one with another, which the Scripture says is not wise. Get your eyes on Jesus! Get your eyes on the goal!

You're great kids and you're all Heaven-bound! The whole Family is going to Heaven! You're on your way to the Promised Land! So be sure to stay on board! Don't allow the Enemy to trip you up and get you off track. Grow up into what God has trained you for and has made you to be! Fulfill the purpose for which He has created you, and you'll be right in the center of His will, going for Him!

Do it, kids, for my sake, for Jesus' sake, for the sake of your brothers and sisters, for your parents who love you so, and great shall be your reward! You're great kids and God has a lot of great things in store for you, so keep going for Him. I love you! (ML #3054).

### 327

I know each heart, whether young or old. I know each one's needs, their strengths and talents and weaknesses, and I am deeply concerned for each one's welfare and happiness and spiritual growth. For it is My deep desire that each one grows closer to My bosom and to My heart with each written Word. Those who desperately and sincerely hunger and thirst after Me through My Words are the ones who will grow quicker and stronger and nearer to Me, and they are the ones who will know My inner heart, My inner feelings and My inner thoughts.

### 328

You are My precious pets. Just as you have precious pets and love them, so do I love you. I wish to give you this love manifested in many ways, even in little ways, like giving you pets.

Your pets have the ministry of reminding you of how much I love you and how you are My pets. I look upon you with the love that you look upon these. I care for you in your helplessness as you care for these. I keep you warm, fed, nourished and happy, for I love you.

### 329

In every man's life there are testings, there are trials, there are provings, there are periods of purging, of squeezing, of melting, of molding. But I do not withdraw My love during that time. I am there and I am faithful to love you, for I have purchased you and you are Mine. But I allow these things to cause you to grow and to make you strong.

When one man goes through these periods of testing, and yet another man seems to be greatly blessed, it is not a sign that I love one over the other. Do not judge My love according to outward appearance. I judge each one as one. I love each one as one. If I have called you to a lowly task, to a humble task, to a tedious task, you should not look at another who has a seemingly glorious task and say, "This one is more loved of God than I," for it is not so. I love you, and I judge you according to that which I have brought across your path. I judge you according to your faithfulness, your yieldedness, and your willingness (ML #3052).

### 330

I love every one of My children. I love each of you so much that I gave My life when I died on the cross to save each of you. My love is so great that many do not understand it. Many cannot see how I could have come to Earth and died on the cross to save you. Even in this day and age, people question whether or not I really am the Son of God, and whether I really am Who I say I am. So it is in the hands of people like you that I leave the responsibility of pouring forth this message to the world.

The Enemy of your souls is out there seeking whom he may devour. He is reaching out his fangs and his claws, trying to gather more followers for his cause in this day and age, trying to capture the hearts of the world through slanderous and vicious means.

I need your help! I need the help of My children, strong warriors like yourself, to spread the news that I am the truth, I am love, and I am the only light of this world. Without Me, you can do nothing. This day and age is getting darker and darker, and the world is being flooded by so many lies that it is difficult for people to understand the simplicity of the Gospel and the simplicity of My love. It is for this reason that I have chosen the Family in this Endtime to pour forth My Words to the lost.

Though My Words may fall on stony ground at times, and though they may not be received, and though they may be rejected by many, some of My Words will fall on good ground and on those who will be reached through the efforts of your love.

### 331

You ask, "Why am I discouraged? We have followed the Words of David. Dad said do this, and we did it! Dad said do that, and we did it! We have followed! We obeyed the words in the Black Book and the Red Book and the Blue Book and the FF Volume; we did these things! Why am I discouraged today? Where is my usefulness? Why do I have this feeling that I have failed? That I have come to the uttermost ends of failure? That I have wasted my life? I obeyed the Words of David to the best of my ability! Why do I feel like such a failure? Why do I feel strapped down with an older body and weakness and many children?--And even the criticism of my own young people! I feel buried! I feel so many weights upon me! Why do I feel these weights?"

I look upon you, and I am looking down upon you now, and I am reaching out My hand! My arm reaches and stretches forth to you. Take hold of My hand, because I am proud of you! I have great pride in you, that you have followed the Words of David. I am very proud of you, that during this time of discouragement you have held on and you have not quit, you have not run out the door! You kept trying, and you kept praying, and you kept reading, and you kept pouring out your hearts to those around you, to your little ones, and

you did not give up. I am proud of you, and I shall lift you to high and lofty and wonderful works again! Beautiful, lofty works that the world shall see and shall admire! I shall do these things. I shall pour forth My compassion through your broken hearts, and this is what the world will admire (ML #3047).

### 332

My precious ones, My bride, My lover of all loves, I have designed the plan of prayer so that we may be one. I create a need in you, and prayer is the way I fill that need. As you pray, you come and lie here in My arms, that we may be one and love together. So pray, depend on Me, and lean hard on Me through prayer. For I love you, I desire you, and I want you to want Me. I need you to need Me. I long to be one with you. It's your positive declaration of faith through prayer that turns Me on. It shows you need Me, and I want you to need Me.

I know your weakness, I know your frailties, and I have designed a safeguard that you might stay close by My side--the safeguard of prayer. For you must pray to move My hand; you must communicate to get results. This is a safeguard, for if it were not so, you would be tempted to go drifting off without Me.

### 333

Oh, that My children would be children of praise! Oh, that they would constantly have a word and a song of praise in their hearts and on their lips! For when you are praising, then I can envelop you in My Spirit. Praise helps to ward off the attacks of doubts and fears and worries put in your mind by the Evil One. Praise brings great strength, because praise helps you to keep your mind stayed on Me. My people ought always to praise and not to faint, and not to become weary in well doing.

Praise is so important! Praise is precious! Praise is valuable! Praise is the way of the Kingdom! Praise is the opposite of the way of the world. The Devil brings his people into bondage through fear and worry and contention and bitterness and murmuring. But I long to bring My children into freedom through praise and thanksgiving!

I find great pleasure in the praise of My children. Just as you find great pleasure in the compliments and praise of your lover, so do I find great joy in the praise of My bride. As you praise Me for My blessings, for My supply, for My protection, for My words of love, for My guidance and instruction, so will I open the windows of Heaven and pour forth all these things in greater abundance! (ML #3055).

### 334

*(Dad:)* I know you're concerned about your children, but I want you to know that you've done a great job! Continue pouring into them and getting them out witnessing like you have been. Through that and through seeing your sample they will want to do the same and will want to follow in your footsteps. Sure there'll be some rough spots and some difficult decisions, and sometimes it might even seem that they're going down a different path, but they'll always come back. They just want to flap their wings a little bit. So keep an eye on them and be there when they need you, and they will come back. Be there to lovingly hold out your hand and guide them back.

### 335

Do not look at another man's position or another man's blessings, for you do not see as God sees. You do not even see blessings as God sees blessings. For the purgings and the testings, the desert times that seem to you to be a curse, that seem to be the time when I have lifted My hands from you, these are also blessings in My eyes. For they mold you and they strengthen you, and they make you into what I would have you to be.--Not what you think you should be, but what I would have you to be.

And why are these Here in My Heavenly realm contented and happy and praiseful and joyful?--Because they understand these things! They understand that not all can be called to this one task or to that one task. They understand that I love them for what they are. I love them for what they do, whether big or small in the eyes of man. I love them because they love Me, and they love Me because I love them.

So do not look at what another has. Look to Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith. Look to Me, for I see just you. I judge just you. I love just you. So be faithful in the calling in which I have placed you. Serve Me, trust Me, obey Me. Yield to Me in the position I have placed you, whether it be a high position or a lowly position, whether you be on top of the mountain or whether you be in the depths of the desert. For in all these places I love you, for you are Mine.

He of great position is Mine, and he of lowly position is Mine. He that seems to be mightily blessed is Mine. He that is in the midst of storms and trials and testing is Mine. For you are Mine, and I love you for who you are, and I love you for what you are doing, for being faithful with that which I have given you (ML #3052).

### 336

Pray without ceasing! Keep the fires burning! Difficult situations require more earnest prayers, and sometimes you must keep fanning the flame, keep fueling the fire, that it go not out. So it is with desperate prayers and quickie prayers. Longer, united, fervent prayer can set the fire ablaze, while quickie prayers can keep it well fueled. Keep adding one log here, another log there, and keep it burning until the desired results are met.

The very intensity with which you pray will be reflected in the intensity with which I will answer, so you must pray according to the need.

Be not rigid in your prayers. Be not stuck in a rut, formal and stiff. When you get excited and come to Me with enthusiasm and fervor, it turns Me on and inspires Me to answer, to do all within My power to help. But when you speak as if it's a drudgery, a formality, I feel as though you don't really care.

Please, I beg of you, spare Me the ritual! I want a relationship! I want your heart! I want your love! I want your utter dependence on Me!

### 337

Lighten up on the old folks! Give'm a break! I tell you, these are tops in My book! These are the folks who have endured the heat of the day. I'm proud of them! They're great and have done great things!

I'll tell you, these old folks have gone through a lot. Your Father David never took off until he was 49! Most of these old ones haven't even gotten that old yet! They are not washed up! They have hardly begun, so give'm a break! Let Me tell you, I think they have endured a lot. They went through the hard times. They are the ones that took this movement from nothing to something. And look at it now, it's the talk of the world! They are pretty good, pretty revolutionary, these old folks, and I really love them. So give'm a break! Look up to them and listen to them. You'd be surprised how smart they are (ML #3047).

### 338

My disciples came to Me and said, "Lord, teach us to pray," so I gave them a model prayer, a sample to follow, an example so that they could pray and they could learn how to hear from Heaven. I couldn't do all the praying for them, and get all the answers and all the solutions. So likewise with these questions or problems, you also must teach My

children to pray and to seek Me.--To not only present their petitions before you, but to bring their petitions before Me and to hear from Me, and I will answer them and speak to their hearts and show them. This will give them faith and help them to be obedient, and it will make things easier for all.

In My love for you I answer your questions and I give you the guidance you seek. It pleases Me that you seek Me. Continue in all your ways to seek Me for the answers, and I will lead and guide and manifest My love to you in answering your many questions. I love to lead and guide and instruct you, so that we may walk together and you may be My hands, My heart, My eyes and My love to those around you.

### 339

I will teach all My children to praise as never before! My people shall be known as a people of praise, prophets of praise. They will be a whirlwind of praise, beautiful and powerful in My sight! So think not that this is a small thing, for it is a great and powerful thing! This whirlwind of praise shall sweep the Earth, and in its wake will be showers of blessings! It will be a testimony to all who look upon My prophets of praise, that I honor and reward those who come to Me with praise and honor and glory (ML #3055).

### 340

I call you out that I may bring you in--in to an understanding of My love for you, and in to an understanding of the strength that I have given you. I call you out and away from home to help you grow, so you can see that you can stand, and that I will help to uphold you.

Like a tree that stands in a pot and is nurtured and well cared for in a nursery is then transplanted into the firm earth, so is it with you. You have been nurtured, lo, these many years, and now I plant you into the earth and you shall see that you will grow and bear fruit. When you are planted in the earth you are no longer in the safe confines of the nursery, but you are more exposed to the elements--the wind and rain and snow and sunshine. But this strengthens you and causes you to grow and to bear and bring forth fruit.

Your interaction with others of your own age will also teach you many things, and will help you grow and understand. There will be many lessons, and there will be many joys, and there will be some heartbreaks. But each thing that I bring across your path is to help

you to grow, to strengthen you, to draw you nigh to Me, and to make you into the person that I want you to be.

Oh, the wondrous things that you shall learn! This is My purpose for sending you, that you shall learn and that you shall grow, and that you shall prosper and become fruitful.

Trust Me for whatever comes your way. Whatever befalls you, know that I love you and that I am with you, and that I care for you. I will pour forth manifold blessings upon you: blessings of My love, blessings of My Word, even blessings of trials so you shall grow. Know that I am with you and that I love you and care for you. Know that I love you, and thus I give you your heart's desires. I am well pleased in your faith to take this step, and I send you forth with helpers and protectors to keep you and to strengthen you, that you may grow into the person I have designed you to be.

### 341

*(Dad:)* You'd be surprised to see how much importance the Lord places on your yieldedness and your faithfulness. He doesn't judge you by your great accomplishments, because He knows that those accomplishments occurred because He was working through you anyway! He judges you by your love for Him and others, and your obedience and faithfulness to Him and His Word. He judges you by what you did, by you, not by what someone else did. As He said, "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much." When you are faithful in those things which are least, to Him it is much.

When you let Him have full sway in your life, it is worth great honor Here! And when He has full sway, He doesn't always bring you to some great height, He just brings you to where He wants to bring you. Then He sees if you will be obedient and faithful there. That's why He says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" And, oh, the joy that you enter into Here!--The joy of knowing His love in fullness and completeness! The joy you have in seeing that all that faithfulness, all those yieldings pay off in His reward and in the glory that He gives!

Oh, there is great glory for some Here who seemed to do nothing there! They were unknown and unsung, but they were judged righteous and faithful because they did His bidding. So be faithful. Be diligent. Be yielded. But above all, be loving, and great will be your reward when you get Here. Great will be your reward. I'll say it again: Great will be your reward! (ML #3052).



### 342

Prayer is communication with Me. Do you not long to communicate with your Lover? I love it when you talk to Me, when you communicate with Me.

Please, please, I beg of you, communicate! I need to hear from you. I want to know details, tidbits, facts, figures, particulars, the specifics, the ins and outs. I love you! I care for you! I'm interested!

### 343

The mystery of My will is as a detailed road map of a large country, with many roads that you may follow. On the map, X marks the spot of the final destination, and it is given to you to pray and plan, to chart your course and to choose which route you would take to reach the spot marked X.

The map is detailed, and there are many roads--main roads, subsidiary roads, rural roads, even back alleys within the cities--many routes on the map of My will that can lead you to the final destination. Within the confines of My will I set certain boundaries that are marked on the map, that within those boundaries you may chart your course and reach the goal.

As is evident if you study the map, there is a direct route to the final destination. The direct route is always the best route, for along the way you will find gas stations and roadside rest stops, everything necessary to make your journey. Yet there are always those who prefer the more indirect route that on the map may sometimes look more exciting, more thrilling, and may even appear to be a shortcut. They fail to take into consideration that, although the road may look shorter, it is a lesser line; therefore it is not actually the best route or the best road they can take. It may denote an unpaved highway, or be full of potholes and dangerous turns, or be lacking in guard rails or not well lit. People often forget that a map is a map, and at times you are unable to tell exactly what you're getting into by merely looking at the map. It takes careful reading and planning, and sometimes seeking counsel from others who have traveled the road.

Those who choose to take a more indirect route take greater risks along the way--risks of getting off on detours and auxiliary roads. Although they may reach the final destination, they run a greater risk of breakdowns, of running out of gas without a station in sight, or getting a flat tire in the rough terrain of backcountry roads. They can still reach the final destination, but they're likely to arrive weary and worn and in need of much more rest and recuperation than those who traveled the direct route. They often will be in need of a longer rest and recuperation time upon arrival, and making up for time lost due to

wearisome travels. This is the risk of veering off the direct route of My highest and best will.

I give you the map of My will well in advance, that you may take the time to chart your course. Mark it well in advance. Seek counsel from others if need be. Seek confirmation as to the best route to take, that you may avoid the pitfalls and setbacks and dangerous roads.

### 344

There are cycles--cycles in which things go well, and then they go bad, and then I bring forth victories and they go well again. You must hold on to Me, seek Me, and follow Me through each phase of the cycles.

When you're faced with these obstacles, these tests, these trials, don't let them discourage you. Don't be downcast about them, or worried that they will not be solved, or that victories will not be won; for I say to you, they will, for it is part of the cycle. But you must go through this portion of the cycle to come out at the other end with victory.

That's the purpose of the cycle: that when the problems and the difficulties arise, you rise up to meet them in faith. You fight and you win, and that brings forth the next portion of the cycle: the victory, the progress, the forward movement. Then you are faced with new challenges, new fights and new tests, and you must once again fight, take up the challenge, seek Me, and cry out to Me, that you may overcome these tests and trials, and that you may then move out of that portion of the cycle, and again into the victory. And again, there come more tests, more trials, more challenges, and again, you seek Me, obey Me, and that brings forth the victory.

Like a wheel, the top goes down to the bottom and comes up to the top again. That is motion, and that moves the vehicle forward. And that's what these cycles do--they move you forward. So don't look at them as defeats or weights, but as challenges, as a way to make forward motion. And, yes, I know it's difficult to fight your way through. I know it's difficult to face the problems, to face the challenges, to seek Me for solutions and to implement them, but as you do, it brings you out of the decline of the cycle, the low point of the cycle, upward to the victory, the high point of the cycle. And so you move round and round and round, as a wheel that turns and makes forward motion.

But if at any time you do not seek Me for the solutions, you do not take up the challenges, and you do not fight the fight and overcome, then it's like stopping the cycle, as in putting the brakes on, so that you remain at the low point of the cycle and there is no forward motion; the vehicle just sits, going nowhere.

So you must take up these challenges and these fights, and you must seek Me, and you must win the victories, so that the cycle can be ever turning, ever revolving, ever moving forward.--So that you as a person, you as a Home, you as an area, you as the complete Family, will constantly be moving forward, growing, going on, ever upward, ever forward and on to victory! (ML #3071).

### 345

I give you an illustration: You see those who compete for the honors of men, the athletes who receive their day of glory as they run the race. You see those who are experts in their fields--the gymnasts, the swimmers, the runners--all of those who have gathered together to compete for the glories of man. They are the best in the world in their field, and they compete to be acknowledged as the very best, as the top. But how did they get there? What did they endure? What sacrifices did they make? What parts of their lives did they give up? What determination did they have?

These have trained day after day after day, week after week after week, month after month, year after year! They have focused on one thing, and one thing alone. They did not let themselves be turned to the right or to the left, but focused on the goal of being able to compete, of being able to run with the best, to test their skills. They have received the honor of competing, of being in the arena. Whether they win or whether they lose, still they had the honor of running the race, of being there, of having their dreams fulfilled. They have given their lives to fulfill this dream.

I parallel this to you, My dear one. For you have trained all your life, you have fought many battles, you have laid many things aside, you have been faithful, and thus you have made it to the arena. This arena is a place of great honor, for you have proven yourself worthy to be called to the arena and to run the race. The potential is there for you to run and win, to receive the medal of gold.

The medal of the winner goes to those who are the swiftest, who have the most determination, who sacrifice their all in one great burst of energy and determination. All who run the race in the arena are honored, cherished and loved, for they paid the price. And so it is with you, My loved one, for you are loved, and you are honored, and the medal is there for you. But it takes that final burst of faith, determination, and sacrifice. It takes everything within you, in one final burst, to win. But win or not, you are in the arena, and you are running, and you are loved, and you have made it. You have fulfilled much of your calling.

I know your heart. I know your determination. I know your desires. I require only this last burst of commitment, of determination, of sacrifice, of laying down your life and your will, that the crown--the prize, the medal--may be yours. Rest assured, My dear one, that I am with you, that I am your comfort, that I am the healer of the brokenhearted. Rest assured that I understand all that is within your heart. I look upon you with great understanding and great love, and My love for you is completely unconditional.

You are Mine, and as the parents of any who run the race, it matters not to them whether their child wins or loses, they are still the parents' child. The parents love the child the same, whether he stands on the podium and receives medals, or whether he stands below as one who runs but does not get the final prize. To the parents it makes no difference. For the parents love the child not for the prize, but just because they love them. And so it is with Me and My love for you. I love you with an everlasting love that shall never fade or weaken, but shall remain constant.

I will not love you any more or any less based on the outcome of your decisions, because My love for you is constant and never-ending. Be assured of this, for I love you because you are you--not because of what you do, or who you are, or because of position or decision. I love you because you are My child, you are My lover, you are My wife.

### 346

Great is your faithfulness. Great is the faithfulness which you Family elders have shown unto Me! Cheer up, ye saints of God! So you think you are the "over-the-hill gang," huh? Ha! What is that in thine hand? Behold the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God! Come with Me and let's cut the Devil to the heart! Come with Me, and look at My "over-the-hill gang!" Let Me open My book and show you a few of them.

We'll start over here in the Old Testament. There is Abraham and Noah, and Moses and Enoch--pretty old folks, weren't they? But they were mightily used. I started out with Abraham to build My Church, and though he was old, I fulfilled My promise to Him through Isaac. And remember Sarah? I loved her so much, but she didn't even start having kids until she was past time. How's that for using someone "over the hill"? How much more do you think I love and appreciate all you have done! All you faithful women who have had so many children, don't think you are all spent or all used up and have no worth to Me--you have been used as tools to make My New Nation, and I'm not done yet!

There are dark days ahead and you will be greatly needed and greatly used, and you are greatly needed now! Don't listen to the lies of that Ol' Boy when he comes around and tries to tell you that you are of no use. For man looks on the outward appearance, but God

looks on the heart. And remember what it says in My Word: Blessed is the man that has his quiver full of children. Look to My Word and see yourself as I see you, and listen not to the lies of the Enemy (ML #3047).

### 347

A child who is obedient has faith to come into his father's presence, to enjoy his company, to partake of his love and his words of praise and commendation, to receive from him affection and tokens of love and rewards. An obedient child runs to his father's breast with excitement, for he has confidence that his father is well pleased in him, and that their time together will be pleasant and full of joy. The obedient child does not hide in the shadows and stand afar off, only partaking of the love from a distance because he is ashamed and embarrassed on account of his disobedience.

The obedient child sits close by his father's feet, where he will hear every word. He sits on his father's lap and wraps his arms around his neck and kisses his cheek, and he receives the pats and praises of his father. The obedient child makes his requests known, because he knows that his father is pleased and eager to grant these requests, even his heart's desires.

But the disobedient child has not such faith or confidence, and the loss is his. It is not because the father loves him less, but it is because the disobedient child is reluctant to come and sit at the father's feet and sit on his lap, wrap his arms around him and kiss his cheek. His disobedience is what separates him from his father's love. He knows the love exists, but he knows it only from a distance.

Faith to draw nigh unto the father and to receive his blessing of love is the difference between the obedient son and the disobedient son. One has faith to come to the father. The other does not. One expects the reward of his father because he knows he has pleased him through obedience. The other has not such faith. And so you see the link between obedience, faith, and the manifestation of My love in your life.

### 348

First is first and second is second, and these two are not the same. Gold is gold, silver is silver, and bronze is bronze. Each place, first, second and third, wins a prize. Yet are not gold, silver and bronze different in value? Is not gold far more precious than silver or bronze? All are winners and all gain a prize, but they vary in value. Only one is best. A blue ribbon is a blue ribbon and a red ribbon is a red ribbon--different in color to signify

that one is first and the other is second. The blue is first for greater achievement, greater performance, worthy of greater reward.

Those who choose second best within My will do not fail the course. I am as a teacher and you are as My students. When you sit down to take My exam, you have but to gain a passing grade to pass the course. There is a percentage, a range of allotted scores that deem you eligible to pass the course and move on to the next grade. Whether you receive an A plus, or a B minus, or even a C, or as low as a D, you still pass the course. Yet does not the student who passes with an A plus receive more honor than the student who passes with a D? Do his future opportunities not look brighter due to his high scores? Is this student not eligible for a scholarship?

I give honor to whom honor is due. I honor the student who studies well, who applies himself, and who puts his all into the course.

### 349

Fear not, My faithful one. Fear not, but come unto Me. I see that you are burdened and heavy laden. I see that you are in need of rest. And yet I allow this, that you would come unto Me. Come to Me with all your burdens and I will give you rest. The secret is, you must cast your care totally and completely upon Me, and I will give you rest.

You are My beloved child in whom I am well pleased. Don't you know that I will not give you one measure more of task or burden than you are able to bear? For it is I Who will strengthen you, it is I Who do strengthen you, and I will yet strengthen you for the tasks at hand, and for the tasks ahead. But you must come unto Me and lay down your burden. Cast your cares upon Me and I will care for you (ML #3073).

### 350

Look not at the waves, nor the wind, nor the storm, nor the condition of your vessel, but look to Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith. For though the waves rise and seem so much stronger than your weak vessel, know that I am the Master Pilot, and if I am guiding your little ship, I can guide you through the waves and the wind and the storm. Oh, how I wish to guide your vessel! But in order to steer you through the storms, you must let My hands be upon the wheel, and not your own.

I am the Master Pilot, and I know how to pilot the boat in the severest of storms. I know how to face the vessel into the wind, and how to ride over the tall walls of waves that

seek to crush. So let My hands rest upon the wheel, that I may pilot you through the storm and into calm seas once again.

The storms always pass, but the question is, will the tiny vessel make it through the storm? If you let My hands be upon the wheel, I guarantee you will make it through the storm, and that you will once again find the calm, warm seas. So look not at the waves or the wind or the storm, but keep your eyes focused fully upon Me.

### 351

I am a God of love and mercy and righteousness and tenderness and forgiveness and sympathy. My judgments are true and righteous altogether. My rewards are absolutely fair. My judgment is totally honest. My recompense is absolutely true.

I give unto each one as he has given unto Me of his life and his labor, his tears and his prayers and his concern. Everything that you do for Me in this life is greatly rewarded in the life that is to come--much more than you could ever imagine! You will be given an hundredfold for every bit of love and concern and labor that is given to My Kingdom.

There is no sacrifice that will go unrewarded or unseen or unnoticed by Me, for I watch your every move and I know your every thought. I see your tears and I hear your prayers. I feel your concern, and when you struggle, I am moved with compassion upon you. When you are tempted and when you are weary and weak, I am moved with compassion upon you. When you are victorious, I rejoice with you. When you are strengthened and you go forth to battle to fight against the Enemy, I see, I hear, I understand, and I record these acts of valor, courage and dedication. And you will be rewarded far beyond your wildest dreams! For I am a just God and I give unto each one his just reward (ML #3052).

### 352

If you want to see My love manifested in your life to the full, then obey by drawing nigh to Me. Obey by loving Me above all things. Obey by seeking Me first. Obey by creating faith through hearing My Word. Obey by resisting negative thoughts, comparisons and jealousies. Obey by loving Me intimately as your Husband. Obey by hearing My whispers. Obey by desiring above all things to do My will. Obey by giving of yourself and laying down your life for others. Obey by trusting in Me and not leaning to your own understanding. Obey by hungering after righteousness and doing those things which you know to be right. Obey by loving Me with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind, and loving others as yourself.

Through such obedience comes faith. And through faith you will discover such love as you have never known before. My love is there for you. What you receive and how much you receive is dependent upon your faith. Reach out the hand of faith, and according to your faith it will be done unto you. My capacity to give love unto you is limited only by your capacity to receive. Your capacity to receive is limited by your faith. Your faith is determined by whether you obey or disobey.

### 353

Remember that there are cycles that you pass through. When you are in the lowest part of the cycle, that is when you must cry out to Me and hang on to Me and trust Me the most, because all around you looks like tests and trials, like defeat and discouragement. That is when you must look to Me, and I will guide you and direct you to bring you out of that portion of the cycle, and into the victorious portion.

When all is dark and you cannot see, when all seems to be defeat, or when there are problems that you are facing that you do not see the answers to, just seek Me and trust Me, for I will show you. I promise you this: If you call out to Me, I will answer, and I will show you great and mighty things that you know not!

So do not look at these setbacks, these tests, these difficulties as defeat; look at them as stepping stones to victory, stepping stones to progress. If you didn't have some of these tests and trials, you would become complacent, you would not strive to move forward, you would not try to solve the problems, you would not desperately seek Me for the solutions, for the answers. But I have allowed things to happen around you to move you.

So don't be fearful or worried, but rather be challenged, and know beyond the shadow of a doubt that My answers are there, and that as you seek Me, I will pull you out of that portion of the cycle and into the other. But if you seek Me not, if you do not take up the challenge, if you do not cry out to Me, if you do not look to Me for the answer, if you do not desperately cry out to Me, then I cannot bring you through the cycle. Because this is the dynamics of the cycle--that you must cry out and call out and seek Me and face the challenge, so that it brings forth the victory (ML #3071).

### 354

Best is best, greatest is greatest, and most is most--most satisfactory, most desirable, and surpassing others. Those who choose to follow My highest and My best are they who give Me great satisfaction. I am well pleased in all those who make the grade. Yet My



desire toward those who follow closely by choosing My highest is magnified. If there were no difference between second and first--second and best--what excitement would there be in having to choose at all? Where would the challenge be, and where would your choice lie? If there were not a difference, then what would be the point of taking the test?

As it was with Adam, so has it been the same down through all history. I have always set My will before you, and it is up to man to choose. This is the mystery of the divine majesty of choice that I have allowed to be placed in the hands of man. This is the divine power that I bestow upon man, that he must choose what road to take. Yesterday, today, and forever, man will have choice.

### 355

You, My younger ones, take heed to My Word, for this is how I see it. I honor your parents and they are precious in My sight. It is My desire that you work together, for in unity there is great strength. In unity you will defeat the Enemy, and you will be the victors!

Listen not to the lies of the Enemy who will come in and try to divide and conquer, but rebuke him and repair the breach in the wall. Listen not to the Evil One who would like to take you apart, but stand as one. For we all have need of each other for the body to function. The older cannot say to the younger, "I have no need of you." And the younger cannot say to the older, "I have no need of you." For I have made you both to work together, to make My body strong to defeat the Evil One!

And here is a little something that I would like to let you know: It is the Enemy who seeks to divide you, because it is My plan that you work together to defeat him! He is angry, and he wants to get in, in any way, to defeat My purpose. But My purpose will not be defeated! Harken unto My Word, and rebuke the Enemy and resist him, for he seeks to divide you, one against the other. He seeks to discourage My older ones.

Draw nigh to Me, and I will draw nigh to you, and I will strengthen you. Look to My Word, for in it is the truth, and the principles, and the way that you should go. Unite against this dark Evil One who tries to defeat you! Strive for unity, for in unity there is strength (ML #3047).

### 356

My beautiful bride, lover and sweetheart, I love you! I see deep within you your desire to love Me fully. I see your desire to have a special link and relationship with Me, and you

long for closeness with Me. I will give you the things that you ask--that oneness, that special relationship with Me.

As you come before Me in total abandonment, in nakedness and yieldedness, I will fill you and thrill you with joys and ecstasies more spectacular than any earthly feeling. I can be the Man of your dreams, and I can satisfy you like no other can. The words that you say unto Me will be special, for they truly come from your heart and pour forth with sincerity, love and feeling.

Don't worry about whether our relationship will "work," or whether we will lose that special touch. For you are bound to Me forever and I to you, and the love we share is special. The love that you and I share is far greater than the love you will share with any other. For I am the Almighty, the Great God, Creator of the universe and of all that is in it, in all its majesty. Yet you are as important to Me and as dear to Me as anything I have ever created. You hold a special place in My heart.

### 357

Look not ahead! Look not ahead to one month from now, or two weeks from now, or one week from now, or even one day from now. Fret not yourself for tomorrow, for as I have promised, tomorrow will take care of itself as you cast your burden on Me and continue to cast it on Me. Look not ahead even one hour from now. No, look not ahead even one minute from now, but rather stand on your faith for this moment only, and I will sustain you, as I have promised.

Are you worried and burdened with the strain of it all? Yes, I know you are. Therefore this is the time when you must fly to Me. Fly to Me on the wings of prayer, on the wings of My Spirit, and I will sustain you.

These burdens and obstacles you see before you now were not designed to fit your narrow shoulders, but they were intended for Me to carry as I lift you up and bear the burdens for you. For in My love and in My compassion I have fashioned it so, that you may draw close to Me in the way everlasting, that you might lean hard on My bosom, and rest here on My gentle breast, that you might need Me, love Me, and be driven into My arms. For I love you and have need of you, and I will carry you through, if you will but continue to cast all your care upon Me (ML #3073).

### 358

What may look to you like more leeway within the boundaries of My will is but a sign of the changing times. I have always given My children a certain amount of leeway throughout the years, yet in times past the degree appeared less because man's possibilities were less. Life was simple and choices were fewer.

In the wake of the age of space, as mankind advances and makes new discoveries and grows into a greater understanding of the secrets of the universe, man is faced with greater possibilities and opportunities than ever before, and so does it appear that I give more leeway. As things move faster, so do opportunities grow. Therefore I widen the boundaries for My children to accommodate the changing times. I adjust My limitations so My children may choose, within the boundaries of My will, what course to take.

See now a simple illustration: In times past, to travel from point A to point B, there were but few ways to go--to walk, or to ride the beast of burden. Now to travel from point A to point B you have many choices--train, boat, plane, bicycle, car, bus and more. So it is in this new day--the scope of choices is magnified because of the changing times. Are there not many more doors of ministry that I open to you, My children, in these Last Days? Do you not have many more and greater means of communication? Does not your range of choices affect more people as you grow and mature and raise your families? So do I broaden the boundaries within the tunnel of My will.

### 359

When I was faced with the crowds and the multitudes, I knew I couldn't solve the problems. How was I ever going to come up with enough food to feed 5,000 people from a mere five loaves and two fishes? That was an impossible task! But I didn't worry about it! I couldn't worry about it. I only had to accept by saying, "Yes, Father, You are right; I cannot do this. I cannot, but You can." And My Father did! He did what I, in My strength, could not do.

And you know, I didn't feed those 5,000 by organizing fishing boats and sending My disciples out to catch fish first thing. I fed the 5,000 by quiet trust and full assurance, knowing that what My Father had promised, He was also able to perform. All I did was look up and cast My burden on My Father. He sustained Me, and He sustained the crowds, and 5,000 ate that day.

I had to truly trust first. I had to take the stand of faith first for My Father to do the miracle. Then afterward came the organization and distribution of the goods, but the quiet trust and the stand of faith came first (ML #3071).

### 360

*(Guardian angel:)* I bring you this message on behalf of this little one who is frail and helpless on his own. He does always behold my face because he is one of the Lord's. The Lord has entrusted him into my care to help watch over him, but the Lord has also entrusted this little life to you, dear one.

This little one needs you. He does not know or understand things as you do. His little mind does not comprehend or analyze as yours does. This little one needs your love, your care, your touch and your assurance through soothing, kind, loving words, so that he might know that you are there and that you love him.

Babies do not understand complicated vocabulary or eloquence, but they understand and sense love. They crave love. They grow on love. As spiritual newborn babes grow in the Spirit from the milk of the Word, so they grow also with the loving and tender attention of their shepherds who set for them an example by their deeds, and by the inflections and tones in their voice.

So love this little one and reach out to him. I am caring for him, too, watching over him and his care and how he grows. He is special to Jesus, as are all of Jesus' children, as are you. Touch him. His tiny fingertips can sense your love. His tiny fingertips were so perfectly created with so many little nerve endings made for touching, caressing, experiencing love and tenderness. Kiss this little one's cheeks, so round and perfect and luscious and sweet. Kiss him and whisper words of love in his little ears. Sing him lullabies that will soothe his little heart and help him feel all cozy and tucked-in in God's Spirit.

### 361

The Word: Believe it! The Word: Receive it! The Word: Read it! The Word: Hear it! The Word: Act upon it! The Word: Yield to it! The Word, the Word, the Word! Just do it! (ML #3073).

### 362

How I am pleased with your love and care for the children! You are as a tender mother, loving and nurturing and training them well, and in this I am well pleased. I am as a doting Husband, who brags and wishes to show you off, My wonderful, marvelous wife. For you are as a virtuous woman whose price is far greater than rubies rare.

But forget not, My darling, that I, your doting Husband, also long to have My sweet time of communion with you. Therefore at the end of the day, when the children are settled, nestled in their beds and tucked in tight, come to Me. Come into our secret chamber, that we may lie together and make sweet love, wild and passionate.

Fret not for the children and how they will fare, but come into our chamber of love. Let us lie and love together that we may rest in each other's arms. For I will fill you with the vigor, vitality and strength that you need for the next day, and the next day, and the next day, as you keep coming back to our chamber of love.

In our sweet lovemaking you will find strength to carry on. As we lie in restful sleep and peace, nestled in each other's arms, and as we awake in the morning and you allow Me to play sweet tunes in your ear, you will find strength to carry on.

### 363

Know also that the day of choices is magnified, for Satan is loosed. He knows that his time is short and he rides in an all-out campaign in hopes of gaining decisions toward his dark kingdom. The day of being on the fence is over. The day of putting off decisions and choices is coming to a close. The lull is broken. Time is short and choices cannot be put off much longer. Every man must take a stand, for this new day is the beginning of the Time of the End.

Therefore it appears that you have more choices than before--big decisions and little decisions. Satan also puts before man more choices than ever as he fights in his last-ditch stand to win hearts and minds and souls. And as Satan puts before you more choices, so do I accommodate with more solutions--more solutions in the form of choices as I broaden the scope within the tunnel of My will.

The Enemy of your soul has asked to have you, as he did with My servant Job, that he may sift you as wheat. He offers many choices, many sidetracks that he puts in your way to trip you off from My best. So you, My children, must pray. Pray without ceasing to know the difference. For within My will I set the boundaries, and according to the degree of importance I allow you many options. Satan comes in and works hard to also throw in his diversions, his sidetracks, that he may harm, or hinder, or slow you down in the process, that he may keep you from being fruitful and winning others into My Kingdom. And as I did with My servant Job, I allow him to test you, that you may prove your love for Me.

You are the sons and daughters of those who have done what no other generation has done. You are the sons and daughters of those tens, those twenties, those hundreds, those few thousands who have dared to step outside of the web of Lucifer!--Those who have dared to follow Me without the camp. You are the sons and daughters of the officers of My army! You are the generation produced of the leaders of the Endtime!

Therefore scorn not [belittle not] as they catapult you into the future! Look not back at them and say, "How rusty the catapult is, how old and worn with pockmarks from the battle. How incapable they are." For, behold, they thrust you forward to finish the job--the job for which you were born, the job for which you were conceived, and for which you were created.

Scorn not [belittle not] your leaders, your mentors, for they are those who wear the stripes and the badges. They are those who have been adorned with the purple hearts. They are those who have been given the bars on their shoulders for victories over jealousy, for victories over battles with self-righteousness. They have been given decorations for endurance, for stick-to-itiveness. They have been given the ribbon for following Me through the Flirty Fishing Revolution. They are those who have fought the battle of relationships, of many wives, of many mates, of bearing many children, of learning how to raise broods of children in the same room, in the same house. These are they that bear My decorations! These are My generals, these are My officers, decorated with ribbons across their chests, with bars across their shoulders, with stars on their crowns! These are the officers, the leaders of My Revolution!

You are they who have the weaponry, who are battle ready, but have not yet earned the ribbons of victory over jealousy, of victory over self-righteousness, of victory in relationships, of being able to raise many children and yet pioneer new fields. Therefore, give honor unto whom honor is due! (ML #3047).

*(Guardian angel:)* Babies are so beautiful and sweet and pure. It's amazing how God starts people out so small and helpless. Don't you marvel at how a human being grows and learns so much in such a short amount of time?--Learns to recognize his world around him, learns to coordinate his movements, learns to recognize those he loves and who love him, learns to communicate, learns to get around. Amazing, isn't it?

Just as in a year's growth a babe learns in the physical and develops so rapidly, so does his little spirit. He is constantly absorbing sights and sounds, feelings, reactions, emotions.

So pour all you can into this little one, for he is special. He will be a special little one, a close little friend and companion to you, one to share your joys and your sorrows, one to grow with and learn to love with.

He is such a beautiful little sponge, soaking up God's sunshine of love. And one day, at the slightest impression or squeeze, he'll be able to pour out this love to others, to soothe and water hungry and thirsty souls. Thank you for being a faithful mommy and for helping to make my job an easy one.

### 366

You're right, the tasks are too hard. It is too big. It is too much for your frail, human hands. But it's not too much for Me, if you would but cast your care upon Me. This is the secret. This is the answer to accomplishing what is set before you. This is the solution.

Look up into My face. Lie back in My everlasting arms. Cast your burdens upon Me, lay them on the altar and leave them there, and I will sustain you. Don't pick them up again and walk off with them, but rather leave them in My care.

As you fly to Me on the wings of prayer, as you retreat in rest and refilling, I will give you, day by day, step by step, moment by moment, the solutions that will make the mountains melt away. But you must rest, you must keep resting, you must lean wholly on Me (ML #3073).

### 367

The secret of vitality, of sparkle, of that shine on your face, of that twinkle in your eye, of the love, compassion and tenderness that others need so badly, is in refilling and refreshing yourself in Me. Only then will you have something to pour out on others. This is the secret. This sweet communion and lovemaking with Me will empower you to be able to give, pour out and meet the need.

The secret is lying with Me in peaceful rest each morning and night. As you recharge and refill your cup, so will you be able to overflow on others. This is the secret, and it is My promise to you. As I promise, so do I fulfill. For I am not an infidel that I will not care for My Own, but I am a faithful Father. I care for My children and I care for these whom I have placed in your care. I will care for them by caring for you, My faithful wife and mother whom I have chosen and whom I have designated to nurture, to teach and to train these, My chosen ones. So do I care, and so do I provide.

And now I bid you come. For I am as a wise investor, and I know that in My lovemaking with you, My precious one, My love will be multiplied many times over.

If you feel you need help during the day, do not hesitate to call upon Me. I am never too busy. I never have more important matters to tend to. Your safety, well-being and care, and the care of these, My precious ones, are of great importance in My sight.

So come, My precious one, for in rest and refilling in our secret chambers each morning and each evening, you will find rest. This is the secret.

### 368

Look to Me and to My Word and to the voice of My Spirit whispering in your heart, that you may make the right decisions and choose My highest will. I wish you to pass the course, to make the grade. Whether it be with a C or with an A plus, both pass the course. Know that I am proud of each student in the class who passes the course, for to pass the course is to graduate with the winning class.

Yet upon those who make the honor roll, who go for first place, I bestow the honor that is due. I award many gold medals and many blue ribbons. I proudly array all those who say yes to My highest and best in Heavenly gold and blue.

### 369

My people carry great burdens these days, but some of these burdens I lay on their shoulders to strengthen them. They are burdens of responsibilities, burdens of choices, burdens of decisions. You [their shepherds] must not take these burdens from their shoulders, but teach them how to carry them, teach them how to seek Me, teach them to find Me for the grace and the strength for every burden. Do not take those burdens upon your shoulders, for in doing so you take those burdens from off the shoulders where I wish for them to be, and you put them on your shoulders where they are not meant to be (ML #3071).

### 370

I pray not that you would be taken out of the world, but that you would be kept from the evil. For you must be in the world, yet you are not of the world. Therefore be separate and touch not the unclean thing, and sanctify yourselves through the truth of My Word.



Know that it is one thing to be splashed by the waves, and yet another to dive into the sea. You may walk along the shore and dip your feet into the sea. As you walk along the water's edge, although there be moments as the waves come in and go out that your feet get wet, yet are they still firmly planted, safe and sound, on the shore. But should you dive into the water, there is always the danger of the strong undercurrents that will pull you and carry you out to sea. For the waves come and crash and beat upon the shore, seeking that which may be carried out to the sea.

And so it is that as you go out into the world, ministering to those in need--into people's homes, into their offices and public places to witness--you are exposed to ungodly sights and sounds. Your feet are exposed little by little to the water at the shore's edge. You are exposed, yet not carried out to sea. For in these times I do protect you and keep you as you look to Me. The need is there, and I do pour out My protection.

This small amount of exposure helps you to become more aware, so that you may know what you are talking about should you be asked if you've heard this song or that; that you may answer a matter in full knowledge and with conviction.

Although you are exposed to the garbage, and though you are aware and not ignorant of the filth without, I would that you not swim in these polluted waters. For Satan's sights and sounds are all around; they surround you on every side. And this I pray, not that My Father will take you out of the world as yet, but that He will keep you from the evil. For you are in the world, yet you are not of the world. Therefore be separate and touch not the unclean thing.

### 371

As antiques gain more and more value with age, these precious ones grow more and more valuable in My sight with age. That which they have to offer cannot be bought with money, for it is something that can only be acquired through the life of faith and trust, through the life of breakings and victory. It is so special and so precious and so rare.

Despise not these hearts of gold, but cherish them and protect them, value them, make it easy for them to be good. Use them to the full, that they may be content, that they may know that while they may not run or jump or fly like they once did, they have a very special place in the foundation of My Kingdom. For they receive My diamonds of dust. They feed and care for and train My diamonds of dust.

Give honor to whom honor is due. You younger ones, respect your elders, for they have much to offer you. You must look beyond their idiosyncrasies and little habits or ways which you find bothersome. Look deeper and see the precious things, that you may gain

the precious things that these can teach you. For a wise man learns from his own experience, but a wiser man learns from the experience of others.

These wise men have much to teach, for they have much experience. They have made many mistakes, they have fallen many times, yet they fight on! Even in their weakness, even in their discouragement, even in their correction, even in their fatigue, they fight on; and this is a great thing in My eyes, worthy to be praised and honored.

In the day of My Kingdom I shall lift these up and I shall honor them, and you shall see them as I see them! I shall place My crown of jewels upon their head and all will marvel at these, My faithful ones--these who have stuck year after year after year, these who have borne many children, these who have borne many hardships. I shall honor them and recognize their sacrifice and they shall be rewarded, for I do not forget their labors of love (ML #3047).

### 372

When you feel tempted to worry, when you want to do more but feel that you cannot, when you see the multitude of needs all around you, that is the time to stop. That is the time to retreat into our bed of love.

Know that here I abide, waiting and longing to make sweet love to you whenever and however you are able. Here I wait with open arms, to hold you, to comfort you, to fill you with My seeds of love. Here I wait to make love and pipe My sweet music to you. Here I wait with My secret potion, ready and willing to pour out My soothing balm. Here I wait, longing, desiring and thirsting after you, My precious lily. You are as a special lily, the fairest flower, handpicked for My garden of love. Here I wait to carry your load; you have only to give it to Me. Here I wait, any time and hour, always willing, always ready to make passionate love, that in our lovemaking you may find strength to care for the children.

Come during the day whenever you feel the need. Slip away whenever you can, even for a quickie. For you are in need of pick-me-ups throughout the day. In this you will find inspiration, answers and solutions. In this you will find the vitality, the strength and the vigor to carry on. In this you will be filled and refreshed and able to stay a step ahead. In this lies the secret of pizzazz, which will, in turn, spark the fire of others. For in your own strength and your own flesh, you can do nothing. But in My strength, My power and My might, all things are possible unto you. Therefore neglect not this time. Neglect not your Husband, Who waits lovingly and patiently, always, anywhere, anytime, throughout the day and throughout the night.

### 373

Consider My great men who have walked the face of the Earth, and the great and mighty things that they have done. You look at their greatness and the way they were so mightily used of Me, that they were My mouthpieces, they were My Word, they wrought miracles, they brought forth great wonders, they delivered great messages and they accomplished My will greatly. Why could they do these things? Because they were faithful in that which was least. Because I tested them and I tried them and I proved them, and they came through as faithful men, as obedient men, as yielded men.

Consider the breakings that these went through to become the men that I wanted them to be. You read of their exploits and glories, but there was not space in My Book to write of all that they went through. The things you read about them were the outcroppings, the peaks, the highlights. They had these because day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute, they obeyed Me, they followed Me, they served Me. They learned in the little things so that they would be faithful in the big things (ML #3052).

### 374

Your weaknesses make no difference in your ability to receive My spiritual power if you just have a desire and a hunger. The more you want it, the more you get it. The more you suck and read and study My Word, praying for Me to change you, for Me to fill you, for Me to open your eyes and spirit to whatever I have to give you, the more I do these things for you. You ask and I give. You create the vacuum and I fill it. So keep asking, drinking in, wanting, desiring, sucking, seeking and searching for more. Keep praying and keep desperate to get all that My hand has to give you, and I will give it.

I'll give you all that you need. I'll give you great power for the days ahead. I'll give you wisdom and understanding of My Spirit and My ways. I'll give you great faith, great discernment, and great understanding of the spiritual battles and how to fight them.

### 375

Seek out the Book of the Lord and read it! Seek and you shall find! For you are millionaires! Your treasure chest is overflowing with rubies, diamonds, emeralds, and jewels galore! Do you want to know how to have finances? Seek it out in the Word. Do you want answers to your problems? Seek them out; they're in the treasure chest. Do you

want patience? It's there in the treasure chest. Do you want faith? It's in the treasure chest. It's overflowing!

You're millionaires, and it's all at your fingertips! Dive in! Revel in these riches! Don't neglect them, or you'll be paupers. But there's no need to be a pauper when you have the riches in your Home, at your fingertips. The keys have been given to you, the locks are opened, the lid is off and the jewels are flowing out, overflowing! So dive in and seek them out. Seek and you shall find. The answers await! (ML #3073).

### 376

Love Me in utter trust! Give Me your love and your faith, and I will not disappoint you! I love you! I have so much that I want to give you, but you have to reach out to Me with all your heart, wrap your arms tightly around Me, and be willing to step out into the darkness with Me, trusting that I will bring you through. And I will bring you through. I will not fail in one word of My promises to you!

Read the Words of love that I have poured forth from My heart to yours. Read them with the same hunger and desire as you would the words of your most beloved lover, for I am He!--And I love you with a passionate and overwhelming love! These Words are My promises to you, the vows of My eternal love for you. Each one is for you, and I will fulfill every word of them for you. I am your Lover, longing for you to reach out in love and trust so that I may make good on My promises, fulfill My vows, and bestow upon you the great love in My heart. I love you and I need you! Step out on My promises in love and faith, and see what I will do for you!

Keep your eyes upon My face, and take them not away. Look not to the right nor to the left, nor down nor around you, but look straight into My eyes. Look into My face, no matter what is happening around you, and I promise I will please you, I will take care of you, and you will be satisfied and blessed.

### 377

The old must make way for the new. But who are the old? The old are those who will not change, who will not allow themselves to be stirred up, who will not take the step of faith, who will not trust Me. Who are the new? The new are those who drink in My New Wine, who trust, who say, "Oh, yes, I will go forth! I know not what is there, but I will go forth."

They that are old are not of a certain age, and they that are new and young are not of a certain age, for the newness or the oldness is a matter of the spirit. Those who will allow themselves to be stirred up, these are they that are new and young. Those that say, "No, no, stir me not up, for I am comfortable and I am happy with the way it is," these are old. It makes no difference if they are old or young in flesh, for it is a matter of the spirit.

I raise up a new and young army, an army of those that are full of faith! Not those who are strong, not those who are mighty, not those who have done great exploits, but just those who have faith--faith to trust Me, faith to hold on, faith to say yes to Me. These are they that will partake of the fresh waters of My Spirit, and that shall have great rejoicing in these waters.

But the road to the well of these waters is a difficult road, and those that climb it are those that must be young--young in spirit, young in willingness, young in yieldedness, young in obedience, young in desire for Me.

To you who feel old and think, "No, but I am old, I am old in spirit and I find the changes hard and the new things difficult," I say unto you that before you stands the fountain of youth! The fountain of youth is the will of God, and to receive of it and to drink of it you must only say yes--yes to My will, yes to that which I bring your way, yes to My new Words, yes to Me and all that I would ask of you. If you will do this thing, you will be young in spirit all the days of your life, and you will have the fountain of youth!

So come unto Me, young and old, and I will make you all young, even as those who enter into the Heavenly realm are once again young and rejuvenated and revitalized because they are in the Spirit. Those of you who say yes to Me and who follow Me and who yield to Me and who trust Me, you are they that walk in the Spirit. The Spirit of God is the fountain of youth, and you shall be as a new creature, as a young bottle, as a young and radiant bride! You shall be forever young! (ML #2987).

### 378

Let everything else fade away except your desire for Me. Breathe, walk, drink in and live Me, and only Me. Want Me and you'll get Me. Love Me and you'll know My love. Talk with Me and you'll hear My voice. For the days will come when you'll need to be connected to Me more than anything else, and you'll use the new spiritual weapons of warfare that I'm teaching you to use now. The days will come when your eyes will only be on Me, and your love will be strongest toward Me. Your desire will constantly be toward Me, for you will know that it is the end, and has to be so. You will know that you

have to be in constant, clear communication with Me so that I can lead you through the darkness.

Don't be afraid, for your weaknesses won't matter then. Your desire and thirst will create the spiritual power you need. You will be as sheep who will follow their Shepherd very closely, who will stay close by the Shepherd's side, always watching His movements, always looking up into His face, watching for any instructions or signs or commands, ready to obey and go.

I am training you now to be able to follow closely and to recognize My voice and what I say. I'm teaching you how to be a good sheep and follower of your Shepherd. You're learning fast because you are eager and dedicated and loyal and in love with Me, your Shepherd.

### 379

Year upon year upon year, I have poured out to you My Words, My training, My truth, My light, My wisdom and My love--so much so that these have become a part of you. They are one with you. They are part of your innermost being. I have poured out to you young ones in greater abundance, in more fullness, in more understanding and with more truth than I have poured upon any children throughout the ages! This was necessary because of the Tribulation that you will undergo, and I even now prepare you.

You say, "I have all of this, I need to use it. I must use it. Where can I use it? When can I use it? I have it and I want to use it!" I say to you, you are as the clay in the hands of the Potter. The substance is there, the potential is there, and you are being formed into the vessels that I will make you to be. But have patience and faith, for all that you go through--the testings, the trials, the purgings--these are the things that turn you into the vessel that I would make you to be. For you are in My hands and I am molding you.

Don't be discouraged or dismayed. Be patient, for I have given you much training. You are as those who have received great knowledge, but who now must learn to translate the knowledge into action, that that which they learned and has become a part of them will ooze out of their spirits and out of their lives. Thus have I set you free to operate more according to My Words and according to the training that I have poured into you. These days are your testing ground to see if you can learn to use the knowledge, all that I have poured into you, in a wise and loving manner.

Some have grasped this and they grow abundantly! But many have yet to learn how to truly take My Word, that which has been poured into them, and use it in their own lives, unbridled by overseers and those who tell them, "You must do this and you must do that."

These must learn to use My Words, to use the training, to use My Spirit in their lives, that they may become even more prepared for that which is ahead.

I say to you, the days ahead shall be days of your usefulness, days of your fulfillment, days in which you shall see within yourselves the might and power of God! But to be fully used in those days, you must in these days learn to use My power, My Spirit, My love, My Words, and the training that I have poured into you (ML #3052).

### 380

If you desire to be strengthened, if you desire to follow closely, if you desire to be endowed with the wisdom that is from above, then sanctify yourselves through My Word, that you may be clean. Do not allow the little foxes to spoil My vine, but come out from among them and be separate.

For just as junk food will spoil the body and will slowly take its toll as you become weakened and fattened and bogged down with extra baggage and nonessential fats, so will a steady diet of the junk food of this music bog down your spirit until your spiritual muscles become weakened and flabby and out of shape. Eventually they will lose their tone and elasticity as you become weaker and weaker.

Therefore, fall not for the subtle ways of Satan that would have you think you are not affected by such sounds, for it is a slow fading away, a slow, steady deafening of the ear, a slow, steady hardening and numbness to My Spirit and My truth--quicker for some than others, but taking its toll.

Therefore, take a stand! Sanctify yourselves through the Word that I have spoken on this subject, and speak to yourselves in song--My songs, My music, My Heavenly tunes. Put off the old man and walk in newness of life.

### 381

I know, dear one, the overwhelming feeling that encompasses you on every side. I, too, felt the same burdens and the same pressures. I felt the strain of it all, and I could not always see how the answers were going to come. Therefore be as a wise man that learns from the example of others. Look to the example of My servant Martin Luther, who when he had a task too big, too hard, pulled back and took double time in prayer and sweet communion with Me.

You ask how you will ever accomplish your long to-do list? Do as Luther. When he entered into his closet to pray, he entered empty. He emptied all of his pockets. He opened his heart and cast all of his burdens on My altar and left them there. This is the secret of quiet rest--casting all your care upon Me, knowing that I care for you, knowing that I have always taken care of every problem, every detail, and I always will! (ML #3073).

### 382

Those who lie in the bed of love with Me receive of Me in a way that no others do. They that partake of these things have strength that you know not of. This will become even more evident in the days to come. For they that partake of My truth, of the Words that I pour forth and the instructions that I give from the Spirit, shall receive of Me in a new way. They shall receive new strength and new power, manifold blessings, and peace that passes all understanding.

They that learn to yield to Me in the bed of love will find it easier to yield to Me in every way. As a wife yields to her husband in the bed of love, and in doing so is filled with him and feels his love, and goes away knowing she is loved and wanted, giving her peace and contentment, so it is with those who yield to Me and My love and My lovemaking. For it is in the intimacy of our lovemaking that we truly become one--one in spirit, one in heart, one in mind, one in purpose, one in love. They that partake of these things receive an inner strength.

It doesn't take long. Just as not every lovemaking session is hours long, but can even be a quickie, even a short time of love will be blessed and honored. Whether you receive the seeds quickly, or you receive the seeds in lingering love, you still receive the seeds. When you have time, spend it in the bed of love with Me. But if you don't have time, stop for a quickie, to be filled and to be loved, to be reassured and to know that I am with you. It doesn't take long, as I am always ready for you. I can fill you straightway, if you will just take the time.

### 383

If you don't personally experience big emotional feelings when you're talking to Me, or loving Me intimately, or praising Me from your heart, don't worry about it, and don't think that there's something wrong. I understand your desire to please Me and to be obedient to My Words and to fulfill My needs.



I understand that you may not always experience the same emotional feelings and highs or thrills or ecstasies that you may have heard others testify of, but it does not mean that there is anything wrong with you. On the contrary, if you are obeying by faith and whispering your words of love to Me from your heart, it means that there is everything right, and that you are doing the right things. All you have to do and all I want and need is for you to tell Me that you love Me in whatever way you can, with whatever words you choose, and in whatever way you choose to express it from your heart.

I know that you love Me, and I see and feel your love when you tell Me so. Whether you feel anything emotionally or not does not matter to Me, so don't let it matter to you.

### 384

I love your holy laughter! I love your holy praise! I love your holy prayer! I love your holy tears! Whatever you do, do it unto Me. Do it with all your heart and as glory unto Me. I dwell in the praises of My people. I love to hear you praise in song! Your singing and your joy and your thanksgiving pleases Me so. It makes Me happy to know that you are enjoying My love and all that I give to you--all My treasures and all My blessings and all My love. It makes Me so happy to see you enjoy them.

So laugh! Have a good laugh at yourself! Have a good laugh on Me, for this joy and this happiness comes from Me. I will give you wisdom, and those who might tend to overdo will learn. Let them burn free! Let them be happy! Let them enjoy a good chuckle with My Holy Ghost!

I love you and I want you to be happy! This is one thing that will stand out to people in these dark and troublous times when there are so many sad people. This world is such a sad and sorrowful place, but they will see your happy faces--not only in your laughing but in your songs and giving praise and thanksgiving unto Me--and they will see My happiness reflected in your faces. So, be so happy! (ML #3002).

### 385

I know it looks to you like it's really been a hard time, and it has. It looks to you like things have really messed up--you messed up, others messed up, and you ended up in a messed-up situation.

But you know what? I don't see it that way. I see it differently than you see it, and I have a plan. There is a reason why I have allowed all of this to happen. Do you want to know the reason? It's because it's another step in your growth. Every day I'm teaching you and

helping you to learn more, to depend on Me more, and to grow you up into a strong disciple of God.

I know you've been discouraged and you've made mistakes, but that's okay; that's how you learn! You're learning patience, you're learning perseverance, you're learning how to make decisions. You're seeing how much it means to serve Me, how much you want to serve Me, and how much you are willing to do anything for it. I am very pleased with this.

This time is just to strengthen you and to make you into the strong disciple I know you can be. I know it's hard, and you look around you and it just doesn't seem like the greatest situation, or like it's working out very well. But you don't have to worry, because I'm right there. You can talk to Me about it any time, every day, and if you listen, I'll talk back to you. We can talk together and I'll help you solve your problems. I'll give you the faith and the perseverance that you need for this time.

### 386

Are you believing, and thus receiving? Or are you waiting to receive so that you can believe? It is your faith that pleases Me. It is your faith, the fact that you believe, that you stand upon My Word, that draws down the blessings that I have for you. The blessings come no other way, for you must believe in order to receive.

I ask you to prove Me, to try Me, to test Me! I ask you to stand upon My Word, nothing wavering, believing in the unseen, and thus will you receive and your faith will be increased. You will see that he that puts My Word to the test is he that receives the blessings from My hand. He that stands upon My Words, upon all that I have spoken, he it is who receives My blessing, he it is who sees miracles, he it is who sees the working of My Spirit and who rejoices to see My hand move upon his life.

So if you wish to receive, then believe. Take the stand and count it done. Read My Word, believe it, do it, stand upon it, and you will receive My blessing, and you will then know that My Word is true. There's only one way to find out, and that is to put it to the test, stand upon it, trust in it and see Me move, see Me work, and see Me pour forth My blessings upon you, upon your loved ones, and upon your life (ML #3073).

### 387

Your heart that was broken but yet had many places of unyieldedness, your heart that was stony but yielded itself to Me--you took the step so long ago to ask Me to change it, to

make it soft and moldable in My hands. Do you remember when you asked Me to do this? I have been answering your prayers! You asked to be made humble, to be used of Me, to find happiness and fulfillment. Perhaps you did not know how I would answer you, and that My answer would be to wash you with tears, to massage your heart with trials, and to make you a new creature through pain. But these lessons learned in this difficult way are some of the sweetest and most precious of all, because they bring forth beauty for ashes, joy from sorrow, and a smile that is more beautiful because it is surrounded by tears.

That is what I have been bringing forth in your life: the sweet spirit, the quiet spirit, one that is content only in loving Me and serving Me and in the simple things of life. How complicated life can be when analyzed in the flesh, when thought through with the mind instead of accepted and loved with the heart! So have you learned that everything that seems so right and so perfect can crumble around your ears, and things that seem crazy, insignificant and stupid will stand strong if they are supported by My Spirit. All these truths have I shown you through the things that you have experienced, through the heartbreaks, the longing, the loneliness.

You have found that you can stand strong with Me beside you, and that you do not necessarily need to have a human being to lean on. This realization is one that you will need in the days to come, for I will require you to lead others, and there will be times when only I will be there to lean upon, to counsel with, to ask questions of.

This is also the reason why I have sometimes made you a lonely soul, why you feel nobody understands your deepest longings. Have you not run to Me at such times? Have you not in the end clung to My bosom and realized that only I can satisfy? Are not these precious lessons worth more than a few years of comfort and ease?

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in Heaven! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, and joy in these trials and tribulations, for they work for you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Rejoice, I say, for My purpose will be completed in you. As you yield to Me, I will make you what I want you to be, and that is what I am doing with you.

### 388

You feel discouraged because you feel like you haven't accomplished that much, that you've spent all these years serving Me, and you haven't got that much to show for it. But I look at things so differently. I see many wonderful accomplishments! I see your beautiful children who shine and sparkle! You've given your life raising them, and that is an important accomplishment! That means a lot to Me! In the eyes of man you may seem

to be somewhat of a failure. You have no great legacy to leave behind, no great works that you have done--just simple, faithful plodding, daily taking care of your children, trying to witness and tell others about Me.

So it is with each of My Family members. I look upon their faithfulness to follow Me, to follow My Words, to witness, to do what they can, to take care of their children and raise them in the right way, to tell others about Me, to be a sample of My love. This is what I'm asking for. This is the greatest accomplishment!

I do not seek for great accomplishments in the flesh. I have not called My people because they are great and mighty. I have called them because they are faithful--faithful to follow Me daily, to give their lives for Me. This is the case even with My great ones from the Bible, such as Paul. You read of his great exploits and the many mighty works that he did. But in between those times were a lot of years of just faithful plodding, faithful witnessing, faithfully doing what he could, with no seemingly great accomplishments.

Those are the years that count the most. Those are the times that are most valuable in My sight, because you just keep going, and you give your all. Thank you for giving your all. That means more to Me than you could ever know. Don't worry about your accomplishments--I'm not keeping score! I look at your heart, your desire to love Me, your desire to love the lost, your desire to love the children that I've given you, and your desire to love your brothers and sisters. That's what counts in My sight.

### 389

When I, the Son of Man, walked the Earth many years ago, did I not say that I have many things to speak unto you, but you cannot bear them now? And I walk upon the face of the Earth and speak the Words today, and there be many that say, "Oh, we cannot bear these now. There is too much! We cannot absorb it all! It is too much to be given, it is too much to be received!"

I pour out in abundance! And though there be not room enough to receive it all, and though there be not capacity enough to understand it all, I pour it out, that you may receive what you can receive, and be filled to the brim and overflowing! For I seek such! I seek for your spirits to be full, that men may say of you, "These men are full of new wine! What do they? They reach unto the ends of the world! They speak the Words of God unto the ends of the world!"

I do not hide these things under a bushel, but I do these things that your lives might be manifested to others. The Words of God that I pour into you are not for yourself alone, but that you might be strengthened, that you might be drunken with new wine, that you

may be putty in My hands to do as I will. If you cannot receive them all, receive what you can receive. If you cannot read them all, read what you can read. For I will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able. I will not give you more than you are able to receive.

Receive as much as you can receive and do not worry about the rest. For I shall pour unto you, and though I understand your limited capacity, and I know that My capacity to give is much greater than that, the time is short and I must give that which I have to say. I must speak the Words, and you must speak the Words, and these Words shall go into all the world through you! You will be inspired and motivated by these Words, and men shall say of you, "These men are full of new wine!" (ML #3005).

### 390

Don't worry, because farther down the line you'll look back at this time and you'll be thankful for it. You'll see that My promise is true, that all things do work together for good to them that love Me. There are wonderful things ahead--inspiring things, challenging things! You just have to take one step at a time.

So use this time that you have right now, and don't fritter it away. Don't goof off or waste time, because I'm watching you. I'm watching you every day, seeing what you're going to do with this time that you have--if you're going to use it to the fullest, becoming strengthened by My Word. That's the only way that you can be strengthened.

So make the most of this time that you have. Read the Word, pray, love Me, do your best to be a witness in the situation that you're in. Follow Me and do everything you can. I will bless you and give you your heart's desire if you do these things.

I love you very much, and I'm watching over you. Don't worry or think that I've forgotten about you. I haven't forgotten! I know where you are and what you're doing. I've got My eye on you, and I'm loving you, and I'm caring for you.

### 391

When you feel like no one cares and there is no love to be found, that is the time to rest, to lie back in My arms and find peace. And when you are discouraged and you feel like you are a great big mess--look up into My wonderful face and see Me smile upon you, for I love you just the way you are!

When you feel worried or frustrated, run to Me, for I will be your perfect companion. If you feel that no one can possibly understand the trials and tests that you are passing through, that is not so, because I always understand. I long to hear them. I long to solve them. That is the time to run to Me, to snuggle up real big, right here in My strong arms, and tell Me the problems, the burdens, the worries and the cares, and see if I will not give you solutions that will melt them all away.

When you feel weak, I will be strong for you. When you feel confusion, I will give you peace. When you feel fearful, I will comfort your heart. When you are doubting, I will give you faith. When you feel strain, I will bring relief. When you feel lost, I am right here to be found. When you feel useless, I will give you a purpose. When you feel anguish, I will give you joy. When you lack confidence, I will be your assurance. When you feel muddled and cloudy, I will give you clarity of thought. When all seems dark and stormy, I will be your shining light.

So many things will I do for you to prove My love, that you may know that I, and I alone, love you, just you, just the way you are. Anywhere, any time, any hour, every minute, each moment of the day or night I'll be there to prove My love in some way. In big ways or small ways, I'm always there, ready, willing and waiting to shower you with love (ML #3080).

## 392

It has been a wondrous time of loving together, and I have greatly and deeply enjoyed this time in the bed of love with you. It has not only been a time of refreshing for you but a time of great joy for Me as well, for I have enjoyed in great depth the orgasms of love that we have experienced together. My greatest wish is for this lovemaking and this reveling in love together to continue from now through eternity. For you have become one with Me, and I am yours and you are Mine, and I love you dearly and greatly.

Your love for Me has done wonders for Me and has encouraged and strengthened Me. You thought you were the one being strengthened during this time, and that is true. But your love has also strengthened and encouraged and uplifted Me. Now don't cry. Don't turn away in bashfulness, but lie open and receptive to Me. Continue this lovemaking with Me, for I love to be in your arms, and round about you and in you and above you and under you and all over you. For you are My lover, a deep and sincere lover whom I greatly enjoy fellowshiping with.

Now it is time to take this fellowship of ours and to spread it abroad, to love others with the love which you and I have loved each other with. It is time to show My love--My

love for you and My love for them--to those whom you will come in contact with each step of the way, as you work with your co-workers, as you reach outsiders, as you pour forth My love to the lost, to the hungry, to the sheep, to the shepherds, to the young and old. The time is now. You need not worry that you will leave this time of refreshing behind, for we have had such an impact on each other's lives and hearts that this cannot be taken away from us. This time will continue; it will blossom and grow, and there will be no turning back.

So with great joy I bid you now come to the next chamber of our lovemaking, that of pouring out our love upon others. For we have much to share together with the world, with the flock, with the little ones and with your fellow workers. We have much love to share. We have had a time of great loving, and it is now time to spread this love further.

This time of refreshing has not come to an end, but it shall continue, for as you pour out, you have now tapped into Me in such a way that you will continually experience Me pouring back into you in greater abundance than you've ever known before. Be not afraid. Be not fearful. Be not timid. You are not leaving this behind, for you are carrying forth My love in your heart in great abundance.

### 393

*(Dad:)* Any of you who feel left out or misunderstood, or you haven't been able to find your place, or you don't have anyone to pour out to, you must believe in the Lord's love for you, and do not doubt, thinking you have been passed by. You must have faith and trust that the Lord is in control of your life no matter what happens. Everyone has their share of blessings, heartaches and hardships; that's part of the Lord's training for you. The Lord doesn't make life harder for some than others just to be mean or cruel or to punish people! You must trust in His love. Do you think that the Lord blesses some people more than others out of favoritism, or to give some more training than others and leave others out? This would be to say that the Lord is partial and selective in His love, and He is not.

Great planning, detail, and care goes into each of your lives. There's nothing about you that is not known to Him. There's no detail in your life that is not seen by Him. There's no thought that is not heard, no action that goes unsurveyed. Nothing happens to you by accident. So you must trust and believe that the Lord is watching over you and that He loves you (ML #3052).

### 394

I will care for your precious ones, for they are also very precious to Me. I have promised to always care for My Own. Have faith for this one who is troubled. He has a strong will and is as an unbridled horse who needs taming. But fear not for him, for I will keep him and he will not perish, for he is one of My Own and you have prayed for him. Neglect not to pray for him and be not weary in your prayers. I will keep him and I will use him to be a help to others.

He needs an outlet to minister to others, to pull himself from the doldrums of despair and the feelings of failure. The only way he can do this is to ask for My help. It seems so difficult to him to ask for My help, but encourage him, pray for him, so that he realizes that he need only call out to Me and that I am right there. Encourage him that I don't require him to do great works, but just to call out to Me, to trust Me that I am there, in a sparkle, a flicker of faith. Encourage him to trust that I am there for him and that I will help him in ways he never thought possible.

With man, things are impossible, but not with Me, for I am the Creator of all things. For one's life and habits to change is impossible except with My help. His dependence on an earthly grip can be loosed in an instant by sincerely calling out to Me for My help. And then when the temptations come, if he will but call out to Me each time, I will help him.

This affliction is humbling, yet it will help him to learn to reach out to others and to realize he needs help. For many, realizing the need of another's help is very difficult, almost more than one can bear. Being weak in another's eyes is devastating in one sense, yet so liberating in another. Pray for this one to be liberated from the bondage of what others think of him, or what he feels others expect of him. Pray for him to let go of his fears and worries for just an instant so that I might catch him and lift him up with faith and comfort and confidence, that with Me he can conquer his present situation, gain victories, and be an overcomer.

Encourage your son. Love him. Look into his eyes with positive faith. Offer him a change. Show him you have faith in him, and your faith will do mighty things. Direct him in a path of service for others. Let him know honestly that you love him, just him, and not his accomplishments. Give him faith that there is a future, because you know that the future is as bright as My promises. Show him that in any difficulty I am always right there waiting to help, if he will but ask.

By faith, by faith, by faith. Your whole life has been a walk of faith. Time and again I have asked you to step out by faith, and you know through experience that I have not



failed you. I have never let you down. Again, I am calling you to step out by faith. Step out on the water. Don't look at the waves--look at Me. Trust in Me. Come unto Me. If you do this, I will never let you down, for I have the solutions. I know what you need, but you must come unto Me.

Even though it may look like an impossible situation, I am the God of miracles, and it takes those impossible situations for Me to do My miracles. Therefore step out on the water and spend time with Me, time in My arms, time in My Words, and you will see the results. I have so much in store for you if you will just step out by faith (ML #3073).

### 396

My dear child, encourage yourself with the examples in My Word and know that I will provide for you. Even if you cast in your last mite, do you not know that I see this, that it is your last mite? I will reward you and I will provide for you. For if you give your all, I will give My all. I will not fail you! Though it looks as if you have nothing to give or nothing left, or you do not know how you will make it to the next day, know that if you are giving to Me, I will repay, even if I have to drop it out of the sky.

Remember the widow of Zarephath, how I filled her cruse of oil just enough every day to keep her alive? I will make a river in the wilderness. Remember Hagar stranded in the desert with nothing left and her son dying? When she called out to Me, I provided for her. I did the same for the woman who was told by the prophet to bring her vessels, not a few. I filled them with oil and kept her and provided for her and saved her from her debt, and her children from being sold into slavery. So likewise I will keep you if you cry out to Me and trust Me. These vessels are your children. Bring them to Me. Fill them with My Word and My Spirit.

I will not leave you destitute, for I do provide for My widows. Like I did for Naomi, who returned to her country without a husband, or I did for Ruth, who had to glean the corners of the fields, the scraps of the System, I will provide! Ruth said, "I will go where you go. I will follow where you lead." Will I not honor such loyalty and dedication, and provide for the weak who cast themselves on Me?

I have seen your tears and your struggles. I have seen your loneliness, pain and hurt. But know that you are not alone, and you are not cast off. You are not a widow, for I am your Husband, your Provider, your Healer, and your Maker. I have seen your loyalty, and I will honor your faith and dedication. You are as the woman of faith who said to Me, "Lord, I am not worthy, yet even the dogs eat of the crumbs of Your table." Because of your faith,

you are always welcome to eat of My food and to sit at My table, for you are My family and My wife, and I will care for you as a husband.

### 397

My love will never fail you. I've been through so much with you up until this point, I'm not going to give up now! Nothing can ever quench My love for you, for with each passing day, it only grows stronger.

I have loved you from the beginning, and I love you now, and I always will. My love never dies, but lives on and on. My love for you never grows old, but only stays fresh and new! It's never boring, but is alive and vibrant, pulsating and passionate! It never sleeps but only lives to awaken your heart. It's now, it's always, it's forever. My love is something you can lean on. It will give you strength to carry on. It will sustain you when you feel battle-weary, and lift you when you feel you cannot go on.

My love longs for you, it weeps for you! I long to help you. I long to comfort you. I long not only to listen to all you have to share with Me, but I also want to confide in you the deepest secrets of My heart. I have so much to share with you. You have only to listen and receive, for My love never stops giving. I would never hurt you, never fail you, never let you down. I long to protect you, provide for you, and fulfill your every desire. I'll always forgive you as I take you in My arms again and kiss away all your hurts.

My love believes in you. My love counts on you. For this I give My all, because I love you, just you. My love for you is so vast, and all I have I give to you. My life, My riches, My very heart belongs to you. All that is Mine is yours, because I love you so.

Please don't ever doubt My love for you. And if you ever need a reminder, just call. Just prove Me. I will never let you down, I promise. I never give up. I love you now, and I will love you forever (ML #3080).

### 398

I look at your faithfulness, not at your accomplishments. Look at My prophet Jeremiah. How much did he accomplish? He gave the message, but not many people listened to him. They threw him in prison, and he had a lot of hard times with very few results. But he was faithful. He was faithful to give the message and to do what I called him to do, so I rewarded him greatly. That's why he's one of My great saints of all time.

And so it is with you. I'm not counting up your accomplishments and how many great things you've done, but I'm counting the days that you've been faithful.--Every day that you got up and took care of those kids and you tried to raise them in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord; every day that you went out to tell others about Me, to witness as best and as long as you could. I know that you feel it wasn't much, but I understand the many other burdens and pressures of taking care of a Home, raising support, and raising your children. You've done what you could.

Take the example of the widow who gave her mite to the temple. It wasn't much--very little compared to others who gave of their abundance--but in My eyes it was just as great a gift. In fact, it was a greater gift, because she had given her all. So it is with you. To you it seems like but a mite, but a small thing. You look at others and compare; you see the great things they have done, and you feel like your gift is so small. But to Me, your gift is greater, because it is all that you have. You gave your all, and for that, a great reward is stored up for you in Heaven!

### 399

*(Dad:)* Our God is a God of miracles! Hasn't He done miracles in your life? Hasn't He done miracles in the lives of those you know? Think about those things. Sit down and take some time to recount all the amazing miracles He's done for you and that He's done for those you know.

Has God changed? Isn't He the same yesterday, today, and forever? Is our God a God that can only solve the problems of yesterday but not the problems of today? No! He's still the same! The miracles that He has done for you before, He can do for you again, but He expects you to do your part.

So step out by faith! Step out in obedience to the Word. Take time with the Lord. Take time to listen. Take time to pray. Take time to hear from God. Make sure your priorities are straight. Make sure you're hearing from the Lord. Make sure you're fulfilling the commission to preach the Gospel, and the Lord will take care of the rest. He has to! He can't fail!

But if you don't have faith, you're not going to get very far. Because, like the Bible says, without faith it is impossible to please Him. Faith includes faith in His Word--faith that if you obey His Word, He's going to do the rest. So cheer up, folks, it's not as bad as it seems, because all you have to do is obey, and the Lord will do the rest! (ML #3073).

## 400

Fear not these attacks of the Enemy. Fear not this testing, this battle which engulfs you, as the Enemy goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Fear not! Rest in Me, knowing that I love you. Trust in Me, knowing that I will care for you as My beloved, that I will allow no evil to befall you because I love you and you are precious to Me.

I need you to fulfill the mission that I have set before you. You are precious and important to Me, and there is yet much for you to do. So fear not that the Enemy will cut you off before your time, or that you will be disabled, or that you will spend many weeks and months in agonizing trial and testing, in debilitating pain and suffering. Fear not! For these attacks of the Enemy are only for a time; they are for a purpose, and are from My hand.

I have many things yet to teach you. There are many areas of your life that I want you to grow and mature in, that you might be the beautiful vessel that I have destined you to be; that you might be sympathetic and compassionate; that you might be easily touched with the feelings of others' infirmities; that you might be able to look at others and feel their needs; that you might be able to say through your experiences and your breakings and your testings and trials, "I understand, for I, too, have been broken and tested. I, too, have suffered." But you will also be able to say, "I know that it pays to trust the Lord."

## 401

Fill the little people's need for love. Show the masses the comfort of God. Show them My comfort. Show them how I reach down to the depths of their souls and pick them up. Show them how I care. Be their comforter, their inspiration. Lift them on the wings of your songs. Inspire them to soar! Lift their spirits! Let them sing with you. Let them ride on your very spirits, on the very love that I have placed within your souls.

Sing a song of love! Sing a song of hope! Sing a song of courage! Sing a song for the desperate to grab onto, that they may see that there is light at the end of the tunnel, there is hope, there is a Family of Love, there is someone who loves them, and there will be a Government that loves them [the Millennial reign of Christ]. Help them to see that I am coming soon! Get them ready for My coming! Lift them out of the doldrums, that their spirits may rise again like the phoenix!

Though you are a little people, yet you have My key of inspiration. You have the key of David. You have the love of God. You have My comfort. You have the Words of David--the Words that reach down into Hell and provide a ladder for the people to climb

out into the Heavens, to see the blue sky and to breathe the fresh air. You have it, My people, therefore give it (ML #3083).

## 402

My dear one, I love you from the deepest part of My heart! My thankfulness for your perseverance, despite many hardships, reaches from one end of the heavens to the other! Though your heart has been broken many times, I have put it back together each time.

All have weaknesses and shortcomings, but I love no one any less for these weaknesses. I love no one any less for their past, or for any mistakes, because My love is unconditional. That means no matter what condition you are in, whether you are doing poorly or whether you are doing well, I love you no less or more for the way you are. My love does not depend on glowing stats or a fine record. I do not love you any less because of your failures or mistakes, but My love is perfect.

Therefore you do not have to fear that I love you any less because you do not seem to be as strong as others, or because you are not the way you would like to be, or you are not as victorious as you would like to be.

When I look at My children, at the creations that My hands have made, I just look at them, not their past, present or future. I just look at you. I love you and adore you because I made you, and you are My love! I do not see anything else. So come to Me and to My love. You will always find more than enough love, abundant love, in My arms!

## 403

You are a child of My love. I have seen the sacrifices you have made. I have seen what you have forsaken for My sake, and I shall reward you greatly.

My love and My anointing shall flow upon you. And though it shall not manifest itself in great works, through great deeds and great accomplishments, it shall manifest itself through the sample of faithfulness, of faithful serving, of faithful giving, of faithful loving, of faithful caring, of faithful dying daily to yourself so that what you give may spring up in the lives of others--your brothers and sisters, your children, and the lost.

Look unto Me, My dear precious one. Look unto Me and I shall renew you. I shall strengthen you. I shall clear your mind and I shall give you faith and encouragement. Seek not great things, for I delight in little things. I delight in those who do My will, both through the good times and through the bad times. I delight in those who follow Me.

Whether the task be small or great, it is equal in My eyes. For it is the faithfulness unto Me that I cherish most. It is the faithfulness that is inscribed in the halls of Heaven; and it is for faithfulness that the rewards are passed out.

#### 404

Hurry, stress, pressure, tension, all these things are of the Enemy. Hurry is a lack of faith. Hurry, pressure and tension come when you're thinking you have to do it in your own strength, your own power, your own ways, and by your own hard work.

It is the Enemy who speeds everything up, but I say, slow it down. Take time to come out of the wings, into My temple. Take time in bed with Me, resting, relaxing, making love to Me, hearing My still, small voice, receiving My seeds. Take time to allow Me to whisper My answers, My solutions, My wonder working Words in your ear in times of quietness and confidence and peace and rest.

When you're hurrying and running around in your own strength, how can you hear My voice or find My strength? Take time to rest in Me. Take time to lie in My arms, to hear My Words, to find My solutions, because they're there for you in great abundance.

I am not just your King and your Savior and your Shepherd, but I am your Lover, your Husband, the One Who longs to supply all your needs and care for you in every way, both great and small. I want you to see My love, to feel it. I want it to be manifest in your everyday lives, through solutions and great supply and peace and fruitfulness. But you can only find this as you spend time with Me--loving Me, listening to Me, becoming one with Me. Through those times of intimacy you will find the power and anointing and solutions that you so desperately need.

So don't let the Enemy speed things up and push you and rush you and cause you to hurry and run around in your own strength. Recognize that this is a tactic, a ploy of the Enemy. Slow things down. Take time to relax. Take time with Me. For I am your Answer Man. I am the One with the solutions. I am your Husband, your Lover, and I will never fail you! (ML #3073).

#### 405

Look to Me. Reach up to Me to find the encouragement, strength, faith and perseverance that you need. Look to Me for specific guidance. If you have questions on your heart, ask Me, for I seek to answer your questions. If you want to know what to do with your life, where to go, what ministry to devote yourself to, how I want you to grow, ask Me and I

will answer you. Gather the prayer warriors and prophets around you and seek My face, for I long to speak to you. I long to encourage you daily with My Words of love--through My written Word, and through My living Word, the Words that I will speak to your heart and mind.

I desire to raise you up as a strong one. I desire to train you as a leader and a shepherd, one who will be able to go out into the field and call to My sheep and feed them My Word. But to do this, you must be able to hear from Me, to hear My voice. You must have confidence that if you ask Me anything, I will answer you, and if you have need of anything, I will supply.

## 406

Do not judge your usefulness by your title or your position, for I do not judge this way. Do not desire positions of great leadership, for if you desire them and don't receive them, you will be disappointed. Desire My will for your life and seek this: Seek to learn and to grow. Seek to draw nigh to Me. Seek to pass through the desert places, that you may come out as a man or woman of understanding, as a man or woman of depth, as a man or woman anointed of My Spirit. For I too spent time alone in the desert places, and I too went through the testings and purgings.

When you find yourself in the desert place, do not fear; do not give up. For it is there that I am able to mold you and to form you. It is there that the decisions are made as to the kind of vessel you will become. It is there you come to know Me, to trust Me, and to love Me. It is there I come to know your fiber, what you are made of, and thus I can mold you into the vessel that I have chosen.

So in the times of despair and the times of deep discouragement and the times when you look about you and say, "What is happening? How could this be?" and when you feel like saying, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"--know that in those times I am not only there with you, but that I am watching and waiting. It is in those times that you make the decision of how greatly I can use all that has been poured into you.

Trust Me in the desert places. Just trust Me. Just hang on. Just lay down your own ways, your own desires, and say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." At that point, I know that I can trust you with the blessings, with the anointing and with the power of My Spirit that I will pour out to you in the days to come.

So be patient, and know that I am He that forms you. I am the Potter, you are the vessel. Give Me the moldable clay of your life that I may make you into the useful vessel of My

choosing, of our choosing. For the vessel you become is a vessel of My choice and of your choice together (ML #3052).

### 407

The cares of this life and its many burdens and worries have pulled you away from your intimate fellowship with Me. The Devil has plagued you with many doubts, much condemnation and fear of failure, and this has clouded your ability to look to Me and have faith that I can hear your prayers and want to answer you and bless you and love you. But I'm telling you now that these doubts and this condemnation and depression and lack of faith and discouragement are all of the Enemy. He wants to destroy you, but I want to save you and deliver you and lift you up. I want to give you a new start. I want to make you a testimony and a witness of My love.

I take the weak things and the foolish things, the broken things and imperfect things, to use as My vessels of love that I might be glorified. Through the different breakings you have experienced over the years, you have become a gentle, compassionate vessel, one who understands, one who feels, one who empathizes, one who knows what it's like to ache and be in need, one who knows the pangs of loneliness and desperation.

You see, even these dark days can work together for good if you will just put yourself into the hands of the Shepherd. If you will just yield yourself as soft, moldable clay in the hands of the Potter, then He can make from these broken pieces a better vessel--maybe not as beautiful, maybe not as brilliant or as spectacular, but more useful. I can pick up all the broken pieces of your life--your broken dreams, your heartaches, your disappointments--and with My hands of love I can cause it all to work together to form My beautiful creation.

### 408

You can be a help to this one, for you have experienced disappointment in yourself, knowing how at times you felt you hopelessly disappointed others, but that faith in My love and others' love brought you through. You can share your own testimony and apply it to his situation--how at times things looked bad, but you got desperate and you got honest with Me and others, and you began to receive the help of others rather than resisting.



Tell him your story. But don't preach, because he's already heard it. He has preached at himself and kicks himself with remorse and condemnation. Take him out and do something with him. Win his confidence. Encourage him and help him.

#### 409

If you feel you have failed Me time and again--please, won't you let Me hold you? I love you! If you feel inadequate and too wicked to be worthy of My love, I want you to know I love you, just you. If you feel overwhelmed, like you're drowning in an ocean of woes, I love you!

I love you, just you, just the way you are. My love is reaching out to you right now. My love, My forgiveness and My mercy are all right there, just for you, if you will only receive them. I love you! I need you! I long to hold you close to My heart of love. I long to feel you in My arms. I long to woo you and feel you and whisper in your ear.

I love you just the way you are--as if you were the only one. I love you, each of you, young and old. I only see My shining knights, My lords and ladies of virtue and stature. I am not stacking up all your faults and failures, all your mistakes and blunders to hold against you. My eyes are blind to all of these. I have X-ray eyes that enable Me to only see the good and the possibilities that others do not see. I only see straight through to your heart of hearts. I only see your precious, priceless, tender heart--and I love you (ML #3080).

#### 410

To become the vessel that I have ordained, you must pass through a time of suffering, a time of testing, a time of drawing nigh to Me, that you might learn that only in Me is your strength; that you might learn to seek My face for strength and courage when you have none; that you might learn to turn to My Word for answers, inspiration and wisdom, instead of leaning upon your own strength and your own thoughts and your own ways; that you might learn to come to Me and rest in My arms.

Be not dismayed at these lessons. Be not discouraged, thinking that you have done something wrong, or that I am angry with you, or that because you have been hard of heart I have had to spank you and deal with you, for this is not so. I am honoring you. I am blessing you with this opportunity that you might grow; that I might be able to polish you as a precious jewel; that I might be able to take you into My arms as a little lamb with a broken leg, that you might learn to follow Me ever so closely.

So do not look at this time of testing, these battles and this suffering, as a chastisement or as a punishment from My hand. Be not bewildered and confused and condemned and discouraged, listening to the lies of the Evil One, for he would seek to bring you down to the depths of despair. You do not need to be discouraged or condemned, for these tests are from My hand and they are given to you in love. I am not giving them to you in anger. I am not giving them to you as a last resort because you have been so difficult in learning your lessons. I am privileging you with a wonderful opportunity to learn and to grow, that you might become the disciple of God that I would have you to be.

## 411

I am the Farmer God. I slowly till the field, prepare the ground, and plant the seed. I wait patiently as the seed grows. I nurture it, and I stake it, and I weed it, and I dung it. As it grows, I see and know that fruit will come. I know that fruit does not come in the first day, or in the first week, or in the first month, but that it takes time--time for the plant to grow, time for it to receive its nutrients, time for the roots to grow deep, and time before it brings forth the fruit that will benefit others.

Before the fruit there is much labor, much tending, much watering and weeding and fighting against the pests. Oh, that My children would understand these things!

Having to wait for the fruit is a test--a test of your faith, a test of your patience. As you wait and you see not the fruit, you begin to waver. But I say to you, have patience. Know that the plant must grow fully and completely before the fruit is ripe and ready.

So it is with My blessings and with your obedience. As you obey, as you do the things that I say, as you believe My Words, this is as the plant growing. This is the watering and the nurturing. But if you give up and say, "There is no fruit in my obedience, there is no fruit in my yielding, there is no fruit in my doing what the Lord has shown me," and you walk away from the plant and you no longer nurture it and you let the weeds grow and you no longer water it, it weakens and it dies. And the fruit that it may bring forth is not the same fruit--not as healthy, not as full as if you had had faith to nurture it and to let it grow to full maturity.

So though you do not immediately see the fruit of your labors, of your obedience, have faith! Have faith that it will come. The farmer has faith, for he knows that if he does those things which he must do--the watering and the nurturing, the fighting off the pests--and if he has patience, the fruit will come and he will be rewarded.

You, My children, must be farmers in the Spirit--farmers who move slowly, patiently and faithfully, who know that the fruit comes forth through their patient labors. They can't

make it come forth faster. They must do what they must do in obedience, in faithfulness, and then the fruit comes forth.

In your patience possess ye your souls. For the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Trust Me as the farmers trust Me, that you may receive the full fruit and the full benefit of the harvest after patient and diligent laboring (ML #3073).

## 412

I would that you start each new day afresh in sweet lovemaking. Say not, "Oh, but I have no time to start out the day in the bed of love, for the children have need of me and there is this and that to tend to. One needs this, and the other needs that." Yes, My dear, I know they have need, and I will tend to every need if you will but cast your care on Me and let Me carry you through.

I know that this is the true desire of your heart, the wish on your lips, and the prayer of your soul--that you may revel in My love and be filled with My seeds. I know you want Me. I know you desire Me, but at times you don't see how to fit it all in--how to supply the needs of your Husband, and yet meet the needs of the children. You have but to take this step of faith, to just lie back in My arms and rest. Enjoy these times of sweet peace in our little haven, our chamber of love, and you will see, and you will experience, and you will find strength that you know not of to care for these precious ones.

## 413

I see your every tear. I hear your every cry. I feel your every frustration, your every worry, your every burden, your every desire. I know everything about you--all your wants, all your lacks. I see your very heart and all that is in it, and I deeply love you.

I long to hold you. I long to caress you and kiss away the hurts and the heartaches, if you will but allow Me to. I long to comfort, to soothe, and to pour My honey love balm upon your every heartache, your every heartbreak, your every worry, your every fear, your every tear, your every frustration. I long to blow away every cloud of confusion and to soothe your ruffled nerves. I long to melt away the bitterness and turn every deep longing into marvelous fulfillment and true satisfaction.

I long to give you the sun and the moon, the stars in the sky, the ecstasies of Heaven, and a love that will never end! I long to pull you through whatever deep, dark experience,

whatever dense fog you find yourself in. Whatever confusion or frustration you have bottled up inside, I long to melt it all away, because I love you (ML #3080).

#### 414

I wish all My children to truly be married one to another--the shepherds with their flocks, the young with the old, the single with the single, the marrieds with the marrieds, the singles with the marrieds, and Me with all My children. This is an ensample of things to come, a taste of the Marriage Feast of the Lamb when we will all be married together, and we will partake of the ceremony of love.

I will take each of My brides one by one into My bosom, to say special words of love unique to each person, for them and them alone. I will place upon them a ring of love, and a chain of My unending and unbreakable vow of love about their neck. I will take and kiss and hold and love each one. We shall all be one forever, as I love each one, and as we all love each other in our great marriage in the Heavens. For it will not only be a marriage to Me, but a marriage of all My children to each other.

#### 415

Cast all your cares upon Me, for I care for you. This is My promise to you, My precious children. But the reverse is also true. For if you have not the faith and the trust to commit all things unto Me, and to cast your cares into My loving hands, then I am not able to care for you fully and completely as I would like to.

When those who are strong in the Word and rich in faith step out on My promises, trusting Me completely to provide and supply their every need, I am able to meet them, fulfill My Word, and to work wondrous miracles! But these who have not had sufficient Word, who are weakened and lacking faith and trust, are not able to step out in full faith, for they lack the faith to believe that I am able to meet them. And because of this lack of faith, I am not able to meet them.

How I long for My children to be strengthened in faith through their feasting on My Word! Oh, what a simple answer--almost too simple, it would seem to some. Yet what a mighty door this little key is able to unlock! For it is the passageway into the world of My abundant supply, of My blessings, and of My answers to their prayers (ML #3073).

#### 416

I know your heart, My dearest one, and all that is therein. I know the hardships, the disappointments, the discouragement. Now I speak unto your heart and I say, "Let not these things move you." I am greater than your heart. I am greater than all of these things, for I am the Lord your God. I am your Husband, your Friend and your Lover, and we are one. Therefore, never fear. Always look unto Me. Look into My face and I will strengthen you.

Come unto Me in My bed of love, that you may receive the power that you need--the power of love, the power of anointing, the power of concern. You can only find this power in My arms, for it is there where we will have close communion together in which you will receive these seeds of strength, of power, of love, of care. So neglect Me not, but always turn toward Me and know that all the power, all the strength, all the anointing, all the love that you need to do the job that I have called you to do, is in My arms.

If you will come to Me, if you will lie in My arms and let Me kiss you, stroke you and caress you, you will have all that you need. You cannot do it in your own strength, for the weight is too heavy, the burden is too great, and it shall press you down. But if you come unto Me, into My arms, loving Me and letting Me love you, you shall have all that you need. So shall you be fruitful and so shall your fruit multiply and so shall I bless you beyond measure with all that your heart desires. Even as now I have given you a desire of your heart, so am I able to give you all of your heart's desires.

So come to Me, My fair one! Come to Me, My beauty! Come to Me, My love, that you may receive of Me, that you may be filled and that you might find fulfillment in all that you seek to do. For you will do your job, your activities and all you do in the power and strength of My might, if you will but come unto Me. I kiss you now with My kisses so that you may know that you have been kissed by the Lord your God, and that I am your Husband, your Lover, your strength, your power and your Friend.

## 417

How privileged are the children of David to have the queen and king of love as their shepherds! They truly are shepherds of the Kingdom to come, for they teach their children how to love and partake of the realities to come, now on Earth, as it will be in Heaven. These are not mere skits, but love in action--living truths that they are enacting in their own lives the way it is Here. For I fill them with My love, My truth, My inspiration and My guidance, that they may lead you and draw you in closer, and feed you with truths that have only been shared beforehand with those who have arrived Here.

## 418

There is no higher calling in My Kingdom than to feed My sheep. This is what is most precious unto Me. If you feed My sheep, I will feed you!--And I will pay you higher dividends for your investment than you can imagine! For this is My pleasure--that you care for My little ones, that you raise them up, that you show them the full counsel of God and deliver unto them that which was delivered unto you. Freely you have received, so freely give out.

As you minister to those that are outside the fold, you should also minister to your own, and to your own young ones. Minister unto them the most important thing, which is a love for the sheep. This is what My servant David ministered unto his children, and in them was born a fire which grew into this Revolution for Jesus! (ML #2956).

## 419

Have I not said that time is short? It is for this reason that I must use extreme measures to raise up My young soldiers; to train them in the ways of faith and trust; to train them to seek My face; to break down their self-confidence and their dependence on the arm of the flesh.

My dear one, you are not the only one who is suffering affliction and a time of testing. There are many who are being tested and weighed in the balances. There are many who are being purged and chastened. But it is for a good reason. It is out of love that I bring these things to pass, because I see the future and I know what you will need in the times that are to come.

I know that you will need strength of spirit, faith, and confidence in My Word. Above all, you will need confidence in My love for you, knowing that I do all things well, and that because I love you, it is My desire to care for you and to make you into the instrument that I would have you to be. It is for these reasons that you must pass through this time of affliction, this time of testing. It's not a bad thing; it's a good thing! It's not a punishment; it's a blessing!

Know truly that all things, even this, will work together for good if you will trust Me and let Me have My way in your life through it. I am not a hard, harsh and unloving God Who wants to slap you down and deal with you in anger just to make you sad and discouraged. That is not My purpose at all! That is not My nature. I am a God of love. Though disguised and wrapped in a veil of suffering, I give you this blessing out of love for you, because I have faith in you, that you will be able to take it, that you will be able

to bear it, and that through it, I will be able to work in your life and make you what I want you to be.

After this time of testing you will come forth as pure gold, as a vessel prepared and fit for My service. So be not weary nor discouraged. Be not dismayed at these tests from My hand, but put yourself wholly and completely in My care, knowing that I am in control, and that I know every detail of your life, your heart, your mind, and your body. There is nothing that escapes My view. There is nothing that is not known to Me. There is nothing that can happen to you except it be by My permission.

## 420

My child, I'm calling you. I'm calling you to Me, to My side, to My bosom. Come lie with Me. Rest your head and give Me your cares and your burdens, your heavy loads. For I would not have you carry these loads needlessly, or they will simply weigh you down and hinder your running the rest of the race which is before you.

These paths that you have walked down during these last few miles have been rough and rugged ones for you. In My eyes it has been a little hill, a little bump, a little rugged patch that you have gone over, that has caused you to stumble and lose your footing somewhat--such a small little patch, a little bump on the ground in comparison to the many miles over which you have already come, the mountains and valleys and steep climbs which you have already traversed. It's been just a small moment in time, but very real and painful, and very close to you now.

Don't condemn yourself for tripping and falling, for not walking upright and standing strong and straight and tall over what was a very rough and bumpy road. It's nothing to be ashamed of. You will find no condemnation in My heart toward you, My child.

Do you not think that I was aware of this crinkle in the road, of this stretch which you would come upon, which would be difficult for you, which you were not expecting, which seems to you to be a sore spot, an ugly spot, an ugly mark on the landscape of this past year? I know you don't fully understand, but rest assured that what is not known to you is known to Me. For I have used this to work My will in the lives of all My children who were involved.

You see the matter from the emotions and feelings of failure of your own heart, but I see a much bigger picture. I see many hearts that were broken and drawn closer to Me in greater desperation and dependency and need. This has been My design, for I see you coming to Me now, as you have many times when you were at wits' end, not knowing what to do or how to respond in this difficult situation.

You came to Me, and I was always there with open arms, desiring you to come and to rest even more fully and completely with Me. For I have comfort to give that you know not of, and succor, strength, love and understanding. All is yours as you run to lie with Me during your times of need. All this I would give to you now as you give all your problems to Me in faith and trust. No burden is too great, and no feeling of failure too big or complex for Me to lift in one moment. As you hear My voice calling you once again to come, leave it all behind. Just set it down right where you are and come lie in My arms.

I have used this rocky patch of ground over which you have walked, over which I have brought you, to draw you close to Me. For if the going were straight and clear and steady, then you would not have fallen to the ground in a heap, disoriented and uncertain how to proceed, so that I could lift you and draw you to Myself as you reached up for My help. So I now lift you over this bumpy patch. I lift you up and over, and I take the giant step out of it while you lay serenely in My arms with your head next to Mine.

Let Me lift you away from the confusion and the guilt, the condemnation, the worries about your own failures, your own weaknesses, what you feel is your own weakness of character and inability to stand up for Me. Let Me lift you away from this, My child. Turn your back on it and look full in My face. Rest fully in My arms, and there you will find the reflection of the love and peace which I give unto you. And here in My arms you will see again, as you come with nothing in your hands--none of your own goodness, abilities, strength and righteousness--that I will fill you and be all these things unto you.

As you look back over your shoulder to those whom you have traveled with during these rough times, think of them not as those with whom you fell in a heap together. But think of them as likewise lying in My arms, learning, finding rest from their labors and battles and struggles, and coming to know and experience again how I can be their all in all. For you are each My bride, and even in the midst of such a tremendous harvest field and your labors for Me to reach and reap the many hearts which are crying out for Me, I have drawn you to Myself so that you might know My peace and comfort and love through your tears.

Know that I will always carry you, My son, My love, My dear bride. I take you up so that we can continue to traverse this great journey ahead together. I know that you will keep your hand in Mine, that we'll walk side-by-side, that we'll continue to have sweet communion and discussions together. The path upon which we walk will not always be smooth and easy and straight. But as the rough times come, as the bumps and difficulties in the road appear, as you stop and look up to Me with entreating and trustful eyes and heart, as you stop and lift up your arms and ask Me to take you up, I will do so. As you shake your head and say, "My Father, my Love, my dear Jesus, I know I cannot walk this rugged patch alone. I know You always hold my hand, but please take me up into Your



arms for this stretch, for You know the road much better than I, and I trust You to carry me through," I will do so.

As you lie in My arms with your head against My shoulder, your heart beating next to Mine, you will find the strength, comfort and guidance of My strong arms. Though the path over which you travel at these times may be more difficult and rough, yet because of your closeness to Me and being face-to-face, so close that you can hear My voice and My whispers ever more clearly, you will come to even laugh with delight as you see these points in the road approaching. For they will not mean a time of stumbling and falling, of anguish and struggles, but they will mean a time of drawing ever closer to Me, resting in My arms and letting Me carry you through.

It's a wonderful road ahead, My child, for I love you and I will be your strength, your love, your joy, your tenderness, as you let Me pick you up and hold you to My bosom. This is My joy and My delight, and together we'll make it through. I love you greatly. Thank you for coming to Me.

## 421

Trust Me in the deep waters. Trust Me in the dark places. Know that I have gone before and I am holding you. I will help the flood waters not to overflow you. When you go through this breaking and this crushing, never forget that it is from My hand, and that all things come of Me. This also is part of My plan for you, that in your brokenness, My love shall flow forth; that you may be a vessel of My love to pour forth the healing balm upon others. Even as My life was broken, and My body was broken, and I shed My blood for you so that I could pour My love and Spirit upon you and give you the gift of eternal life, so do these breakings bring about the precious fruits of My Spirit and cause you to be a broken vessel, a yielded vessel, a vessel full of My love, a vessel of comfort.

## 422

*(Spirit helper:)* I'm sorry if you feel overwhelmed by the problems, but you just can't let that discourage you. You know that the Lord is going to win the victory in the end. You know that He has a perfect plan, and you know, by faith, that if you obey the Word, obey God, and do your best, then He is going to do His best with you--exactly what He made and ordained you for! (ML #3073).

## 423

A marriage is a sacred thing to Me, and what I have joined together, let no man put asunder. It is during times of testing and trial and battle that I prove you. In My Kingdom, those that stand by another and love them and encourage them and help them through their affliction and their hard times are heroes and knights and strong soldiers.--Not the ones who only look for the good times and the fruitful times, or the apparent fruitful times.

The true fruit and true unity and true strength of a relationship comes through these times of struggle and of lifting up the other one. Have I not said that one cannot stand alone? For if he falls, he needs someone to help him.

When you see your wife in need and in pain, you need to be moved with compassion to pray for her, to comfort her, to show her love and sympathy and be soft toward her. Don't get exasperated and fed up, or feel put off if she is weaker for a time. Don't feel like it is a big inconvenience and it's really hampering your service for the Lord, but look at her with sympathy and tenderheartedness. Take her in your arms and comfort her, love her, weep for her, and especially pray for her.

If you can't have love and tenderness and compassion for this dear woman who is your wife, then how can you have love and compassion for the sheep and others? Let the Lord use this in your life to teach you to be a good shepherd, a mender of wounds, a healer. The Lord will use even this to work in your life, and it will bring forth much good fruit.

I have put you together as a couple to help one another. And how can I make you the shepherds that you must be unless you are tested and tried, and your faith is strengthened through these things?

## 424

I have called you out unto Me, solely unto Me. Though you desire others to uphold you, I show you that it is only I that uphold you. Others fail you, but I never fail, for I am always there. I am your Husband, I am your Lover, I am your Protector and your Keeper. So do I enfold you in My arms and hold you close to Me.

In the natural you seek for these arms of comfort, for the strength of the arms of these that love you. But all things in the natural fail, yet I never fail. My love never fails. I hold you in My arms and I comfort you. So come unto Me. Come into My arms. Rest in Me. Find your comfort in Me, and look not to that which others have. Look not to human love but look unto Me, for I have love to give you that no man can give you, the love of the Spirit.

I have given you the love and comfort that you will need for this job of caring for My precious little brides who are so sweet and precious in My sight. I know you feel incapable, and you are incapable on your own, but with Me you can do anything. I will empower you with such love that it will amaze you, and you will marvel and praise Me and acknowledge that it is Me. For I have given you special helpers in this job of caring for these young ones.

Many people are burdened and concerned for their young people and how to care for them; they love them, but they just lack wisdom and experience and knowledge.

This is how I was with My disciples: Even though I already knew their hearts and all that was in store for them, I took time to get to know them personally every day. I took time daily to listen, to know, to feel, and this was what made a difference in their lives.

After I departed from them they were tempted and they were buffeted. But when they remembered My love and the love we shared together, this gave them faith and the courage to go on. This is what gave them faith--to know that they did have something to share with others. It wasn't some flaming big feeling of fire, but rather the warm, comforting coals of My love that gave them the faith to go on and to know that they had something to give others.

So keep loving. Keep giving. Keep listening. Keep comforting. This will go far and never fail; for God's love, My Father's love, never fails. It is long-lasting. It is life-giving. It is encouraging. It is wooing. I will strengthen and help you in every way.

Are these not the Last Days? Have I not spoken through My Own Son that the love of many will wax cold and that there will be a falling away before the great return of My Beloved One to gather you unto His bosom? Therefore seek not to be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Seek not the pattern and the fashion of this world. Do not compare yourself with that which is without, with the world and its ways. Seek not to conform to that which outwardly might appear lovely, but within is full of extortion, excess and wickedness. Be not deceived, for evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, if it were possible, even the very elect. But because of My elect, My chosen ones, these days shall

be shortened and I will save you. A just man falls seven times and rises up again, but the wicked do fall into mischief (ML #2985).

## 427

I am picking and training and strengthening My shepherds for the end. You must endure hardness as good soldiers, for the life of faith, and especially the life of shepherds, is a long road and a difficult task, and there will be many obstacles, struggles, battles, tests and trials along the way. Each one is meant to strengthen you, to give you love and courage, and to make you the men and women of God that you must be for these troublous times.

So be not weary and faint in your mind, but press forward. When you are discouraged, lift one another up. Spend time loving and strengthening one another. Say the words of love and comfort that will build and will give back the courage that is lost.

Look to the Word together, for My Word is where the courage lies. Only My Spirit can overcome these fears, these doubts, these worries, these unloving thoughts. I will fill you with the love that you need and make you strong vessels, fit for the Master's use. You will be happy and joyful and will exude My love to many. If you remain faithful, I will use you to help multitudes, and you will be glorious jewels in My crown!

## 428

You must remember, as was said about the woman in the Bible, "She hath done what she could." Just do what you can, and then leave the rest to Me and to others. Trust Me for your children. If you can't give them all that you would like to every day, don't worry about it. Just give what you can, and I will care for them. I will make them what I have designed them to be. Simply be faithful with the little that you can do each day, which is a lot.

Don't be down on yourself. Don't worry, fret and fear that your children are not getting what they need. For if you have My love and give it to your children, this will cover everything else. I will make them strong towers in My Kingdom and they shall stand before the enemies in the gate. You will be proud of them!

But without Me, you can do nothing. You must take time with Me in My Word and in the bed of love, in prayer and fellowship. For I wish to give you greater power, greater peace, greater faith and greater love.

You must be a Mary. Even though you have many duties as a Martha, you must make time for Me. Your strength comes from Me, and without Me you will be burning without oil and your wick will turn black. Your strength will be sapped, and you won't have peace. You won't have enough love. You'll have fear. All of these problems are just on the surface, and they can be washed away with My strength, My Spirit, and My love.

So make time for Me each day. Your children and your husband will be fine, and I will renew your relationship with your husband, your children, those you live with, those you work with, and those you minister to. They shall see a new light upon your face!

Lift up your heart and your hands unto Me! Put Me first in your life and I will re-envision, I will re-strengthen, I will renew, I will reinvigorate, and I will lift you up.

## 429

I know your heart. I understand what you're going through. I know that it's very hard and you feel like you're at the very end of your rope. You feel like you don't have the strength to face this trial, to go through it and come out on the other side. Don't worry about how you feel, for I know your heart. Believe Me, you will come out on the other side.

I suffer with you. When your heart aches, My heart aches, for you have a High Priest that can be touched with the feeling of your infirmities. I ache for you! I hurt for you! This is one of those times when I take you in My arms and I carry you. I know that it's too much to bear on your own and that you cannot go it alone, so I hold you tight and I carry you. I hold you to My breast. I'm holding you tight this very minute, kissing away the tears and the hurt.

Believe Me, the hurt will go away and will turn into glorious blessings! Out of the ashes of hurt and defeat will grow the beautiful lilies of My love--not only in your life, but in the lives of many, many others who will be touched by it. Only believe.

## 430

Faith is the true coinage of Heaven. Faith is the key that unlocks the treasure house of My blessings--My spiritual blessings, My material blessings, all of My blessings. For without faith, it is impossible to please Me. For he that comes to Me must believe that I am the rewarder of those that diligently seek Me. And why would you seek Me unless you had the faith that I would hear and I would answer and I would honor your faith and honor My Word--My promises to you?

I am not a man that I should lie, nor the son of man that I should repent. Have I said and shall I not do it? Have I not promised that I will supply your every need, that I love to give more than you love to receive, that I would open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing you could not contain, if you would but trust Me and believe My Words and obey them?

But you have not because you ask not. You do not stop to ask Me specifically for the answers to your situation, your problems, what I want you to do. I know your situation. I know your every problem. I know every tiny detail, and I have a great plan that I am waiting to unfold at the touch of your faith. Your faith can release the power of the universe! Your faith can move mighty mountains of obstacles and difficulties! Because if you put your faith in Me and My Words, I will move the mountains, I will overcome the obstacles, and I will provide the solutions (ML #3073).

### 431

Dear ones, and all your precious children. You have been counted worthy to suffer for My Name's sake, for I know that your hearts are as pure gold, and though you be tried in the fire, you shall come out as even finer gold.

Fear not these fires of persecution and the accusations of the Enemy, for they will only serve to purify and strengthen your love for Me. It will only serve to bind you closer to My bosom and make you even stronger in the face of the Enemy's threats and accusations. Fear not, for you shall come out of this testing time even stronger and brighter and radiating with My love.

I have sent My spirit helpers to be by your side that they might encourage you and help you and fight for you. Great are My warriors of the Spirit who have rushed to your side that they might fight alongside you. They are there to whisper in your ears and comfort and guide you each step of the way. So worry not and fear not for these days of intense battle, for that which the Enemy is using to accuse you of and using to try to cause fear in your hearts shall come to naught.

I fight for you, and soon shall be the victory. Great shall be the victory in your lives. Although this experience seems grievous at the moment, it shall yield the beautiful, peaceable fruits of righteousness. Trust Me, for I do all things well, and I will not only deliver you from the chains of prison, but I will also deliver you from the lies and fears which the Enemy is trying to inflict upon you.

It is a marvelous thing in My eyes to see My children, these who have served many years, through many days of darkness and different situations, still trusting and still following, still continuing on in their hearts, the sons of David, the children of light.

But the Vile One would say to Me, "Yes, but what about these younger ones? What about the second generation? Will they continue on? They continue on when they have it good, when everything goes their way."

I say to him, "No, they will continue on through thick and thin, as their fathers and mothers have. They will trust Me."

But the Vile One says, "But what if I take away their loved ones? What if I take away their blessings? What if I take away their health? What if I give them trials, heartaches, heartbreaks, persecution and the sword? Will they continue to trust in You? Will they continue to follow?"

I will rejoice with you as you come through the test, trusting Me, holding on to Me, following Me through thick and thin, through richer and poorer, through sickness and in health, through loss and heartbreak, even through persecution, nakedness, famine and the sword! If you come through saying, "Here I stand by the grace of God, I can do no other," you will not be standing alone, for I will be standing with you with My head held high, proud of you, My children. And oh, the reward! Oh, the crown! Oh, the joy that I will give you if you will just hold on to Me. Hold on and don't turn back.

*(Dad:)* These attacks of the Enemy are a strange thing! You might wonder how come the Enemy can attack you so if the Lord loves you so much, and if He is in control and has His angels encamped around you. You might wonder how the Enemy can get through all of that and cause you such pain and suffering.

The Devil can take a weakness that sometimes comes through the flesh, and use it to attack you in the spirit. Sometimes these weaknesses in the flesh come through disobediences to the health rules, or are even disobediences to the Lord's spiritual laws; these things weaken you and open the door for the Enemy to attack you.

You need to get together and pray and see in which ways you are not obeying the Lord. Even little things can open the door for the Enemy to attack you. If you're not being faithful with your get-out, or if your diet isn't right, or if you're not getting enough sleep--if you disobey in these ways, it weakens your body in time, and then the Enemy

can take that weakness and use it to attack you. The Lord allows him to attack you in that way because you have been disobedient. This opens a chink in your armor and a way for the Enemy to get through your defenses to attack you.

If you're not getting vigorous get-out and really making your heart pump, then your body can't get rid of the poisons and your circulation isn't good, and this can bring about all kinds of problems and difficulties. So even if you're young, don't think that you can get away with not having good get-out. You need to have good get-out every day or you are going to suffer for it.

You need to have a good diet to give your body the strength to fight off the attacks of the Enemy. And you need to have good sex to help you relax, to help get rid of the tension and to help you get the sleep you need. When your body is sleeping, that's when the Lord can repair the weak areas and restore your strength and give your resistance a boost to be able to fight the attacks of the Enemy.

So there are many things, even in the physical, which can open the door to the attacks of the Enemy. It is also true of the spiritual. If you get very discouraged, this too opens the door for the Enemy to attack you. You might think there's not much of a connection between a time of heavy discouragement and a physical affliction, but there can be a connection. Because when you get very discouraged and you lose faith, that's when you lose your Halloween Wheel of power and anointing. When you lose your power and anointing, then the Enemy can come in and attack you. And he'll often use physical afflictions, because they make you more discouraged. They weaken you in the flesh and cause you to fear. And unless you turn your eyes to the Lord and look to Him and His Word, they can even weaken you in the spirit.

So you see, my dear one, all these little details in your life are important: getting your get-out, eating right, sleeping right, loving right, working right, and staying close to the Lord. All these things are important if you want to stay in good health.

#### 434

It is the time to look outward and not inward. Look outward to the fields, for they are ripe and ready to harvest. Go forth, I say, go forth! Succor their wounds! Succor their spirits! Give them My truth! Ease their pain! Ease their suffering with My Words and with your love.

As Pandita Ramabai went and gave her life, so go forth and give yours. Go to the lost! Preach the Gospel! Give and it shall be given unto you. For I have poured forth so many blessings upon you. I have given abundantly unto you, My children. I have poured forth



My love and My Word in abundance! There is no question that I love you, but you must take this love and you must share it.

You must not become secluded in your blessings, looking inward only to yourselves and to your Home. You must look outward to those that suffer, to those that thirst and those that are hungry and that are desperate and in need and dying. They are dying without My Words, without My truth. You have an abundance!--In abundance give!

Give, and I say to you that it shall be given unto you. I will pour forth My love upon you and I will give you great strength and great anointing as you go forth to preach My Gospel, to preach My Word, to preach My love. Thus you will heal their hearts! Thus you will relieve My suffering. Thus you will take away the hurt that I feel for them (ML #2990).

### 435

You have had great faith to go to the mission field with all of your precious children. You have manifested great faith and love and trust in Me and in My promises to provide for you and your family--to protect you and keep you safe. Such great faith! Such wonderful faith will I reward and bless. I will not leave you comfortless, for I love you and care for you. I will rise up against the threats of the Enemy and smash them to the ground. He dare not touch the hearts of My precious children. He dare not cause overwhelming fear in the lives of My mighty missionaries who are willing to go to foreign fields purely by faith and trust in Me.

So listen not to his fears and accusations. Each of your children are gifts from My hand to you. The sample that you have set for your beautiful family by being willing to take them to the mission field and teach and train them by your sample of preaching the Gospel to the lost will never be lost. It will bear great fruit in the lives of each of your children.

Let not the Enemy tempt you and worry you with fears that you have too many children for a mission field, that it's too difficult to live by faith and preach the Gospel with a large family. During this time of persecution let him not tempt you to think that it's too difficult for your children to go through, that there are too many of them and it's too hard. Listen not to his accusations and threats, for he is envious of your faith and love--not only your personal faith and love for Me, but your faith to raise your children according to My Word, and to impart unto them a life of faith and the beautiful fruits of My Spirit.

The Enemy hates your beautiful, precious steps of faith. He tries to resist and pull down and shut out the voice of My Spirit coming through to speak to you and lead and guide you. But just turn to Me and trust in Me and listen. Look up to Me and listen to My voice.

For I am with you, I am in front of you and I am leading you. I will bring you out as finer gold--pure, sweet, beautiful, brilliant gold.

### 436

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Yes, I am calling you to leave your country and to be a missionary, to travel abroad and to take My love and light to those who sit in great darkness; those who have not so much as even heard of Me or heard My Name; those who worship idols and gods of stone and wood and clay and brass and metal--gods who have done nothing for them and never will.

There are great masses, multitudes of people in many lands, millions and billions of lost souls who cry out in darkness waiting for deliverance. There is so much to do! Such a great need! I also have many lost children who are yet as orphans, who know not that I am their Father. These wait for someone to love them, to guide them to Me, and that someone could be you!

### 437

*(Dad:)* You need to fight the fear that the Enemy tries to place on you. Fear kills, you know. A lot of poor people who don't know the Lord die just because of their fears alone--fear of the Enemy, fear of death. It kills them, because it destroys their power to have faith. It destroys their will to live because they are so afraid.

So resist and rebuke the fears of the Devil! Replace the fears of the Devil with faith by reading the Word, praying desperately, and quoting Scriptures. Get out those Letters I gave you when I was there with you and study them! Put them into practice and live them, and they will work for you! Study my Letters on how to go on the attack and on the fight of faith for healing. Study these Words and they will bring victory over these attacks of the Enemy.

This is a spiritual battle, and will not be won in the physical. It will not be won through doctors and treatments and the medical system and subjecting yourself to all kinds of tests. This battle will be won in the spirit by looking to the Lord and learning to fight with the Word and faith!

One of the primary lessons the Lord is trying to teach you is how to go to the Word and make it work for you--how to go to the Lord with appropriating faith and fight in the Spirit, really rebuking the Enemy and his fears and attacks, and making God's promises

work for you by taking them to heart, believing them, and refusing to listen to the lies of the Enemy!

So when you're hit with one of these attacks--and it is an attack of the Enemy--rebuke the Enemy and fight! Memorize Scriptures, because that's your defense. That's your medicine. That's the key to healing in this battle.

### 438

Behold these days of intense, desperate battle, where you can feel the conflict, the confusion, and the heat of battle so overwhelmingly and so near to snuffing out your very spiritual life! For the Enemy knows that his time is at hand, that his days are numbered, that his time is short, and the clock is ticking. He sees My soon return on the horizon, and he does fight with all that he has! For this is his last chance to dissuade, to pull away, to deceive and disillusion those who fall prey to his voice.

These days are cloudy, confusing, and intense. But lift your eyes to the horizon! Set your eyes and your mind and your thoughts upon Me and the pure water of My Word, where all is clear and simple, where there lies no confusion, no doubts, no fears, no pressure, no worry, no condemnation, no criticism, no darkness.

You must look away from the Enemy's doubts, fears, worries, lies and accusations, and look to Me and My Word! You must continue to walk by faith and draw your faith from the power of My Word. For My Word has kept you all these years. My Word has faithfully kept you from the day of your rebirth until now, and it will continue to keep you until we are together in Heaven (ML #3073).

### 439

I will protect and keep each of My precious little lambs, so that no harm shall come to them. Worry not that these days of testing and this battle will overwhelm them and engulf them and create fear in their hearts. Though it is difficult at the moment, and it is a strong time of testing for each of you, when you see the answers to the prayers of the Family, of the children of David around the world, and when you see the wonderful miracles that I will do in answer to all your heartfelt prayers, it will cause a great victory in your lives.

There shall be a great victory of faith, trust and love which shall never be overcome by any threats of the Enemy. There shall come the sweetest victory of all, that of knowing that no matter what the circumstances, whether you are in prison or any other difficult circumstance, I am always there at your beck and call and you can always trust in Me and

My Word. Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but My Word shall never pass away. I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Thank you for enduring those days within that prison, under such trying, difficult conditions. Thank you for going without the comforts of your normal life, without the comfort of your loving family and the warmth and shelter of your home, without the sound of the voices of your sweet children. Thank you for being willing to endure suffering and hardship for My name's sake. Thank you for clinging to Me desperately for the solution and for the deliverance. Thank you for trusting Me to open the doors and make a way of escape. Thank you for being an example of the kind of Endtime soldiers that I need--those who are willing to trust and obey and stand strong in faith.

#### 440

My child, you feel you do not have much to give. But when you look at those who have nothing and know nothing, you will understand how rich you are--how truly wealthy you are in the spirit, and even in knowledge, understanding, maturity, and light!

You feel confused and in darkness. You feel you know not what to do with yourself or what will become of your life. But consider this: Imagine how you would feel if you did not even know Me. What if you did not even know that you would come to My arms when you die? What if you did not even know that My unconditional love is there for you, even when you feel it not? What if you did not know that rewards await you for all that you have done for Me? What if you did not even know that there was any purpose to life, that there was a Higher Being, a Power greater than yourself that could provide you with answers, healing, miracles, guidance, strength, and love?

Imagine if you did not have any of these things! Then after putting yourself in that position, take a look at your life again and realize how you are truly rich and increased in goods--the goods of My Spirit--My Words and the Words of David and Maria! You are even rich in practical skills, know-how and knowledge! You are so blessed to have at your fingertips many ideas, and tips, instruction and guidance in so many areas.

#### 441

I ask you a question: When you have felt love for others, but it was not returned in the same measure--the seed was planted but was not able to come to full blossom and full bloom--were you happy? I give it to you that you may receive it for a time, for the moment. If I wish to extend it, or I wish to prolong it, or I wish to end it, what is that to

thee? It is better to have tasted of the love that I have given you than never to have tasted at all. It is better to have drunk one mouthful of the love that I have for you than not to have tasted at all and to die of thirst. For many lie parched and have not tasted of this love.

I have done this that your heart may be broken for others. You who have tasted know that I am good, and that love is good; that love is real, and that it exists. But so many have not tasted. They lie parched, with dry lips, shriveled tongues, longing, ever longing for the love that I've given you so freely!

I have called you to the harvest, and the harvest is in the hearts of men. I have sent you forth that you might have these experiences in your heart--not only the love, but the heartbreak, the brokenness. If you know these things, you will go forth with a broken heart, weeping, and you will doubtless return again, glorifying the Lord and bringing your sheaves with you.

## 442

My darling precious ones, I love you so! Soon this battle of persecution, the suffering, the lies and accusations of the Enemy will be behind you and you will walk forward into a brighter, newer day, having fought the battle and won the victory. You will go forth, you and your children, stronger, steadier, more broken, more humble, more loving. You will then be able to extend the love, faith and compassion which you have received to many others. You will be able to comfort others, and encourage and give strength to others. You will be able to speak with the voice of experience and love, telling others that I am able to do all things well.

So lift up your voices and praise and rejoice and shout the victory, for I am by your side and will carry you through! No matter how high the waters run, no matter how hot the fire may feel, no matter how many threats the Enemy may sling, no matter how dark the storm, I remain the calm in the center of the storm. I and My Word remain the voice of faith against the Enemy's lies. I remain a strong tower and I will gather you into My arms. I remain your defense in the face of adversity. I remain your mighty Warrior Who will slay all your enemies. I remain the great God of the universe, Who with one flick of My finger can command whatever I will. I remain your compassionate Father, Who will care for you as My sweet and tender children. I remain the Good Shepherd, Who lays down His life for the sheep. I remain your devoted, dedicated Husband Who will do anything for you. I remain your sweet Lover, Who will comfort you in the night.

So lift up your eyes and keep them fixed steadily on Me, both today and tomorrow. Continue to trust and rest completely upon Me and My Word. I do all things well, and I will not fail you--not today nor tomorrow. That which you have experienced today will only serve to sharpen your sword for tomorrow. You shall continue to be great, valiant warriors of the faith. You shall continue to be beautiful samples of missionaries who are willing to lay down their lives for the sheep. You shall continue to train and nurture your children, and they shall continue to grow strong in faith and follow in My footsteps.

I will continue to bless you, guide you, protect you, keep you and reward you greatly for the sacrifices which you have made. Not only will I deliver you from the snare of the Enemy, but great will be your reward in the days to come and great will be your reward in Heaven. I know the hearts of each of My children very well. Dear ones, I know the reward that will mean the most to you. I know just what blessing to bestow upon your lives in reward for your willingness to suffer persecution for My name, and I will be faithful to generously reward you and bless you with just the things that you need.

#### 443

Be not as the old woman who for many years had great wealth and riches, yet thought they were just pretty pictures, that they couldn't do anything for her, that they were just for decoration, or had maybe done someone else some good at some other time. My promises are for you! Reach out and take hold of them! Put Me to the test! Put My supply to the test! Put My ability to provide your needs to the test!

My Words are real! They are truth, and they are power! My power is real, and the power of prayer and the workings of the spirit world are real! Many are at your command, waiting for you to believe, to take hold, to get on the raft of My Word and paddle away, knowing that I'll carry you through.

#### 444

I have added My voice of prophecy to My written Word. Cling to it and absorb it! Hold on to My voice. Carry it with you. Keep it close by your side. Review My voice of prophecy; read it over and over and over. Let it sink in to your very being. Let it become a part of you. Absorb it. Pray desperately that it becomes alive to you, real, meaningful, and fruitful in your lives. Pray and ask Me for a sincere hunger for My voice. Let My voice guide you and sustain you and keep you.

For My Words are powerful! They are life, they are truth, they are energy! They will give you the strength and the grace to carry on. They will give you the answers and the solutions to every situation. They will supply your every need. They will provide direction and guidance and counsel. They will support you when you feel weary or weak, and they will sustain you when you feel faint. They will provide peace when you feel confused and tired. They will provide energy and grace when you feel you cannot go on.

Draw on My Words! Draw on My voice! Be desperate and suck for My seeds! Just lie back in My arms and pray desperately, and I will come to you. I will answer your call. I will come quickly to you and fulfill your need (ML #3073).

#### 445

Say not that you are but a child, for you have much to give! Even now around you there are opportunities to give out My love, My Words, My message. Every minute counts, every day counts, so please don't let precious time slip by. Please use each day to the fullest to do all you can for Me, for there is much to do. I will be with you. I will instruct and lead and guide you. I will provide all your needs. I will bring you great happiness and fulfillment and full reassurance of My love and care and My ability to do whatever you need and want Me to do. All this and more will I do for you if you will but take hold of My promises and stand on them, believe them, and put them to work in your life.

#### 446

*(Dad:)* I'm sorry that you've been battling so fiercely and having such a struggle. It really is a fight of faith to stay true to the Lord and His Word amidst all the changes that you go through, as well as all the ones that occur around you both in the Family and even in the world. Your faith is constantly being tested by new and different things. But Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, and His Word stands strong and sure, as a solid rock foundation that never fails, that we can always cling to and stand upon and claim. Though Heaven and Earth pass away--and even if everyone and everything else passes away or fails--His Word stands true and will not fail you!

Thank you for staying faithful to the Word and looking to the Word--both the written Word, and exercising your faith muscles to receive His personal new living Words of love, encouragement, instruction and counsel for you personally, day by day. You need both, and I'm real happy that you're tuning in to His voice and hearing His whispers and listening to what He has to say.--And also for trying your best to read and follow and obey and implement the written Word in your lives.

Don't worry about what others think. I know that's hard sometimes, especially when it's your Family and loved ones, but we all have to stand before the Lord and give account of ourselves and answer to Him.

This Family is a wonderful Family, with wonderful people who have given their lives and everything to follow the Lord and obey His great commission. But we're all human and we all make mistakes, and we sometimes get off track, or get confused, or go through changes and fluctuations. But the Word stands sure, and that is the standard and the guiding light that will light your path and show you the way to go.

So continue to look to the Word and obey the Word as you read it.--And try to help others to do the same by your sample of a meek and humble spirit. Stay loving, stay sweet, stay humble and open, but don't be afraid to stand up for your convictions and what you know is right from the Word, regardless of what others are doing. It's the Lord we all want to please and obey, and that is what He will bless.

I know it's rough when people have different standards or different levels of faith and obedience, but you just have to do the best you can according to your faith and conviction from the Word. Use lots of love, wisdom and prayer power in helping to change the things that need to be changed. If you feel you can't operate according to the level of faith of those you are with, don't be afraid to go out and open a new Home or get a new team, and depart as friends and Family and brothers and sisters. You'll just have to pray and ask the Lord what He wants you to do, what the balance is between sticking and trying to lovingly and wisely help others, or if they aren't open to changes, launching out by faith for wherever and whatever else the Lord may have for you.

But most of all, please don't give up and let the Enemy confuse you or discourage you or tell you that you don't fit in or there's no place for you in the Family. If you follow the Word, you know you're right, and you know you will be pleasing the Lord and will receive His blessings and guidance and protection and direction and provision of all your needs, as well as happiness and fulfillment.

#### 447

Pressure is something that builds up slowly and becomes greater with time. It can become so great that it can cause an explosion. But it starts out slowly, and if you let Me bear the weight and carry the burdens in the beginning, it can stay small and manageable. For although you have to carry many responsibilities, if you give these cares and responsibilities to Me, I will carry them for you and I will help you to shoulder them.



Pressure is from the Enemy, and it is he that causes the press on your spirit and the feeling of discouragement. He tries to make you worry and look at the load and the work. Even though the work and the load are there, I have called you, chosen you, ordained you and anointed you to be able to carry it, and I will not give you more than you can bear. So even though the load is great and the deadlines are before you and there is much to do, you have to resist the Enemy's temptation to feel under too much pressure.

Resist his spirit of pressure by continually casting your cares upon Me. Release the pressure by looking up to Me. For when the load is great, I give a greater anointing. When the to-do list grows longer and longer, I give more grace. When the deadlines grow closer, I give a greater anointing. All this will I give unto you, and more, if you will continue to look to Me and cast your burdens on Me. Cast on Me every care, every worry, every question, every thought, every concern, every load.

#### 448

You've seen the fruit of the Word. Therefore do not doubt in your heart that it can be lived, and that it can spring forth and bear fruit in much abundance! Don't you know that these things take time? Many hours of labor--tilling and plowing and fertilizing the field--must be spent before the ground is receptive enough to receive the seeds. Then there are many more hours of watering and tending. It takes weeks, and sometimes even months, before the little blades of green shoot up. And still more months, sometimes even years, before the tree, vine, bush or plant brings forth its fruit in its season.

You have need of patience, that after you have done the will of God you may receive the promise. Keep your eyes turned upward toward My face, continually drinking in and absorbing My Words, feasting on My Spirit and the faith and inspiration that I alone can give. This is what will sustain you and uphold you during your days of battle and toiling in the field.

#### 449

Take time with Me, even if it is just for a few minutes, to release the pressure. Take a few minutes here and a few minutes there and release the pressure by singing a song, reading a verse, praising Me, quoting a quote, saying sweet love words to Me. Those few moments when you are looking up to Me and entering the temple of My Spirit will release the pressure and take the weight from your shoulders and put it back on My shoulders where it belongs.

I have never failed you and I won't fail you now, no matter how much you have to do, no matter how much you have to take care of, and no matter how much you are responsible for. You are My responsibility and I will not fail you. I am responsible to take care of you so that you can do what I want you to do. I promise that as you look to Me for the help that you need, I will take away the pressure so that you can relax in My Spirit.

As you lean on Me and look to Me, you will feel My Spirit strengthening you. You will feel My arm helping you and upholding you. So just rest upon Me and lean upon Me and let Me uphold you. The burdens will never be too great if they are Mine. The to-do list will never be too long and the pressure will never overcome you as long as you resist it and call on Me for help.

I am more than ready to help you, and I will help you. I will supply the grace and the strength and the anointing for each job. I will take away the feeling of pressure upon your spirit and the discouragement that it causes. I will take away the restlessness and worries and concerns.

My seeds have great power--power to restore your spirit and bring peace and relaxation. It's all in My seeds--the seed of My Word, the seed of My voice, and the seed of our lovemaking. The more you have My seeds inside of you, the less room there will be for pressure. So continue to open your mouth wide, and your spirit and your heart and your eyes and your ears, and My seeds will continue to flow in and build a force field of protection around you from the Enemy's spirit of pressure.

## 450

You have seen the heavy battle that your young ones are facing. You have seen the Devil's strong pull on them, and the darts which he casts at them. The battle is heavier than it has ever been, for the Enemy knows that his time is short. The thing which he fights the most is the thing which would strengthen them the most--their receiving My Words.--And especially My Words for today, for they contain the battle plan which I give you step by step. If each one would but reach out with his heart and receive them, they would be strengthened personally to fight through to victory. The Enemy knows this and fights vehemently to prevent their receiving of My Word.

It is your job as a shepherd to lead the way, to call and say, "Taste and see that the Lord is good! Come and see! Behold the treasures contained in the wonderful Words of the Lord!" It is not within your power to make them receive it, and that is not the job that I have given you. Your job is only to have faith and show a sample of receiving and drinking in My Words, My New Wine, and calling to them, saying, "Look, I've found the

answer! Yes, it has been difficult. Yes, I have also experienced those things that you feel, but herein is the answer! Try it and see that it works! Taste and see that it is good! It is free, it is abundant, and it is for you!" That is all you must do.

## 451

There is a time and a purpose under Heaven for all things: a time to work, a time to rest. A time to seek, a time to find. A time to pray, a time to play. For all is not work and all is not rest. All is not prayer and all is not play. I would that My children would rest when it is time to rest and recoup.

But it is so easy for them to say, "Nay, it is not possible, for the weight is too much. There is too much to do, too much work that has accumulated." But I say that if you will rest--rest in the flesh and rest in the spirit--I will give you the freshness that you need to do that which you must do. For one cannot work and work and work and never end. You must stop and rest.

When I show you to rest, then rest. Don't worry about that which is ahead or that which is not being accomplished, for in your rest I can show you that which you must do to accomplish that which must be done. I can speak to you and you will hear Me clearly, for you will not have your mind cluttered with all that there is to do, and the worries and cares and affairs of this life.

When you take time away from your work and you rest in the flesh and rest in the spirit, you will receive clarity of mind and heart and spirit. You will receive clarity in your thinking, renewal of your spirit, renewal of your flesh, renewal of your outlook. You will look upon your work in a new light and see that the things that you considered so heavy are no longer heavy, for you have renewed strength.

It is not enough to rest only in spirit--you must also rest your flesh. Your flesh houses your spirit, and when the flesh is weary and weak and under constant strain and stress, your spirit cannot do all that it should. For together they are one, and both must rest. The flesh must rest in sleep and in recreation. And the spirit must rest in prayer and with the infilling of My Word. In these two together you shall have all the rest that you need, that you may be strengthened and refreshed in Me (ML #3085).

## 452

I am your spiritual Lover Who is always with you. I am always there with you by your side, connected to you, knowing what you're doing, what you're feeling, what you're

thinking, and what you need. As your Lover, I desire to supply your needs, and I desire that you supply Mine.

The longer we live together and love together as lovers, the more we become one, just as lovers who grow to know each other in a deeper way. The more they are together, the more they love, the more they share, and the more they sacrifice and give to one another, the more reassured they are of their love, until finally it doesn't take much to keep their love-fire burning.

It just takes a few little words and expressions of love, for they have that spiritual link with one another--that knowing, that connection. It just takes a loving look, a loving touch, a loving word, and their love-fires glow and their bond remains strong. So it is between you and Me. We are strong lovers, old lovers, deep lovers. Just because you are now learning to verbally express your words of love to Me does not mean that our love is not strong. Our love bond between one another is very strong.

### 453

My precious one, I love you so much! I love your love for Me. I love the way you have given your all. Though sometimes you question and feel discouraged, overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems about you, yet I am so proud of you for hanging on--for having a little mustard seed of faith and saying, "I stand on that which I have been given, on the firm foundation of God's Word! Though I question, and sometimes I have to kneel down for shaking, yet my foundation never shakes."

Know this, My love, that no matter how many times you question, or you don't understand, or you feel like you can't go on because the winds are blowing so strong it's difficult for you to even stand--yet I hold you! As long as you continue to give your thoughts to Me, to give your questions to Me, to cleanse yourself through My Word, and to hang on with the mustard seed of faith that you have, I hold you firmly in place. As long as you continue to look to Me, the Enemy will not be allowed to exact upon you, and your foundation will not be shaken. For you are in My hand and I hold you firm. Your anchor holds, for you have great love for Me and great love for those you care for, and this will hold you fast.

So continue to cleanse yourself through My Word. Don't neglect to take that time with Me, for that is how you will be strengthened; that is how you will be anointed and held firm. As long as you do that, you have no need to worry or fear. You have no cause to doubt that you will fail, or that you will not be able to continue, for I will hold you fast.

## 454

I love to love you in the way you feel most comfortable. You don't have to worry about whether you're loving Me the right way or not, because I love your love just as it is. I love your pure and tender heart that longs to be satisfied by Me. Just come quietly and slip into My presence. It's not a big effort, nor something you can do physically. It's not something you have to work real hard at or try to get just right.

All you have to do is set aside the things that are on your mind and heart and look to Me, having simple faith that I'm right there. All you have to do is reach out your hand in the spirit and touch Me--I'm that close! Then we have a connection. I can feel your heart, I can feel your thoughts, and you can feel Mine.

## 455

My precious one, pick up your sword and shield again, for I have need of you. I will continue to strengthen you and hold your hand as long as you continue to come to Me and allow Me to help you, to cleanse your wounds, to give you the nourishment and the rest that you need, reprieve from the battle as you lie in My arms and love Me.

I love you. You have given much for Me and your heart is pure toward Me. I will continue to strengthen you and fight on your side, and soon the war will be won! I love you, My precious one, and I long for the times when we are together. So come to Me, and I will give you peace--peace that passes all understanding--and the faith to continue to follow, to obey, to know in your heart that you are doing the right thing.

## 456

My dear one, you are like a tree that is planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season. Your leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever you do will prosper. It is I Who have prospered you. It is I Who have watered you. It is I Who have grown you and strengthened you and blessed you to bring forth much good fruit. For as the tree that is planted by the waters does dwell in the water, so must you dwell in My sunlight and be nourished by the warmth of My love, by the streams of My Word, by the light of the day that I create.

By the process of life that I have given, so have you grown in Me. You abide in Me, and you have brought forth precious fruit unto Me--your children, and the many souls which you have had a part in bringing into My Heavenly Kingdom.

Through all your youth I was with you. I have prepared you and nurtured you as a young sapling from the time you were only a little seed. I have rooted and grounded you in My Word for My Family. I have chosen you from the very foundations of the Earth. It is with great love and tenderness that I bestowed upon you the health, the strength, and the growth needed.

Hasn't it been worth it all? Haven't you grown into a strong, young new tree for Me, whose leaves stretch out to help and to heal and to minister to others?--One whose precious fruit is a sample and encouragement to many others, and even to your peers, who see that bringing forth children in My Kingdom is a mighty blessing from My hand?

Do you not think that I will continue to prosper and bless your children, this fruit that you have borne unto Me? I will prosper them as I will prosper you, and I will give them the blessing of being raised in the nurture and admonition of My Word, as you have been.

#### 457

I appreciate your willingness to give your children to Me, and to trust Me for them. Just as you have to trust Me, they will learn to trust Me. In your giving and in your sacrifice of pouring out to others, I will continue to pour forth to you and your family. Trust Me for your children. Trust Me for their continued growth and strength. For as you look up unto the Heavens, as you stretch your leaves and branches to Me and lift your arms to praise, you will know that I am the God of all flesh, the great Creator, and that I will continue to fulfill My will in you.

Surely there are storms and dark clouds, and there is bad weather at times, for there are many dark days ahead; but all of this is in My hands. In the meantime, I hold you close to My bosom. Just as I nurtured you as a young seed and a young sapling, I continue to nurture you, to pour out a blessing, to water you, to refresh you, to hold you strong and fast. For you are a young tree that has been personally planted by My very hand.

I will love you and continue to guide, care for, encourage, and strengthen you. I will continue to water your soil and prosper your life as you continue to look to Me. Dwell in My Word and in My praises, and rest in Me. For does not a tree perform My will by just resting in the very ground and the very place that I have set it? Drink of My waters, and trust in Me.

#### 458

Consider Solomon, for in building a great temple to Me, he sought from Lebanon the strongest, the tallest, and the sturdiest timbers to strengthen the house of God. So do I seek from among My people strong, upright, sturdy beings for the house of David. But unlike those building the temples of men, I do not cut down. My house is a living house, and My temple is a living temple! I make you living stones and living beings in the house of God. Your roots shall grow and bind together the soil, that the wind blow it not away. Your trunk shall provide strength and support for the house of God. Your limbs shall provide shade and shelter and fruit for the people of God--a living tree in a living house.

Be strong in the Lord! Be strong in the promises of God! Stand firm! Be not easily shaken or soon disturbed. Dig deep; drink deeply from the Word of God. Hold fast that which you have, and I will give you a crown of life at My appearing. Oh, faithful, faithful, faithful ones in the house of God, I strengthen you! I bathe you with My Word! I bid you shelter others. Strengthen those beside you and lift up your arms to God in praise with your heart and lips. Pour forth that sweet elixir that I love to smell--the praises of your lips, the sweet perfume of your praises.

Oh, praise Me! Praise God, ye saints, with all of your heart, and you shall not lack in the land. You shall not be forsaken, for I shall gently watch over you and keep you and all of your children and those you care for. Lift up your hands, O ye saints! Praise Me in the sanctuary!

Strengthen the hands of the weak, for I have given you strength to strengthen others. I have given you strength that you know not of. I have made you a well of cool water in a dry and thirsty land. I have made you as a rock in the desert, a shade to many. Stay close to Me. Be a solid bellwether. Be a firm foundation, an anchor to the house of David.

## 459

I do understand, dear one, My precious flower. I do see your tears and I long to hold you in My bosom to comfort you, to caress you, to kiss you. And those things I do, when you take time alone to pray and study My Words. I kiss and encourage you with My Words.

Please don't be discouraged, My dear precious love, and don't believe the lies of the Enemy when he says that I'm upset with you! Don't believe it when he says that you're not important to Me and that I have other more important matters to attend to. Do I not leave the 99 who are safe in the fold to rescue the one lost sheep? Does not My heart ache for it? Do I not search for it long and hard until I find it?

When you hurt, when you are discouraged, when you doubt, when you fear and when you worry, you are that lost sheep, and I am never too busy to help you--just you--during that time of need.

## 460

Remember that the single set of footprints that you see in the sand are not yours, but Mine! At times in life we can feel alone and forsaken. I was touched with the feeling of that same infirmity, for I thought for a moment that the Father had forsaken Me on the cross. Therefore, press on, continue on no matter what you feel, and it won't be long before you will know that you have made the right decision.

When the gardener prunes his bushes, they may look a little naked and destitute for a while, and it may hurt, but he does it out of love in order to bring forth more fruit. When the sunshine comes again after the winter, and the leaves come out and the blossoms grow, the plants are more radiant and beautiful than ever before!

Likewise, the Master Gardener does not wield the cutters endlessly, without reprieve! After the time of pruning and purging, He waits patiently to see the fruit thereof. Therefore rest assured that the time of blossoming and bearing fruit will come, and you will radiate, sparkle and shine, and find fulfillment in doing My will.

## 461

Behold the golden grain as it waves in the breeze. It is a golden field, and the grain is thick and silky. It is the good grain that I have planted in you. See how it has yielded this thick golden grain? Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone, and no gold is shown. But if it die, it brings forth much fruit--much, much gold! Be My golden field, brimming with golden grain, thick and silky, sprouting forth My golden Words, giving forth your bread to the hungry.

Behold the golden sunflower, bright and shining. Its face is fixed on the sun, turning whithersoever it goes, from east to west. Its face seeks the golden rays of light from My sun. The sunflower is faithful to seek and to drink into the very fiber of its being the streams of golden light from My sun, and thus its face reflects the sunshine. Be My golden sunflower, sunning yourself and drinking in and reflecting My light, and encouraging others to do the same.

Behold the golden retriever. See how loyal she is, so in love with her master? She loves him so, and wants to please him at every turn. She obeys his every sound. He doesn't



even have to make a sound, but if he turns his head this way or that way, she knows what he means. Her eyes are fixed on his face, waiting to do his bidding. She retrieves with promptness whatever her master asks her to go and fetch. She lives to please him, and to wait upon her lord. She is a faithful golden retriever, and in turn, her master cares for her tenderly, and watches over her. He needs her, and she needs him. Be My faithful golden retriever.

## 462

You are My golden one, and I love you so. You are Mine. Give Me your hand so I can put on your finger this golden ring, for you are wedded to Me. Receive this golden halo of My love, and let us be one. I know you desire My golden seeds within so that you may bring forth My golden gifts out of your life, and so you can shine with My golden light.

Desire My gold. Share My gold with others, and thus the gold in your life shall be refined, and it shall shine forth as finer gold, purer and deeper. For the gold that I have given you is not for you alone, but for all those whom I wish to draw to My bosom. Will you retrieve them for Me? Will you help bring them to Me? Will you be a faithful wife, O golden one of My life? Remember I am always with you. I am always ready to welcome you into My arms, into My golden bedchamber. You can come to Me any time, anywhere, any place, and pour out your heart to Me, and I will refill you and refresh you.

## 463

You are linked to Me forever with a golden cord of love made of many strands. This cord is much stronger than any fabric or fibers of man, for it is eternal. Fear not as you climb up the mountains to greater victories and greater usefulness, for you are bound to Me with this cord of love, this golden love that can never be broken.

I will do it through you. I will shine through you. The gold shall come forth out of your mouth, and through your eyes, and through your fingertips, and through your steps. And My golden Words, My golden love, shall do the miracles.

I love you, dear one! I love you, for you have chosen the better part--to be wedded to Me and to be a channel of My gold, of the true riches that bring forth true happiness.

I have heard your heartcry, as you have said unto Me, "Oh dear Jesus, only You, Lord, only You can truly satisfy!" I shall continue to satisfy you and to pull you even closer to My bosom. You are My golden one. Keep shining, My love.

464

*(Departed spirit, father of one of our teens:)* I really am thankful for you, and I'm proud of you. Grandpa is too. We don't have one to spare. We need you. We love you. We want you, and we want to make you happy. We need every teen, every young person. I have faith in you, that you can make it, and Grandpa does too, and so does the Lord.

It's a battle of wills. When people start putting their own will before the Lord's will, they start getting into trouble. But even if you don't think you have the will, or you feel you're too weak, just say, "Lord, I can't. Please just take my will. Please help me to put my will on Your side." And He'll do it. We can't really use the excuse, "Well, if so-and-so can't make it in the Family, neither can I." That really has nothing to do with it. It's a matter of each person, every Christian that has ever lived, putting their will on the Lord's side and having their own personal relationship with the Lord, Family or no Family.

So ask the Lord to keep you close to Him, to keep your will on His side, and you won't go astray. He'll keep you on the straight and narrow.

465

I'm always there with you, trying to help, trying to lead, trying to encourage, trying to direct, trying to comfort. But when you're busy with many other things, I often can't get through. Just stop and come sit on My lap. Come lay your head against My broad, strong chest and let Me stroke your hair. Give Me whatever it is that's hurting you.

Be just like a little girl who runs to her daddy when she hurts her finger or when she has a problem with something. Daddy loves to fix it; he loves to help and do what he can to make it right. The difference is, in our case there's no limit to what I can fix. There are no boundaries on what I can do to make it right and to show you My love.

Just come in faith. Climb up in My lap, throw your arms around My neck, and trust that I'm listening and that I'm going to help you. If you listen, you'll hear My whispers in your heart. Just come to Me, slip quietly into My presence, climb up into My arms, or even just reach your arms up and I'll pick you up. I'll hold you close to My bosom. I'll dry your tears and fix whatever little problem you have, because I love you!

466

I love to walk with you in the sunset, on the beach of life, making footprints in the sand, feeling the cool water of the Word splash upon our feet, melting our hearts together, uniting us, strengthening your love for Me and My desire to be with you. As the moon glistens on your face and the wind blows gently through your hair, I hold you in My arms and wipe away your tears. I gently tell you that I'm always there, and that I'm proud of you for your dedication to Me and your love for Me; even when no moon could be seen, even when the stars did not seem to twinkle, for the clouds covered them; even when the rains poured and the winds fiercely raged.

When you came to Me and held My hand and said, "I will continue to walk with You," then you saw the clouds roll away and the stars shine again; the moon became full and beautiful and bright; the fiercely raging wind turned into a gentle breeze, and the birds sweetly sang their song once again. I did all this for you, because I love you.

As you continue in the things whereunto I have called you, I promise you that your feet shall not slide. For I am not only by your side, but I am also underneath you, above you, all around you. When your arms grow weary, I will hold them up; when your head is tired, lie on My breast; when your feet are weary, I will pick you up and carry you. I will continue on with you until you reach the goal, when I shall be with you not only in spirit, but also in body. You who have loved Me though you see Me not, in that day your eyes will open and we will see each other face to face and we will be one forever.

My faithful handmaiden, My precious bride who has reserved herself for Me--I gladly take you into My arms and I love you, I fill you, I thrill you, and I send you into ecstasy! I do it again and again, every time you come to Me. I love you, My faithful bride.

## 467

I call you as I called Samuel. He came and he said, "Speak, Lord. Your servant heareth!" You are also My servant, and this is how you are. I call you and you come to Me. You come running into My arms and we embrace. I hold you and kiss you and let you lay your head upon My breast. I hold you tight, stroke your hair, kiss your cheeks and plant My kisses upon you to lift your heart, to make you glow with the warmth of a woman in love--in love with Me. For I am in love with you. You are so precious to Me, and I love to love you and to be loved by you. I love the time we spend together.

You are so very precious to Me. I know you love Me. I know the depths of your heart. I know your struggles, your victories, your questions, your doubts. I know the deep faith you have in My Word. I know the deep love you have for My Family. Through the years I

have never left you, but have always been there to carry you, to hold you, to whisper in your ear.

You are My precious one, chosen by Me to be My bride, and I love you dearly. What I love most about you is your love for Me, your love for My Word. I have gifted you with this love, and as you continue to give it forth and use it, I will continue to pour in more. You are a precious vessel of My love, and My heart is overjoyed to watch you pour it forth!

## 468

You are very pleasing to Me, My child. I am everything to you--a Father, a Husband, a Lover, a Friend--and in whatever way you want to come to Me, simply come, and I am there for you. For I know that you are there for Me, loving Me and serving Me. My love for you knows no boundaries, for you are My precious one. I have chosen you and you have chosen Me, and thus we were wed. Continue in My love. I am always with you, to whisper in your ear and to hear your prayers and your words of love and your words of praise.

I love to smell the fragrance of your prayers, the fragrance of your praises, the fragrance of your love for Me! You shine with such beauty--the beauty of My salvation, the beauty of knowing Me. Continue to shine. I have begun a good work in you, and I will perform it until the end.

Fear not any testings that come your way, for they only serve to shine and to polish and to make you glow and to make your light more brilliant. So many see trials and tests as punishments, but they are My touches of love, My caresses, My polishing, to bring forth the shining light of My love, My compassion, and My understanding.

So fear not any testings, for they only tend to bring forth more love in your life, and more light, more strength and an even deeper closeness with Me. They are tokens of My deep love for you. For you are Mine--My precious, beautiful, loving bride--and I am yours! I love you!

\* \* \* \* \*

End of  
*To My Disciples with Love*  
Book 1

***This book contains contains excerpts of prophecies from the following Letters or pubs:***

- ML #2956: How to Have a Happy Home!--Finding the Balance in Educating Our Children! (GN 616)  
ML #2973: Find Fertile Fields (GN 620)  
ML #2979: Comfort to a Single Mom!--An Important Message to All! (GN 624)  
ML #2984: Prophecies for Our Academic, Legal and Other Friends! (GN 626)  
ML #2985: I Love You!--Just You! (GN 627)  
ML #2987: Let Jesus Bear the Weight!--Prophecies for All Those Going Through Difficult Times (GN 629)  
ML #2988: Pray for Maria!--Mama's Prayer Request for Strength, and the Lord's Admonition to Pray for Her (FUN 29)  
ML #2990: "Go Ye Into All the World!" (GN 631)  
ML #2992: Mama's Love Story!--Part 1--More Lessons and Confessions! (GN 635)  
ML #2994: Mama's Love Story!--Part 3--"King Peter!" (GN 637)  
ML #2996: Mama's Love Story!--Part 5--Revelations on Relationships! (GN 639)  
ML #2997: "Say Not Ye There Are Yet Four Months!" (GN 640)  
ML #3000: Fruitful Children!--Prophecy About Smaller Homes Reaching Out! (GN 640)  
ML #3002: Mama's Love Story!--Part 7--The Joy of the Lord, Having Fun, and Back to the Basics of Prayer, Praise and the Word! (GN 642)  
ML #3005: Three Gifts of the Lord's Love! (GN 647)  
ML #3008: No Condemnation! (GN 646)  
ML #3010: More Heavenly Messages of Comfort! (GN 646)  
ML #3011: A New Day of Love!--April 1st Day of Pentecost Prophecies! (GN 648)  
ML #3014: Getting God's Answers! (GN 651)  
ML #3016: "An Answer to Him That Asketh Us!" (1Pet.3:15). (GN 653)  
ML #3017: State of the Nation '95! (GN 654)  
ML #3022: New Music for a New Day! (GN 658)  
ML #3025: Loving Jesus!--Part 2 (GN 659)  
ML #3027: Where Are We Now?--Endtime Update! (GN 660)  
ML #3037: There's More to Come!--Another New Year's Message! (GN 669)  
ML #3041: Prophecies on Doubts! (GN 670)  
ML #3043: Prophecies on Pride and Humility! (GN 672)  
ML #3045: Loving Jesus Jewels! (GN 674)  
ML #3047: Be Encouraged! (GN 677)  
ML #3052: Prophecies on Leadership! (GN 681)  
ML #3054: Mama's News and Views!--Part 4 (GN 683)  
ML #3055: New Ways to Praise!--Mama's Intro to the Praise Kisses and Praise Prophecies GNs! (GN 684)  
ML #3071: Problems and Solutions!--Part 3 (GN 701)  
ML #3073: Problems and Solutions!--Part 5 (GN 704)  
ML #3080: My Heart Belongs to You! (GN 706)  
ML #3083: Mexico: A Needy Mission Field! (GN 709)  
ML #3085: Please Pray for Mama's Eyes and Strength! (GN 710)
- GN 494: Staff Prophecies and Verses on Confirmation of Endtime!  
GN 496: "Come unto Me!--Prophecies Given at Summit '92!

\* \* \* \* \*