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1

My Word is the solid rock foundation--My Words that are written and that are placed in the books that I have prepared for you, and in the Words of David. This is My solid rock foundation. It is a large, solid rock upon which you can safely place your feet. You shall not slide as you place your feet upon this solid rock. This is the way to know My will, to measure everything against this solid rock, this foundation of the Word that I have given you.

I ask you to hold it high in your hearts and to not replace it, for this solid rock foundation is of utmost importance! Do not replace it or stray from it, for it is of utmost importance that your heart be filled and overcome and overwhelmed with the rock of My Word--that you seek My Word, that you absorb My Word, that you let it seep into every fiber of your being. For without this solid rock foundation, you shall go astray.

2

(To a YA who needed to remain in bed for much of her pregnancy:) My dear, you wonder, "Why, Lord? Why do I have to go through so many heavy battles? Why do my births have to be so difficult? Am I not pleasing You, Lord? I love You. Why do I have to go through these things?"

Many Christians through the ages have asked this question, My dear. In each case it was My Spirit seizing upon them, because unless they became weak, I could not become strong in them. Unless they became broken, I could not teach them compassion; I could not give them the empathy, the outgoing concern they needed. I could not give them the many beautiful gifts of My Spirit that this brokenness and these battles bring.

Through these afflictions I am teaching you to fight--not in your own strength, but with My strength in prayer, looking to Me for everything in your life. For I love you, and I have called you to be one of My disciples. You have asked to be used in My Kingdom, and I am answering your prayer. You must trust and look to Me.

3

Oh ye of little faith, how oft would I have gathered you to My bosom! How oft I would have blessed you! How generously I would have poured out--if you would have only poured out to others! How can you be stingy when you have been given so much? How can you withhold from those who are so in need?

Have you forgotten when you yourself did lie in misery? When you did reach out for any morsel of truth? When you had nothing? Think back on your frame when you were poor and miserable in My sight, when you did seek the truth and you did choke for lack of truth. Your mouth was dry and you did long for water, and you had none.

I have poured forth to you more than you can hold and you cannot even contain it. And yet you bottle it up from others! Oh ye of little faith, how shall I give you more if you give not to others? Do you not remember the Birthday Warning that I gave to your Prophet David? I said to roll the gold, to burst forth your presses and roll millions for the billions!

You give a little here and a little there and you pat yourself on the back for what you have done. But you look not at the millions who are not yet reached, those who writhe in agony waiting for deliverance, waiting for the Word of My Spirit, waiting to be gathered to My bosom.

You must pour out your Words! Pour out to the hungry that they may have bread, for they long even for the piss and the spittle of David, and you give it not. Behold, I have given you so much. Why have you not given it to others? (GN 498)

4

I have given you the gift of prophecy, for you must know what I have to say to you for this situation, for this day, for this time, for this moment, for this minute. As your heart is filled with My Word, and as your heart stands upon My rock, your prophecies shall not go astray, but the prophecies that you shall hear from Me shall be based and founded upon My Word. For as you tune in to My Word, you tune in to My Spirit, you tune in to My will and you hear My voice clearly.

This is a gift, a reward I have given you for keeping My Word first. You have kept the Word first and have placed great importance upon it; therefore I can trust you with this gift of prophecy which is built upon the solid rock foundation.

5

(Dad:) I'm so proud of you! You've done a great job! I'm so glad to see that you're now moving along, changing and growing, shedding the old skin and growing anew with our young people. They need you and they need your instruction.

They need to see that the old can take on the attributes of the new. They need to see that those of the first generation, when moved by the Spirit of God, can be as wild and free and fruitful as those of the second generation! For it is the Spirit that brings life; age doesn't matter!

When I was in the Spirit, no matter how old I was, I was vibrant and alive! I was youthful, because the Spirit of God never grows old! It is fresh and new and renewed day by day. And so can you be. So can all of the first generation be, if they will be moved by God's Spirit.

The Spirit of God is alive! It burns afresh each day! That is why I said that you must hear from God fresh every day to stay alive, to stay new, to stay refreshed, to stay young! Because the Spirit makes alive!

God's Spirit is constantly moving and changing to bring what is needed for today. Hasn't that always been the message that I gave?--Find out what's right for today! Do what there is for today! Use the methods that will reach people today!

You older folks have got to be alive today! Your second generation needs to see God's Spirit moving in you today, so that there's no generation gap. Because, like I said, God has no grandchildren. Well, He has no old fogies, either! You're all one if you're alive in the Spirit--if you're moving, changing, growing and allowing Him to mold you into what you need to be today! What you were yesterday is not good enough. He wants you to be something new today!

So don't be stuck in a rut, unchangeable and immovable. If you are, you won't make the grade; you'll shatter and break. But if you're hearing from God fresh and new every day and are following Him, you'll be alive and inspired and there will be no difference between young and old.

6

The purest form of simplicity is this: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding. If you would have simplicity, if you would have peace with no confusion, then trust Me explicitly. Look neither to the right nor to the left; consider no other options, but just trust. In this lies perfect peace.

When you trust Me with all of your heart and with every aspect of your life, you can know that you are in My will. So if you would have perfect peace, then trust. Trust Me. Trust Me with your life. Trust Me with your death. Trust Me for your health. Trust

Me for your children. Trust Me for the number of your children. Trust Me for the timing of your children.

Those who do this know that each child I bring forth through them is My will, My blessing, and My reward. They will not go through their life wondering, "Is there one that I should have had that I didn't? Is there one that I prevented? Have I allowed my God to have full sway with me and to accomplish within me that which He pleased to do?" For those who trust have faith that I have brought forth all that I wish to bring forth. They have no question or doubt, for they trusted Me, and thus they have peace. But he that takes a matter into his own hands knows this not. So if you would have the simple answer, then I say unto you, trust. (ML #2961)

7

Man sees not as God sees, and you do not see yourself as I see you. You see the weakness, the lack of talent, but I see a precious jewel that scintillates with My light. You have the gifts of loving, of listening, of understanding, of comforting--not the showy gifts, but the humble gifts. So be not dismayed, My little one, but develop these gifts.

Look not for outward talent, for I give you inward gifts, not showy gifts; inward love, not showy love. These are gifts which help to comfort others. These are gifts which require you to step out of yourself and to give to others, to listen to their heartcries and to comfort them. For you are able to comfort others with the comfort that you have been comforted with.

You are as a jewel that not only reflects light but warmth--warmth of spirit, warmth of understanding, warmth of comfort, warmth of love. But understand and remember that the true warmth of God, the true comfort of God and understanding of God and love of God, comes from abiding in Me, in My Words, and letting them and Me abide in you. For it is not possible to pour forth the love, understanding and comfort of God without being full of Me.

So come unto Me, My darling one! Come and learn to rest in My arms, to fellowship with Me, to receive of Me, to drink in My Words and My Spirit and My love, that you will have this to pour forth to others in their time of need, to comfort the heavy laden, to understand the misunderstood, to love the unlovely, to fill the needs of the needy.

You must draw nigh to Me so that you may become full to overflowing, and so that My Spirit will pour forth through you in great abundance. How can you do this? By loving Me, by seeking Me, by drinking in My Words, and by believing, by yielding, by

enacting and doing those things that I say that you should do. For it is in these little tokens of love, these little acts of obedience, that you will learn to draw close to Me and to do those things which I tell you to do, that you shall become filled with Me and My love and My Spirit.

So come, My precious and warm jewel. Come unto Me, and let Me hold you. Let Me cup My hands about you, so My warmth can be absorbed by you, so that you can reflect My light, and so My warmth will emanate upon others through you.

8

The changes of God are liberating! The changes of God are from the Spirit of God, which flows as the wind blows. You hear the sound thereof, but cannot tell from whence it comes or whither it goes. So is every man that is born of the Spirit. And you, My children, must be borne and carried by the Spirit. Borne by the Spirit of God! Carried by the Spirit of God! I must carry you this last stretch of the way.

Now is the time for hearing from Me fresh each day, each step of the way. You cannot trust in your habits, old ways or presumptions, or even in what you think is right or wrong, but you must check each step of the way with Me.

You must be in tune with the movements of the Spirit, the changes that are rapidly progressing back and forth, so that My saints and angels and those battling for you might win the battle through you. You must be in tune with the host of witnesses, the guides, the precious ones around you in the spirit who want to lead you and guide you through to the victory!

9

Can you hear the cry in this young one's heart? He cries, "Cast me not off! Hold on to me! For I'm frightened, and I fear what the future may hold! This is a very frightening life! Oh, how I wish that I was a little child again, sheltered under the wings of my parents. I'm frightened about what lies ahead! I don't know where to turn! Don't let go of me. Cast me not off. Hold on to me, no matter where I am!

"I need you, my parents. I need your love. I need you to hold on to me, for I don't see the future. I see waves and billows and fog, and I'm frightened. I realize that I'm no longer a child, and this frightens me. Hold on to me! Cast me not off! I need you! Don't think that my turning away means that I don't want you to hold on to me. I'm frightened and I'm struggling. I'm scared and I'm looking for how to go forward.

"You fear that I'm going backwards, but I'm looking for a way forward. I'm looking for a way up! I'm looking for a way up to live. So please, hold on to me as I struggle through this phase. I know that I'm going from childhood to adulthood, and it frightens me. Hold on to me as I struggle through. Don't let go!

"I want you to be proud of me. I want your love. I cry for your love. Don't let go of me. I fear greatly. I need you to not fear. I need you to have faith. I need you to support and pray for me. Please pray for me! Pray for me that I may come through gloriously. I don't want a life of failure. Don't give up on me as I seem to be going sideways or backwards, but help me as I move forward.

"I feel so weak facing this mountain of life ahead of me, facing the responsibilities of adulthood. I feel so very weak and unprepared. I don't feel prepared for the battles of tomorrow. I feel so weak and armorless. So please don't be disappointed in me as I seek my own identity and my way to pass forward into adulthood.

"Hold on to me with your prayers and with your love, and remember that I don't want to disappoint you. I want you to be proud of me. Please believe this. This is a strong desire of my heart." (ML #2981)

10

Proclaim the truth! Pour forth the Words of David! Resist those who seek to squelch the truth. Spread your doctrine! Spread the message! Give out the Words, for the Words of David are the antidote to the lies of Satan. The pure truth that I have poured forth unto you is the water that washes and cleanses the minds of men from the pollution, distortion and deception of the Evil One. The Words of David rip the cloak off the lies and the deception and the deceit that has poured forth!

So hold not back the Words of truth, the Words of David, the message of God! Be not afraid to proclaim My coming and to expose the works of Satan, the plan of the Man of Sin. Pour forth My message and I will pour forth My blessings. I will protect you as I have protected you. I will keep you as I have kept you, until the time comes when I will release their restraints, that I may return. (ML #2991)

11

Would you wage a warfare today with a musket? Or fly a biplane into war? Or wear brightly colored uniforms and march out in an open field in formation? No, you would use new tactics and new methods! Yet within your heart the cause is the same--to

fight the Enemy and to triumph for the Kingdom of God. The war and the principles are the same, but the tactics and methods change and improve. You must be willing to change or you will be overcome, regardless of your intentions.

So seek Me, seek counsel, learn, and I will reveal to you new things, new inventions, new ways of doing things. But in your heart and soul you will be fighting for the same cause. Your heart will be encouraged and your fire will be kindled even stronger as you see the new things that I do. For all these things will be a help to you to overcome the Wicked One and to fulfill the task which I have called you to do!

12

Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you; knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. Let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing--whole but broken; in pieces, but one.

It is for a purpose. It is a test of your worthiness. For as the metal is heated and forged in the fire and put under the hammer and cast into the cold and thrown again into the heat and bashed again on the anvil with the hammer to strengthen it and to temper it, so it is with you. There is nothing you can do about it. It is an affliction from the spirit, and all the remedies of man and all the words of man's wisdom cannot do anything to defeat My purpose.

The only remedy is faith--faith to trust in Me, faith to trust in My Words, faith to hold on, knowing that I have promised that I will make you whole. When My purpose is accomplished, you shall be restored to full health.

It is the furnace of My love, and the heat of the furnace burns out the dross and the wood and the hay and the stubble. The hammer and the anvil pounds out the false strength and independence and pride and self. The cold waters drown the worldliness and the desire for the things of the world. And this process goes on over and over until the metal is forged and strong and fit for the Master's use.

So if you must fight, fight to stay close to Me, fight to trust Me, fight to have faith in Me and in My Words and in My promises. See each heating and each hitting and each drowning as part of the goal of strengthening you, of making you into the tool and vessel that I wish to make. Don't be afraid, for the aches and the pains will all cease in My time.

I will honor you with humility. I will honor you with desperation. I will honor you with closeness to Me. For there is no greater honor that can be bestowed upon a man than that a man is so low that I can touch him, and that a man is so weak that I can keep him,

and that a man is so desperate that I will hear him. For the honor of God is different than the honor of man, and I bestow upon you the honor of God. (ML #2993)

13

Consider the trees. I have made many different kinds of trees, but each tree is useful. Each tree has a specific purpose. Some trees are used for shade. Some trees are used for protection from the wind. Some trees kids use to build forts in and climb on or hang a rope swing on or swing from. Trees bear many different kinds of fruit--apples, oranges, grapefruit, lemons. Although they are so different and are created for different purposes, each tree is very important to Me.

As a tree grows and its roots grow deeper and the branches spread out and the tree grows taller, it becomes stronger. Although it takes time, it is becoming a strong tree that will be useful for Me. You can't see it grow, but it is growing. It is accomplishing My purpose in soaking up the water and absorbing the sun.

You are like trees--each designed for a specific purpose in My Kingdom, but each different, with different gifts and different talents. The Kingdom cannot be made up of just apple trees or orange trees or pine trees or oak trees. There are many trees needed in My Kingdom, for there are many ministries, so I have made you all different.

You are the type of tree that I want you to be, and I have made you the way I want you to be. Sometimes you wonder, "Why have You made me thus?" But I have made you with specific strengths and weaknesses--strengths to be used for My glory; weaknesses to bring you closer to Me and to help you not be so dependent on yourself. But do know that I have made you just the way you are, and the way I want you to be.

You're a special tree in My Kingdom, designed for My purpose. Don't let the Enemy steal away your joy, or belittle you and make you think that you are not a useful or important tree. Every tree is important in My Kingdom, and is designed for a specific purpose. So be a happy tree for Me!

14

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for My people to dwell together in unity! How good! How pleasant! How vital! Vital because it brings down My blessings upon your heads.

This was My last prayer, My last wish, My final desire--that you may be one, as My Father and I are one. For as a house divided cannot stand, neither can you stand when divided. Therefore you must fight for unity with all that is in you, for it is in unity that My blessings are able to come down. It is in unity that I am able to pour out great strength upon you, that in your unity you shall see the glory My Father has poured out upon Me.

Know that you must fight, you must strive, you must sacrifice to keep the unity, and in this I am well pleased.

15

There are multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision, as sheep having no shepherd! Yet I have given them a shepherd--the shepherd that I have given you! Pour forth the Words of David! Feed the flock of God--the flock that you have been given by Me. For he that sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly.

Have I not entrusted to you the richness of the Kingdom of God through the truth that I have revealed to your Father David? These riches are not for you alone! Pour forth, for these Words that I have given your Father are spirit and they are life! These are precious jewels of great price! Spare not to pour forth the precious truth that I have given to your Father David. Hungry souls wait for the light that I have given to you. (GN 498)

16

As with Moses and the children of Israel who came out of Egypt, it was necessary to lay down the law strongly and firmly, for their minds had been polluted with that which they had grown up with in the land of Egypt and the influences of the Egyptians. So were the hard Words of David for you, the first generation. They were strict! They were forceful! They left little room for choice! But this was to teach you and to purge you from the influence of the System that you had grown up with. This kept you following My will closely. For had David's Words not been strong and forceful and hard, you would have strayed, for your upbringing was such that you understood not the ways of God nor the will of God. But now you have learned, lo, these many years, and these things have been purged out of your system.

To you, the second generation, who have grown up knowing the Words of God, and without being controlled and indoctrinated in your youth by the ways of man, I can speak in a different manner. You are more accountable, because you have had the Word of

God all the days of your life. Now you must obey and believe because of your choice.--Not because the Words of David say you must do this or you must do that, but because you say, "I believe. I have faith. I will trust."

Now I lay before each of My children--whether they be old, of the first generation, or whether they be young, of the second--the Word of God, the Words of David, the Words that I pour forth in these days, all of them together, and I say unto you, choose that which you will do. Choose the level of your obedience. Choose the level of your faith.

I lay before you the standard of My Word--the highest, the best, the truth. I say unto you, this is the truth of God, this is the way of God, this is the highest that I pour forth unto you. I have made it clear and I have poured it forth through the Words of David. They are there for all to see. They are there for all to obey, if they will but obey. But I do not say that you must obey, for I place before you the majesty of choice. (ML #2961)

17

Behold these young oaks as they stand and wave beautifully in the breeze! They started out as tiny acorns that you and I have watered and nurtured and cared for these many years. Now they are strong young trees, striving to grow into huge, strong oaks that can shelter many and protect them from the storms and the adversities, that can shade them from the heat, and even feed them the food that they need.

I have called these young oaks and I have put My will in their hearts. They truly love Me and their hearts are right with Me, but they need protection as they grow. They need to continue to be nurtured and watered and fed and strengthened.

But they are ready! Their idealism is strong. They have much physical strength and stamina to withstand the heartaches and the hardships, the trials and the tests that will besiege them. But they need the larger, stronger oaks who have weathered many storms, who do the job of shading, comforting and feeding even though their branches are bowed and bent and gnarled.

These young ones are in need of that brokenness. They need to see that brokenness and the usefulness that results; that even though the battles and the storms and the trials of training are difficult and arduous and long, they can see the fruit of it in these larger, stronger oaks.

So let them look to you, My leaders, My strong oaks! Take them with you and let them grow up together with you. Pour into them, and they will become the strong oaks that are needed.

It takes many years for the roots of an oak tree to grow deeply enough into the ground so that they can hold no matter how fierce the storms. The saplings must be surrounded by strong oaks when they are young, so that when the storms come, they will not be ripped from the ground, torn and battered. So it is with these young leaders who need you to love and care for them and take them with you.

There are many young oaks in the forest who wish to grow into strong oaks. Look diligently for those that are growing strong and reaching for the sky, searching for the light, so that they can grow stronger and stronger! Look for those that are looking to grow so they can shade and help and comfort and reach out to others, to be a strength to them and a beauty to the world.

18

Satan fights your unity harder than anything else, because he knows he will be defeated by it! So he fights, as he continually tries to cast fiery darts into your fellowship. He sets fires here and there to sow dissension, discord, bickering, selfishness, jealousy, strife, and doubtful disputations. Satan knows that this will cause your spiritual walls of strength to crumble. "Divide and conquer" is his favorite tool--his favorite tactic! He fights constantly in every way possible, and the only thing that can defeat him is your unity. In unity there is strength!

But fear not, My dear Family, because I have prayed for you, and I continue to pray for you. This is why I left you with My last desire, My final prayer, that you may be one, even as My Father and I are one. I pray for you, because only in this unity will the world be able to see that My Father has sent Me. Only in this unity, only in this oneness, will you be found worthy to carry out the responsibilities of My Kingdom Come upon the Earth.

It was in My unity with My Father that I was found worthy--worthy to die that you might live. I was found worthy, and I found grace to fulfill My mission. My prayer is that you may be one, as My Father and I are one, that we may all be one--My Father in Me, and I in My Father, and you in Us.

19

Can the vessel say unto the potter, "Why have you made me thus?" For I have fashioned you, and I am fashioning you, to be the vessel of My design.

Do not look on others, for you are My special vessel! I have gifted you with many gifts, talents and abilities--therefore look on these things. Be happy and thankful for what I have given you, for it is not wise to compare.

Do not let the Enemy attack you with his fiery darts. Hold up your shield of faith! Fight the good fight of faith! For these fiery darts of comparison or envy hurt and discourage. Therefore stand fast! Hold up your shield of faith and look to Me.

May your heart be full of praise and thankfulness! For you are a very special vessel indeed for Me, and I love you dearly.

20

Oh, the mighty power that you have through Me! For in listening and in hearing and in hearkening, you can be ahead of the Evil One. Therefore, My children, ponder this new day and the commandment that I have given you to lean yet harder on Me. For it is not only important that you hear My whispers, but it is imperative! It is necessary for your own survival. This is why in this new day, this closeness and this greater dependence is so important. This is why it is important we be more one, that I may protect you and that you may exercise the art of hearing from Me, so that I can lead and guide and direct your paths, your steps, every step of the way. Therefore, call unto Me daily, and I will show you great and mighty things which you know not! (ML #2991)

21

For this cause did I pray My final parting prayer, and for this cause do I continue to pray for you, My beloved, that you may be one, as My Father and I are one, that the world may believe that My Father has sent Me.

For this cause also do I pray that you may be one, so I may give you the same glory that My Father has given Me! For this cause I pray that you may be one in Me, and that you also may be made perfect through Us. For this cause I do pray that you may be Here with Me, to behold the glory and the splendor that My Father does bestow upon Me, for He has loved Me, as He does love you, from the beginning.

For this cause I pray for you, that you may be one in each other, and one in Us, and We in you. For in this unity I am able to pour down My blessings. Only in unity will you find your strength. Only in unity will you find power to be and power to do. Therefore you must fight for unity and strive to keep the bond of peace, that My power may rest upon you.

22

I wish all My children would be so insatiable that they would desire to hear My voice and to be fed at My hand; that they would ask Me for the direction that they need, the guidance that they seek; that instead of stumbling in the darkness they would ask Me for the light to light their way. For I am a great light, but I can only shine upon those who seek and those who ask.

How much better it is to find the way in the light than in the darkness. How much better it is to put your hand into Mine and to let Me lead you where you should go, than it is to try to find your own way and to stumble down the wrong roads and through the wrong alleys and have to backtrack, or to get lost in the brambles and in the bushes. How much better to ask the guide.

Why do you not ask? Are you ashamed? Are you afraid? Fear not, for have I not said, "Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you"? These are My Words. Have I not said "call unto Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you know not"? These are My promises. Have I not said that they that love Me most follow closest? For if you love Me you will spend time with Me, and if you spend time with Me you will speak to Me, and if you speak to Me you will listen, and I will speak to you and show you the way. Thus you can follow closely, ever so closely. (ML #2993)

23

When I gaze upon you, I see not the blemishes. I see not the faults and the failings, for I love you! I love you as a lover. As a lover overlooks the things that others may find fault with because of his love, so it is with Me.

I am even as a blind man who sees no faults or failings, but only sees with the hands, and touches and feels the softness, and smells the cleanness and the perfume, and hears the words of love, and knows just from this that his wife is beautiful and lovely, having never even seen her. Though she may even see herself as homely, he sees not this way. For he feels the love and he touches with his hands, and he feels the softness and the beauty. So it is with Me when I gaze upon you. For as one who overlooks the faults and loves in spite of them, so am I. As one who overlooks the blemishes and loves anyway, so am I. (ML #2995)

24

Call unto Me for help, that I may show you great and mighty things that you know not! Do not allow the Evil Sorcerer to sow his evil seeds among you, but call unto Me for help. Call unto Me! Call down the strong ax of My Word, that Satan's evil seeds may be cut out from among you! You must call out and chase away these giants of disunity and strivings among you. For I would that you be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as I have been with you.

In unity you will find your strength. In unity you will find My great reward--rewards of strength and power, love and harmony, joy in your labors, and great pleasures at My hand forevermore. I long to shower you with My great glory and splendor. How I long for you, My beloved, that you may behold My glory that the Father has given Me. How I long that you may share in it and reap of its great pleasure and great glory and splendor and grandeur and honor! Know that only in unity will this come about, for in unity there is strength.

25

Mind not the opinions of men. Think not on the things of this Earth--pleasing men and pleasing yourselves and concerning yourselves with the opinions of others, concerning yourselves with the opinions of those who do not even love Me. Seek to please Me and Me alone, and then I will pour out My blessing as you have never known before!

Let not the cares of this world choke out your fruitfulness--the cares of this world of materialism, worrying about finances, worrying about reputation, fear of persecution. All these things do choke out your fruitfulness. Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in Me. Then you shall bring forth fruit as I have called you to, as My children, as My dropped-out ones, as My peculiar people such as no others upon the face of the Earth!
(GN 498)

26

In humility there is great strength and unshakable power--power that draws friends to your bosom, that brings warmth and laughter into your midst. Shine forth your rays of love and humility, your tenderness, your softness, the many gifts of love that I have

placed in your heart. Dust them off and bring them to the fore. Bring forth the talents that I have formed in your heart.

Believe these words. Believe what I say to you. There is such great power in humility and love, and you have the power to wield it.

27

He that invests wisely, he that invests in that which I say to invest in, reaps the greatest rewards. He that only invests a little here and a little there may reap reward, but not of the same measure. And he that invests not, reaps not the rewards.

He that invests in the highest, in the path of trust, in the path of faith, in the path of complete yieldedness to Me and to My will, he that says, "Not my will but Thine be done," to him are the greatest blessings and the greatest rewards.

You may look at him and say, "Look at the hardships that this one goes through. Look at the difficulties. Look at the battles! He was not a wise investor." But I say unto you, I see things differently than the way man sees them. Man looks on the outward appearance, but I look upon the heart. I look upon the faith, the trust, and the yieldedness of the heart.

There is good, there is better, and there is best. The best is to trust Me fully, for in full trust and in full faith you can have full freedom, full peace, full reward, and full blessing.

In all matters of choice, of faith, of belief in My Word, in the giving of love one to another, in the getting out of My message, in the overcoming of your besetting sins and all of these matters--He that trusts Me, he that yields to Me, and he that gives all, receives the greater blessings and rewards. (ML #2961)

28

Call out to Me! Join together hand in hand and call out with strong tongues and crying, that I may be able to pour down My blessings, that My power may descend, as My Father's power did descend upon Me. How I love to give you the answers, but you must unite.

Unite and call out to Me! For when I see that you are united in love and prayer, and purpose of mind, heart and spirit; when I see that you are one in mind, one in heart, in

one place; when you demonstrate your unity in faith by obedience, you move My mighty hand. Through your unity you move My hand to pour out the blessings, to pour out the power, to shower you with strength and My Father's glory!

Was this not the marvel of the day of Pentecost? Yes, and this is why I prayed, beloved, and do yet pray, that you may be one, even as My Father and I are one. For only in this unity will you find great strength and great power to carry on. In this unity you will usher in My Kingdom Come on Earth!

I would that you be one in Us, that where I am, you may be also, that you may behold the glory which My Father has given Me, and that you, too, may share in this same glory.

29

(Dad:) I love you and I'm thankful for all that you've done for the Lord all these years. I'm proud of you. The Family needs people like you!

I'm sorry you feel that you're not much appreciated by a lot of our younger folks. I can understand how you feel. There were times when I didn't feel very appreciated by my own children, and it's hard to keep going and to keep giving under those circumstances. So I feel for you. I know what it's like.

Our young people still have a lot of lessons to learn. They have a lot of growing up to do. That's why they need the help of us adults, to help them to grow in the right direction, to help them to learn, to help them with our experiences and all that the Lord has taught us from serving Him so many years. At the same time, there's a balance in letting them grow their own way, but still the Lord's way.

You adults have to recognize that the teens are not going to grow up exactly the way you did, just like you didn't grow up exactly the way I did. But you still have to give them guidance and instruction and help, just like I did with you.

Don't get discouraged if they don't always receive it or appreciate it. Just keep going and doing what you know is right. But at the same time, don't be afraid to change. Remember that I kept changing and revolting. I wasn't stuck back in the way I used to do it when I was young, or the way my mother used to do it, or the way I did it when I was married, or the way I did it at the beginning of the Family. I kept moving and changing!

So you have to keep moving and changing too! Keep flowing in the direction the Lord wants you to flow. I know that's been a little tough for you, and that's why I'm real

proud of you for having done so well in taking these changes. It's been a battle. You've gotten discouraged, you've felt unappreciated, but you still held on, and I'm proud of you!

30

As the days ahead grow darker and more evil, so must you have the light of God to lead you in the way. As the world becomes more complicated, so must you have Me to get you through the maze of these complications. You must seek Me and My guidance and My direction and My help. Seek My light, for I can show you things that you cannot see with your eyes because of the darkness. But with My light I can show you many things that you know not. The world will marvel at your wisdom, at your knowledge, at your understanding, if you will but seek Me and hear from Me.

So do not be afraid to ask. Were you afraid to ask your parents, your father or your mother, questions when you were young, when you didn't know the answer and you needed to know? No. You had no fear, you just asked and they answered. So it is with Me. I have given you a multitude of spiritual helpers to help you, but you must listen to them.

So become more sensitive to Me and to My Spirit. Keep your antennas upward, always listening, for I have much to say to all My children. Do not let the Evil One snatch away this gift, but use it and hone it and strengthen it and pray for it, and pray for those that have it. For it can be a great guide unto you if you will use it, and it will help you to know better the ways of God. (ML #2993)

31

No victory without a battle, no testimony without a test, no triumph without a trial. The victories, the battles, the triumphs, the tests, the problems and the obstacles are all part of life. All those in the Family, as well as any true and sincere, dedicated missionaries, all those who live in My service, preach the Gospel, and lift Me up, are faced with problems--the problems of their natural life and the battles of the spiritual warfare.

But I am the Answer Man, and for each problem there is always a solution, or many solutions. For each battle there is always a lesson and a victory. For each test there is always a testimony. As My children turn to Me and lean on Me and call on Me, I will provide.

The emphasis should always be on Me--on turning to Me, on uniting together in prayer, and on calling on Me to provide. The emphasis should be on bringing each

question or problem or difficulty to Me in prayer, in full faith, with a positive and expectant attitude that I will speak and that I will provide the solutions. Discussing problems without prayer and without fully expecting solutions is not the answer. The emphasis needs to be on Me, the Answer Man, and on My ability and willingness to supply and provide.

Such gatherings should not be solely to discuss and air local problems and situations, but you can come together for a prayer meeting. Come prepared with faith, with My Word, and with a sincere desire to seek Me for answers and solutions.

32

(To a YA who needed to remain in bed for much of her pregnancy:) Lift up your heart in joyous praise and song! Praise and adore and love Me! Sing unto Me with all your heart! Develop that close personal relationship with Me that I am asking for during this time. Be not weary and do not think that this is a waste of time, for this time is of great value to you and to your spirit.

Through this silence and this time of quiet and rest and lack of movement, I am speaking great volumes to you. I am teaching you things that you will need during the battle that is ahead. I am strengthening your spirit. Though in the physical you think your body is becoming so weak, worry not; I will take care of all of that in My time.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things shall be added unto you. Worry not for your children or for the baby in your womb, but only concern yourself with your relationship with Me. I have brought all of this upon you for that purpose--that you might gain a truly strong link with Me, that I will be able to work more easily with you, that I will be able to speak clearly to you and get through to you without difficulty.

Your spirit will be soft and warm and looking to Me at every turn. You will know that you have no strength of your own, but that I will strengthen you and I will help you and I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness, just as My Word promises.

So do not worry or fear. Have faith. Put your trust in Me and I will bring these things to pass. You will look back and value and cherish these times.

I love you! This is not a punishment, this is your training. This is My love gift to you! I am giving you the desires of your heart. I am giving you the relationship with Me that you have asked for. So don't look upon this as a stone, for this is indeed bread from

Heaven. This is indeed a gift of My Holy Spirit to you, for We love you greatly. I will strengthen you and help you through this time of need.

33

Abide in My Words, and let them abide in you. Let them dwell in you richly. Drink them in, eat them, imbibe them; but do not neglect My voice. Listen to it. For I speak to you through My Word, and I speak to you through the gift of prophecy, and I speak to you in the whispers in your heart and in your mind when you commune with Me, and when you stop here and there and look up--in those times when your receptivity is highest and those that help you can whisper in your ears and place things in your heart and mind and can give you direction. So exercise these gifts.

Know and understand that My Word is first and foremost, for I exalt it even above My Name. But for further strength and help and guidance, listen to My voice and listen to the whispers, and you shall have strength that you know not of. It shall make your task easier, for you will be allowing us to direct you more from this side, and we will work together even better.

So tune in! Fine-tune and hear the voice of the Lord your God, and of those whom He has sent to help lead and guide and instruct you. For we are in it together, and together we will march forth to victory, and together we will win the world for Me! And we will do it so much more effectively if you will tune in, if you will get your radio signals from Heaven and your instructions through My Word, through My voice and through the whispers.

As you exercise this gift of prophecy, you will have a clearer understanding and greater faith. As you see those things work that I say unto you, and the fruit that it brings forth, and the joy and encouragement and instruction that it gives unto you and others, you will see how much easier the job can be if you let us participate.

So come on! Let's work together!--You working together there and we working together Here, all of us working together. For it is our work and it is your work and together it is all of our work. For we all seek the same goal--to bring forth My light and love to the lost, to bring great joy to the world, and to proclaim My truth unto the ends of the Earth! (ML #2995)

34

I do not encourage My children to sit and discuss the difficulties and problems of the local area--whether it be financial, ministering to their contacts and sheep, housing or whatever--unless they have a sincere, united desire to bring these situations before My throne in humility and simple faith. The problems you will always have with you, and the solutions come not in solely talking about the problem, but through prayer and seeking Me and listening to My voice and searching My Word and calling on Me for the answers.

This type of gathering would be edifying, positive, faith-building, and an encouragement to each one who attends--a meeting where there is a uniting of hearts and minds around My throne through prayer and faith; where there is an encouraging and uplifting spirit of trust; where each will uphold and support the other one through prayer and understanding.

35

There is a time to flee, a time to hide, and a time to stand up and fight back. Each time is different for each place and each situation, so you must seek Me to know if it is the time to flee, the time to hide, or the time to fight back. For if every time one rises up against you, you flee, you shall not accomplish My will. But in times when you do not flee, when it is My will for you to flee, neither will My will be accomplished.

Sometimes I have said to stand up and fight back, and I have brought forth great victories out of seeming defeats. I have spread My message abroad. I have turned the tide and I have caused you to shine forth with the truth, that My message might be preached and that My sheep might hear My voice and follow Me.

There are times that I have let you be arrested and put behind bars, that My will may be accomplished, and in My time I set you free. So you must seek Me to know what is My will--whether it is My will to go or whether it is My will to stay. Sometimes going is that which I would show. Sometimes staying is that which I would say. Sometimes going would bear more fruit, and sometimes staying would bear more fruit. (ML #2998)

36

I seek those who will love Me above all things. I seek those who will have praise upon their lips--praise of Me, and honor of Me, and glory of Me! I seek those who will have praise in their hearts, praise on their tongues, praise in their spirit, praise in their mind, and praise in their actions! I seek those who love Me and who hold Me in high esteem, who choose to love Me above all things. These are the children of David!

These are they whom I will exalt and strengthen in the days to come--they that look to Me for their strength and wisdom; that look to Me for My power; that look to Me for guidance and direction and counsel; who seek Me daily to find what I have for them. (ML #3001)

37

You feel that you are weakening, that your ministries are wasting away, that your talents are useless and that there is no place for you in the Kingdom. You feel that your only calling is to be tested and purged, to battle again and again and again. It seems to you that the battles are without end. You wonder if this is all that there is to your life of serving Me. You wonder why it is that you must be so tested and tried and purged, time and time again. So many questions!

It is because I am creating you to be a special tool in My hand. It is as if I am chipping away at a precious stone, like those who tool the stones for royalty. They are tooled so delicately, so carefully. Much time and energy is placed into tooling these special jewels for royalty. Much care and much counseling, much study and much precision is put into the tooling of these jewels, because they will be placed in the crown. Many will look upon these jewels and marvel, for the light will be reflected so beautifully and so magnificently. So even though a lot of time is spent in the hand of the Master Jeweler, in the end it is worthwhile, because the jewel reflects the light so brilliantly and so clearly.

You, My dear child, My precious one, are this jewel in My hand, the jewel that I am tooling and fashioning, chipping away the rough edges and polishing every facet. I am fashioning you as a jewel for royalty, precious and valuable in My sight--brilliant and gorgeous as it sparkles and reflects My light and My love!

Yes, it is a long, hard road, and you must endure the tapping here and the tapping there of the Jeweler's knives. It is painful. You feel the loss, and you feel that your life is useless, that this chiseling and tooling will go on forever, that there will be no end to it. But fear not, My precious one, for I have you in My hands; I hold you in My arms. This tooling and this chiseling is straight from My hand. It is My plan to create of you My special precision tool, rare in quality, beautiful and magnificent.

38

Man awards medals as a sign of great valor, noble deeds, and great courage. But I bestow upon you a greater reward! I give you My Golden Heart Award--this tender, golden heart--as a sign of My love. For yours is a tender, gentle, sensitive heart--sensitive in spirit, and now sensitive in flesh--one that is in need of great care, that you may know that I, and I alone, will hold you and sustain you.

My ways are not as man's ways, and My thoughts are not as man's thoughts. Think not that it is a hindrance to have what man calls a weak heart. Look not upon this weak heart as a hindrance, but as a step forward. Fear not for this light affliction, but look on it as a great honor--the honor of My Golden Heart Award! Wear it proudly, that you and those around you may know that this tender, delicate heart is a sign that it is I, and I alone, that will sustain you! I have promised and I will perform My promises.

Wear it proudly and give Me the glory, knowing that your golden heart is in My hands, and it is I that will turn it and keep it, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, as you keep your golden heart firmly fixed on Me.

As your heart of flesh, this tender heart, is in need of great care, know that this condition of heart may serve as an ever-present reminder that I hold and care for you. And that as I care for you, you may accomplish My will, and turn right around and hold and care for others. For unto whom much is given, of the same is much required.

39

This is the highest commission that you can have--to give My Word to the lost, to the hungry, to the downtrodden, to those who seek My face even though they do not know Me. Yet they seek Me, even as you have sought Me and have found Me. Do you believe that you are the only ones who seek and thirst and hunger after righteousness? It is the lost who seek, but have not.

Therefore as I said before, go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Withhold not, and I will not withhold from you. Then shall I be able to open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to hold it! (GN 498)

40

Behold the love that I have given unto the children of David, that they can share My love freely one with another and find great joy therein, great happiness, great fulfillment, that they may know the ecstasies of the flesh and the ecstasies of the Spirit.

So have I used My David to free you from the bondage of the System, from the [religious] laws of those who stifle, who say that which I have made is bad, when I say unto you it is good. It is of Me and I have made it. I have given you these sensations of the flesh that you may know joy, release, relief, happiness, and closeness one to another. I do not mean this to be a burden, but a blessing, a strengthening, a unifying factor. It is a measure to draw you close one unto another, to unite you together as one--as one body, as one bride, as one marriage.

You bring before Me many questions, and I bring you the answers to your questions, that this will be clear and understandable and that all will understand, that they may be free to love and to share and to partake of this Heavenly blessing that I have poured forth unto the children of David for their faith, for their belief, and for their trust in the Words of David. (ML #2961)

41

Fear not for this light affliction. For just as I learned obedience to the Father through the things that I suffered, you too will learn to have a closer walk with Me through the delicate condition I have bestowed upon you. I know, I love, and I care for you, just as My Father cared for Me.

I, too, had a delicate heart. I, too, was afflicted. I knew what it was like to mourn, and I wept. I was afflicted with these weaknesses of the flesh that I might be fashioned into a High Priest for your sake. I know and I understand, because I experienced and I felt everything you are feeling. I, too, took on the cloak of flesh, that I might understand.

Fear not for your weakness, for I have heard your prayers, I have seen your tears, and I do answer. I am right here by your side to hold you and to comfort you with the same comfort that My Father gave Me.

Remember that I was a man of many sorrows and of a broken heart. Through it all, I learned the blessing of greater power--power of spirit. I suffered many afflictions, but through My afflictions I learned to have greater dependence on My Father. I learned that His power, and His power alone, was enough to sustain Me. There was a purpose in each affliction, in each difficulty through which I had to pass.

Through it all, most importantly, I learned to look up, to keep My eyes on Heaven. It was in My very weakness and My afflictions that I learned to avail myself of My Father's great power! I had to call on Him, I had to lean hard on Him, and in leaning I found My strength. So I grew, and I learned, and I saw that in My very weakness was the greatest strength of all.

42

Some of you may wonder, "Oh this gift, this beautiful gift of prophecy! I do long for it! But there has already been so much said and so many others have this gift, why would I also need to speak forth?" Well, you must exercise this gift. Like your David has taught you, faith is a muscle and you must exercise it. This gift of speaking My Words, being My tool, being My channel--you need to launch out, step out, try it. Try the waters, so you can have more faith and more confidence that I can use you. Don't think, "Oh, there are so many others, there are so many words," for I have much in store for you!

In the days ahead I will pour out My Spirit in abundance upon you! I will pour forth many words unto you, for there is much to happen, much to come. Use this time now wisely to exercise this gift. Be not afraid to speak forth. I will help you. I will give you all the confidence and help that you need, because they are My Words.

I have big things to say and little things to say. I have special things to say. I have something for each and every one of you! There are many right here with you that wish to say something to each of you, through each of you. So don't be afraid and don't feel unneeded or useless, for I need every single one of you!

I love you and I wish to speak through you. I wish to touch each of you in a special way with My Words, for I love you. (ML #2995)

43

(Dad, to Mama:) I've been watching the young people and praying desperately for them during this time of purging and change. It's so important that you pray for our young people!

I've been watching my bellwethers and shepherds, and I've been seeing which ones stand head and shoulders above the crowd because of their faith and their love for you--those who are willing to follow wherever you lead. You need to find the young people who are willing to do that, and use them. Now and in the near future, in the dark days to come, that's what's really going to count in the young people that you choose to train.

What's really going to matter is: Are they receiving the New Wine? Are they following you and Peter? Do they believe what the Family stands for? Because if they lack in these gifts and in this strength, no matter how gifted they are in other areas, they will fail!

Seek out from among the flocks the young people who have faith in you and your Words, and my Words, and who are willing to live the revolutionary life that Jesus has set before you. Because they will be tested, and only those of great faith and loyalty will be able to stand strong and continue to raise the standard and the rallying cry for their peers. If they have great faith, even if they're shaken, even if they're taken aback by the New Wine that's coming, they'll be able to stand strong.

It's a time of purging and testing! It's so important that you have these sold-out young people to be a sample, to rally the troops and to turn the tide of the Evil One, for he is seeking to sweep away this young generation! He is seeking to steal away my hope of the future!

But Jesus and I will not let him succeed! Though Satan has desired to have these, that he may sift them as wheat, we have prayed for them that their faith will not fail! But they need examples. They need those who are strong and loyal to the Kingdom, those who do not have doubts, and who have great, great love. So find them and raise them up! Train them and strengthen them, for you will need them in the days to come.

44

Do not question, My child, why I have made you thus, for I have fashioned you precisely according to My perfect will. Ask not, why am I weak? For I ask you, what is weak? To be weak in the flesh is but a blessing! To be weak in the flesh and mind and heart is but a strength in My sight--for then am I able to live and move and think in you. Man's ways are not My ways, and what man calls weak, I call strong! For when you are weak, then am I able to live and work and think and move through you.

Fear not! I love you just the way you are! I love you because you are you. I can see, and I can feel, and I can understand the deepest longings of your heart. I understand everything about you and I love you from everlasting to everlasting.

Do not worry, for just as I have brought you through the deep waters, and just as I have carried you through the fiery furnace these many years, so will I carry you through these light afflictions as I lead you up to higher ground. For I alone know what is in your heart of gold. I know your deepest longings and your secret of all secrets. I alone know the frequency of your every heartbeat, the pressure of the flow of blood, the throbbing and pulsating tunes of each beat. All are in My caring hands.

I know, I love, I care, and I will sustain you in a way that you have never known before. For I love you from everlasting to everlasting. Fear not for your heart, for now it

is as a golden heart. It has stood the test. It has passed through the fire and has come out as fine gold.

45

Be not weary, but have faith and trust in My love. Trust that your trials and battles, your times in the desert place when you must lie under the trees and dip your hand in the cool water to find strength, come from My hand. You do not see them now as a blessing, but this time of quiet, this time of prayer, this time of solitude, this time of reflection shall result in a depth of spirit.

You shall find wisdom and compassion and understanding. You shall know in your heart without a doubt that in you there is no strength and no goodness, but you will find your strength in Me. You will find the power that you need through your love relationship with Me. This time of rest and being out of the action is only for a moment; it will only last long enough that I might fulfill My plan in your life.

But you are thinking, "Oh, so many times I have been in this desert place. So many times I have partaken of this quiet and this solitude. Why must I once again? Is it because I'm not learning my lessons? Is it because I am so hard of heart that I am not hearing His voice that He has to continually have His hand upon me to chasten me and to break me again and again?"

I say that this is not a punishment or a chastisement. It is not because you are not hearing My voice or learning your lessons. It is because I am blessing you and honoring you and privileging you with this special time with Me--time that you can be in My arms and look in My face; time when we can commune with each other and get to know each other in a more intimate way.

I want you as My Own. I want you as My lover. I want you as My wife and My bride. I want you to have no other gods before Me--not your family, not your mate, not your ministry, nothing. I want you to desire only Me, and to love Me and know Me and be close to Me. You will need this intimate relationship with Me to fulfill the plan that I have for you in the future when you will be called upon to be in tune with Me, to be prayerful, to be wise, to be kind and loving and sympathetic with those who are weak, and to be understanding of those who feel discouraged and hopeless.

Because you have spent this time in the desert place, you will be able to speak from a full heart. You will be able to speak from experience and testify of the blessings and benefits of lying in My arms, partaking of My love and listening to My voice.

Do you wish to be more loving? Then love Me. Do you wish to be more thankful? Then thank Me. Do you wish to have a more praiseful attitude? Spend time praising Me. Do you wish to overcome the vices that grip you? Spend time in the bed of love with Me. My love and My humility shall overcome all these things. You cannot overcome them on your own or in your own strength, but by loving Me and praising Me and worshiping Me, I will grant you the desires of your heart which I have put there.

Together we will conquer all! We will conquer every foe and every enemy. You need not worry or fear or fret, for as you love Me, I will abolish all worries. As you praise Me, I will chase away every fear. As you spend time with Me in the bed of love, the darkness shall flee. For I dwell in the praises of My people! I love the love and praises of My children. I thirst for them! I hunger for them! I love that quality time.

It will not be easy. That is why I said, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!" But as you do it, it will become easier, and as you obey, it will become natural. Let My love and humility flow through you! Shed the darkness of pride and self, and let us love together forever! (ML #3001)

Oh, gentle, tender lamb, do you not know that I am the one Who carries you in My bosom in the times of your affliction, in the times of your heartache and heartbreak, in the times of your confusion, and in the hurt and in the sorrow? It is I Who holds you ever so close to My breast, stroking and caressing, kissing and holding, protecting and keeping you. For you are My little lamb and I love you dearly. I have been with you in all of your afflictions and in all of your battles.

When you have descended into the depths of Hell, I was there with you. When the Evil One attacked you and tried to defeat you, I was there protecting you and keeping you and holding you. In your confusion when you decided to hold on, I held you and I protected you round about with the aura of My love, strength and protection.

I know your every thought and all of your heart's desires. I say unto you, he that overcomes receives of Me these great blessings and heart's desires. I give the most to them that love Me most. And how do you love Me? You love Me by trusting Me. You trust that I know what is best and that I will keep you. No matter what the conditions, no

matter what is about you, no matter what is even within you, you know that I will keep you; that is trusting Me.

In your confusion and your agony and your writhing in spirit, you have trusted Me. You have shown Me great love in this manner, and it causes Me to love you greatly and dearly, and to hold you even closer! Having gone through these afflictions, and having cried out to Me, having sought My Word for your solace, you have learned the most valuable lesson--the lesson that I am there, that My Spirit will speak to you, that My Words will comfort you, that I am your Savior, your God, your Friend, your Comforter, your Lover, your Caregiver! (ML #3004)

48

You must let Me charge out of the gate in the morning! Let Me be the horse that you are riding! You must be sure to saddle Me up each and every day. Be sure that you are wrapping your legs around Me and letting Me carry the weight. You should not carry the weight, nor be the horse. You must ride upon Me and let Me carry the weight. Just grab on and hold Me tight! See Me fight and see Me run the race, for I will carry you through to the end.

But you must be sure, as a good jockey, that you are riding on Me and you are clasped firmly to Me, so we are one, to reduce the resistance of the wind. For the lower you are, and the harder you are clasped to Me, and the closer you are to Me, the faster we will go!

I am your God. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End! I will do great and mighty things that you know not of, if you will but let Me out of the gate. I am able to do exceeding abundantly above all the things that you are going to ask of Me, and above all the things that you think I can do! I am able to do exceeding abundantly above even these things--above the deepest desires of your heart. I am able to do more than this, and I will!

So clasp yourself around Me and let Me carry the weight. Let Me run the race, and I will run it. You must let Me run out the gate and carry the weight, and you do this by spending time with Me each and every day--time to be sure that you have asked Me what to do, time to be sure that you have let Me take over in your life.

It is a great and mighty job which we have to do, and only I can do it. But the thing is, I can do it! Your job is to stand back and to see Me fight, to call upon Me, to send Me forth into battle, to command Me to rout the Enemy, and to command miracles in My Name!

49

The giving of love is the sharing of love. The showing of My love one to another is the most important thing. Love begets love. Kindness begets kindness. Mercy begets mercy. So does the giving of love one to another beget the giving of love to others. It breaks down the walls of partition and brings forth unity, love, care and compassion one to another. So do I wish to break down those walls so that there can be a free flow of My love one to another, with unity, oneness, and a bonding together in love.

I do not wish for those who would love to hold back in fear. I wish My love to be given to all, that all can benefit from My love in the arms of another, with the kisses and caresses of another, that all can partake of My love one with another. (ML #2961)

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Don't be afraid to use this wonderful gift of prophecy that I have given you, but only believe. Believe in Me, that I am the One Who gives it, that I am the One Who speaks these Words to your heart and to your mind. You must reach out the hand of faith to receive what I have. For if you do not reach out, how can I give it to you? You must believe in order to reach out that hand. You must believe that I have something there for you. You must make the effort. It is a small effort, but it is still an effort and you must do it.

I have many things to say unto you. You must continually ask Me. For I have given you this gift. I have given you My Words. I give you My Words whenever you ask--for your wisdom, for your comfort, for your leading, for your guidance, for your protection, for your encouragement, for so many things. This is a wonderful gift that I have given you! (ML #2995)

51

(Dad:) Isn't it a wonderful thing to give birth? Isn't it just everything that I said it would be? Isn't it wonderful to hold your little child in your arms, to look at him and to love him, and to realize what a magnificent miracle has happened?--That out of you has been born a new life, an eternal spirit that has come from Here! You will see the joys of motherhood that I have spoken about, and it will help you to understand that the words I spoke were so true.

Here we rejoice over every child that is born, for every child is a miracle! And your little child is a real miracle--engineered in the halls of Heaven from start to finish! We worked it out, and now you have him--the finished product of the workings of the Spirit, those on this side and you on that side. And that's only the beginning!

We help to engineer other things, too--the lessons, the growing, all of it. So when you need help and you want things to happen, be sure to pray! You'll have to do a lot of prayin' with your new little one. That's one thing children do, they get you to pray! The kids get sick, they have problems, and they make you desperate. But don't worry, because we'll be right there to help. Just close your eyes and get quiet and listen. Pray and ask the Lord for help. He'll give it to you, and we'll speak to you. We'll strengthen you and we'll show you what to do.

So enjoy this gift! Love this gift! Love your child, and give him the most important love of all--the love of God manifested through you, his precious mommy.

52

There is a great need in the land for all of My children to learn to lie in My arms and hear My voice and partake of My strength. You feel that you are the only one that has been pulled aside out of the action into the quiet place. I tell you that there shall be many, many more. There shall be many more of your brothers and sisters, your loved ones and your Family members round about you who will be pulled aside to the quiet place so that they may learn to hear My voice.

So do not think that you are alone, or that I have singled you out to punish you because I am displeased with you, or because you have not done well, or because you are not needed, or because your talents are of no value; that is not how I see it. I see it that I have privileged you. I have taken you aside that I might speak to you heart to heart and commune with you upon your bed and love you and encourage you and teach you.

It is My plan that you learn to hear and recognize My still, small voice, that you might be this vessel of My choice, this polished jewel in My hand; that you might be a jewel that brings praise and honor to your king and queen.

Therefore, be not fearful. Do not doubt or worry. Do not think that this time of quiet and rest shows your lack of value, your worthlessness. It is just the opposite! This time that I have chosen for you to be with Me in quietness shows how valuable you are and how important you are to My Kingdom. It shows that I have honored you by pulling you out of the busy wings into My temple, that you might lie quietly in My arms, so that I can minister to you and love you and give you strength, encouragement and power.

53

Sing a song of joy unto Me! Sing unto Me praise! Sing unto Me for My glory! Sing! Sing unto Me, whatever your song. However you say it, however you sing it, you can't go wrong. Sing! Sing unto Me! Sing a song of joy! Sing a song of praise! Sing a song of Psalms! Sing a new song!

You wonder, "What will I sing? How can I sing?" Sing a song from My Psalms. Sing a song from the songs of old. Sing a new song. You are My children, you sing the song of Moses. And in Heaven you will sing the song of Moses and you will sing a new song! I'll put a new song in your hearts! But even now you can sing a new song. Just sing unto Me by giving Me praise!

Sing unto Me, for I love to hear each of you--whatever your voice, whatever your words, whatever your thoughts, however you love Me. I love you so! I love to hear your praises, I love to hear your songs. As humbling as it is to sing unto Me, especially with another, give it a go! Sing unto Me and you will be free! (ML #3001)

54

My precious one, My repentant and forgiven child. I have seen your tears. I have felt your remorse. Come into My arms of forgiveness and mercy and let Me wipe away the sorrows of condemnation. For he that is forgiven for much also loves much, learns much from past mistakes, and learns to forgive others for their mistakes. The eyes of criticalness are converted into looks of love and forgiveness, knowing how much you have been forgiven. You have been given a new lease on life, a new outlook, a new vision.

55

Where are My true shepherds? Where are those who give their lives for the sheep as I gave My life for the sheep? Have I not set before you an example that you may follow? Where are those who are willing to give half their lives, like Pandita, that others may live? The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

Who will take the stand? Where are those with broken hearts for the ones who are fading in hope, who are weak and weary and battered, and who are buffeted about on every side?

Fear not that the yoke seems heavy. Say not that the problems are too big. Say not that you have no control over these who seem wild and unruly. In your strength and in your wisdom it is not possible, but in My strength and with My wisdom all things are possible! You have not because you ask not. If you would but ask, I would give you all the wisdom necessary to help love these through.

Have you labored so long and hard, only to give up before the time of reaping? Ask that you may receive, that your joy may be full. For I will give you joy for sorrow, and great victory and great love for your little lambs, if you will but ask. Have I not promised to give wisdom in all things to him that asks? Have I not promised to give liberally to all that ask? Ask, therefore, and I will pour out!

Give, and it shall be given unto you! You wonder why problems and troubles tumble about you, but I say give! Give of yourself, of your time, of your blood, of your sweat, of your tears. Know that when you feel weak and incapable and like you have no more to give, this is the time to keep on giving, for it is only in giving that you will receive again and without measure. Give to your youth and to your brethren, and see if I will not pour you out blessings in every way.

Do you walk a mile in their shoes as I did for you? Do unto these as I have done unto you. For have I not shown you My tender mercies through the years? Have I not had longsuffering, patience and compassion on you time and time again? I am the Good Shepherd that shows kindness. Have I not protected you and kept you these many years, even when you stumbled and fell? Have I not overlooked your many faults, failures and shortcomings and picked you up and brought you again and shown you the way? Have I not had mercy on you?

Even as I have done unto you, I would that you do unto these. Where are the good shepherds who will give their lives for the sheep?

56

The path of true greatness is the path that goes through Me. I cannot make you great until you have come to Me with all of your heart, all of your soul, all of your mind, and all of your strength.

These things that you have passed through are not defeats, but they are stepping stones to glory!--Not the glory of man, but the glory of God, the glory of humility, the glory of utter dependence upon Me, the glory of My Spirit working through the humble heart, through the trusting soul, through the yielded mind, through the loving spirit.

So, My little lamb, and all My little lambs, know and understand that the things that you suffer, the trials that you are faced with, the burdens that you bear, the testing, the purging, the trying, the heartache and heartbreak, the pressure, the squeezing, the tests and the trials, do not take you away. They are not a sign of My displeasure. They are not meant to show that I am not there. They are tokens of My love. They are the steps that you must go through to come to Me.

But know that I am always there. In the deepest and darkest experiences and in the greatest despair, I am there. Turn and face Me and trust Me, even when all else seems so dark. Trust Me, for I take you through the darkness that I may bring you out into My glorious light--the light of My love, the light of My truth, the light of My strength, and the light of My power. (ML #3004)

57

Do not be fearful for your weakness, for in this very weakness you will find My strength. This very weakness will be a reminder to you of how much you need Me. When you call out to Me in this weakness, I will be there to lift you up. I will be there to give you power that you know not of. In this weakness, as you call out to Me in desperation, when you reach the end of yourself and you have nothing left and you look up to Me, then you shall find new anointing. You shall find a new beginning. You shall find a new birth.

You shall find Me and know Me as you have never known Me before! Your dependence upon Me will be greater. Your desire for Me will be greater. Your knowledge of Me will be more intimate. Your relationship with Me will be warmer and closer than ever before. In this you shall find strength, power, wisdom and anointing. You shall find all the things that you need for the future.

You feel that your future is so ordinary. You don't see any place for yourself. You don't see any reason for all this testing and all this training and all this time taken out of the wings to be strengthened. You see no outlet for all of this. But don't worry, for you do not see as I see. Your vision is so shortsighted, but I know the future. I know the needs of the future, and I have a plan.

Trust Me that I know you will need all of these gifts and more. You will be used to the full. At that time you will be so grateful for these times of testing, these times of purging, these times when your faith was sorely tested, these times when you learned to lean on Me, these times when you saw Me answer prayer and you learned to trust Me. You'll be so grateful for these quiet times when you learned to hear My voice.

Trust Me for the future and know that your usefulness is not over; it is just beginning. For I have a plan and a purpose. You will not be disappointed. You will be grateful that you hung on, that you continued having faith, that you continued trusting, and that in your moment of greatest weakness you reached out to Me and found strength.

Therefore take your rest. Worry not for the future. Rest in My arms and find peace of mind. Relax in My arms and trust Me. Know that I love you, and that all things, even this, are from My hand. It is not to discourage you or condemn you or beat you down, but just to bring about My beautiful plan in your life.

58

Your child's affliction will be like a life after death experience for you. I will use it to bring new life to your spiritual walk with Me, that you might die to your old self and the sins which so easily beset you--the nagging details, the petty differences, the things of this Earth. I will breathe into you the freshness and the fire of My Spirit--a rebirth, a renewing, a closeness to Me, and a love for those around you.

Concerning your precious little one, have I not said that a little child shall lead them? She shall lead you back to Me by her pure sample and courageous spirit and childlike faith--her bravery in the face of hard times, her cheerfulness in the midst of pain. So will I raise her up among you to be a sample of faith, courage and trust. So will I be able to reach out to each of your hearts through her and touch you, that she, through Me, may bring a healing to your spiritual lives.

I will be with her in her affliction. I will pour down great grace upon her, and she will feel My comfort and grace on her life. I will keep her and strengthen her and fulfill all My promises that I have already given her.

59

Behold, I am the Good Shepherd. I gave My life to save the lost. I laid down My body to heal the broken. I gave all this. I suffered all this, not in vain, but so that I could draw you, My children, to My bosom and comfort you and love you and give you forgiveness, redemption, and healing.

I have My arms outstretched, and in My hands are precious, precious gifts to give to you, My children, you My broken ones, you who are suffering, you who are crying, you who are aching. I have precious gifts for you little sheep--gifts of love, of forgiveness,

of mercy, and of healing. All of these things are in My hands and I will freely give them to you if you will only reach out and receive them by faith.

These gifts are not earned by your goodness. You could never be good enough to receive these precious, precious gifts in My hands. But I give them to you freely if you can only reach out by faith and receive My love, My mercy, My forgiveness, and My healing. (ML #3007)

60

My little one, I am pleased that you would look to Me during this time of questioning, searching and seeking. These thoughts have been of Me which have arisen in your heart, to trust Me more fully and completely. I say to you and to your dear one that if you will choose this thing, even so will I be with you, and I will bless you. For do I not seek to give the very best to you, if you leave the choice to Me?

If you feel in your heart that there is a tug of My Spirit for you to learn to trust Me more, this is good in My sight. For behold what great peace trust does bring--an end to fretting and to feuding and fussing! An end to worry and sleepless nights and worrisome days. Trust, true trust, brings great peace, and in this I am well pleased. For I love you and I draw you close to My bosom. I kiss you and I embrace you and I hold you as one dear to My heart. (ML #2961)

61

Beware lest you be led astray from the simplicity which is in Christ. All that I have said in My Word is true, and I do fulfill it. I am able to provide all your needs, and I do give you that which is best for you from My hand. The Words I have given you about drawing from the well of the pure waters and the effects of obeying Me and staying close to Me and My Word--all of this is true.

When you do these things, you are happy and fulfilled. When you obey with your heart because you love Me, then all these things are fulfilling and the joys of My Spirit become real. I am not only able to bless you and prosper that which you do, but I also give you the happiness of knowing that you are serving Me, that you are in My will, and you are able to feel and experience My love to the full. That is the way My promises are able to be fulfilled. When you seek Me first and My Kingdom, then all these other things are added unto you. My Word never fails.

62

Lift up your voice in love and praise to Me, for I need your love. I need to hear your love expressed in words, just as you speak words of love to your lover. I need to hear your voice of love, for I am your Lover. As your words of love endear you to your loved one, so your words of love and praise to Me endear you to Me. Even as you continue to speak words of love and whisper sweet words of love in your lover's ear, as you stroke and caress and love one another in many different ways in your lovemaking, so I wish that you would continue to speak your words of love and praise to Me. (ML #3001)

63

(Dad:) Don't worry, sweet ones, about the battles that you face--these times of testing and these times of weakness. It's only the Lord's tender hand upon you. It's only the making of a man and the making of a woman, that He might use you more greatly. As hard as it is, it is inevitable that you must go through these breakings if you want to be truly great in His Kingdom. He must make you weak. He must make you desperate. He must humble you before Him and before the people before He can make you truly great. Then you will know that your greatness is only from Him, from His Spirit, from His wisdom, and from His love.

So don't kick against the pricks and be angry or bitter at the Lord for these testings, for they are only for a time. You will rejoice and be grateful when you see the precious lessons that He has taught you. When you begin to pour out these lessons and teach others, then you will see the value of these times of testing. Then you will be able to say, "Yes, I know what you feel. Yes, I know what you mean. Yes, I have been there myself." You will be able to point people to the Lord. You will be able to lift up and encourage others as you have been lifted up and encouraged by the Lord.

So know that this is all for a purpose and it is all part of a plan. You're in His hands and He will perfect that which concerns you. Keep fighting! Keep loving! Keep being a testimony of trusting the Lord. I love you! I'm proud of you! You're children to be proud of!

64

When men's hearts are empty, they are unhappy and unfulfilled. They desire to be happy and to satisfy the hunger that they have. They look around and they see that which

is appealing in the System, and they try to fill their vacuum. But what they do not see or understand is that in order to receive the full benefit of My promises, they must fulfill their part--not in name only, or in the things which they think they must do, or for any other motive but to please Me.

This is not easy for some, for they think they will find no happiness in laying down their lives in sacrifice or in surrendering their all to Me. They do not see how that could make them any happier or fill the vacuum that they have in their heart.

But those who give their all in love for Me and yieldedness to My Spirit, laying down their life in unselfishness, experience the true joys and ecstasies of My Spirit which are beyond comparison with anything else in this world! This satisfies the heart like nothing else can. It fills the need and satisfies the hunger. But the only way this comes is through full surrender and yieldedness unto Me, and loving Me.

65

The greatness that God gives comes about from the testings and the trials and the trusting. The glory and the strength and the power that you seek comes not in the way that you would think. It comes not in the paths of glory as with man, but through the path of God--the lowly path, the humble path.

So in your time of trial and affliction, look to Me. Call out to Me! Cling to My Words! Grasp them, eat them, hold on to them, for they are truth. For you to be the man or the woman of God that I would have you to be, you must have the understanding that My Word is truth and power and strength and might! It is My Word that saves you and strengthens you! It is My Word that encompasses you about with protection! It is My Word that gives you the love that you seek. It is My Word that does all of these things. You must be connected to Me, and the root of that connection is My Word.

You must trust My Word, and in trusting My Word, you are trusting Me. When I say in My Word I am there, then know that I am there! When I say in My Word I am your comfort, then know that I am your comfort. When I say in My Word it shall pass, then know that it shall pass. When I say in My Word I shall supply, then know that I shall supply. For My Word is truth! My Word is life! My Word is love! My Word is Me. (ML #3004)

66

In times of darkness, I will be your light. In times of sadness, I will be your joy. In times of struggle, I will be your deliverance. In times of weakness, I will be your strength. In times of question, I will be your answer. In times of doubt, I will be faith unto you. And more important than any of this, I am love to you. I love you and I forgive you. I want to heal you and mend your wounds. I want to strengthen you and renew your heart, renew your spirit, renew your conviction and your will to live.

So do not be discouraged or disheartened. Do not look back. Do not be remorseful over the mistakes and sins of the past, for the past is the past. I have covered those mistakes and sins, and that which was scarlet shall be made white as snow. As far as the east is from the west, so far have I removed your transgressions from you. In the very moment that you seek My forgiveness, in the very instant that you call out to Me, I immediately grant My forgiveness, and there is no more need to worry or fear or carry the burden yourself. (ML #3007)

67

How I weep for My young ones! Is your heart weeping for them? Do you pain with those that pain, and weep with those that weep? Do you take them in your arms and hold them and comfort them and pray for them as I do for you? Do you show them pure, unconditional love as I have shown you?

Have you so quickly forgotten what struggles you had in your youthful years? Do you forget that these are they upon whose tiny shoulders so great a task is lain? Do you forget that these, My prophets of the end, will usher in My Kingdom come on Earth, and because of this Satan fights them like no others?

Do you suffer with those that suffer, and feel the agony of their hearts as I felt the agony of your heart? Say not that this task is too big, for I am the Good Shepherd and I go before My shepherds of love and show you the way. I will strengthen you. I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness! You will not fail if you look to Me, lean on Me, and ask of Me.

I know what it's like to feel at wits' end corner with these who seem indifferent. I faced the same with My fold when I walked upon the Earth. It was with My band of bungling babes that I learned My most precious lessons. In their weakness, I was made perfect. Through their weakness I learned to have infinite mercy and compassion.

Did I not hang on the cross between the two thieves, and yet promise that one would be with Me in Paradise the same day? Yes, he was full of faults. Yes, he had failed. Yet My compassion did not fail him, for I saw that his heart was right.

It was through the weaknesses of the sheep of My fold that I grew to be the Good Shepherd. Through their weaknesses I learned the invaluable golden lesson of tolerance, that you might be saved.

If I would reward you according to your sins, who would be saved? Therefore, as I have not rewarded you according to your iniquities, I would that you do the same for these, the sheep I have entrusted into your hand. For all that are Mine are thine, and I have given them into your hand. As far as the east is from the west, so great is My love for you, and this is the love that I wish for you to bestow on these little ones.

68

The feelings and emotions you experience are a direct result of the choices you make, the thoughts you choose to think, the times you choose to be unselfish, the times you put yourself in another person's place and allow your heart to be broken and moved with compassion and love.

Feelings of love, unity and happiness, and the fellowship and bond of the saints, are My rewards. They are given to you according to your choices and your decisions--how you have determined by your own free will to act and give and respond and sacrifice and understand.

69

(Dad:) Thank you, folks, for being willing to have those beautiful babies! I know it's a sacrifice and it takes a lot out of you, but it's really worth it. It's worth the small sacrifice now in order for the Lord to give you these beautiful, beautiful treasures of your children.

Look at them! Weren't they worth it? Weren't they worth the time and the trouble and the prayer and the fighting in spirit for them?--Fighting for their healing, fighting for their growth, fighting for their progress, fighting to help them to make it to become the beautiful darling little ones that they are now! Wasn't it worth it? So thank you, sweet ones, for being willing to sacrifice in this way to have these beautiful children for me, and for the Lord, and for the Kingdom, and for the Family.

Don't get weary in well doing with your childbearing, because even though it's difficult for you, the Lord will reward you even more greatly. If you are willing to have these children for Him no matter what the sacrifice and no matter what the cost, He will greatly reward you!

These little ones will become your greatest source of joy! They will become a great testimony to others when they see you as a beautiful, happy couple loving Jesus and raising your family. You'll be a testimony to many through these children--these children that now feel like a burden and a weight to you, that seem like they are dragging you down and inhibiting your service to the Lord.

That's how I felt at one time, and I said, "Lord, what can You do with me, just a poor old pastor with only these few ragtag kids by my side?" But what did the Lord say to me? He said, "What is that in thy hand?" And that is what I say to you! You may feel that you have no ministry to speak of, that you are not doing much for Jesus, but I say to you, what is that in thy hand?

Look at the beautiful treasures, these precious blessings that the Lord has blessed you with! What a privilege and an honor the Lord is giving you in these beautiful children, and continuing to give to you. It makes Him so happy and so proud of you that you are willing to endure hardness, that you are willing to sacrifice even your own strength to be able to bring these beautiful little ones into the world.

These sacrifices will not go unrewarded! The Lord will bless you in this life and in the world to come! These beautiful little children of yours will be with you for all eternity. You'll be loving them and enjoying them from now through all eternity.

70

These precious ones who are so close and so dear to your heart are now safe in My arms and in My care. Therefore fear not and weep not for these, for they have gone on to their reward. They have gone on to new horizons, to brighter days. They have gone on to greater victories, to bigger battles and bigger jobs. They have passed through the door to the other side, but you have not lost them. They are not gone. You have not lost their love, for they are just as alive today as ever! Although you cannot see them or touch them or feel them or kiss them and look upon their faces, they are alive. They live! This time of separation, this time of slight distance between you is only for a moment. It is only for a time. Therefore weep not, but take courage.

Find hope and comfort in knowing that I do all things well; that whether I give or whether I take away, I do all things in love; that all situations, all circumstances, every detail is from My hand. Know that I am your Father, I am your Husband, I am your Lover, and I have not done this to hurt you and to crush you and to break you into powder and to destroy you, but I have done even this in love. Though you may not see it now, it is a privilege and an honor that I have taken your darling ones into My arms.

So come into My arms and rest your weary head upon My breast. Feel warmth and comfort and tenderness in My bosom. Let Me dry your tears and let Me kiss away your hurts. (ML #3009)

71

The Enemy goes about as a roaring lion, as a ravenous beast, as a cruel destroyer! He is the Devourer who seeks to rend and tear apart and defeat My children. Satan and his evil spirits never sleep--just as I and your guardian angels never sleep. There is constant warfare in the spirit world--a constant battle of good against evil, light against darkness, the forces of Heaven against the forces of Hell.

These battles of the spirit world are manifest in the physical world in many ways--through natural disasters, plagues and epidemics, wars and famines. The battles of the spirit world are also manifest in the minds of men, in their thoughts and in their dreams.

The negative feelings and effects of the Enemy's attacks can be lifted through prayer; they can be destroyed by calling out to Me. They are temporary and shallow, because they are without foundation; they are not based on fact or faith or on the promises of My Word.

So when you are attacked by the Enemy, go on the attack against him! Rebuke the negative thoughts and feelings--the suspicion, the jealousy, the hatred, the division that the Enemy wants to bring into your life! Take a stand against it through confession and prayer. Take steps to restore the breach and to build unity, and you will see that the end result will be greater and sweeter than before.

72

If you choose to trust Me, stand pat upon your decision to trust Me, and upon the Word which I give unto you. For as you trust Me, I will feed you with Words of faith which will give you hope, peace, faith, joy, and great love. All the fruits of the Spirit do I give unto you for your trusting and your loving Me, and for placing Me first in your life.

Therefore do not worry or fear, for such trust shall bring nothing but peace, nothing but plenty, nothing but reward and joy and happiness! I love you! Trust in My love, for My love would do nothing that would hurt or harm you or do you ill. For you know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not of evil; thoughts of love and of favor.

Do you believe this? Therefore to trust Me will not be such a difficult thing. Do you believe that I love you? Therefore to have faith that I do all things well shall not be a difficult task. For I would not that this be a task of great pain and toil and sweat and laboring of your flesh, but that this be a work of My grace, a gift which I have paid for and I do give to you freely.

For I would give you joy in your labors, and with your children, and with the loved one who dwelleth by you. I would give unto you enjoyment! I would seek to relieve you from your striving and your worrying. I would give you such peace--peace which passes all understanding, and joy unspeakable! These things do I delight to give you, as you delight in Me.

Therefore do not worry or fret, for I will care for you as a lover cares for his bride. I will care for you as a husband gently cares for the one who dwells by him, for the mother of his children. For have you not mothered My children? Yes, and not only your own children of the flesh, but you have mothered and cared for many children. On the right hand and on the left have you been fruitful and multiplied and filled the face of the Earth with the seeds of David! Therefore trust that I would seek to please you, as you seek to please Me. (ML #2961)

73

(Dad:) In reviewing my life and looking back on all that happened to me, the Lord showed me how He had helped me and loved me and cared for me through all the dark spots, through all the trials and tribulations, the tests, the fears, the uncertainties, and the failures. I knew it in theory then, but in the review of my life that took place up Here, He showed me how He was there, how He brought me through. It made me ever so grateful and thankful that He kept me and that He helped me, so that I could become the man of God that He wanted me to be.

And I know He's there with you! He's there in the darkness. He's there in the trial. He's there in the test. He's there in the confusion. He's there in the depths. He's there because He loves you. He knows you have to go through these things, even as He had to go through the death and the suffering of the cross. But He's there to help you through. He's there because He loves you, because you are very dear to Him.

No matter what, trust Him! Cry out to Him! And don't surrender to the Enemy! You are undergoing the making and the breaking and the molding and the shaping of your life, and every man and woman of God goes through it. (ML #3004)

There are many reasons why men dream. Often the dreams are inspired by Me to instruct and prepare the heart, and to broaden one's experience. Sometimes they are to give warning, or they are a message of revelation and direction. Sometimes dreams are for entertainment, for pleasure, for sexual excitement. Some dreams are a test to sharpen your wits and to improve your decision-making ability.

Some dreams are to broaden your horizons and your understanding, to give you experiences in the spirit world that you are not able to have in the physical world. These dreams teach you wisdom, compassion, understanding, or prepare your heart for things that are to come. All such dreams from My hand are for a purpose, and they work together for good to teach and instruct and prepare your heart.

In My hands I have precious, precious gifts to give you--gifts of love and forgiveness and mercy and healing! Draw nigh to Me, call out to Me, love Me, seek Me, desire Me, and I will be with you to fill every need, to answer every question, to heal every wound, to strengthen every broken heart.

You will find that through this deep, dark experience we will gain a love relationship that is of much, much more value. You will know that this time of suffering and pain has been a small sacrifice in comparison to the great joy that we will feel in our love relationship, as this will cause you to draw closer to Me, to know Me as you have never known Me before, to love Me as you have never loved Me before, to feel My mercy, My tenderness and My forgiveness as you have never felt it before.

This seeming defeat in your eyes will one day be looked upon as a blessing. This breaking process will result in new creatures, new vessels, yielded and malleable in My hands, that will pour forth the waters of life in great abundance. Your hearts will overflow with thanksgiving for My love and forgiveness, and it will drive you, it will compel you to share this love with others. In this way you will be much more valuable vessels in My hands, much more useful tools. Although you cannot see it now, I am creating special instruments which will be used of Me in a very unique, very effective, very fruitful way. Through this breaking you will be remade and you will become new creatures in My hands.

So fear not. Doubt not. Shake off the shackles of doubt and condemnation and fear that the Devil would want to cast upon you, and receive these gifts that I have to give you--My love and forgiveness and mercy. As you receive these, you will be washed clean

from your sins, from your shortcomings, from your mistakes, and you will find new strength, new power, and new anointing. (ML #3007)

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(Dad:) Don't you see what a wonderful, wonderful gift from the Lord your children are? He has blessed you and gifted you so specially and honored you with these precious babies. The fact that it is difficult for you to have them makes it all the greater testimony, and He will reward you greatly for your sacrifice.

I know it's difficult for you and sometimes you complain, as do most mothers. Once in a while you get weary in well doing; you're tired and weak and the battles seem so great. But don't worry, my dear one. The Lord will strengthen you and you'll be so glad you trusted Him in the end.

There will come a time when you will be so glad that you trusted the Lord for your children. When you look at each one and you see their beautiful smiling faces and what a treasure they are, and what a testimony they are, and you see how much the Lord uses them, you'll be so glad you trusted the Lord for your children. You'll be so glad that you said yes to Jesus, and that you were willing to be the vessel to bring these precious ones into the world.

Though you are weak in the flesh, you are strong in the spirit, and for this reason the Lord is trusting you with these precious little ones. He knows that you'll faithfully train them and love them and teach them to love Him. He knows you'll impart to them a desire to serve the Lord. He knows you will be faithful stewards of these very precious blessings that He has placed in your care.

Even though you are weak in the physical, the Lord continues to bless you in this way. You may look at it as a curse and as a difficulty, but actually it's a blessing! It's the greatest blessing the Lord could give you. He doesn't see your weakness in the flesh; He sees your strength in spirit and your great ability to love and train these little ones. He looks at your patience with them. He looks at your faithfulness--at the way you pray for them and guard them and love them and cherish them. When He sees this, then He knows He can bless you with more.

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Oh, My dear ones, won't you come to Me now and look in My face? What do you see? Look closely and carefully. Do you see in My eyes condemnation and anger? No! In

My eyes I have nothing but love and tenderness and forgiveness for you. In My hands that I reach out to you, do you see that I want to put upon you weights of guilt, condemnation, remorse and blame? Is this what I have in My hands for you? No! Look carefully. My hands are nail-pierced. What I have for you in My hands is forgiveness, for I have already paid the price. I have already taken upon Myself all your sins--those of the past and those of the future. I have taken your sins upon Myself. Even at this moment I remove from you the weight of blame and remorse and guilt and condemnation.

I now take this weight off your chest, and I put in its place a white dove of forgiveness. I put in its place My warm, soothing balm of love and understanding. I have put in its place the blood that I shed for you on Calvary when I gave My Own life that you might find forgiveness, that you might find freedom and peace of mind, that you might be delivered from the burden of having to pay for your own sins. Oh, won't you please receive this white dove of forgiveness, and this soothing balm of My love, and the healing and cleansing power of My blood which was shed for you? Oh, won't you see that at this very moment there is peace for you? (ML #3009)

78

(Dad:) One of the problems with sensitivity is that it not only makes the person who is sensitive miserable, but it also makes it nearly impossible to give that person instruction or correction. Something that shouldn't be that big of a deal becomes a very big mountain and a source of huge discouragement, and in the end, a big waste of time. Whereas, if people could just trust the Lord and say, "Amen," "Yes," "Thank you," then the Lord could work in their lives and bring about His desired results.

But just because somebody's sensitive, that doesn't mean you should hold back the instruction that the Lord has for them. You still have to give it, even though you know that their reaction won't be good. Even if you know that they're going to have a problem or possibly even bomb out, you still have to give the correction. You can give it as lovingly and sweetly and gently as possible, but you still have to give it.

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The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep when they are caught in the thorns and the brambles, as are many of yours. This is the time when it is necessary to go out on a limb, if need be, to rescue those who cannot make their way alone. Do not abandon them in their greatest hour of need. Only look to Me, ask of Me, and I will give you the wisdom and the love that you need to guide them and to carry on.

Be not as the false shepherds who run when the going gets rough. Do not forsake these, as I have not forsaken you. Encourage them as I have encouraged you. Have I not promised that My love will cover a multitude of sins? Be not quick to judge, but rather be slow to wrath. Do not condemn them for outward sins that are not sins of the heart, but rather love them into all truth. Know that I allow these snags and these troubles, that My shepherds may learn to grow in love. Therefore grow in love, that patience may have her perfect work.

There is none righteous, no, not one. Don't forget what a horrible mess you are yourselves, and show love. For I would that My shepherds learn My thoughts of love. Don't be impatient, but look to Me in all things. For you it is impossible, but for Me all things are possible. Where are the true shepherds?

Be not weary in well doing, but look to Me. Seek Me, ask of Me, look to Me in all things, and I will give you the wisdom and the grace and the love and the golden tolerance that you need to guide and love them in the way of truth. As I looked on the multitudes and wept, I would that you do the same for these. Weep with them, hold them, love them.

I see that there are those among you whose hearts are broken for your children, and this is good. Weep for them, fight for them, and do not let go of them. Do not abandon them in their hour of need, as I did not abandon you.

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I am trying to teach you, My children, the importance of your relationship with Me. I know you have given your lives to Me, and now I am asking that you give Me your love, your will, your spirit. As you give these to Me, I will bestow upon you that which you seek--the power and the anointing to become the vessels of God that I wish for you to be.

I am asking for your love and for your time. I am asking that besides time spent with Me in the bed of love, in earnest communion with Me, that you spend time with Me in periods of loving affection [Praise Time] as a testimony of your love to Me, and as a testimony of the blessings of God poured out upon those who take the time with Me.

So come, let us be affectionate one with another! Think it not a sacrifice. I will bless you and I will pour forth My blessings upon you! It will be a testimony of your love for Me, and of My love for you.

So hear the voice of My Spirit saying to you, "It is time to pray! It is time to pray!" And stop, take a moment, hug Me in the Spirit, kiss Me in the Spirit, praise Me in the Spirit--and you will create a vacuum for the blessings of My Spirit! (ML #3013)

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(Dad:) You said there have been times you wished you could've lived with me and Maria. Well, you have. You've been with us in spirit. You've stood with us in spirit, living the Words, giving the Words, witnessing and loving His sheep and doing what we would've done if we could've been on the field. You were our hands and feet. You were the Words in the flesh--a living sample, the MO Letters bound in shoe leather! Thank you.

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(Dad, to a young married couple:) Hold on, my precious ones, and don't give up the fight! Don't be weary in well doing. Son, you're precious to me. I love you! I appreciate your determination and your fight, your love for me and the work, and the precious souls you minister to.

I know you're longing to be used in what you feel would be the fullest, most glorious way on the front lines. But don't belittle this time the Lord is using in your life right now, or let the Devil belittle it in your eyes, for it is the Lord's doing and His purpose, and you are growing through it. He is drawing you close in ways which you can't even understand, or can't even see the end of. So hold on, Son. Hang in there, and take good care of my precious daughter and the precious little ones given into your care, and the precious ones who are around you.

Don't you see? You are being used more greatly than you can even imagine, because you are being an example to many your own age, those who are longing to get married or are newly married. Though you both may look around you and think, "Others have it so good! Why are things going okay for them, and why are we having so many problems? We can't even get along sometimes. We fuss and fume and have our differences, and we get frustrated with one another." In these battles and testings you gain victories by looking unto Jesus and by yielding to one another.

So just hang on, and keep loving and keep trusting and keep humbling yourself. It's humbling to be married. You probably didn't realize that when you first got yourself into it, did you? It's a pretty humbling business, but the Lord will help you, and I will too.

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My dear mother of My children, My little ones, mother of precious little hearts, My little cherubs. Thank you for saying yes and for being My mother of these little loves. Great is your reward! Blessed is the fruit of your womb, and great shall be your blessings! For yours is a sacrifice of love. Has it not been said that there is no greater love than a mother's love? So shall there be no greater reward than that which I give to a mother, for she gives and sacrifices of her flesh, and of her blood, and of her heart.

For the things that man counts on Earth as the greatest sacrifices, I count as the greatest blessings and give the greatest rewards. For he that cares for My little ones learns the most about giving, sacrificing, loving--the things I place the greatest value on.

Your children do not take you away from Me, but they draw you closer to My heart as I see you toil. As your labors increase, so does My grace grow toward you more abundantly, and I give you more helpers in the Spirit. My heart and My hands reach out to help you more. For when you are in sickness, or in pain, or your children are sick, do you not cry out to Me in greater desperation? Is your heart not more broken? Is your spirit not more humble? Do you not become weaker in yourself but stronger in Me? Do you not trust more?

All of these are not burdens, but are secret treasures you have more abundantly than others as you care for My little ones. (ML #2961)

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The wisdom of man is foolishness with God, and he that thinks he can do God's work with the mind of man is a fool. He that thinks he can do these things in the arm of the flesh without giving Me the glory, without seeking Me for the answers, he it is that will fail.

I use the wisdom of man and the counsel of man, but I use it in conjunction with My Spirit and with those who pray and seek Me. Then can the wisdom of man be filtered through the Spirit. The Spirit filters out the impurities that are there, and then you can see the clear waters, that which is filtered through the Spirit of God.

Not all that man has to say is wrong or evil, for I have placed many things in the hearts of men. But these things must be filtered. They must be decided upon in prayer, in counsel, and in seeking Me.

Behold these precious gifts that I have given to the children of David! Behold the gift of My Words that I have given to you, that feed you the truth, that give you the strength, that direct and guide you to Me and to My plan and to My will. Oh, these precious Words! Don't let them fall to the ground, but take them in and absorb them. Read them and do them. Be thankful for them.

Behold the other gifts I bestow upon you: The gift of love--love that you can bestow upon one another; love that can be shared with your children; love that can be shared one with another; love that can be shared with the lost.

What a precious gift this is for you--love--My love! The world is so cold and dark and so lacking in love, but I have poured forth love to you abundantly--the love of a family, the love of a friend, the love of brothers and sisters, the love of husbands and wives, the love of mothers and fathers and children, the love of those that you help and that you serve and that you save. Your lives are full of love--My love.

I have bestowed upon you the gift of hearing My voice, of coming before Me and seeking Me. Oh, what a blessing it is to have the voice of your Father with you at all times, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it!" Those that are in the world are lost and are in darkness and have no light to light their way, but I have given unto you My Word and My voice to say, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

Behold the gift of living together in unity and harmony--not alone, not in fear, not in trembling as those in the world about you, but together, united as one. I have made you a Home with loving brothers and sisters and fathers and mothers and aunts and uncles all together. Oh, what a gift I have given unto you!

Behold the gifts of the Spirit that I have poured forth unto you: the wisdom, the knowledge, the understanding, the practical gifts, helps and administration, government, these gifts that help you on a day-to-day basis. These who stand behind these gifts in the world beyond [spirit helpers] help you, show you, and guide you. These are great gifts! The gifts of healing, of tongues, of discernment. The gift of prayer and intercession. The gift of faith. The gift of hope. The gift of witnessing. The gift of pouring forth My Words. Oh, what wonderful gifts these be!

Behold the greatest gift of all that I have bestowed upon you--the gift of salvation! Freedom forever! Freedom from your sins. Freedom from worry. Freedom from fear. Freedom from death. Freedom from Hell! (ML #3004)

(Dad:) I wrote plenty about praising the Lord, because I knew it was important. My mother was always faithful to praise, and to impart to me the need to praise. I tried to impart that need to you, too. I tried to praise the Lord all through my life because I knew it was important. I knew it was uplifting. I knew it did me good, and I was sure the Lord appreciated it and loved me for it. But being on this side I see much more how important it is and how much it means to the Lord and how pleased He is with it!

It's very important Here in Heaven, and we praise the Lord all the time! It's very natural. It's part of being Here and what we do. When you see it from this side, you see how important it is and how much you want to do it. It's beautiful to hear the praises of the Lord that people give. It's beautiful to hear the many ways to praise the Lord Here, and to see that all things praise the Lord. It's beautiful! It's wonderful! I can't even explain it.

And as you praise, you partake of this Heavenly atmosphere, the atmosphere of praise that we have Here! You partake of it and you participate in it. It's a link between you there and us Here.

So though I said when I was there that praise was important, I say now that it is even more important than I told you then! I had a glimpse of it, I knew the need, but now I see much more the strength and the power that lies in praise.--Not only the power to give you victory and to uplift your heart, but the power that it has to draw power from the Heavenly realm. It's as if praise opens the channel to the Heavens that allows the Heavenly blessings to pour down, so that you don't just praise your way to victory, you also praise down the blessings of God!

The channels of blessings will be open as the voice of praise rises into the Heavens! So sing those praises, pray those praises, praise those praises, pour forth those praises to the Lord, and you will see the blessings of God come down upon you in new ways, in manifold ways, in abundant ways! (ML #3013)

(To a couple facing battles with their handicapped children:) If you would be useful to Me, you must follow My path and the way I lead you, and not your own thoughts, feelings, desires, or way of seeing things. For I am truly leading you and guiding you in the way that I would have you to go. Despise not your youth, and despise

not the afflictions that I have sent your way. For I have made you young and strong and able to carry these afflictions.

Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap, if you faint not. Lift up the hands which hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees. Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way.

Have I not said unto you that the lame shall take the prey, and that there are advantages in handicaps? The light affliction that I have put upon you and your children is nothing to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in you, if you will follow the stream of My will and be what I would have you to be--not what you are, and not what you desire to be, but what I would have you to be. Then I can mightily use you and make you a beacon and an encouragement to many.

A life of service for Me is not easy. Many need encouragement. Many need to see a sample of overcomers and of strength of spirit and fighting for the right to be My shepherds and My leaders in a wicked world that is so devoid of My Spirit. I have many sheep that need to see the true spirit flowing--that of love, giving and caring.

So think not as men think, but think as I think, and see things as I see them. For the true spirit is in meekness, brokenness, humility and willingness--willingness to be broken and to be what I would have you to be.

Fear not the opinions of men or what others may think, for that doesn't matter. My true children and the true believers will think the right way, the way that I want them to think, and they will get what I want them to get from all that is happening in their lives.

So be happy, be inspired, and be fulfilled with the calling that I have given you. Seek not something for yourself, but only seek Me.

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A member of the body that is bruised or cut or wounded must depend on the strength and the reinforcements of the other members of the body. If the hand or the foot has a cut, it can no longer operate at full capacity and must in humility receive help from others. Even so have you been wounded and must humble yourself and confess your need for the help of stronger members.

In time you will be strengthened. But you must receive the assistance and the help of the whole body so that your wound or bruise can be healed, your cut can be mended, and you can be brought back to full strength. To receive healing you must honestly confess that you need the help of the whole body and the strength of others.

You must yield and be open and humbly confess your need. You must work together with others. In time, your faith will be strengthened and your sight will become clear. As you accept the help of ones that are stronger, you will be healed. You can be used again in a greater capacity as you yield and receive the help you need.

But if you resist and fight against it, and in pride try to walk along when your foot is wounded, it will be damaged further. You must honestly confess this need, get strength from the body, and receive the help that you need--not fight against it or resist it, but receive it and be thankful for it. In time you will be strengthened and you will become new.

You need the strength, the faith, the loyalty of the rest of the body to help you through this troublous time. If you yield and receive, you will be healed. The choice is up to you.

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If these tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou Me. If these come unto Me [to Heaven], what is that to thee? Follow thou Me. For each has his assignment and each has his place. I have put within your heart your assignment, and I have shown you My will for you. So only in following My will can you be happy--not in following your own will.

Do not envy or compare or ask for something that is not My will for you. Submit yourself, your spirit, your heart and your life to Me, and I will give you happiness. I will give you the things that will make your life fulfilled and joyous, and you will rejoice with great rejoicing! (ML #3015)

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The real training and the real learning is in the personal touch, the intimate contact that you will have with your pupils. But so many lack the most important ingredient--a relationship between the teacher and the pupil, an intimate rapport of trust and love and admiration. The pupil must admire the teacher, yes, but so must the teacher admire and respect the pupil, and in this there will be a constant flow of love and learning. The one must learn from the other, but the other must also be willing to learn from the one and be open to changes, to alterations, to reflections, to revolutions, and to change. For if there is rigidity, then there is rejection. (ML #3018)

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(Dad:) Do me a favor--if you're getting discouraged and down in the dumps, give me a call! You know how the Lord says, "Call unto Me and I will answer thee"? Well, you can call on my help, too. I love you! I love your faithfulness. I love your love. I love you! If you call on me, I'll try to comfort you, but you have to receive it. Just open your arms and receive it. Don't let the Enemy rob you of the comfort. Don't let him rob you of your joy.

Not only is the Lord always there for you, but I'll be there for you! There'll always be someone there for you! We have a lot of comforters up Here! All you have to do is call--call for a little comfort. And after you call, just wait a minute and you'll feel that peace spreading out all over you, the warmth of knowing everything is going to be okay. You'll almost be able to feel the arms around you, holding you, kissing you, hugging you tight and strong, not letting you go, not letting you drift and be tossed about with your discouragement.

I understand. I used to get so depressed and so down, all I wanted to do was die and go to be with the Lord. But now that I'm Here I'm so glad I didn't come too early. I'm so glad I hung in there. The clouds and the darkness always passed. I can assure you that they always pass.

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Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I call you out of the wings and into My bedchamber, that you may lay your head gently upon My bosom, that I may wrap My arms around you, that I may stroke you and whisper unto you. By taking this time in rest and repose you are calmed, you are strengthened, your faith is renewed, and your spirit is uplifted. For time in the bedchamber with Me is time in My temple, time in My love, and time in My strength. You will be renewed and refreshed for the battles that you face. When you come to these battles you will have a renewed strength and a renewed vigor, for you have had a time of rest in My arms.

So neglect Me not and fear not to take the time that is required. Seek first the Kingdom of God, the arms of your true Lover, and all of these other things will be added unto you--all the strength and the wisdom and the faith that you need. For as you take time with Me I will answer you, I will guide you, I will speak to you, and I will give you strength that you know not of, that you will be able to perform My will with ease! For you will be fighting with My strength and My power and My anointing.

So neglect Me not. Do you understand? Neglect Me not. For it is in the time and the love spent with Me that you will have that which you need. Look not at what is not being done, but look at what is being done--that you are building up a reserve of strength, of wisdom, and of love. I will pour forth to you all that you need to do the things that you must do. (ML #3024)

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(Dad:) You don't have to worry if you feel you're a mess. We all are! But Jesus is everything! Just talk about Jesus. Forget about your problems and their problems, and just talk about Jesus! Praise Jesus together and love Jesus together, and you can't go wrong! When folks see that you're just like them, when they see that you also stumble and fall, but that you're letting the Lord pick you up again, and you're giving all your trials and problems to Him and letting Him carry you through, this will encourage their faith!

The fact that you feel like a mess and you continue on--praising Him, loving Him and loving others--that's what matters! The fact that you have problems but you keep giving'm all to Jesus, and keep trusting Him to hold you and to see you through, that's what's important. That's what counts--utter dependence on the Lord!

Keep loving the Lord! Keep running to His Word! Keep depending on Him every minute throughout the day, for everything in your life, at every turn! Keep tuning in and listening to Him and following Him--that's what counts! This is what others need to see; then they'll be inspired to do the same. They'll know that if the Lord can do it for you, He'll do it for them.

For goodness sake, people don't need to see perfection. What folks need to see is someone who depends utterly and completely on the Lord. When you feel like a horrible mess and you still trust the Lord, that's what's important! We're all a horrible mess without the Lord!

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The Enemy tries to place within you a blockage against using the gift of prophecy, a blockage to prevent the input and the output, a thick iron wall to try to prevent My Words and My truth from coming in, and also from flowing out.

The key to penetrating this wall is faith and obedience: Faith to believe that those things I say to you are My Words for you, and obedience to give the words that I give you.

Faith and obedience will tear down the wall of partition which prevents the receiving and giving of My Words.

If you have the faith of a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this wall, "Be thou removed and be cast into the sea," and it shall be done. The mustard seed is so tiny, so little. But that's all that is needed--tiny words of faith that come in, and tiny words of faith that go out, no matter how small, no matter how seemingly insignificant. For as these little words of faith trickle in and trickle out, they will wear away at the blockage until eventually it is totally dissipated and gone.

Faith and obedience are the keys!

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(Dad:) How's my precious young lady doing? You're doing just wonderfully! You look just beautiful--just sitting there in Jesus' hands, looking up into His face! Even though it's a trying time, and this [serious affliction] has certainly been an unexpected development for you, you're keeping your chin up, trying to keep your eyes on Jesus, trying to keep cheery and to keep a smile on your face. That's real beauty, Honey! That's beauty of the Spirit! I'm so proud of you.

I know it's been tough receiving this news. What a shocker! This is such an unexpected thing to have happened, isn't it? Why you? "Why, when I'm so young? What did I do to deserve this? Am I going to get better? Is this going to ruin my life?" Honey, those are all questions you're thinking, aren't they? And that's perfectly understandable.

It's easy to get discouraged and down and feel just about like giving up when something like this happens. But like you're seeing, this is the time to fight more than ever! This is the time to put on your boxing gloves and really go to it! This is your time in the ring, and you've got to give it all you've got! You can't let the Devil knock you down. You've got to fight with all that's in you! When you feel like you can't take another step, you can't throw another hit--like you're just about through--well, that's when you've gotta just pick yourself up again and keep on going.

Sometimes it seems like the rounds keep coming--another one, another one. But Honey, it always ends, and if you keep fighting and you keep on top by not quitting, by not giving up, you'll win! You're the champion, you're the hero, you're the victor, and you've defeated the Enemy! This is where you're at, Honey. You're starting round one, and you've just got to keep in mind that you're in the ring with the Enemy, and you've got to keep the upper hand.

You may wonder, "How am I going to do that? I'm not so strong. I'm not so spiritual. How am I supposed to combat this? How am I supposed to fight?" Well, I'll tell you, it's very simple. The secret is, you just don't give up! You don't have to even feel like you're winning every round. But if you make it through it, then you've won that one. You've made it through! Each new round that opens shows that you've made it through the last one. So you just keep plugging along like that, and you'll end up the winner. That's the way it works. That's the key.

Remember, keep up the fight! Keep getting up, and stay in the ring. Sock it to the Devil! Don't take it lying down! Just don't quit, don't give up, and you'll win! You'll come through to victory--I know you will! I know you've got it in you. I know Jesus is going to pull you through, and I know your life and sample will be a tremendous testimony of the Lord's miracle-working power. I love you so, so much!

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(Dad:) This child is going to make you into the woman that you need to be for the Lord! You're going to learn so much about loving others and giving your life for others. You're going to learn so much about unselfishness. But it's not all sacrifice. It's not all just to learn lessons. Honey, it's because I know this will bring you happiness. It will bring you great, great joy and contentment, a feeling of real satisfaction. You'll see what I meant when I said that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. You'll see what I meant when I said that one of the greatest things to experience on this Earth is to have a child.

Not only will this be a source of lessons and a wonderful way that you'll grow and mature and become what the Lord wants you to be, but it's also such a wonderful gift of love!--So much happiness, so much joy! It's precious of the Lord to bless you in this way. He's reached down His Own hand and touched you and created a living soul within you--a baby, a new person! Isn't it miraculous? Isn't it extraordinary? Just think how the Lord is going to use you to bear one of His little creations, one of His little children. It's so special! (ML #2961)

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You are My children, and I have poured forth unto you many, many, many gifts. Many blessings! I have answered many prayers. I have poured forth much supply, much care, much love, much protection, much safekeeping, much anointing. I have wrapped you in My arms of love. I have carried you. I have cared for you and I have protected you.

I have supplied for you. I have loved you and I have kissed you and I have caressed you, because you are Mine.

So great is My love for you and so great are the gifts that I bestow upon you! So great is the protection that I put round about you! So great are the helpers that I have given to help you! So great is the power of My Spirit that I have put within you!

These are the blessings that I have bestowed upon you for your love for Me, for your dedication, for your willingness to give your life for Me. But this is only a token of the great reward that I have stored up for you Here in My Heavenly Kingdom, a reward that surpasses your greatest imaginations, and it is yours for eternity!

So when you are down and in despair, when things are not going the way you want them to go, or the way you think they should go, when you are fighting and forging ahead and it is so difficult, and when the voice of the Enemy comes to you and says, "It is too difficult. It is too hard. It is too much," look up to the blessings that I have poured upon you and to the gifts that I have showered upon you, that I have poured forth to you in great abundance! Look to your blessings, your gifts, the manifestations of My love to you, and hold on!

Hold fast that which you have, and let no man steal your gifts, let no man steal your rewards, let no man steal your crown! For I have poured upon you greater gifts, greater blessings, and greater anointing than I have upon any on this Earth! (ML #3004)

98

(For one who was terminally ill:) Do not worry or fear for the future, for I have your time and your life in My hands. I am the Creator of the universe, and all power is given unto Me! Can you not trust Me for your life and for your death? Can you not trust Me for your future, for your family, and for the care of your loved ones?

You have many fears and many doubts because you're looking at yourself, at your own lack of worthiness, your many faults and shortcomings, your sinfulness. But I say unto you, lift up your eyes to the hills from whence comes your strength! Lift your eyes up to Me! Forget about yourself and your weaknesses, your sins and your shortcomings. Look to Me and My goodness and mercy and love for you.

It is the Evil One, Satan himself, who would make you afraid to come into My presence, who would make you afraid to trust Me and to relax and to let go and put yourself completely in My hands. I will not hurt you or punish you or chastise you or

make you ashamed. It is My desire to honor you and reward you and bless you. You have fought a good fight, and now I wish to reward you.

So be not fearful, but believing. Be not doubtful, but trust. Trust in My love and in the fact that I am in control. It's not the doctors who have control. It's not the disease that has power. I am the One Who is in control and Who has power! I am the One Who can deliver and can heal, and can give you resurrection to new life.

99

(Dad:) I am so happy to see my children becoming children of praise and children of prayer and children of love, praising and praying and loving the Lord just like I always wanted them to! As you praise and pray and love Him, He will love you in return and pour forth His blessings like you've never seen before!

So join us Here with praises to God! Join us Here as you tell Jesus of your love and as you thank Him for all that He has done. And He will join us as we help to pour forth blessing upon blessing unto you! (ML #3013)

100

Let not the piercing of My hands and My feet mean nothing to you. Let not My sacrifice mean nothing to you. Let not My giving and the freedom which I give to you mean nothing to you. I gave My life for you, for great was My love for you! Great was My compassion for you! I reached out to you in your time of need, when all seemed lost and there was great despair and life was meaningless and empty and void of understanding. I came to you and embraced you through the life of a motley one, through the life of another who reached out with My love and the salvation which welled with great joy in his or her heart.

Therefore continue to reach out for the lost and the lonely, for they do call unto Me in the darkness and in the cold. Think not that salvation shall come to them at a later time. Yes, it may come, but if you fail them, they lose the joy, the freedom, the compassion, the understanding, the wisdom, and the great love that I have in store for them now.

Therefore stir yourselves up and be not complacent! Stand up and live and shout the Name of the Lord before the lost and the lonely! Go into the highways and byways and gather them to My bosom. You are My feet, My eyes, My hands, My body; therefore obey My Words!

I plead with you, My children, to continue to go into all the world, preaching the Gospel to every creature. Think not that it is time to relax and to have no worries because Heaven is at the end of life's road for you. For I give you power to have great concern for those that have not, for those that lack. I give you extra concern in these Last Days, for there is great turmoil and there is great confusion, and there is a great lack of love in the hearts of those in the world, and they yearn for My salvation!

Give and it shall be given unto you! The more you reach out to them, the more power and strength I shall give unto you! Your faith shall grow and your joy shall flow forth! Many shall look upon you and know that you have been with Me and shall desire the same. (ML #3015)

101

I have created you with a great capacity and need, not only to love but to be loved, and with not only a tender heart that goes out to others, but also with one that needs to be cared for. I am well pleased with your love and your giving.

Don't be disappointed or discouraged, but continue to use this gift of affection that the Enemy would try to defeat and to pluck down. The gift of affection has great power to tear down spiritual walls! The gift of affection can help the spirits of two people touch and can bring warmth to them. The gift of affection is an instrument of love which the Devil hates, which is why he fights it so, and why he fights you, because it is such a powerful weapon.

The gift of affection requires honesty, humility and openness, that the hearts be right, or else they cannot hug and touch and love each other freely. The gift of affection causes your hearts to be knit. But if there is bitterness or a grudge, it is very difficult to be affectionate.

The Enemy fights affection in order to kill My love, to stop My love from flowing, to bring coldness and hardness to My Family. But you must continue to speak words of kindness, to hold another's hand, to put your arms around another, for the very act of doing so defeats the Enemy and lets My Spirit flow freely from one body and heart to another. Acts of affection are like the metal that acts as a conductor to let My Spirit flow from one person to another. But when there is no contact and no touching, it stops and is cut off and can go no further.

So resist the Enemy! Defeat him and his purposes with loving affection, for this is the very heart of the Family--your love and your affection one to another.

It is Me. It is not you, for love comes from Me. I am Love. Where there is an act of love, there I am present. For My Spirit is love, and you cannot love without Me or My Spirit. Where there is affection, there am I amongst you.

So let Me flow! Give Me to another by giving affection. Let nothing quench it.

102

(Dad:) You're a very special creation of the Lord's love, so don't worry! Of course we all have things to learn. Imagine how self-righteous and proud we would be if the Lord had made us perfect! So He throws in a few thorns of the flesh, a few blemishes. We all have'm! But don't look at these blemishes; look at the good.

You could even turn this into a game! Every time you're tempted to think something negative about yourself, something you don't like or that the Enemy brings to your mind, just turn it around and thank the Lord for something about yourself that you're thankful for!--Good health, a good functioning body. There're so many things we can thank the Lord for.

Even up Here, I'm so thankful every day! Down on Earth when I had problems here and there with this and that, there still was a lot that I was thankful for, because it could have been a lot worse! When I would hear the prayer requests for healing from some of the different ones in the Family, it made my problems seem so small.

So every time you're tempted to think negatively about yourself or to compare, just turn it around and thank the Lord for something! Or pray for someone who has a sickness or a disease that they're battling, or have been battling for a long time. And pretty soon the Devil will give up! When he sees that you're turning it around and he's defeated every time, he'll quit bugging you with these things.

103

Do you feel the comfort and rest in My arms? Do you feel the rest that you find as I hold you, as you lay your head upon My breast after sweet lovemaking, and you feel at ease and at peace, and you feel filled with My love and satisfied in spirit? Thus with this strength and this peace and this calmness you can go about the duties of your day.

There is much noise outside the bedchamber. There is confusion there. There are many voices and many duties. But if you have spent time being filled with love and with

peace before you enter your day, you will take this peace and this love with you, and you will be a bubble of peace and love in the sea of the confusion of the world.

They shall see you, and they shall come to you and say, "We can find peace and rest with you. We can feel in the spirit your peace and your love, and we want to know how you can have such peace in the midst of our storm and in the midst of our confusion." And you can then tell them of Me, of your Lover Who gives you this peace and love, and will give it to them if they will know Me and love Me. (ML #3024)

104

(For one who was terminally ill:) Rest in Me and cease from your struggling. The only way that you can be worthy of My love and My forgiveness and worthy to come into My presence is through faith and through loving Me. It is nothing of yourself. There is nothing you can do to perfect yourself, to cleanse yourself, to make yourself ready in the flesh.

The only thing you can do to lay hold upon My mercy, healing and deliverance is to have faith, to trust in Me and to know that I love you with a perfect love. Nothing escapes Me. All is known to Me, and all power is given unto Me. In one second I could raise you up to full health, or in one second I could deliver you unto My Heavenly Kingdom. I am the One Who has this power--not the physicians, not the medicines, not your own struggling.

So put your life and your future completely in My hands. Let go of yourself, your own strength in the flesh and your self-effort. Let go of all these things that draw you away from feeling My mercy and My grace. Just fall into My arms and find rest and peace. Relax in trusting Me.

Quit trying to figure everything out and reason it out in your own mind. Just trust Me, knowing that I love you. Whether I give you life or whether I take your life, I do all things in love. For behold, My love for you is so great! My mercy upon you is unending. My faithfulness to you is without end. I find great joy and pleasure in your life that you have lived for Me and for the testimony that you have been to many. You have borne much fruit. You have done well. You have served Me well and testified to many, and your works do follow you.

I am well pleased in your life, which has been invested in My Kingdom and in My service, a life that has been lived in love. For what more could a man ask than this, but that his life be lived in love and as a testimony of My Name? What more could you ask than that people know you as a man of God, a man of love, and a man of faith?

(Dad:) I look at the Family today, and I marvel at how the Lord is leading, and the plan He has set out before you. We now have an unbeatable force--the wisdom and experience of the older generation, real gold faith that has been tried and tested and purified in the fire, and the spunk and zeal and new ideas of the younger generation. The Lord wants to melt all that together, and He's doing just that.

In a refining pot, when you pour all the precious metals in the pot and the fire begins to heat up, when it gets hot enough it starts spittin' and sputterin'. The more it heats up, the more it sputters, and sometimes sparks begin to fly! That's what it's like right now in some of our Homes, where folks are experiencing some of the trials and tests between the generations. But in time, as the metals melt and the dross and the chaff is burned away, the spittin' and sputterin' dies down, as the precious metals melt together.

Eventually out comes the final product--shining pure gold, a beautiful sight to behold! The spittin' and sputterin' and sparks are all gone and you have the final product--pure gold! That's what the Lord is doing with you folks. He's melting you all together, and He's gonna bring you out like fine gold, if you keep looking to Him and praying for His guidance.

(Dad:) This baby will transform your life and make you a new creature! As you give your life to this little one, you are going to be born again into a world that you never knew existed--a world of love and joy, a world of unselfishness, a world of contentment, a world of satisfaction! You're going to be happier than you've ever been before. And you'll soon realize that this thing that you thought was a problem, and was maybe even a mistake, or certainly out of sync with your plan and your desires, is one of the most wonderful things that's ever happened to you!

When you hold that little baby in your arms you're going to feel so, so grateful, so happy! You'll have such joy! Tears will stream down your face and you'll just praise the Lord. You'll be amazed when you look at that little face. When you touch those little tiny hands and you look at those little tiny feet and that soft, soft skin, and that soft hair and those little teeny weeny eyes and lips, your heart will be so full of love it will overflow! You'll have so much love to give.

You will never experience such love until you feel the love that the Lord is going to put in your heart for that little one. Then you'll be so glad. You'll realize it's such a gift, it's such a blessing--a precious, precious jewel from the Lord's hand! A wonderful treasure of more value than anything else in this world! (ML #2961)

107

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a student that needs not to be ashamed. I have many schools for the students of My Kingdom. Some students are on a far-flung mission field learning lessons of faith and supply. Some students are behind the scenes learning lessons of perseverance, faithfulness, diligence and stick-to-itiveness. Some students are in the school of childcare, learning the importance of teaching and training our little ones.

I have many schools and many students, and they are learning the lessons that I have for them to learn. Even so, I have you in My special school ordained for you, to learn the lessons that I want you to learn, and pass the tests that I want you to pass. It is a school of humility, a school of love, and a school of prayerfulness. I have allowed these tests in your life not only to draw you closer to Me, but to draw you closer to your fellow students, your roommates and work mates. So be faithful to do your homework, learn the lessons, and pass the tests.

You say, "How do I pass these tests?" You pass them by obeying Me. The Enemy would like to drive a wedge between you and your fellow students, but I want you to develop a bond of love and friendship. You say, "How do I develop this bond of friendship?" You do this by walking with them and talking with them and sharing your heart with them, by being honest and open with them, and praying together with them.

The Enemy tells you, "Oh, they won't like you if you share that," or "They won't respect you if you share that." But I say unto you, they will love you more and respect you more as you humble yourself and confess your faults one to another, that you may pray for one another, that you both may grow thereby.

This is My desire, that you draw near to each other and be united, and not let the Enemy divide you. I love unity, but the Devil tries to divide. I love peace, but the Devil tries to bring confusion.

So put forth the effort. Take the step. Talk and share your heart. Be honest and open, and I will honor you and bless you for your obedience in this school of humility, love, and prayerfulness. Put forth the effort to build that bond of love, that cord of

friendship which the Enemy cannot destroy, because it is founded on Me and established by Me.

Be a faithful student and do your homework, for the time will come when you will be in another school learning new lessons, and you will look back and say, "Thank God I developed such sweet friendships with those special students of the past. Thank God for the love and respect that we were able to have for each other."

108

(For one who was terminally ill:) Fear not for these battles and this affliction that you have faced. Think not that it is a punishment or a chastisement from My hand. It has only been a purification. It has only been a purging through which I have desired to bring you closer to Me, and through which I have desired to demonstrate your faith. Even in your moments of affliction, pain and great suffering, still you trust Me, still you love Me, and still you look to Me in faith. This is a great thing, a great testimony!

Fear not what others may think of you. Fear not that others think of you as a failure, or as a misfit, or as a burden, or as one upon whom the hand of the Lord rests heavily. Know instead that I have chosen to honor you and privilege you with this time of testing.

109

Because of your dedication to Me and your willingness to preach My message and to march forth where I send you, the Enemy of your soul battles long and hard and strong against you! And as with the mighty men of David who were so strong and valiant, brave and courageous, so gifted, such valiant warriors, worth many times the average soldier, so are you. In defeating one of you, it is as defeating many; thus the Enemy of your soul seeks to defeat you, to discourage you, and to cause you to surrender.

So stand strong and fight! And in your fight think upon the many gifts and blessings that I have given you. Do not heed the lies of the Evil One who says there is more out there than there is here within the folds of My Family. For the folds of My Family are where the precious gifts are--the gifts that I have given you. So hold fast! Stand strong! Fear not! Don't give up! Stay within the folds of David. Stay within the fold of God, that you may partake of these blessings and these gifts, and the many gifts that are to come as I pour forth in greater abundance!

To whom much is given is much required, and I do require much from you: much yieldedness, much love, much understanding, much sacrifice. From you I require all, but unto you I give all, and I pour forth My great gifts.

So give Me your all! Give Me your life! Give Me your love! Give Me your obedience and your yieldedness. Allow Me to fill your desires in the way that I wish to fill them, and I will give you the great gifts of God, the great love of God, the great power and might and strength of God, so that you can do the great things of God! (ML #3004)

110

Spend time with Me before you face the cares and duties of this world. Just as you wrap your arms around your loved one to kiss and caress and speak of love in the morning, so you must wrap your arms around Me and we must kiss and caress. You must let Me whisper My Words into your ears. You must drink My Words into your heart. You must be filled and filled and filled with My Words! Swallow them and they become part of you. Eat them and they enter into you, and they strengthen you, and they become you--and you become Me, and we become one. When they see you, they will see Me. When they feel your love, they will feel My love.

This will give you more power in your witness, for it will not just be words, but it will be deeds. They will not just hear My voice, but they will see Me, because you are so filled with Me. So do not neglect time with Me in the quietness of My bedchamber. Do not neglect our sweet lovemaking. (ML #3024)

111

(Dad:) You can be an old bottle at 45 or 18, just like you can be a new bottle at 18 or 45. What matters is the position of the heart and your willingness to receive the New Wine. It's all a matter of the heart. God has a plan and a purpose for everyone. We need the hotheads and we need the cool heads, too! I've got news for you folks: God has a plan for both! He needs both! You all need each other, beloved.

It wouldn't be a bad idea to remind yourselves that there are different strokes for different folks. I certainly hope that the older generation does not feel like they have to keep up with the younger ones on each and every little thing, especially when and where it's not even physically possible! I especially hope that the older generation does not expect the younger ones to always enjoy every little thing that they like to do either!

Abide in your calling! For goodness sakes, you folks have got to have some common sense about things! You don't have to fit a square peg into a round hole!

Of course these younger ones have a need for excitement and change; the Lord made'm that way! On some things you oldsters may even find out you'll want to get in on some of the excitement, too! There's nothing wrong with that! If the older ones feel they need a slower pace in some areas, that's all right too, but you can all pray and support each other! Pray and hear from God! That's what counts! Follow God!

You older ones can be thankful for the younger ones with the fire and the energy to get out and try new things where and when necessary. Just stick together on the majors. That's what's important!

So let's get it together on the important things--the majors, the things that we can all share together, like prayer, love, the Word, Jesus, and fellowship. These are what will keep you united in mind, heart, vision and goals. If both generations are listening to God, if you've got your hearts together and hear His voice together, everything's gonna work out just fine. I think you'll all find He's got plenty of different methods and ways of doing things for different situations! As long as it's all right with the Lord and what He wants done, that's the important thing!

There will always be different strokes for different folks, and there's nothing wrong with that. We don't have to fit square pegs into round holes. Let each abide in the calling wherein they are called! Each has a place! He's got something for everybody, and everybody is needed! There's no unemployment in this Kingdom. So let's unite together and fight the foe together, okay? Praise God!

112

My Father knows that all men are different, that no two are exactly alike. In His infinite love and mercy and kindness He works in the heart of each man, not judging all men as one, but judging each as an individual.

To some He appeals to the heart. To others He appeals to the mind. Some can take His Words, His salvation, quickly into their hearts; others require time, explanation, and the slow working in their heart. My Father knows the heart of man--each man, each woman. He knows their thoughts intimately and the intents of their heart, and He judges each man accordingly.

But do not be mistaken, for the way to salvation is through the Son, through Me and My sacrifice. For there is none other Name under Heaven given among men whereby

you must be saved. I am the Door, and no one can go in any other way. But My Father, in His great love and mercy, gives those on this side the opportunity to receive Me and My love, if they have not had sufficient opportunity to receive Me and My love during their lives on Earth. For My Father is patient and loving.

These things are a matter of the heart--the heart which no man can see nor understand. For man knows not even his own heart, but My Father knows. My Father judges with righteous judgment, giving to all men everywhere a fair and loving chance to know and to understand Me and My love. (ML #3042)

113

(Dad:) Isn't preaching the Gospel and reaching the world what it's all about? And making it as easy as possible for all your brothers and sisters to do their job for Jesus, to be happy, and to have all their needs met? Isn't that the life of a shepherd?--To take care of the sheep, to love them, to supply their needs, to encourage them and comfort them, to listen to them and answer their questions, to be a sample?

Being a shepherd really isn't that difficult! You just serve Jesus happily and faithfully, and try to help your flock to do the same! Teach them how to pray! Teach them how to follow the Lord! Teach them how to hear from Him! Teach them how to have their needs met. Teach them how to be fruitful in their witnessing and in their follow-up, to have lasting fruit, fruit that remains--new disciples, strong converts, catacombers and live-outs. Teach them how to raise their children and take care of their house, pay their bills on time, have a healthy diet, keep everybody safe, and be a good sample to the community and to the neighbors.

A good shepherd is someone who can show them how to do those things, and how to be happy while doing them--how to be fruitful! Because seeing your efforts blessed by the Lord and bringing forth fruit, seeing your prayers answered and your needs supplied, is what encourages people and helps them to see that God is alive today and He answers prayer!

114

Behold, I see smiles, so many smiles--rejoicing, happy, delighted, thrilled, encouraged and inspired! These are the happy smiles of so many souls, so many precious ones who have been in darkness for so long and are seeing the light. These smiles radiate into Heaven, and warm and cheer My heart! What are these smiles but reflections of your

smile, My dear one, reflecting My light from you to them and bringing them back to Heaven, to Me. This thrills and cheers My heart more than I can say!

I am very grateful to you, for you have ministered with all of your heart, with great love, and beautiful songs; years of laboring in My fields of harvest to bring forth My love and salvation, eternal life to these who were lost in darkness.

The glory of the Lord has shone upon you! Is it any wonder that I would then want to reward you for your many years of faithful service to Me? I am greatly pleased with your every labor of love. I have seen your tears. I have seen your moments of desperation. I have seen that you are leaning on Me, and not depending on yourself.

You may think you have failed and that you have not done enough. But if you could see the stars in your crown, the precious ones whose lives have been changed, who will be hugging you and embracing you in Heaven and thanking you for this gift of eternal life, then you would see as I see, that your service and your sacrifice and even your prayers to Me have never been in vain.

All of the angels in Heaven rejoice when there is one soul saved! What you have done in ministering to others through your witness, or through allowing others to witness, has been a great and mighty thing in My eyes!

115

Yieldedness brings contentment! He who has a yielded heart and a yielded spirit has contentment, for he has faith that that which he does and that which he experiences is of Me. He doesn't fight against it or kick against the pricks, and thus he is content. But he that is of an unyielded spirit and an unyielded heart fights against it. He kicks against the pricks and becomes discontented and unhappy.

As he that is unyielded does not have contentment, neither does he that comes to Me with set plans and set ideas, saying, "This is the way that I wish for it to be. This is the way that I feel it should be. This is the way that I want it to be." For he whose mind is set and not open to Me cannot receive the things which I have for him--things that go contrary to that which he thinks, but which are truly the plan and will of God.

When the mind is set and is not moldable, not fluid, it becomes hardened, and it becomes very difficult for it to receive the things of My Spirit. When the plan is set in the minds of men, it is more difficult for them to be yielded to Me and to the things that I want to do. But the minds and the hearts that say to Me, "Not my will but Thine be done,"

are moldable and flexible, and thus can receive that which I give, and are happier and more content. (ML #3044)

116

(Dad:) Continue to trust the Lord! Know that He loves you and that what He brings into your life is for your good. It's important that you trust the Lord through these changes, that you trust His love, and that you know that He's loving you and He's giving you what you need and what will make you happy.--Not just so you can learn lessons, not just so you can grow, but so that you can be happy. He wants you to be happy! He wants you to have all that you want. He wants to answer your prayers and give you the desires of your heart.

So just keep on saying yes to Jesus. Just keep trusting Him. Keep loving Him. Keep knowing that He loves you and He wants to give you everything that your heart desires that's good for you. Keep holding on to His hand during this new day and don't worry about anything. Don't worry about the future or what other changes He may have for you, because haven't the changes thus far been good? Haven't you been happy with them? Haven't you been encouraged, inspired and even surprised to see how happy He's made you as you've said yes to Him?

Continue down this path of saying yes to Jesus and you'll never be disappointed! The joy and happiness and fulfillment and contentment that He has for you will be more than you ever expected! You'll just marvel as you see how the Lord wants to bless you! (ML #2961)

117

(For one who was terminally ill:) Do not resist what I am doing in your life, but trust Me. Give yourself completely to Me. Whether I choose to heal or whether I choose to deliver, what is that to thee? Just trust Me, knowing that in My love I do all things well.

Cast not away your faith and confidence. Rebuke the Enemy when he seeks to condemn you, to frighten you, to burden you with thoughts of guilt and remorse and the desire to purify yourself or do something in the arm of the flesh to make yourself better or more worthy of My healing and My blessing. Your righteousness and everything that you can do to try to cleanse yourself is nothing but filthy rags in My sight.

The only thing I look for in you, My dear one, is faith--that you can trust Me and love Me in spite of the suffering, the pain and the loss that you feel. If you can trust Me and say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him," this is all that I ask of you. If you can say, "Though He cause me to pass through the furnace of affliction, yet will I trust Him; though He takes everything from me, my strength, my health, even my life, yet will I trust Him; yet will I know that He is a God of love and that He does all things well, and I trust Him"--this is all I ask of you.

All that I ask is that you trust Me and find peace of mind and contentment of heart in knowing that I am well pleased in your fight of faith and in your life of love. Now I seek to reward you and honor you with rewards and blessings and honor that is beyond your wildest imagination, for so great is My love for you! Therefore, fear not, but come to Me and find rest and peace in My arms.

118

Before you is a new open door. You were surprised, but I have opened unto you this great and effectual door of the future. As you walk through it, always remember that I am right there holding your hand. This job is not too big for you, or I would not have asked it of you. It is My doing. As you have held My hand throughout your whole life, I will continue to hold on to you. I am right by your side. I am walking with you through this new door and this new way of life and this new start. All you have to do is trust Me.

Keep holding My hand, keep looking to Me, and I will lead you and guide you and do the works through you that I have ordained. Keep holding on to My Word. Keep holding on in prayer and in faith, knowing that this is My doing. I have ordained this from the beginning of the world. You are a chosen vessel. You have been a fruitful vine. You have been proven faithful, and this is very pleasing to Me.

Continue to look for those around you who are in need of love and help and encouragement. In this case, it may not be the lost beyond your doors, but those around you, those within your own Homes, your own Family members. They may be single moms, they may be national disciples, they may be little children, they may be your own peers. But because of the love that you have poured out by faith, and because of what you have given of yourself in the past, I wish to continue to use you as a vessel of love in My hand. As I hold on to your hand, My love will flow through you, to easily pour forth and to bestow sweet love, grace and encouragement on others.

119

(Dad:) Serving Jesus is a wonderful thing--the greatest thing in the world! There is nothing more satisfying, more challenging or more desirable than serving Jesus in the Family!

Isn't this what you want to teach your fellow young people, those who you see are weak and faltering and growing weary in well doing? Don't you want to teach them that serving Jesus is where it's at?--That that's where they'll find the greatest happiness, satisfaction and challenge in life? To do this, you need to be a sample yourself of loving the Family, loving the Words, loving our lifestyle, our communal living, and loving to witness!

These are the things that are facing all our young people today--the simple challenges of daily life. That's what they're faced with, and they need to learn how to find their joy in the Lord as they serve the Lord in simplicity and faithfulness, daily plodding along witnessing, feeding the sheep and bringing forth fruit.

This is what the young people need to see. They simply need to get turned on to serving Jesus--loving Him and His Word, and witnessing, and seeing prayer answered! It's not in big meetings. Big meetings come and go. The kids need to learn how to find happiness and contentment and fulfillment right where they are, in their day-to-day living for Jesus!

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Do you see the strength of weakness? Do you see what this means?--That through your weakness My strength is made perfect?

This is the power and the strength of weakness, that you have no mind of your own, no thoughts of your own, no ideas of your own, no plans of your own, but that you seek Me and that you operate according to that which I show you. Oh, that My children everywhere would learn to stop, to look, to listen, to hear My voice, to seek My will, that they might know that which they should do day by day, hour by hour.

I will lead them and I will guide them if they will diligently seek Me. They shall hear a voice behind them saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it!" It may be the voice of My Word. It may be the voice of My Spirit. It may be the whispers of the helpers. It may be the burdens [which I put in their hearts]. It may be the voice of leadership. But they must listen and they must cry out and they must seek Me, that I may give them that which they need, and the power that they must have to accomplish My will and My purpose.
(ML #3024)

I have a mantle for you that I am putting around your shoulders. It is My anointing. It is the presence of My Spirit in you. It is the strength and encouragement that you need. This mantle is available to all who love Me and serve Me, but each one is different, for it must fit the wearer. Each one is different in color, in size, and in tailoring--and this one is tailored just for you!

I clothe all My servants--not to cover up, but to enhance. You have the mantle of My power, the mantle of My love, the mantle of My wisdom, the mantle of truth. It is right there on your shoulders, not far from you. Forget not that you wear it and have access to it. It is a symbol of My presence and a great honor.

Did not the king of a great empire give royal apparel unto Daniel? And did not Pharaoh give Joseph royal apparel? How much more is My mantle worth! Would you trade this for anything? Would you trade it for worldly apparel or for popularity? No! And that is why I have chosen you!--Because you have chosen Me, and I have ordained you to go and bring forth much fruit. I know you will bring forth fruit that will remain, so doubt not.

Fear not! You are worthy, because I gave My life for you. I paid the price. You have been ransomed and your ransom has been paid. You know that I love you, and you serve Me because you love Me! How can things go wrong? How can anything go wrong? What can separate us from this love? Nothing! I know that if you are tempted, you will look for My way of escape, and My mantle shall protect you.

There are times when it shall cover you and hide you from your enemies. It shall protect you from temptation. It shall camouflage you from the Evil One. What a glorious possession! And yes, it is Mine, but I give it to you. Imagine having a garment from the wardrobe of the King of kings! I am not giving it to you because it is worn and I do not want it any more, but because I made it for you.

I love you! I know that you will be faithful. I know that you will carry the flame of David and that you will fulfill the ministry and mission I am giving you, that you will be a faithful proclaimer of the truth, both in word and in deed.

I have delivered into your hands the true riches of the Spirit, the truth of God, the salvation of the Son, and the witness of the Spirit. I have delivered these things unto you

so that you would know and understand the beauty of My love, so that you could be My love messengers, spreading the Gospel of My love to the lost, to the heartbroken, the war-torn, the needy and the hungry, the destitute in spirit who so yearn and long for Me, though they know not that it is Me that they yearn and long for.

They seek peace, and I am peace. They seek love, and I am love. They seek understanding, and I am understanding. They seek solace, and I am the giver of solace, for I succor them in spirit and I give them great peace that passes all understanding. You are they that hold these things in your hands and in your hearts, and you, as My messengers of love, spread this knowledge to man. For I wish that all men would hear My Words, so they may come to know Me in this life, and not only in the next. (ML #3042)

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The root of discontentment lies in the heart and mind of man, when the mind is set and the heart is set and they are not open to that which I have planned, that which I have designed, and that which I have ordained.

Look at these matters with an open and yielded heart, not having set down the plan which you have decided in your own mind. For when you set the plan within your own mind and it doesn't work out according to that which you thought, you are disappointed and think that things aren't going well. But if you come to Me with an open heart and are prepared for all that I have for you, then you will see that I do all things well--even though I may not do things the way that you have planned, nor the way that you have thought. (ML #3044)

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(Dad, for one who was terminally ill:) Won't you just trust Jesus, knowing that He loves you and He has cared for you for so many years? He's not going to let you down now or fail you now. He'll keep right on loving you more and more for eternity.

The Lord has a job for you. There is a great need in the Heavenly realm for someone to stand in the gap for your people. So don't be afraid to just let go and trust the Lord and know that this is not the end, it's just the beginning! This is just another step in your service for the Lord, going from one job to another, from one ministry to another, from that realm to this realm.

There's nothing to be afraid of. There's nothing to worry about. I'm Here waiting for you, waiting to receive you with open arms. I love you dearly. You don't need to worry about seeing me or your other brothers and sisters Here, and certainly not the Lord, for we love you and appreciate you and need you.

So just put your life in Jesus' hands and let go of your struggling. Let go of your fears and just let the Lord have His way.

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Are you not your brother's keeper? Are you not to care for your brothers and your sisters? Are you not to protect them from the snares of the Enemy, from the snares of the fowler, from the snares of defeat? When you see your brother or your sister being beaten, do you not come to their aid, to assist them, to stand up for them, to fight for them? When a bully torments your little brother or your little sister, do you come and stand up for them and fight? Or do you sit back and watch them as they are beaten, as they are kicked, as they are pulverized? Are you not your brother's keeper?

He that stands by and watches his brother or his sister get beaten by the bully is the same as the bully, for he protects not the young one, but assists the bully by doing nothing about the beating. I ask you, are you assisting the bully, or are you standing up for your brothers and your sisters? Do you have the conviction to stand strong against the wiles of the Enemy, even when these wiles come with the face of friends?

How much do you love your brothers and your sisters? Do you lay down your life for them? Do you lay down your pride for them? Are you willing to lose your so-called "friends" for them? Will you stand up for them and face down those who bully them in spirit, who lie to them, who speak ill of them and speak ill to them? Do you stand by and watch and let it happen? Or do you raise up the standard of God and stand strong with conviction of Spirit, knowing that you speak the truth against the lies? (ML #3046)

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I take this arrow to the grinding stone and I sharpen its tip to a fine, fine point. I wish to place it in My bow that it may soar high and swift, to meet the target that I have ordained it to strike.

Be as My arrow and strike the very bull's-eye of the target by giving Me all that you have. For an arrow must be light and unencumbered with the cares of this life.

I have fashioned you and designed you to be as an arrow, swift in flight. Let the sharpness of your tip be as the sharpness of the sword of My Word. Take yourself to the grinding stone daily. Hone yourself with the Words of life that proceed from My mouth.

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(Dad:) Just reach out to the Lord in this time of need. Make yourself available to love the Lord. Let the Lord be your Husband. Let Him be your First Love. Fall in love with Jesus, and He'll bless this intimacy and this love relationship with great, great strength, power, anointing, happiness and contentment!--Wonderful, wonderful blessings as you love Him as your Lover. As you let Him be your Husband, He'll be everything to you. He'll be more than you ever dreamed. He'll be your very heart's desire!

So don't worry, Honey. Just love the Lord. Love Him with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your soul. Give Him everything you've got! Don't hold back anything, because He's your Lover and your Husband. He's the One Who gave you this precious, precious child, this wonderful gift of love. So give Him your all, Honey! Love Him with everything you've got, and He will give you His all! He will be your all in all. He will be everything you need. (ML #2961)

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The path of true discipleship is never an easy one. There are many difficulties, many tests, many trials and tribulations, but My love and My faithfulness will never fail. I have been with you through every test, every trouble, every low place.

Many mistakes are made by My children for many reasons, and each one will have to give account of himself before Me. But I am of great mercy, for I understand the frailties of the flesh and human character. I understand the tremendous burdens and pressures and the demands that life sometimes makes on My children. I understand that they often fall and fail to do that which is right, and how the Enemy of their souls seeks to oppress and to hinder them and to cause them to fail.

It is a great battle for all of My children, for it is the fight of faith and love against the forces of darkness that fight them daily. Sometimes My children are weak or immature or foolish, and even deceived, because they try to serve Me in their own strength and by their own arm. They do not look to Me and come to Me as they should and listen to Me and My Words for the true strength that I could give, for the answers, for the wisdom and for all that they need.

The life of faith is a continual fight, a continual battle, but through it My children learn and are strengthened. They learn to fight and they learn to know Me in a greater way, to draw closer to Me and to grow in understanding of the ways of My Spirit. But along the way there are many falls and failures and hurts, and sometimes even serious mistakes. Sometimes others suffer because of these mistakes, and this is grievous.

But I never fail My children, My loved ones, those who love Me and look to Me. Though I cannot prevent My children from choosing and sometimes making wrong choices, there is no consequence, no circumstance, nothing that is too difficult or too great for My great Spirit of love to overcome. For there is no greater power than My power, and there is nothing too bad or too evil for My Spirit to overcome, for My power to heal, for My love to soothe and to wash away. I am your Creator, and I can restore all things. There is nothing too hard for Me, if it is brought to Me. I can wash away all pain and hurt and make all things new, for with Me all things are possible! There is nothing and no one greater than the power of My love and My Spirit!

One day righteousness shall cover the Earth as the waters cover the seas, and all will be made loving and right. Until that day, hold on to Me, My loved ones. Continue to fight the good fight of faith in love and understanding and humility before Me, and I will never fail you nor forsake you.

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Continue to pour into your children, to love and lift. Have I not told you that My Word will never return void? Trust Me! Continue to do what I have asked you to do, to feed My sheep. Lead My sheep to the pure waters. But be gentle and understanding. Do not be overly strict or regimented. Look to their hearts. Answer their questions. Pour on them the balm of your time, of your understanding. Reach out and touch and hold them. Show them that you understand, you care, you don't condemn. Pray, pray, pray! Your sincere and desperate prayers will reflect back on these ones, and will move their hearts and convict them.

Many of them put on an outward show, but in their hearts they are scared and they need you. They need your assurance, your encouragement, your unconditional love, no matter how rebellious or independent or awful they appear to be. Just remember that they, like you, are My children and I love them. They will be with Me in My Kingdom, and they will be useful tools. Keep the Heavenly vision and believe that this is only a speck in time. My Kingdom will be glorious and you will all be glorious in it.

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Those who hear My voice, who follow Me closest, who let Me lead and guide, who operate according to the plans that I give them, who seek Me diligently, crying out to Me, these are used to the maximum! I can pour forth unto them all of My will, and they can accomplish all that I intend to bring forth. They can do it with effortless ease because it will be according to My plans.

So seek Me in weakness and in humility, knowing that you are nothing, that I may pour forth unto you My strength, My plan and My will; that you in your weakness can operate in My strength and thus accomplish that which is much greater than what you could do in your own strength or in your own flesh. For your power is very, very small, but My power is very, very great!

Your little motor is very weak, but My grand motor has power that you know not of! If you will let Me empower you with My motor, the power of My Spirit, you will have strength that you never dreamed possible, for you will operate in the strength and power of God, empowered by the motor of My Spirit, to take you to places you never imagined!

So let your weakness lead to My strength. Let your weakness lead to My power. Let your weakness lead to My anointing. (ML #3024)

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Oh, how I have loved you with an everlasting love, and will continue to love you with an everlasting love, an unconditional love, an unfailing love. For you are My precious child, a chosen vessel. You are a piece of pottery in My hand, a useful vessel. But it is necessary that I break the vessel and make it a new vessel, for I need new vessels in My Kingdom to hold the new wine that I have for them, to receive the refreshing new waters of My Word.

I love receptive vessels, open vessels, flexible vessels that are willing to expand in order to receive what I have for them. Do not doubt or analyze, for this is the way of confusion. I love simple faith, childlike receptivity, true receiving with childlike faith. I love you with an everlasting love, and I will never fail you. I will never forsake you. For you are My child, a special vessel in My Kingdom whom I have chosen--chosen to break and to purge to make you a better, more useful vessel.

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My dear child, bride and lover, I love you with an everlasting love, a love that knows no boundaries and no days! I am pleased with your love for Me, and with your devotion to Me, to My Kingdom, and to My queen whom I have chosen to lead this great Endtime army.

Because you were small in your own eyes, I have raised you up and am able to use you mightily! You are a precious jewel in the great mine of My Kingdom, sparkling and radiating with My love and light, touching each of those whose paths cross yours.

I have much in store for you, many blessings. And because you have stuck so close to My side, remaining in the hollow of My wing, spending time with Me, receiving the New Wine which I pour forth, I will be able to bless you even more mightily, and have already begun! You are a great warrior of your Father David and of your Queen Maria and your King Peter.

Continue to spread My love wherever you go, cheering the hearts of those around you, encouraging others. For even with simple things like this I am able to use you greatly to change hearts and lives--not only the lives of those who know Me not, but even the lives of those right by your side, in your Home, those who you come in contact with daily. I love you and am proud of you, My precious jewel.

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When you look about you in the world today, there are the rich, the very rich, the poor, and the very poor. There are those who have much and those who have little. You look about you and you say, "Oh, these are rich, and these are poor." But I say to you that you are they that hold the true riches, the riches of the Spirit! You are the ultrawealthy in the Spirit. You have so much--an abundance of the wealth of My Word, of My truth, of My peace, of My love, of My understanding, and of My depth of Spirit! And they of the world, whether rich or poor, if they know Me not, are all poor and destitute.

So give of your abundance! Give of your wealth! Lay it not up only for yourselves, but give and give and give again! Share and pour out the wealth that I have poured unto you--the wealth of My Words, the wealth of My love, the wealth of My compassion.

Give, I say; give to them that are needy and that are destitute. All those that know Me not are needy and destitute, for they have not the true riches of the Spirit of God, the true wealth, the coinage of the realm of faith--love, hope, salvation--the true riches of the Spirit.

For you have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and I send you forth as My ambassadors of love, as the tellers of the Bank of Heaven, those that disburse the riches of the Kingdom. So give them out freely! Pour them forth unto these who are lost and destitute, who so hunger and thirst after righteousness. (ML #3042)

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It is a new day in My Kingdom and there will be new things ahead--new methods, new revelations, new and different and wonderful, astounding truths that must yet be revealed to the world. I have need of you to be My representatives to the world. I have need of your talents and gifts and the anointing that I give you to speak My message with boldness to My lost sheep around the world. You must speak clearly with conviction and reflect My love in a new way. I will give you the anointing and the strength and the desire to witness boldly, that you may speak of My love for you.

Show them that you are not ashamed to be My sexy, vibrant bride. Hide not our light in a dark corner; we should not be ashamed of our love, but proud of it. Tell them that our love relationship together is sweet and beautiful and pure and sincere, that it is warm and simple and divine. Speak to the world of our love in clear and simple language to help them understand that our relationship is as any husband and wife, for they will understand human love and the love of a husband and a wife. They understand the love of lovers between one another--the love between a boyfriend and girlfriend, between a man and a woman.

So be not ashamed of our love relationship, for this will be a testimony to the world of your faith and dedication no matter what the cost, no matter what the price. For many will not believe and will not receive. Many will scoff and scorn and ridicule as they did in the days of Noah when he did what seemed insane to them. There will be scoffers and mockers, but listen not to them. Keep your mind and your heart fixed on Me and I will not fail you.

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Oh, what peace and contentment comes to the hearts of those who are open to Me, whose minds are not made up! When I bring forth something new, they flow with it and say, "Yes, yes, I will go here. Yes, yes, I will do this," because they don't have their minds made up as to how things should be. When I bring forth new things, they do not say, "Oh, it cannot be this way! I do not wish for it to be this way, I wish for it to be that way! I have already decided in my mind the way it should be, and that's how it should be, and it

should be no other way!" He that reacts in such a way when he hears of the moves of My Spirit and the will of My Spirit has great discontentment and great turmoil, for he does not yield to Me.

But he that is open and willing to receive with an empty heart, not full of self, not full of his own plans, not full of already-decided decisions, shall have great contentment, peace of heart, and peace of mind.

So be moldable! Be open and be prepared for those things that I will show you. If you will receive them with an open heart and an open mind, and if you will be willing to move according to My plan and operate according to that which I show you, you shall have contentment, and you shall have peace, and so shall your struggle cease. In Me there is great peace and great contentment for those who are yielded and open and do not have their minds made up.

Operate according to the plan of God and not the plan of man, and you shall have rest in your heart, rest in your mind, rest in your soul, and rest in your spirit. You will know just what contentment such rest can bring! (ML #3044)

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Where are the shepherds? Where are the shepherds among you? Am I not trying to raise you up to be shepherds? Am I not trying to bring out the need for you to stand strong? Am I not trying to train you to become shepherds? Do I not put you in positions where you must stand up for your convictions? And when you are in these situations, what do you do? Do you become shepherds, or do you remain dumb sheep? When you see the wolves coming to devour the weak and the weary, do you sit by and eat grass and pay no attention? Or do you rise up and fight against the devourers?

I am trying to make all of you shepherds. I am trying to raise you up in strength and power! I have given you the opportunity, I have given you the power to stand up, through My Words, through the Words of David, and I have made it very clear and easy to understand through the words of the Charter. You know what is true and right. You know what is the standard for all, as I have made this clear. I have made it so that if you see one that is being hurt or that is hurting, you have the right and the responsibility to speak up and to protect the weak.

But no, you say, "The shepherds must do it. We will wait until the shepherds take care of it." But I say to you, you are the shepherds--you who are there, you who know it's wrong. Look not off in the distance and say, "Oh, when the shepherds come, they will take care of it." For I say to you, you are the shepherds, each of you, for you have My

Word. You know My standard. I have made it clear. I have given a clear sound of the trumpet. I have put it down for all to see and all to know and for all to enact. When you see the Evil One come slashing and ripping and devouring, if you stand not up to fight against him to save your brother and to save your sister and to save the flock, then it is you who are at fault.

I talk to you--you who see it, you who are faced with it, you who know. I do not care who you are--if you are a little one, if you are a weak one, if you are a strong one, if you are a shepherd, if you are a sheep, if you are a driver, if you are a VS, if you are a CRO or if you are a new disciple. Whoever you are, stand up! For you are your brother's keeper! (ML #3046)

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(Dad:)

"When your heart is hurting, turn to Jesus,
He's the dearest Friend that you can know!
He will love and comfort give you,
Waiting His blessing to bestow."

Just take it to Jesus. When you feel like the adults aren't listening or they can't seem to hear what you're saying, take it to Jesus. Go and get alone with Jesus. Climb up into His big, strong, loving arms and lay your head on His bosom and tell Him how you feel.

Pour out your heart to Him, because He wants to know. He understands. You don't have to worry about how you express yourself, you can just speak straight from your heart--real honest and simple and exactly the way you feel. Tell Him your frustrations, your ideas, your desires, how you feel about things, and what you'd like to do.

Then stop and ask Him what He thinks. Ask Him what He thinks about your ideas and feelings and desires, how He sees them, or how He sees the situations and things you tell Him about. Ask Him, "What do You think about it, Jesus? How should I look at it? Is the way I'm feeling about these things right? If so, is there a better way I can present things to others so that they will understand better? How? Please show me, Jesus. Please tell me how. And if I'm not seeing things the right way, can You please show me how I

should see them? I really want and need Your help, because I love You and I want to do what's right. I need Your help. I know You understand and have the answers I need."

Just ask Him about it. He's your best Friend and dearest Love, and He's just waiting to help you, waiting for you to ask Him. He loves you so much, and loves to spend that time with you, talking with you, holding you close in His arms, loving you and giving you whatever you need.

He loves to take care of you, make you happy, help you with your problems, show you what to do and give you all that you need. He just loves to love you and take care of you! But you have to make sure you give Him a chance by coming to Him, by getting alone with Him and loving Him and talking to Him and listening to Him.

That's a very important part--listening to Him. Because if you come to Him and pour out your heart and then run away without listening to Him, He will be so disappointed because He didn't get a chance to help you and give you His answers. He wants to have that wonderful two-way love time with you, where you both talk and listen to one another. So be sure you give Him a chance to love you and speak to you and show you what to do and give you the answers you want. He really wants to, and He'll feel so sad if He doesn't get the chance.

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When you've been touched with My special love for someone, it lives on forever! You'll always have it in your heart and in your life. For My ways are not your ways, neither are My thoughts as yours, and the love that I put in your heart for a special someone goes far beyond physical presence. When you have been touched with My special love, when My cupid has hit the mark, this love is forever. Whether together in flesh it makes no difference, for the days of flesh are little. When we are joined in My Kingdom you will see the flourishing of these special loves. Yet a little while and this day will come.

Therefore, take heart, and know that whatever the outcome, whatever the circumstances, My special love will never die. It is a special token of My love for you, and it lives on, it follows you. If for reasons necessary in this dimension of time you find yourself apart from your special loves, fear not. These special loves will grow and thrive, and one day you will see, and you will know, and you will reap such love, such joy that the world has never known. You will know then that it has been worth it all, for it will bring you even more delight, even more pleasure, and greater ecstasies!

Therefore, do that which is just, and walk beside Me now. Trust in Me with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind, and know that I will bring your special loves to pass your way in My time, in My way. Seek first My Kingdom and all these things will be added unto you. In the meanwhile, keep on loving, keep on giving. Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly beside Me.

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Responsibility must be accepted--it is never forced. Even in such grave matters as parents for My children, I will not force My will on anyone. Love is the key to responsibility, to maturity, to a life of value and service and care and helping in ministering My Spirit to others. But these are major decisions that require much love, understanding, counseling and time, in many cases--time to develop love relationships, bonds of affection, bonds of love, bonds of caring through seeing the need.

The heart must be open and receptive and have no will of its own. It must move according to My leading and the way I wish for it to go--not according to its own desires, its own will, its own understanding, or even its own needs. So you must look to Me in these important matters. You must desperately seek Me and My heart and My way. For My ways are above your ways, My thoughts above your thoughts, and only I see the road that I have planned for you. You must pray and find My will, for that is the road to true happiness, true fulfillment, true satisfaction, and true purpose and meaning to your life.

So do not take these matters lightly. When I make a new child, I make a time of decision in the lives of those involved. They must desperately seek Me, for these decisions will affect their lives greatly and their walk with Me and their service to others. This is a time to be sober and to draw close to Me and find My will for you. (ML #2961)

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Oh, children, you do well to confess your need, your nothingness and your nakedness before Me, for how true it is! If you understood the power and the might of God, you would more greatly understand how nothing you are. You would truly understand how great and how wise you could be if you were filled with Me, and the depths of the wisdom that you can have when you tap into Me--the Source of all wisdom, all knowledge, and all power. For I am He Who knows the future, He Who is all-seeing, the All-Knowing!

Oh, the power and the strength that is there, that is waiting, just waiting! For I am Wisdom. I am Love. I am Strength. I am Knowledge. I am Power. All the things that you seek to do your job, I am. As you come to Me for your empowerment and your love and your strength and your wisdom, and as you empty yourself of your own, so can I fill you with Me--My power, My wisdom, My strength, and My love.

But this is only found in communion with Me--the communion of praise, the communion of prayer, the communion of My Word. This is only found in the quietness--the quietness of spirit, the quietness of self, the quietness of prayer and praise, and the seeking of Me and My Word. (ML #3024)

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Fret not, My tender love, for I see your tears, I hear your cries, and I am always near to answer. Don't be discouraged about this time of our getting to know one another, this time of adjustment as you learn to love Me and listen to My whispers, for it takes time to build a relationship. It takes time to get to know one another and grow in love. Therefore cherish this time of adjustment. Revel in this time of learning and loving and growing together. And know that as you keep at it, as you keep coming back again and again into our chamber of love, you are growing and maturing in the ways of love.

I will fulfill all that I have promised, as you continue to come to Me. Lie here and rest in My arms. Allow Me to woo you, to soothe your troubled heart. Allow Me to ease your mind and calm your nerves, to take all your cares and the worries of the day and replace them with My sweet love, rest and comfort as you lie here in My arms.

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One sows and one waters and one reaps. Be sowers. Be waterers. Be reapers. For you know not the hearts of those that I bring across your path each day. With some, you plant My Words in their hearts. With others, you water that which has been planted, that which I have already spoken to their hearts. And with others, you reap--you reap them in salvation. You are there as My tools, as My voice, as My love, as My compassion, as My understanding, with My truth, so that these may come to know Me.

Whether they accept Me fully, whether you just help them further on the road to Me, or whether You plant the seed--all of these play a part in the salvation of their soul. So do not fail to be My love, My wisdom and My Words unto these that seek the truth. Help them on their journey to Me.

You do your part of preaching them the truth by showing them My love, by being a listening ear, by showing them the truth of My Word and the salvation that awaits them. And I will do My job. And the Spirit of Love will do Her job. And My Father will do His job. We will work in the hearts and in the lives of these. But you must sow, and you must water, and you must reap. We work together. We are the Bankers that hold the riches of Heaven, and you are the tellers, the link.

So go and tell the truth. Tell of the love! Tell of the salvation that I have offered to them! Tell of the Bank of Heaven, of the riches that await them, and the riches that they can have now--riches that will lift them up from their destitution, that will quench their thirst, that will feed their heart, and that will bring peace to their warring hearts and minds and spirits.

Play the role and do the job, so that We, through you, can help bring these into the Kingdom of God! (ML #3042)

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Every test, every trial, every hardship that comes your way is known by Me. Every storm that arises on the horizon and beats upon you is eventually blown away by the same wind that brought it. No trouble ever lasts, but it will test your barque. So you must keep your hand on the rudder and not let go no matter what happens. Know that I will bring you through, and that eventually the storm will pass.

This is a test that many parents go through. These are rough seas, the teen years--difficult for the parents and difficult for the teens, when they begin to launch out from the shore in their own frail barque and discover that the ocean is not the same as the shoreline and the safe havens and sheltered bays they are used to, and they begin to learn what life is all about.

Your love and counsel can be the lighthouse on the shore that can guide them through the rocks and warn of the reefs. They must begin to practice what you have taught them, to steer clear of the reefs, to learn how to head their vessel into the storm, when to put down their anchor, when to put down their sails, and to wear their lifejacket, which is the Word. Even if they are washed overboard, the Word will keep them afloat.

When they begin to launch out to sea by themselves and to make their own decisions and they come to stormy waters, this teaches them to look to Me. So warn of the reefs. Shine the spotlight on the rocks and the dangers. Tell them that these are some of the storms of life--only some of the first, and there will be more. But each one must

decide to follow Me, to heed the warnings lest he be shipwrecked, and to understand that to ignore the lighthouse can bring disaster.

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Give Me every care, every concern, every worry, every burden, every frustration of the day. Give Me each one. For I cannot love you fully when the bed is full of all this clutter. You do give Me a little here and a little there, but you must give all your burdens to Me. Let's clear the bed of all the troubles and worries, and then we will have ample space to make love, to roll around in the ecstasies of My love! Let's clear the bed so I can ravish you and fill you and thrill you to the full!

I know it's hard to let go, but you must simply trust in Me and in My love. I know you would rather take care of these things yourself, to shoo them all away and clean the bed so that I do not have to bother. But I can do it so much more easily than you! I can carry your burdens and clear the bed with effortless ease, if you will but allow Me to.

Come now, hand them all over--each piece, each burden or trial that is cluttering up our bed of love. Let Me have them all. That's it, hand them over to Me, each and every one. Now come and let Me show you where I'm going to put all these. You see that big arched doorway? I'm going to place all your cares and burdens and frustrations and all the things that are troubling you behind that door in My secret vault.

And when each one is placed inside--whether they're cares, worries, frustrations, burdens, troubles, problems, trials, or whatever is bothering you or stopping you from coming into My arms--when all are safely locked inside, I'll simply throw away the key! It's that simple for Me! I can lock them all away. I can even zap them into thin air, or melt them into the sea of My love, never to bother you again, if you will only give them all to Me.

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(Dad:) The Lord's wonderful Words are hotcakes from Heaven! They never get stale or grow old, but stay fresh and full of nourishment! So you don't eat them just once, but you can keep eating them over and over again!

They're like manna! It's manna from the Man--from Jesus, your Lover! They're His special kisses of love to you to give you faith, strength, courage, hope, love, power, anointing and all that you need. So make sure you're eating plenty of those hotcakes and

manna from Heaven to keep you healthy, and to help you to be a strong soldier and fighter for Jesus!

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There is a way that seems right to a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of destruction. Though you are convinced, though you are sure, though you feel beyond a shadow of a doubt that you know the best thing to do, the best way to do it, the best time to do it in, that doesn't necessarily make it so.

It is in listening to Me and listening to others that you have the safeguards that you need. But what good does it do to listen if your mind is made up? What good is it to listen if you reject all that you hear because of your own surety of mind, thinking that you know best? Is this not pride? Is this not self-righteousness? Is this not unyieldedness? For he that thinks that he is right when he is wrong, is he not proud? Is he not self-righteous? Is he not unyielded? Is he not shutting himself off to the counsel of others?

I say to you, seek the humble road. Seek to listen. Do not be so sure of your own mind, your own strength, and your own wisdom. Do not become solidified in your own thoughts, your own desires, and in your own will. (ML #3044)

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There are those that sin because they are weak; they stumble and fall. They know they've done wrong, they repent, they're sorry and they find forgiveness. These deserve the least punishment that can be given, for they are repentant and they are forgiven. They have broken the law and thus they must pay, but just lightly so that they may know and understand and be wise in the days ahead.

But there are those who reject and who decide in their hearts to do those things which they know to be wrong. It is not because of weakness, it is because of rebellion and rejection. These are not repentant, nor do they seek forgiveness, for they are in a state of rebellion, thinking they themselves know what is best. They trust in their own arm and their own righteousness, and they are not yielded to Me. They are My children, but they are unyielded children, disobedient children who listen not to the voice of their father, who follow not the leadings of their mother, but who are fully set and determined in their own minds to do those things which they choose to do, not listening to the counsel of others. These are a stench and a danger, and must be judged to the full extent of the law.

Have I not made you judges with wisdom and discernment, with love and mercy? Can you not determine the difference between those who slip and fall because of weakness, and those who step over the line because of willfulness? I put it in your hearts to know the difference. And if you know not, you can seek Me and I will show you.

So discern between those who slip and fall because of ignorance, because of weakness, and those who are fully set in their minds to do evil. Warn them. Challenge them. If they will not change, then enforce the rules that I have put in place. For I foresaw these, and thus set rules to deal with them. Move swiftly with these, that they may quickly repent or that they may leave, so that their disease does not spread and infect others. For these are not just weaker brethren, they are rebellious brethren, and their rebellion leads to more rebellion. Their rebellion leads to confusion, and brings forth doubt and questions. This is discord, and this I hate.

Be loving, but be firm. Give the correction, and if there is no repentance, then prayerfully move them on. Let all that you do be done in love, but realize that protecting your sheep is love. (ML #3046)

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Do not fear or look down at the waves; just keep your eyes on Me. Fret not because of the tests and the trials around you, for this is but a time of strengthening, a time of adjustment as you are being prepared and fitted and finely tuned to the most intricate circuits of My Spirit.

This is a great honor that I bestow upon you! I am honoring you with these tests especially tailored to meet your needs, so that you may grow into a sturdy, strong vessel of My love. And through this, when the time is come, you will be able to comfort others with the same comfort that I will now comfort you with as you lie here in My arms. Rest in My arms and allow Me to woo you and soothe you and whisk away all the would-be troubles and burdens of your heart.

Fear not, for this is a compliment of My love! For if I did not know you the way I do, and love you so, I could not trust you with so great and so high an honor as this--the honor of shaping you into My pure vessel of love! I am forming and fashioning you into a beautiful, ornate, golden vessel of My love, a pearl of great price, a beautiful vessel that will glow and shine with My glory and splendor for all the world to see!

Therefore, fear not for this time of molding and shaping. These trials and tests around you are making you into a rare and priceless vessel of My love! Fear not for the

testings, for all are in My hand; all have a purpose as you grow into the one that I would have you to be.

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(Dad:) One of the most important things for young leadership couples is to be happy serving Jesus!--Being married, having children, and serving Jesus. For the young people worldwide are in great need--in every country and continent. The young people need much help! Not just the teens, but all of them! Even the children need help. That's why the Lord is seeking out young married couples with children to be leadership samples.

It's so important that these young leaders have children, so that their peers can see that life and usefulness and challenge does not end when you get married and have children. That is not the end of a career, that just enhances your career and makes you more valuable for the Kingdom!--More gifted and more understanding. It will truly be a testimony to the Family that you do believe that God's gift is God's work, that the fruit of the womb is His reward, and that it doesn't hinder you in your service, but is a blessing! (ML #2961)

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You cannot receive the full power and the full love and the full wisdom that you need unless you take time in the quietness, seeking Me and praising Me. For there are so many things to be done, and they are always there. It is a constant temptation to hurry, to push ahead, to accomplish. But I say to you, in quietness and confidence shall your strength be. For it is in the quietness that you will hear the still, small voice of God speaking to you, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

Oh, the power and the might and the wisdom and the love that can be found there in the quietness, there in the peace. If you could see the jewels that I have and the strength that I can empower you with! If you could see tangibly, right there, the answers that I have for you, or the angels that I beckon to help you, or the wise men that I instruct to guide you, you would have greater understanding and you would not fail to stop, to look, and to listen!

But you do not see these things, and so often you simply see that there is so much to do, and feel, "We must labor, we must labor." But I say labor to enter into My rest. For

as you enter into this labor, so do I send forth those who will labor for you and who will help you, who will guide you.

It is at those times that I instruct those with the wisdom to guide you, and it is in those quiet moments when they can speak this wisdom unto you. So neglect not to come to Me in quietness, and in so doing, receive all that I have for you. I can make your job, your life and your ministry so much easier! I can give you the life that you need and desire. I can give you the wisdom that you seek and the strength that you need. I can give you the power and might of the Spirit of God! (ML #3024)

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I honor you with a high calling, one that is not for all! I honor you with the blessing of great faith in Me. This is not an ordinary faith that trusts when it's easy to trust, but I give you the gift of great faith, of mighty faith, of strong faith that cannot be shaken!

This great faith I give you is faith that trusts when it's difficult to trust. Faith that keeps on believing when all seems to go wrong. Faith that trusts in the midst of adversity. Faith that trusts when opposition surrounds you. Faith that trusts even though you seem to stand alone. Faith that keeps trusting when your heart is sinking and it aches within you. Faith that trusts when you do not understand. Faith that trusts when you cannot feel. Faith that believes and looks on in the face of discouragement. Faith that is sturdy and stout and will not be moved by doubt. Faith that hopes. Faith that believes in Me. Faith that stands on My Word. Faith that marches on and endures all things, knowing that I will not fail and cannot fail.

This great faith is faith that will move mountains, faith that will stand when all else fails, faith that will change the world and conquer the minds and hearts of men! This great faith that I give to you is the victory that will overcome the world. In this great faith that you are growing into, you will come to know My power in all its splendor, glory and might. All the world will marvel and stand in awe at so great a faith as this--My mighty faith, My mighty power manifested through you, My faithful one of great faith.

Fear not for this time of molding, this time of shaping through the tests that tumble about you. Know that through these I am able to give you a great gift of mighty faith. This great faith is a work of My hand--My gift to you. It descends from above as you simply believe, as you lie back in My arms, look into My tender eyes, and trust only in Me.

Therefore, fear not, for I am near. Continue to take the stand. Know that I am working and I will come alive within you as you walk on and simply trust. Be

encouraged, for you will know Me in a way that you have never known before, as we love and revel in the beauties of My love.

You will come to know what this gift of great faith in Me will do, for it is a high honor and will do what no other can do. I love you, and because of this I now give you this gift of great faith. This is not ordinary faith, but great faith in Me--a faith that you cannot work up, but which can only be prayed down. Therefore, please don't worry or fret. Come here and lie in My arms. Cast your worries aside; shoo them out of our bed of love and revel in My arms.

Rest now. Have peace. Breathe deeply of My scented fresh air, and hush! Lie here in My arms and rest. This is My promise to you, My precious one. This is My vow, that not one Word shall fail in all My great promises that I give to you. Therefore, be encouraged. Come, let us love and revel in love! I am here! I am near! I hold you and anoint you with the gift of great faith.

Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, the things that I have prepared for you who accept this great gift of faith that I crown you with today!

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I have called you, ordained you and chosen you. Before the foundations of the Earth I chose you and blessed you. For you are a precious pearl unto Me, a pearl of great price!

I have poured forth to you and do pour forth to you. I have taught you and I do teach you. I prepare you for that which I have for you in the days to come. For these are your days of preparation, your days of learning, your days of growth.

At times you wondered, "Will I only care for children all of my days?" And I have slowly moved you on to new and greater things. I train you further and I give you more responsibilities and I teach you. For the time will come when you will move into even greater responsibilities.

So learn all that you must learn and be open for all that I teach you. I teach you through others and I teach you by My Own hand. I teach you through the tests, the trials, and the tribulations. But know that all of these things are to prepare you for that which is ahead and for that which I will call you to do in the time appointed.

So set your affection on things above and not on things of this Earth. For I would not prepare you for all these years if I did not have a chosen place for you, a ministry of

My making, of My choosing. But you must first learn and grow and be broken and remade so you can be the woman of My making.

So leave the choices to Me. Look to Me each step of the way and I will keep you, I will strengthen you, I will protect you, and I will pull you through. For I am your Teacher, your Shepherd, your Lover, your Friend, and your Husband. If you could see that which is ahead for you, you would be willing to go through anything! But as you cannot see these things, you must believe, for I have told you of them.

O precious pearl of great price, you have a special luster, a special shine, a special coating that I have placed there in My love for you. Trust Me, I say, trust Me!

Trust Me in the darkness and trust Me in the light.

Trust Me in the daytime and trust Me in the night.

Trust Me when things get so dark and drear,

For the shape of the pearl is the shape of a tear.

Trust as you've trusted Me through each year.

And I will reward you, for you are My dear.

It is in your trusting that this pearl shall be placed as the centerpiece in the crown of My choosing. So think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, but rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of My suffering. Rejoice in that this adds to the luster of the pearl. Rejoice in that when you are strengthened, you shall strengthen your brethren.

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I am the Master Gardener, the Master Landscaper! I have placed in your hand these seeds, and you have planted them and watered them and tended them. But as I look upon your garden, I see that there is an ugly, evil weed that is defiling it, and it has been a troublesome, bothersome weed. You have tried to root it out. You have chopped it down and you have burned it. You have so wanted to rid your garden of this ugly weed!

But to rid your garden of this weed, you must go down deep beneath the surface and the topsoil. You must look much deeper and find the roots, for there is a source of this weed. There is one root deep down that is the source of this weed.

It is from this source that it sends out its little runners, and the little weed will pop up here, or it will pop up there, and you'll go chasing after it to try to cut it down! Even though you cut it down, it still keeps popping up again. That's because the root is underneath the surface where you can't see it. That's what you must go after! You must dig down and grab that root and chop it out!

This root has many branches. It is solid and strong and embedded deeply in the soul of your garden plot. It is a root of unyieldedness. If you want your garden plot to be beautiful and free from this evil weed, then dig down deep and cut out the root of unyieldedness and all the sins that go with it. Yield yourself completely to Me and say, "Not my will but Thine be done!"

When you have absolutely no plan of your own, when you are completely moldable in My hands, when you are willing to give up anything, to pay any price, to suffer any sacrifice, to be nothing in the eyes of those around you; when you completely yield yourself to Me and the only thing that you want in your life is to be free from these things so that you might have Me and My Spirit more abundantly, then you shall find deliverance, and your garden plot shall be more beautiful than ever before! It shall flourish! You shall continue as My faithful gardener, and people will look upon your garden plot and marvel at the beauty, and it shall glorify Me. (ML #3044)

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I understand your frustrations, your longings, and your heartcries. You want so much to make a difference, to do something to help others, to turn things around and make them right. You want to feel fulfilled, to feel loved completely and unconditionally for what you are. You want to be able to take someone your every thought, your every frustration, your every desire, and have them understand and love you anyway. You want someone who you can pour out to and who will help give you the solutions, who will say, "Don't worry. No matter what happens, I'm here with you and we'll go through this together."

When you feel those burdens, bring them to Me. When you feel frustration about a certain situation, bring it to Me and tell Me about it specifically. Don't just say, "Jesus, I'm frustrated." Explain it to Me. Tell Me what the situation is. Talk to Me about it as if I were right there and didn't know anything about it. Say it with words, and in telling Me

the details of your situation, and in casting it all on Me, you will have perfect peace, knowing that you've given it to Me and I am in control.

Through our times of talking in this way, I will give you solutions. I will speak to your heart. I will quicken things to you that will help you make it over each mountain as it comes. Bring your burdens to Me. Explain them to Me. Share your heart with Me. I'm right here beside you, always listening, always ready.

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(To the parents of a son on a foreign mission field:) Your prayers can do mighty things. He is your missionary, your responsibility, and he needs your prayers. This is the greatest thing you can do for him. So do not neglect to pray for him and his needs. Ask him to explain the Home's needs and make his requests known, to write them to you, so that when I answer the prayers and when I supply the needs, he will see that it was the power of prayer and faith and obedience that altered the situation, that supplied the need. The greatest thing that you can do for this one is to pray. For he has need of faith--faith that I will supply, and faith that I can do miracles even in a very cold and difficult field.

Ask him, "What do you need? What is your desire? What are your hopes for your Home and for your field?" Then petition Me and I will supply these needs, and this will increase his faith--his faith in prayer, and his faith in making his requests known. He needs your communication, your encouragement, and to know that you are still close in spirit and praying for him.

You are the strong prayer warriors of David, and I love to answer your prayers and to do things for you, to show My love for you. So ask and it shall be given, and in this case it will increase the faith of these on the field as I supply their needs and take care of them. I am pleased with their obedience and their dedication. Although there are physical sacrifices, their spirits are thriving through the hardships. Though it may seem like a sacrifice, these hardships cause My children to stay close to Me and stay dependent on Me, and this is how I see who the real strong soldiers are, those who are willing to die to themselves to get out My message of love.

I am pleased with those who have forsaken all and given up their own wills and desires to do My will.

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(Dad:) You've been given freedom in the Charter, so much freedom, but freedom has a price! If you use it wrongly, you lose God's blessing. You lose the power. You lose the joy. Most of all, you lose that strong connection and direction that the Lord gives to His faithful, to those that refuse to compromise and insist on trusting Him every step of the way, knowing that He is going to supply because He has promised that He will!

We're fighting a serious war and the Devil is out to win, and he is trying to weaken you through compromise. I understand and Mama understands that you have so much to do. You really are very busy, but sometimes you lose sight of the fact that the most important thing in your Home is the blessing of the Lord. Instead of worrying about what you'll lose if you lose some people, you should be worrying about what you'll lose if you lose the blessing of God.

If you don't compromise and you stay close to the Lord and you live your convictions and you try to do what the Love Charter says and what the Letters say, you'll be surprised at all the trouble and problems that you can avoid. If you compromise, you may think you're going the easy way, but actually you're going the difficult way. What you thought was going to be the more prosperous way will be much, much more difficult, with sickness and accidents and persecutions and problems.--Unexpected problems that you never anticipated, because the Lord just won't be able to bless you and protect you as much as He would like to.

If you go the route of obedience you'll be surprised at how the Lord can protect you and keep you from unexpected obstacles and time-wasters and money-stealers. When you have problems in your Homes, it steals your joy and your inspiration, your unity. It's the Devil robbing you of your time and distracting you, when you should be putting your attention on the field and on the job at hand and reaching the lost. It's a trick of the Enemy! It's dangerous!

Remember, obedience brings on the Spirit and blessing of God. So naturally the opposite is also true, that disobedience removes the blessing of God. (ML #3046)

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(Dad to a young mother:) Honey, you're one of my girls, and I'm so proud of you for taking up the challenge of motherhood and for growing into this new time of your life, this exciting time of becoming a mother and caring for a new life in this world.

I've always said that mothers are the greatest heroes! They're at the top of the list because of their sacrifice and their willingness to give their lives to their children. It's a

wonderful calling and a wonderful challenge. I'm so proud of you for taking it so well, and for being so happy and excited about it!

You're a real good example to a lot of our other young people who are becoming mothers and who are going through battles about it, wondering how it's going to affect them and whether it's going to destroy their usefulness for the Lord. To the contrary! They only become more used, because the Lord can not only use them by themselves, but He can use them through their children as well. So instead of decreasing their usefulness, it doubles their usefulness for the Lord!

I'm real proud of you, and I'm really happy for you! The Lord has shown His love for you in giving you that child. It's a token of His love. Each one is specially prepared up Here in Heaven. It's not just a random thing where a name is picked out of a hat and that child goes and becomes a child of that mother, but each one is very specially selected for each mother. Each child is specially selected according to your needs and according to what the Lord wants to give you--how He wants to bless you and honor you. And the Lord has honored you and blessed you with a very special child!

The Lord is really proud of you for your faithfulness to Him and how you're loving Him, loving His Word, being a sample to others, and for your loyalty to Him. The Lord sees all these things and He's very proud of you. He loves you very much, and I love you, too!

I'll be coming by and visiting you and your little one from time to time, checking up on you, making sure you're okay, and making sure your little one's okay. So if you see me or you feel me around, don't be too surprised, okay? I love you, Honey!

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(Dad:) Cheer up! Everything's gonna be all right. Jesus really cares about you and He wants you to be happy. When you're lonely and sad, He sees and He feels and He knows. He's always right there, just waiting to be your best friend. He wants you to be friends with other people, too, and to be close to your parents and your shepherds, and He'll help you do all that. But first, He wants to be best friends with you.

He's lonely sometimes, too, because He wants to be with you more. He wants to understand you, to listen to you, and to give you answers. Yes, even little you! You might think you're not very important and wonder why Jesus would want to spend time with you, but that's not the way He sees it. He's your Friend. He wants to talk to you. He wants to listen to you, and He wants you to listen to Him. He's always there; He never goes away. Jesus, your wonderful Best Friend, is always there for you, so don't forget it.

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Invest, yes, invest! Invest in the Kingdom of God. Invest in the children of God. Invest in the best investment there is--the investment of the work of God. For he that invests in the work of God is a joint investor with God and reaps the rewards of God.

You, the children of David, are virgins unto the Lord your God. Virgins in that you are unspotted by the world. Virgins, because you have not taken on the ways of the world. Virgins, because you are free to love your God. So be not entangled with the yoke of bondage, but remain free--free to serve the Lord your God. Do not become ensnaked with the chains of conformity, but thrust yourself upon your God in full faith, trusting, and He will never fail you. For he that invests in the work of God receives dividends from God Himself.

Do not look to the paltry dividends of man, for they are as nothing. Look to the dividends of God, which are an hundredfold and life everlasting. Do not look to the ways of man, but look to the ways of God. Trust Him, for He is better than a known way.

So invest, yes, invest! Invest in the work of the Lord your God, and reap, yes, reap the dividends of God! For the dividends of God are greater than the dividends of man. The dividends of God are eternal! (ML #3049)

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As he that climbs a steep mountain looks down and freezes for fear, so is it when you look at the waves, the wind, the storm, the weights, the burdens, the responsibilities, the job, the faults, the failings, the incapacibilities. He that looks up, focusing upon Me, looking always upward--upward toward the goal, upward toward My Heavens, upward into My face--he it is that has strength to carry onward and upward, ever moving upward, not fearing the heights or the depths or the weights.

So come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, for I will carry the load. Do not listen to the voice of him who would discourage you, or who would tell you of the weights, or of your incapacibilities, or of your sins and faults and failings. Look unto Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith, for I am Love and I encourage you and I strengthen you. I look beyond these things, for I am He that went to the cross and paid the price that you could be free from these weights and burdens, that you could look unto Me and be lightened--lightened in load, lightened from sin, and enlightened with My love, My strength and My power.

So look up! Look up to Me! Look ahead! Look forward! Do not look back. Do not look down. Do not look at the loads. Look to Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith, and know that the burden is Mine, the weights are Mine, and I will carry them gladly! So let Me. Let Me by asking Me what you should do. Let Me by praying for My strength. Let Me by being led of Me. Let Me by having faith in Me. Let Me by trusting Me. Let Me by loving Me. (ML #3024)

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(Dad:) You're at a stage where there are choices to be made. You can take the path that goes up or the path that goes down. The Enemy has tempted you with the downward path already--he's given you negative thoughts, even thoughts of suicide--but you've withstood and resisted so far.

Don't feel bad that you were tempted to make the wrong choices. It's not a sin unless you actually do it. The Devil is always there to tempt you with it, but you don't have to let that make you feel condemned. You just need to fight it and resist it.

The Lord has a special plan for your life. All that He's done in your life has been part of His plan--the good times and the bad.

He wants so much to use you. That's why the Devil is fighting you and why he's tempted you to think about taking your life, because he knows that the Lord has so much that He can do through you and that many souls will be won through you. The Devil's scared of you! That's why he's tried to make you think that you're no good and nothing, and that you might as well just kill yourself. But you stood strong and you didn't give in to him.

The closer you get to Jesus and the more time you spend with your Best Friend, the stronger you'll get. Then if you have more of these attacks of the Enemy, they won't be as big a temptation, because you'll know that you're loved, that you're cared for, and that there's a purpose for your life. So if you get down and a little discouraged, it won't be so bad and so hopeless to where you feel like you even want to end your life.

I want you to promise me that when you feel lonely, misunderstood, hurt, upset, discouraged or depressed, that you'll just step aside and take a little time to talk with Jesus; because just a little talk with Jesus will make things all right. Okay? You promise? I love you!

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Oh, the danger to those who choose not to yield to Me. Oh, the danger to those who choose to only yield a part of their heart to Me; who yield much, but will not yield all; who hold on to one part of their heart and say, "I will give of the other parts, but I will not give of this part, for this part is mine and I will not yield it."

Those parts of the heart that are yielded to Me are Mine, and I protect and keep them. I hold them within My hands. I keep that part warm and soft and moldable. But the part that is not given to Me, I cannot hold and keep soft, and it hardens. Though the rest of the heart is soft and moldable, this part of the heart begins to harden, and it grows harder. As it grows harder, it grows bigger, for unyieldedness breeds further unyieldedness.

He that will not yield in one area begins the process of the hardening of the heart. I will continue to try to keep the rest of the heart soft and moldable and warm, but as the hardness continues to grow, I have less to work with, until the heart becomes divided--one part hard, one part soft. To the soft part of the heart I can speak, I can kiss, and I can blow the warmth of My breath. But the hard part of the heart receives not these things, and thus is open for the attacks, the words and the breath of Satan, the Enemy, the Devourer, him with the hardest heart of all. This hardness becomes his territory. And while I work on the softness of the heart, to massage it and warm it, so does he work on the hard part of the heart, to make it even more rigid.

The only way that the hardness of heart can become softness of heart is if all of the heart is given to Me, if all is yielded to Me, so that I may again begin to work on the hardness; that I may again begin to breathe the warmth of My breath upon it; that I may kiss it with the warmth of My kisses and the warmth of My love, so that eventually it may become fully soft once again.

This requires great forsaking--the forsaking of self, the forsaking of selfishness, the forsaking of one's own ways and own desires and own demands. (ML #3044)

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Open your hearts and receive My will. Accept that what I do is for the best, and is out of My love for you. Then you will look back and see My hand, and know that in wisdom I did these things. In great wisdom I planned them and brought them to pass so that you would be drawn closer to Me and strengthened, and that you might grow.

For you have need of Me. You need to be closer to Me, to love Me more; therefore I do these things. For I am nigh to you when your heart is broken. I love a broken heart. I am a Friend of the brokenhearted. I break the hearts and I do mend them, and when I

mend them they are stronger and better fit for the purpose for which they were created. In breaking them I can remake them. I can fill them with compassion, love, understanding and concern for the needs of others.

I need you to be carriers of My love, but you must carry this love in your hearts, not in your minds. I must know that you are willing to let Me pour love through you, and that you're willing to let My love flow through you freely. Therefore in breaking your hearts, I remake them. I create them to be channels through which My love flows freely, unhindered, and bears much fruit, quenches thirst, fills the hungry, binds up the wounds, mends the broken hearts, and sets the captives free.

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You must fight the negative influences which try to overtake you. You must be militant and aggressive. You can overcome by calling unto Me and staying close by My side, immersed and submerged in My Word. Only the sword of the Spirit can defeat the Evil One. He would love to destroy your usefulness, so pull up your socks and fight with all that is within you! Give no place to the Evil One! Give no ear to his negative channel.

Every time you are tempted to think negatively, make a conscientious effort to think positively. If you are consistent in fighting the Devil that way, pretty soon he'll give up. Memorize and quote him the Word, just like I had to do when I was tempted in the wilderness. I, too, had to quote him the Word and say, "It is written!"

Whenever you feel too weak to fight, just call on Me, and I will fight for you, for I am greater than he that is in the world. But you cannot be passive, for the Devil's words destroy and eat like a canker; they spread and multiply like a virus. You either have to fight and be militant and aggressive, or else desperately cry out to Me for My help. Better yet, do both so that you don't have to endure this affliction for longer than it was intended.

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Because of the demands on your time, if it doesn't work out to spend extra time with the Lord and to go to Him, He'll come to you! If you don't see how you're going to make it another day, He'll make it for you. If it looks like an impossible situation, all things are possible to Him.

When it's not possible to get the Word that you need, the Word will come to you, and will be alive to you and strengthen you, because you're living it! If you feel you can't

go on another day, the Lord's Spirit will carry you. He'll carry you through even if you're tired and feel drained, because of your obedience and your desire to just do His will. He'll carry you through supernaturally, no matter what the outlook in the physical. (ML #3046)

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Though your heart breaks for these hungry ones and wishes to show more than just a spiritual love, but to show them love in the physical as well, it is also important to love those of the Family, your brothers and sisters, by protecting them and their health, in guarding them, in safekeeping them. For these are the final reapers, these are the soul winners, My called and chosen who must be protected.

It is the duty of every Family member to do all that he can do to protect and cherish the health and well-being of his brothers and sisters.--Not only in not having sex with outsiders and preventing the spread of AIDS and other disease, but in all matters--in driving, maintenance, childcare, in safety from any type of disease or harm. For you are your brother's keeper, and each one is precious in My sight.

I also have great love for these lost, for whom I died and for whom some of you will die. My Spirit will speak to them through your words, and through your looks of love they will see My face. When you touch their arm or hold their hand, they will know that love is there and they will feel My presence. When you cry in front of them and with them, they will know that they weep not alone, but that I weep with them. For I will speak to their hearts and the Spirit will bear witness to them that My love is present, and that I am present.

They will know that it is not you, but that they have been loved by Me, and they will be changed and they will be touched. For I am not limited by many or by few, and I am not limited by whether you can have sex or you cannot have sex, for the Spirit cannot be limited.

So continue to show My love, My good and faithful servant, My darling, in giving My Words and My look of love and My touch and My sympathy and My smiles. As you listen to their heartaches, they will know that I have been among them. I will cause My love to be multiplied through you. I will cause the words that you speak to them, and the touches that you give them, and the looks of sympathy, to return to them in their memories and continue loving them and speaking to them and bringing them My love and comfort and salvation.

Don't be disappointed or discouraged, for great is your reward! Great is your fruit for the love you have sown, and great is the harvest of souls laid up for you as stars in your crown! (ML #3049)

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Some of My young people stray from the simplicity which is in Me. They do not seek My face as they ought, but they look to themselves and their own arm, their talents, gifts and abilities. They look at their situation and their ministry and they look at what they have and what they don't have, and they look not to Me as they should. They seek fulfillment in these things, when they should be seeking fulfillment from Me, from My Words and from that peace that comes from knowing that they serve Me, they do My will, and they accomplish My plan of bringing My message of love to the world.

Of this you may be a sample of simplicity in Me and how I love the little people--those that are little in their own sight, those diamonds of dust through which I may shine to light this dark world. I wish that each of them would be diamonds of dust as well. But some do not lift into the light upon My breeze because they are heavy in themselves, because they forsake not themselves and they do not let Me lift them into the light. So be samples of specks of dust unto these, that they may learn from this sample and draw closer to Me. For if I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me.

168

I love the times when you come to Me and we spend sweet time together, refreshing your soul, refilling your spirit, soothing your mind. I know that it's difficult for you to take these times alone with Me, because of the press of the work, the care of the children, the fundraising, the witnessing, caring for the Home. But know that these times with Me, even if they are short, are very important.

Those little times when you go into the temple, under the dome, and spend sweet time with Me--breathing in the Heavenly air and listening to the Heavenly music--are times that will refresh and give you the strength, the inspiration and the faith that you need. Faith comes by hearing the Word; it comes by spending time with Me.

So take this time as often as you can, even if it can't be for long. Even if it's just for a few minutes at a time, get away. Even if it's just for five or ten minutes, stop, think on Me, love Me, call out to Me. Read a little bit of Word to strengthen you and encourage you.

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The way to great success is to allow Me to do the things in your life that I know are best. You may say, "But how can these things be so? Why are these things so?" I say unto you, trust, My child. Trust.

Look back on the things of the past when you were in turmoil and when you asked yourself, "How can these things be so?" Did not all these things come to pass in your favor? Were they not for your good? Did they not bear the good fruits of understanding and growth in your character? You would not be what you are today had I not allowed you to suffer these things.

You must walk a mile with sorrow. But this is Godly sorrow, which is not for your hurt, but is for your healing. It is for your good. It is for the good of all those that are involved. Therefore, question not and fear not, for I have allowed all these things. Fear not that you have failed, for you have not failed; you have succeeded. You have fulfilled the plan of God, and you are yet fulfilling the plan of God.

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I want to lift up and acknowledge and recognize you young adults who are doing My will cheerfully, and are yielding to My will by staying with the children, by carrying on the ministries at home, by carrying on the work in the fields, and by carrying on with the many jobs in order to reach the lost, which is the main reason I have chosen you.

Therefore bring out the fatted calf, bring out the feast, bring out the music, bring out the dancers! Hold not back in the celebration for these, My special chosen ones, who faithfully and willingly say yes to My will. I am so proud of you and so thankful to have such wonderful young adults in My Family!

I know it has not been easy for you to carry on with your work, taking care of the children and taking care of the home fires, while feeling that others have perhaps gone on to something more exciting. But you are also My truly great people, because you are truly yielded! And those who are yielded are truly great! (ML #3053)

171

I give grace to the lowly, and a broken heart I will not despise. All those who come before Me seeking My guidance and My direction, I will guide in a plain path, whether it be night or day. I will give you answers clearly. I will dispel the questions and uncertainties at every turn. When you have a question, I will answer. When you are undecided, I will give a clear indication. I will be a red light when you need to stop, a green light when you need to go ahead, and a yellow light when you need to proceed with caution.

I am your light in darkness to give you hope. I am your darkness in the day to hide you from your enemies. I am your armor to protect you. I am your force field against all harm. I am your blanket for warmth, and your cool breeze in the heat of the day. I am a word fitly spoken for every occasion. I am your medicine for every illness. I am your bed where you can rest and be restored. I am the quiet chamber where the stillness will whisper her secrets in your ear.

I am the garden where you will find fellowship. I am the rose whose fragrance brings a soothing calm to your spirit. I am the dewy early morning where time stops while we share heart to heart. I am the sunset that warms and satisfies your heart with its eternal majestic glow. I am the tide with its faithful and cleansing rolling waves lapping on the shores of your life.

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Place your heart in My hands that I may massage it back to full life! Let Me shatter the hardness of your heart. Let Me remold and remake it, through the tender touch and warmth of My hands upon your heart.

The choice is yours. I do not force My love and the warmth of My loving hands upon your heart, but I am there, ever ready, ever willing, ever able to soften that which is hardened. But you must desire it. You must ask for it.

But know this, that if you desire it not, then shall the hardness continue to overcome the softness. Then will you have less of Me. And know that as the heart goes, so goes the spirit. He that has a soft, warm, moldable heart is he that is soft and moldable in spirit. And he whose heart has become hardened does also become hardened and rigid in spirit.

As the spirit goes, so is your life affected accordingly. He who has a soft and loving and moldable spirit is loved, is desired, is wanted by those around him. But he that is hard in spirit is not wanted or desired by those around him. So the condition of your heart affects all aspects of your life.

The amount that you allow Me to hold, to mold, and to warm your heart directly affects all that you do, all that you are, all that you will be. So give Me your heart, all your heart, My loved one, lest the hardness overwhelm you. Let Me breathe on it. Let Me kiss it. Let Me warm it. Let Me melt it. Do not hold back from Me. Do not hold back any part of your heart, for in doing so you give a wedge, a place, to the Evil One.

As a cancer that grows from a small cell until it overwhelms the strength of the whole body, so is the area that is held back from Me--the unwillingness, the unyieldedness to let Me have full control. And this grows and it grows until it damages and it weakens and will eventually destroy if it is not stopped.

So give Me your heart, My loved one, that I may hold it in My hands and heal it completely, softening all parts. But you must give it all to Me, so that I can work on all of it, that it may once again become moldable, warm and loving. (ML #3044)

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(Dad:) The Lord's very pleased with our large pioneer families because it takes lots of faith to strike out like that and trust Him for provision, going out not knowing whither you're going, or how He'll supply for you.--But He will! Without faith it is impossible to please Him, but you're going and that shows how great your faith is! And He'll not fail you! No matter what circumstance you find yourself in, no matter how bleak the outlook, no matter how many children you have, He promises that He will not leave you destitute, nor forsake you, nor fail you.

He's poured out His Spirit of blessing on you pioneer families because of your obedience. He'll not only provide for you and protect you, but He'll bless your family, your children, and your relationship. Your children will get the love, the training, the Word and the security in your small Home that they may have sometimes missed in the bigger ones.

Oh, the mansions that these large families are going to have over Here with all their children about them! When you see the mansion He's prepared for you, you'll know that it has truly been worth it all! (ML #3046)

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When you travel within the vehicle of My will and I am driving the vehicle, then I am able to protect you, open doors for you, and take you to the places that I wish for you to be. Of course, there are times when troubles, tribulations and problems are My will, for

I wish these things to bring a certain result. But if you are seeking Me and asking for My direction and guidance, and if you are listening and following that which I say to you, then you can know that even the problems that arise are within My will and that I have allowed them for a purpose--not as a punishment, but for a purpose. So do not think that being in My will means that there will never be any problems. But know that if you are in My will, the problems that do arise are for a purpose and will work together for good.

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Satan desires to have you that he may sift you as wheat, yet I continually pray for you that your faith fail not. Therefore look not on these light afflictions as punishment for your sins, for they accomplish a great purpose. You are right to assume that the Enemy is angry, for you have gone right over the top and are accomplishing much. Therefore Satan walks about as a roaring lion, ranting and raving, enraged, furious and determined more than ever to hurt, to harm, to hinder, to slow you down, to bring you down, looking for a little crack here, a chink there, a weak link, any way he can get in and cause harm.

But Satan trips himself, he falls into a deep ditch, for in his feeble attempts to test you and to bring you down, he creates stepping stones. All things work together for your good because you love Me and have desired Me above all others. Your faith has made you whole. Therefore in his much trying, Satan hangs himself. These light afflictions are but stepping stones, all working together for good to accomplish My will and My purpose. They lead to the path of higher ground of fuller faith and trust in Me.

Therefore rest assured that these afflictions are but stepping stones to accomplish My will. They are multi-colored stepping stones, that through these light afflictions you may bear much fruit. For the purpose is multi-colored, multi-purposed. Look at the fruit it already bears! Has it not accomplished My plan in helping you to keep your eyes fixed on Me? In this I am well pleased.

So I give you these multi-colored stepping stones, that in your light affliction many purposes may be established: greater dependency on Me, greater faith, greater prayer, greater encouragement as you partake of My healing touch, greater power. As you pray and trust in Me for your light affliction, it will encourage and increase not only your faith, but the faith of My children as they see your sample of faith, trust, and dependency on Me in your affliction. (ML #3049)

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(Dad:) Everything's going to work out if you just yield it all--A-L-L! That means your desire to do a certain job--this job or that job or any job. You've got to give it all up to the Lord and just do what He gives you to do, and be what He wants you to be. Be nothing for Him and He'll make you everything, but it'll be for Him and of His choosing.

It's easy to do things when you choose to do them, but the Lord wants you to be willing to do anything that He chooses for you to do. That's where your yieldedness is tested. But the more you yield, the easier it will become. As you practice yielding in the little things, it'll get easier to yield, so when the big things come along you'll be able to yield in them, too.

You can learn to be that way. Just practice yielding in every little thing, each situation that comes up. The Lord's going to give you choices, decisions to make, about whether you're going to yield. Start fighting on the small fronts in the little things, and the big things will all fall into place.

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Watch your children's hearts and minds. Guard them as you would the greatest treasure that you have ever had, for indeed they are. So guard your children well, guard your sheep well, and guard your own mind and heart well. A true shepherd will heed this warning and watch over his flock by day and by night.

You cannot stop the evil that is in the world, but as I prayed, "Father, keep them from the evil," so should you pray for your children and your flocks and for your own self. For as times wax worse and worse, and the evil and the darkness fall heavily upon the Earth, you must fall heavily upon Me and upon your knees in prayer.

Keep yourself pure. Keep yourself simple and full of the truth. Avoid the glitter and the hype of the System, for it will drag you down. No matter how strong you may feel or think you are mentally, physically or even emotionally, your spirit will be affected badly if you do not prayerfully walk this road.

Just as a soldier walks cautiously down a lane full of snipers, you must do the same. You must discipline yourself, your children and your flocks and keep them from the evil, for this is your job as a shepherd. I speak to all of you shepherds and all of you parents. These children I have given you are a gift. They are My children and I wish them to be pure and full of love, simplicity and truth--not to be filled with the evil, the lust, the greed, and the vanity of the System. (ML #3053)

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When My children recognize the little things that I do for them, and that their spirit helpers do, and they acknowledge and praise Me for them, then I desire to do even more! So keep your eyes open, always looking for the little things that I do, praising Me and thanking Me for them, that I may continue to do even more, and pour My blessings upon you in an even greater way! For he that is thankful for that which is least is thankful also for that which is much. He that thanks Me for that which I do when I do little shall receive more, for I know that he will show his gratitude and his praise when I give him more. So be faithful to praise in the little things, so that I can pour forth the big things!

179

(To the parents of a son on a foreign mission field:) Prayer is the best reward to give this one, your son. Continue in prayer for him and he will see the answers, and he will know that you have prayed. I wish to pour out blessings on him, and what you give will come at times when it is most needed, and will help him to grow in faith. He will be very thankful for these little blessings and they will be as answers to his prayers. He will know that I hear his prayers and it will encourage his faith.

Your gift will mean so much to him because he will see the Lord's touch of love in it. He will know you care and he will know you are praying for his needs, praying for his Home, praying for his sheep, and are eager to hear more so that you can continue to pray for him. He will be thankful for this.

I am teaching him and he is learning and growing. But he is still a young tree and the winds blow heavily, and he needs these touches--your prayers, your words of encouragement, and your gift, to continue to strengthen his faith in My love for him, in My supply, in My answers to his prayers.

180

(Dad:) Young children need discipline to teach them that God's Word is true. If they read in the Bible that "the way of transgressors is hard" (Pro.13:15), but they don't see the consequences of their own transgressions in the discipline that they receive, then they will mock the truth, they will mock the Word, and they will mock our way of life.

So this is a very important foundation in the life of our kids--to give and enforce the discipline laid down in the Word, the discipline laid down in the Letters and the Love

Charter, and the discipline that fathers should make sure that the children in the Family are receiving.

Just as you women want a man to love you, and this helps you to understand how the Lord loves you, so the children must have a father image in their lives, so they'll understand how the Lord is with them, how they need to respect Him and love Him and be yielded to Him and obey Him and fear Him as their Heavenly Father. They'll understand that He is a loving Father, but at the same time He has rules and He expects us to obey Him, submit to Him, and respect Him.

They need these father images to, as you would say, put "skin" on the Lord, to put skin and flesh on Him, so the Lord isn't just something abstract to them. By having a daddy, they can better relate to and understand the Lord; He becomes more real to them.

So get some men on the job! They've certainly been on the job making these babies, and now they need to get back on the job disciplining them, because these hard-to-manage kids, when channeled in the right direction, are going to be real powerhouses! When we let them loose on the Enemy, brother, he'd better watch out! (ML #3056)

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Have I not said that nothing shall separate you from My love? Neither height nor depth, nor life nor death, nor any other creature shall separate you from My love. No matter how deep the sorrow, My hand is there to hold you tight, for My hand can reach to the lowest depths. So do not fear for your precious loved one. Your precious little one is only on the other side of the veil--the very thin veil of the Spirit. Nothing shall ever separate you from this precious love that I have given you.

Haven't I been making the spirit world more alive to you through My Word, and as you listen to the whispers? Don't you feel Me closer to you now than ever before? Don't you feel the angels and helpers and those who have passed on right there helping you, whispering in your ear? So shall it be with your little one, your precious little child. He won't be far from you. He'll be right with you to encourage you and kiss you and hug you.

I know it's hard to say goodbye. I know the heartbreak that you feel, for My Father and I were also separated for a time. But know that it is only for a moment. It will pass with the twinkling of an eye, and you will have all eternity to spend together! This precious little love gift that I have given you is forever, and nothing shall separate you--not in this life or for eternity.

Oh, little shepherdess of the flocks of God, I commit to your tender hands the little lambs of the flocks of God. Oh, tender heart, come aside awhile and sit by the streams of life and dip your hand in the cool, refreshing waters of the living waters of life and be strengthened. Rest a while in the shade of My great tree of life. When you are weary in the day, come rest a while with Me in the shade, by the cool waters, and I will refresh you.

You see the dark clouds coming, the storms of life on the horizon, but do not be overly concerned. For I am with you to lead you, to guide you, to provide for you, to give you wisdom, to give you counsel, and to console you in your hour of need. I am ever with you.

Oh, little shepherdess of the flocks of God, stay near Me and love these little ones with the love of God. Watch over them. Tenderly guide them. Watch them. Keep them. Shelter them as best you can, and I will shelter you.

Oh, little shepherdess of God, how I love you! How I love you, sweet one. How I long for you. How I ache for you, sweet one, precious to My heart. Lovest thou Me? Feed My lambs. I know that you love Me.

Now go in peace, sweet shepherdess, sweet one, for I am with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you. Draw nigh to Me and I will draw nigh to you. For your strength is in resting--resting in My arms, resting in My Spirit.

Do not be overly concerned for the dark clouds that sometimes block your view. Look beyond to the sunlight of My hope and My promise. The sunlight of My strength shall soon break forth with all of the promises and blessings of God upon your head. Hold fast that which you have. I come soon, and I bring My reward with Me. Be faithful. I love you!

(Spirit helper speaking:) Now is the day of choices, for now are the children of David set free to make their own decisions in a much fuller and greater way, and they are more fully responsible for these choices. This is the way we have set it up, and this is the way we want it to run.

As the times grow darker and more difficult, the children are going to have to make their own decisions and choices. They are going to have to learn to listen to us and to seek us for our guidance, and for our strength, and for our wisdom, for the gifts that we are unto them. The days of commanding and insisting and pushing and saying, "You must do this and you must do that" are over. For now is the day of the whispers. Now is the day when those who will listen will hear, and those who refuse will not.

This is a day of change, and it is significant. Many things, both there and Here, are changing, and the way we will all operate together will change. For the days ahead are dark days, and we must all work together in a new way. Now all must make choices. All must begin to hear the whispers, and to yield, and to say yes. (ML #3044)

184

Babies, babies, babies--what a wonderful thing! My dear precious one, I have given you a love gift. This is a token of My love to you. This is not a punishment or a judgment, but a gift!--A gift of love! And as you nurture it, you will find it will bring you great joy and satisfaction.

I know it is not as you had expected, but believe Me, this is a gift and a blessing. Do you remember the story about the woman to whom I gave a gift and she counted it a burden? I had wrapped the gift in old brown rags and told her to carry it with her as a token of My love. It was a test to see if she would believe what I had said. Although she carried it around all her life, she never really looked at it or accepted it as a gift and a blessing from Me, but more as a burden and a duty for her to carry. So it never brought her the joy that it could have.

On that blessed day when she came to Me, we unwrapped that gift together. To her amazement, inside the old brown rags were jewels and unspeakable blessings! She looked at Me with sad remorse and said, "Oh, if I had only known what was inside, I wouldn't have looked at it as a burden all those years!" My dear sweet child, do not be like her, but believe Me when I say that this baby I'm giving you is a gift and a blessing.

I cannot explain to you all the many, many ways this experience will be a help and a blessing and a joy to you. But I do give you a word of warning that it will only bring as much joy and happiness to you as you allow yourself. It is your choice to believe Me when I tell you that this is a good thing.

I am reaching out My hand. Take hold and come fly with Me into the Spirit! Together we will have this child, and you will experience all the joys and thrills of motherhood if you keep your precious eyes on Me and not on the circumstances.

And now a special treat! Would you like to hear what your baby has to say?:

"Mama, I love you! We will have such fun together! I picked you out especially. There is so much we can teach each other. Please do all you can to prepare for my coming, because when I get there, there won't be much time to study up. I love you, Mommy, and I can hardly wait for you to hold me!"

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(Dad:) Our young people, singles and YAs aren't always attracted to helping large families, because it is hard work, and it is a sacrifice, and they must count the cost. They're more attracted to exciting fields and being free and independent. But there is a need, and those young people, teens or singles who answer the call to help large families are to be commended! For no greater love has any man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. These are the ones with great love. These are the ones who will be known for their love and their sacrifice on Earth and in Heaven and ever after. Those that sacrifice the most will be rewarded the most.

Many are called but few choose to be chosen, because there are few who have such great love. But those young ones who make the decision to help these large families and make the sacrifice will become great in the Lord's Kingdom. The struggle will make them strong. The sacrifice will give them love and understanding. They'll grow in the Spirit and be some of the Lord's greatest warriors. Their daily battles will strengthen their muscles and their faith; it will grow them in stature more than the others.

So if the Lord puts the burden on your heart to help these large families, be true and faithful to the call. They not only need your help, but it is also the Lord's plan for you to fulfill His highest will and to make you into what He wants you to be. (ML #3046)

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Jangled lines! Mangled, tangled, jangled lines! Complexities! A great web of complexities, all tangled and snarled and intertwined--in and out and over and under, fumbled, mumbled, garbled, the great web of jangled lines. They are jangled and complex. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophies and vain deceit, after the rudiments of the world and not after Me.

My truth is simple and easy to obtain, easy to put into practice, even in the complex and tangled world in which you live. Simplicity is My law! I do not put the doorknob too high for My children of all colors and creeds and races to reach. I speak not

only of My salvation and of My love, but of all spheres of your life. My will is simple. Simplicity is My law.

So beware of the tangled lines, for the Evil One walks about as a roaring lion, seeking to entrap and snarl you up in the web of complexities. He advertises his propaganda far and wide through the network of jangled and tangled lines.

You, My children, must walk in wisdom toward them that are without. You must be wise as serpents, yet harmless as doves. Just as you must try the spirits to see if they be of Me, so you must try the information that comes across your path, by praying and seeking Me in all things, to see if it be of Me. Be wise as serpents, praying and seeking the wisdom that is from above, and be harmless as doves as you proceed down the path of My will.

Continue to seek Me in all things, so you may know what is from Me. Satan is very wise and very sly. He mixes much truth with the lie so that it is desirable, delightful, appealing to the eye, soothing to the touch, yet poisonous within. Did not the serpent beguile Eve in such a way--tempting her with a believable story? He is the same old Satan today! He does not always come around in a red suit with horns, pitchfork, and a tail, but with smooth words, pretty pictures, desirable appeals, even miracles to some degree.

You must try the spirits to see if they be of God. Continue to stay close to Me and My Words, with your eyes fixed upon Me, seeking Me desperately in all things big and small, that you be not led astray from My simplicity. (ML #3053)

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(Dad:) If you have a burden, or a place you want to go, or a ministry, or someone you want to help, then it's up to you to pray and hear from the Lord and get His answer and follow His leading.

Make your requests known, and if you get an answer from the Lord and you feel He's calling you someplace else, or to a different ministry, then you can follow that without feeling guilty, without worry, but with conviction that you're doing what He wants you to do.

This is your day, and the Charter is giving you the freedom to follow the Lord!

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You have become My darling and My wife, and I have chosen to honor you above many others by giving you this precious love gift, My baby. Yes, I said My baby--you heard Me right--for this child is Mine!

I have touched you in a very, very special way, and it is I Who am Your Husband and have fathered your baby. I formed this baby from the foundations of the Earth, to be created in your womb, for you to give birth to and for us to enjoy and to love and to raise together. For I am your Husband and I am your Maker.

I have betrothed you to Me in love. When this pregnancy was begun and this baby was created at that time of love, it was My doing and it was My choosing, because of My great, never-ending love for you.

Look to Me as your Husband and as the Father of our baby together. I love you and I adore you and I am holding you tight. Do you feel it? My arms are around you, My precious one, and I wish to stroke your hair, to wipe away your tears. I don't wish for you to ever forget the special love I have for you and our child. In those special moments when you look at that little baby, you'll see My love through his eyes, My special blessing, My joy. Remember then that it is My doing, and it will be worth it all!

What greater gift could I bestow upon you than an eternal soul, another human creation for you to care for, for you to hold and to nurture for Me, your Husband? What greater bonding could there possibly be? It is a very special blessing and a very special choosing that I have done in My very great love for you.

Thank you for having My baby! Thank you for marrying Me! Thank you for being willing to mother our baby for My glory and for My sake. I love you and I will never ever leave you, My sweetheart and My love.

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(Dad:) If you want to have fun in life, live with some children. They draw the best out of you! You can't just pass them by. They are brand-new models, they need everything that you've got. Do you want to have fun witnessing?--Witness with children. Do you want to feel like you've really accomplished something for the day?--Teach the kids. Do you want to feel loved? Do you want to feel like somebody loves you more than you've ever been loved?--Take a child into your life--one, or two, or three!

If you want to live your life for Jesus, it's a life of giving, teaching, pouring out, praying for, loving, showing concern, nurturing, feeling, comforting, praying, caring. How anybody could ever pass by little children, I just don't understand. I just don't

understand how anyone could pass by those beautiful mothers with their need for love and encouragement and support.

Don't! Let's not turn them away, folks. Let's not shut them out of our doors. They're part of the Family. This is the Family! What is a family if there are no kids? "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." (ML #3056)

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(Dad:) History repeats itself, and God just doesn't bless people all doing their own thing. He can't bless disunity! He can't pour out His blessing, because His hands are tied when people are all running around doing their own thing.

Let me tell you, folks: If you are having problems in your Homes, if God isn't supplying, if you've got troubles and sickness and all the rest, one of the first things you'd better get down to prayer about is your unity.

Are you living in love and peace and harmony with your brethren? Are you doing your part, each one as an individual, to keep the peace? Are you sacrificing enough, yielding to one another enough, and showing a large measure of love? This is God's principle, this is His rule: In unity there is strength! And it takes work, it takes prayer, and it takes a lot of love. (ML #3072)

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I am blessing and honoring you with this pregnancy and this new babe. I am also teaching you many things. I am teaching you more love and compassion for people. I am teaching you more dependency, more brokenness, more desperation with Me. I am teaching you invaluable lessons in life that come only through the squeezings and the breakings and the tests and trials--which may seem to be difficult to go through, but which result in beauty for ashes. It is a beautiful, wonderful result that you will see very soon. For I am going to prove to you, My dear one, that My promises are true.

When you personally decided to go for the gold, I heard that commitment in your heart, and I am going to honor it. Yes, I am placing around your neck the gold medal. I am placing in your arms a beautiful bouquet of gorgeous, fragrant flowers. I am setting you high on the pedestal of honor. All those Here in Heaven are proud of you for accepting this baby as from Me.

We see things differently up Here. We see the honor and reward and blessing it is that I have bestowed this baby on you. We see the joy that you and the baby will bring to others in your testimony and your witness. We eagerly look forward to protecting you, providing for you, loving you and caring for you. And with these blessings come a change in your heart and life that you will see for yourself, and that others will see in you--changes in your heart and mind and spirit that will make you a much more humble, yielded and surrendered vessel unto Me.

Every mother on the face of the Earth is important to Me, but how much more those who have chosen to mother My Own children in faith and in obedience to My Word. How much more can I bestow My love upon them, than to reward their faith in great blessing and with great delight?

192

(Dad:) This is a day of choices. The Lord is giving His children the opportunity to make many choices, but those choices must be within His will. He gives them their choice to do this good thing or that good thing or the other good thing. He certainly is not giving them the choice to disobey, or to step out of His will and to think they're going to get away with it without suffering any consequences or any punishment or any lifting of His blessings.

The idea of the day of choice is not that you can choose to disobey. It's not that you can choose to not do the Lord's will, to do your own thing, or to say no to Jesus. The day of choice means that the Lord is giving His children the opportunity to walk through the tunnel of His will and choose from a number of good things. He's allowing these choices for many reasons--because He wants them to be happy in what they do for Him. He wants them to mature and learn to hear from Him, and make their own choices. It's preparation for the days ahead when there will be many, many more decisions, and they will need to have learned how to recognize the choices that are within His will.

So it's very important for the kids to understand that the day of choice means the day of doing good things for Jesus, not the day of unyieldedness, or the day of disobedience, or the day of going against the Love Charter. When folks say yes to Jesus, then He can open His hands before them and offer them a number of wonderful opportunities within the tunnel of His will. Once they say yes and yield, then He gives them many choices, because this is the day of saying yes to Jesus. And once you say yes to Jesus, it becomes the day of choice for you. (ML #3044)

(Dad:) Don't worry about our young people, they're going to be all right. I can see you're having to pass through some of the tests that I did, back in the beginning days of the Family when we were just starting out. My faith really got tested with some of you guys. But look at you--you did great! As long as I just held on, and kept on loving you and showing faith in you, you did great, and you eventually came around.

Think of yourself in your teen years. You guys all had your quirks, too, didn't you?--And your own ideas! But look at what you did! You started a whole revolution! You stood up and defied the System, and the world has been seeing and feeling the repercussions to this day. And they're gonna hear more in the future! They're gonna hear more through your kids and your grandkids--my great grandkids! Don't worry, Honey! God is in control.

I know sometimes you just wish they would learn and do things the right way. But don't worry about it. They're learning and you'll all learn as you keep going. Just think back, and think about how you were at that age. Boy, you guys were a handful! And thank God you were, or the Family wouldn't be here today! The Lord used all that fire and that zest and that zeal and you started a revolution!

So don't get frustrated if the kids don't do things this way or that way. On most things it doesn't matter that much! They'll learn in time. You did! You learned, and you pulled through.

(Dad:) Don't feel condemned about your kids! I know you've done what you could for them. I'm sure you haven't been perfect and you've made mistakes, but you haven't failed!

You've given them the Lord. You've given them the Family. You've given them a place of service in the most wonderful fellowship of Christians there is in the world at this time. That's a privilege and a birthright that they wouldn't have had if it weren't for you and for your yieldedness and willingness and love for the Lord. I'm sure you haven't done everything for them that you could, but what parent has? Nobody's perfect, and whether you're a single parent or a mated parent, it's almost impossible to give the kids everything that they need, and to be everything that they need. But you've done a lot! Like the Lord said about that woman in the Bible, "She hath done what she could."

The Lord will answer your prayers. He will help you to give your children what they need. He's gonna take care of you and your precious little ones. He's going to use them to show you His love. And He's going to use you to show them His love and lead them in the right way. He's going to make a wonderful team out of you.

195

(Dad:) There are a lot of teens who feel a little lost and lonely. It's a very common thing. It's just the way life is during the teen years. But it passes!

Your teen years are like driving through a fog sometimes; you can barely see ahead of you. Sometimes you don't feel like you're getting anywhere. You don't even know where the road is or how to drive. You don't know what's up ahead and you feel isolated and alone. But the fog always lifts, and the sun always comes through; you just have to give it time.

That's why King David said, "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path!" Because that's when you need the light--in the fog or in the night when you can't see more than a step ahead. So whenever it gets foggy, just pull out the Word, and the Lord will lead and guide you.

196

This is the day of information, the day of knowledge. Did I not say that in the Last Days knowledge would be increased? It is the grand finale, and the stage is set for the final scene. Seek the knowledge that is from above, that is pure and peaceable, easy to be entreated.

Satan is the author of half-truths. He mixes truth with lies that are designed to trap and ensnare in the web of the jangled lines, and he is becoming bolder and bolder in these Last Days. You must walk circumspectly. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without. Pray desperately lest you fill your mind and heart with much information and confusion of Satan.

Though it is necessary to stay informed, to keep up with the latest, it is for this very reason that you must stay filled with the antidote of My Word, the inoculation of My Spirit, that you may know how to choose the good and eschew the evil. Continue to fill up with positive, faith-building, encouraging, strengthening things from My Word, that you may hear My still small voice within you saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it," or,

"This is not the way, turn ye away from it," that you may stay pure and undefiled in this wicked and perverse generation. (ML #3053)

197

(Dad:) The Devil's favorite trick with missionaries is "Divide and conquer." Don't fall for it! Beloved, this is a wake-up call! It's time to wake up and open your eyes! It's time to get back up on the wall, to fight to repair the breach, and let His love wash away the black filth of disunity.

I don't want to hear of any more disunity, disagreements before others, and people doing their own thing! If you want division, you can have it--division from us! That is perfectly all right with me, and under the Charter you are free to go. Go back to the churches! They love to feud and fight and quarrel and bicker and debate. They specialize in that sort of thing. But we are going on to do a job! We are here to usher in the Kingdom of God, to be united in vision and goals--one mind, one heart, one soul, and one body.

You folks need to do everything you can to strive to keep the unity. Of course you're going to stumble. Of course you're going to fall and make mistakes; I won't blame you for that. But at least you can try. This is what is important and this is what I expect. At least give it your all! Otherwise, go find a church!

All of you have to do something about it. All of you have to do your part to strive for unity, to strive to keep the peace. "I beseech you, brethren, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1Cor.1:10). And I beseech you, dear Family, to hold on to the Word, the Lord and the Letters, because this is your uniting force. (ML #3072)

198

Am I not the Master of the Universe? All riches, all wealth, and all abundance belong to Me. I give and I take. I cause men to abound and to abase. I have in My hands all that you ask, all that you seek, and all that you strive for.

I am willing and able to bless you and reward you with not only the unity and the love and the closeness that you seek in your family relationship, but also with material blessings, with finances, with success in your job. But it is a two-way street: I cannot

bless you and supply for you and do what you ask unless you are doing what I ask. You must trust Me and have faith in Me. Do your part and I will do the rest.

Be like Mary, who was content to sit at My feet, listen to My Words, and spend time with Me, rather than her sister Martha who strove to work, but neglected My fellowship for "a good cause," desiring to gain My favor and to do things that would please Me. It pleases Me greatly if you spend time with Me, and spend time doing My bidding, feeding My sheep. Then your work will be blessed, you will reap dividends, and you will float effortlessly down the path of My will.

The secret is in spending time with Me--time in My Word, time to be strengthened, to have your faith renewed and your connection and your link with Me established. That is the secret to success.

199

Don't worry if you don't have all the education and scholastics or even the worldly training that you desire or hunger for. Don't be envious of these things. Many young people thirst for knowledge, education and intellect. This is a natural desire that I have placed within youth, but it must be channeled in the right direction. I have made them hungry to know more, hungry to learn, hungry to seek, hungry to fill their minds, hungry to absorb and to do things, hungry for input. The danger is in being tempted to fill this vacuum with worldly knowledge and to be envious of the knowledge of the world. For the Enemy will try to condemn and tell you that you are inferior to others.

The world of today worships the mind and intelligence, because it has power and represents superiority. Those who are intelligent make others feel inferior, and those who are the smartest are the most worshiped. This is one of the temptations of the Last Days--a god whom their fathers knew not. So be not as the world, which seeks after knowledge only for knowledge's sake, but seek after My Word and after souls, spreading My message, witnessing and loving Me. These are the true values. This is real wisdom and real knowledge.

Even if you have no showy gifts or seemingly great talents, just be what you were created to be! This is the greatest wisdom--to know what My will is for your life, and how to be content playing that role and fulfilling that part. This wisdom comes through yieldedness and obedience. For as you are yielded to Me, then I may use you in whatever way I want. Then I am able to fill you with My Spirit and knowledge, which is greater than anything the world has to offer! (ML #3079)

200

Sound the alarm! Sound the alarm! The bugle calls! Call in reinforcements and forward, march!! Your angels and mighty warriors are surrounding you, but they are waiting for a signal to come to your rescue. They can only be released through your prayers.

Pray in the reinforcements, for I have legions waiting to be released at your command, to fight for you in this battle! The faithful prayers of My children are powerful and they can--and will--do mighty things. But you must pray! (ML #3081)

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Take time with Me, together with your wife and the children. Take time reading My Word together, praying together, seeking Me together. Take time in open communication, expressing your desires. Do you have a desire to get out and witness and reach the lost? Talk about it. Do you have a desire to go to the mission field? Talk about it. Do you have a desire to become more unified as a family? Talk about it. Do you feel you desperately need My blessings spiritually and financially? Talk about it. Come before Me together as a family, and I will pour out My healing balm upon you and your household. I will pour out My blessings and My supply.

202

(Dad:) The Lord is testing you, as well as training you for what He has in store for you, what's ahead. He has a special plan for you and for your life. He has something He especially wants to use you in. All that you're learning now and the way you're growing is in preparation for that.

There are big things coming up in the future, so stay close to Jesus and His Words and be willing to learn all that He has for you, so you'll be ready. Even as you go along, step by step, as He's preparing you, He's going to be using you in lots of different ways, if you're yielded and listening to His still, small voice, getting His signals and following His leadings.

So make sure your little antenna is in the right place, pointed straight toward Him and His Word, and that your receivers are open and quiet and listening for His signals, ready to receive His whispers and messages.

If you snuggle up real close to Him, you'll hear Him whisper in your ear and you'll feel His arms around you, guiding you and showing you the way to go and what to do. And in the times when the going gets rough, He'll just pick you right up and carry you through, because you're close to Him and in His arms.

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Behold the power of yieldedness! Behold the blessings that I pour forth upon you for your yieldedness to Me. When you were strong in your own might, and in your own mind, and in your own strength, and in your own power, it was not possible for Me to pour forth the blessings upon you that I would, for you would not. But as you began to yield to Me and to say yes, and as you began to yield to those who shepherded you, so I began to bless you and to pour forth My Spirit upon you in new measure. And so will I continue to pour forth upon you My blessings, My Spirit, My anointing.

There is great, great power in yieldedness! There is great, great power in love--love for Me, love for others, love for souls! As you embrace the humble man, the kind man, the sweet man, the man that My Spirit makes you, so do I pour forth My blessings, My joy, and the power of My Spirit. (ML #3044)

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I wish that you would let Me love you more. I desire for you to take time away from the business of the day, from the problems of the day, and just spend time in the dome with Me, loving Me, talking with Me, listening to My Words, receiving My strength and My love and My counsel and My encouragement, which is what will keep you. For without Me, you can do nothing; but with Me, you can do everything!

Instead of Me following you around trying to love you and trying to speak to you and trying to help you, I wish you would abandon all your thoughts and plans, and just come let Me love you. How about following Me around and letting Me take you to places you've never dreamed, thrill you to heights you've never known, and pour out such abundant blessings that you will not have room enough to receive it! You will experience the strength that comes from reading My Word, letting My Word become a part of you, letting it fill your mind, your heart, your spirit, your tongue, your hands and your feet, so that everything you do, you do for Me.

I do not force all these blessings and all these treasures on you, I merely offer them. I hold out My hand and I say, "It's yours for the asking!" All you have to do is have faith enough to take a step forward and receive it from My hand.

205

(Dad:) You can't always look back and think you have to do things exactly the way I did them. It's a new day. Sure, you can look back and draw on lessons from the past. But the most important thing is to hear fresh from God every day, to see what He wants you to do. This goes for how to handle the kids, and for your interactions with the young people, too. In some ways, your kids and your young people today have different pressures on them than you did.

These kids have been brought up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord all their lives. They've been born and bred and raised on the Word their entire lives. So in many ways, you can't always necessarily handle them the exact same way that I handled you. It's a whole different ballgame. That's why no matter what, you've gotta do like I always taught you: For God's sake, follow God! Hear from Him fresh every day, and ask Him what to do.

206

(Dad:) This Love Revolution is a lot like a pot of popcorn! You pour the oil in, turn the heat on, and then you pour the kernels in the bottom of the pan. For a few minutes nothing happens and you wonder, "Are these kernels any good, or what?" But you know by faith they're going to pop. So you shake the pot to get it stirred up, and then--pop! A few more seconds--pop, pop! The first kernels begin to explode. And then--pop, pop, pop! You shake the pot on the fire, then pop, pop, pop, pop, pop! A few seconds later they all start popping and it explodes! The kernels of corn which were so small at the very bottom of the pot have expanded and burst and boomed until they're pushing the lid off the top of the pot!

Isn't it incredible to think that those little tiny seeds could expand so much to fill a whole pot till the lid pops off? Then, after the whole pot has popped, you hear a pop, pop--a few last latecomers, the last kernels of corn popping even after the heat's turned off. Then on the very bottom you always have some kernels that just didn't pan out, they didn't pop at all.

That's how it is. Right now you're just soaking in the oil and the heat's being turned up. Even though you're cooking, only a couple have popped. But soon there's going to be an explosion of love and you're going to be poppin' all over the place! The world is going to come out to see you burn, to see this amazing miracle, these crazy kernels of corn who are so small and so nothing, yet they can pop so much and make so much noise, fill so much space and be so incredible!

So if you haven't popped yet, just keep cookin'! The Lord is stirring the pot, and it won't be long now! You're going to make a big cracking noise, and then the Lord puts salt on you to give you flavor!

So hold on. Be patient, your time is coming. Just don't be a deadhead, like one of those last kernels that doesn't pop. Of course, you always have a few in every bag. Praise the Lord! Just pop for Him! And if you don't see that love, it's coming! The anointing's coming! Have faith!

Be a popper and not a pooper! You have to have faith in the Popcorn Maker, that He knows what He's doing. You wouldn't want to miss all the excitement, all the fun, all that popping, just because you gave up too soon, would you?

There's an exciting pot of popcorn just waiting to explode, so don't miss out! Don't give up! Hold on! The System's not going to be able to keep the lid on the pot for much longer! So watch out! Explode! Go out with a bang! It's gonna happen! Keep cookin'! Okay? And be my popcorn!--From your old Pop! (ML #3053)

207

The flocks need bellwethers--those among them who set the pace and who faithfully follow the shepherds. The younger sheep will look to the bellwethers and see that they are faithful and that they are following, and the young sheep will follow them. The sheep will follow the bellwethers, and the bellwethers must follow the shepherds.

So to you bellwethers, you young ones, I say learn--learn to follow the shepherds, learn to follow their sample, learn to follow their advice.

To you shepherds, I say, teach--teach the bellwethers, pour into them, for the sheep will follow the bellwethers and the bellwethers will follow you. When the bellwethers look to you, what must they see? They must see prayerfulness. They must see those who are being led of Me. They must see My Spirit within you--the joy, love, excitement, dedication and desperation.

You must learn to let the bellwethers shine brightly, but you must help direct their light. The bellwethers and the shepherds must be one, so that as a team they can shepherd My flocks, My children, My young ones.

The young sheep desire young shepherds, those who understand them. But the young bellwethers do not have the wisdom, for they are not yet shepherds. They must look to you for help, for guidance, for wisdom, for experience.

You must pour into them! Hold not back, but teach them all, so that they can grow and learn to make the step from being bellwethers to shepherds.

208

Any time that you would like to hear from Me--whether you are desperate for answers, help and guidance, or even if you just want to receive My encouragement for the day, feel free to do so. I wouldn't mind having a little talk with you. Any time you get quiet and listen, putting all your opinions, all your plans, all your worries and fears, problems, desires and thoughts aside, and come before Me, I promise that I will not fail to speak to you, to supply for you, to honor your wishes, and give you direction for what you should do.

Try it! You just might like it! Just try it and see. It's a free offer--satisfaction guaranteed! It doesn't hurt to try. I'll tell you, you'll be glad in the long run that you took that step of faith!

209

(Dad:) Come on, Family! Call on Jesus for help! Call on me and all your helpers for help! This is a call to repentance! A call to arms! A call to put out the fires of disunity! I am calling you to unite against the foe so we can save His Own and fill the Earth with the light of God! I am calling you to forgive those who've wronged you, and seek forgiveness of those you've wronged. I am calling you all to take each other by the hand, back into your circle of fellowship. I am calling you to unite in spirit, in heart, in mind, in body, and in soul!

I am calling you to get it together--to work, discuss, agree, counsel, talk, love and go together! I am calling you to put aside the fusses and feuds and differences and personality clashes, anything that doesn't promote unity. To Hell with the differences! And that's where they belong--in Hell with the one who created them! Divide and conquer is the Devil's own slogan. But I'm calling you today, dear Family, to unite and

fight! That's my slogan: Unite and fight! Fight the foe! Fight for unity! Unite in spirit! Unite in Jesus! We are not divided, all one Body we--one in faith, one in hope, one in unity. We are one Family, one Wife, one Body, one Bride, and we're working together for our Bridegroom. Hallelujah!

So let's get it together today! Don't wait another minute! Get it together and see if He will not pour out the blessings that there will not be room enough to contain. I love you. Unite and fight! (ML #3072)

210

I know you are weary. I know the feeling of tiredness, of weakness, of discouragement, of being drained and feeling that there is no more virtue in you to pour out. But I am the supplier of virtue, the supplier of love, the supplier of wisdom, and I will pour forth these things through you as you have need of them.

You'll know it is Me doing these things, for you know that you are drained, that you are exhausted. You know that you feel you have nothing left to give. But when the time comes, it pours forth through you as a fountain, and thus do you know that it is My Spirit that does these things. It is My Spirit that pours forth through you. It is My love and My wisdom and My strength that is doing it. For you know you have none of these things on your own.

So keep giving and pouring forth, and know that as the time comes when you need to have the wisdom, the love, the understanding, and the power, I will pour forth through you. For you are My conduit of these things to these who hunger and thirst.

When I send the current of My love through you, you become alive and energized, and those that you touch are electrified! When I send not the current in the times that you do not need to pour forth, then are you as a dead and lifeless cable. You only come alive and become vibrant when I send the current of My Spirit through you. Thus do you know it is only Me doing these things.

So always be ready for the times when I send forth My current through you. And when the current is not there, be not dismayed nor discouraged, despair not, and do not feel low, for those are the times when I give you rest. (ML #3079)

211

Go slow. Don't jerk and move sharply. Move gently and slowly and in time to the music. Just waltz along slowly and gently in My arms. I'll hold you and lead you as we dance along the floor in time to the music. Just follow Me and you won't miss a beat; you'll be in perfect rhythm and sync with Me. Look into My eyes and feel the music, feel My movements and My Spirit beside you, and let Me take you where I'm going.

We're waltzing together so beautifully! You're gorgeous! You look so young and strong. I'm so proud of you, My love, I want to show you off to all the others! We dance together with such tenderness and warmth. I love to hold you in My arms and press you close to Me. I love to smell the scent of your spirit and My Spirit as they become one.

I will not go too fast or too slow. I know just the right rhythm and beat and movements. And when the music changes, I will lead you into the new dance. All you have to do is hold My hand and look into My eyes and feel the music. Even if you can't feel it or hear it very clearly, it doesn't matter, because I can and I will lead you. It's so beautiful! We dance together so beautifully!

212

There are those who are called and chosen--some chosen for some fields, some chosen for other fields. Each one must know in his own heart the calling that I have for him, the place that I am calling him to, the ministries that I am calling him for. Determine in your hearts where you should go--according to the burdens, according to the counsel, according to the Word that I have given.

As you look to Me, I will give you direction. Then shall you know without a shadow of a doubt that where you are going, you are in My will. You will be fulfilled and strengthened, because My Spirit will go with you. (ML #3081)

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After having tasted of the world and having been tempted by a worldly spirit, it is hard for people to see the blessing and reward in being nobody, in being nothing but a tool for My use so that I may be up front, in center stage, and in the spotlight. Those whose spirits have been fed with the pride of life, the lust of the eyes and the lust of the flesh, whose spirits have been tempted with what the world has to offer, with the glamour and glory of the toys of the world, have a hard time yielding.

It's a fight for those who have lived the ways of man and the way he thinks. Having once yielded to man's way, it's difficult to yield to My ways and the way I think.

I teach One Wife, the Law of Love, sharing and caring and yielding to one another. Man teaches the opposite, that sharing with others is wrong, that it is infidelity and unfaithfulness; that sharing your love and your body with more than one person is perverted and unclean. For the Devil tries to destroy true love and the beauty of true sex and true mutual sharing of a man and a woman.

As you grow closer to My ways and the simple joys and beauties of life as I have created it and provided, you will become more and more like Me. You'll shine with My beauty and My simple love, and will have less and less of your carnal reasoning and ways of thinking. These carnal ways of thinking will grow less and be less important as you seek to know the way I think and strive to live according to My ways and My wishes.

You will desire to learn to live with My impartial love that loves the unlovely and those whom others find hard to love. My love reaches out to them and cares for them and gives to them. As you look more to Me and My ways and desire to live My love, you will become more like Me and will be able to reflect My love without partiality. You will be able to put yourself more into the background, and put Me and others before yourself.

In learning to give for the sake of others' happiness, you will begin to glow with My light! Your cup of happiness and love will overflow and run over on others!

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The key to situations is to let Me into the situation, to let Me reign. Take time in the morning and say, "Lord, what should we do today?" And even more than that, say, "Lord, what do You want us to do today? You see, we have these problems, we have these situations. Please help us. We stand back now and we let You in. We ask You to take care of this. We ask You to take care of that. We ask You to show us whether we should do this or whether we should do that.

"We're Your servants, Lord. We ask You to take over. We ask You to help us not to strive. We stop our striving now, Lord, and we lay at Your feet. We ask You to come into every heart and into every situation, to solve every problem, to take care of every personal relationship, to take care of any friction that there might be. We also ask You to supply our needs--our needs for love, for good health, for inspiration, for excitement.

"We need You to do it all, Lord! We need You in every inch, in every centimeter, in every iota of everything we do. We ask You to come into it all, Lord, and to chase out the Enemy. The Enemy goes about as a roaring lion, but we know that You are the Lion of Judah and that You break every chain, and You give us the victory again and again! And so we ask You to give us the victory this day, Lord!"

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I have said that it is the day of choices, and as you make your choices to please Me and to serve Me and to do My will, I put before you a greater selection of choices to please you and to make your life happy and fulfilled. Each step that you make within My will in order to please Me will bring you closer to your own happiness, and you will find the way widening and the choices becoming greater.

If you choose your own path, the choices within your life become more and more limited as you step away from Me and away from My perfect will, because you choose to be more in control of your life. But as you give up the reins to Me and let Me control your life, instead of feeling you will be stifled and controlled, a greater anointing awaits you! The choice is yours! (ML #3044)

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I am the Maker of life! I love life and I give life, and I call each one Home in My time, according to My purpose. It is not My will that any should take his own life before his time, for this is not according to My highest plan. Satan runs throughout the whole Earth deceiving and seeking whom he may entrap and ensnare and devour. I love life and I give life, but Satan hates life and seeks to destroy it prematurely, to snuff it out and to hinder. He is the author of doubt, discouragement and despair. I would that no man take his life before the appointed time, for this is not My plan.

Oh children, My children, My heart is pained! I see the hurt. I see the discouragement and doubts and fears that so many are facing in the world today. But you, My children, know Me and you know the truth, and you are most richly blessed! Open your eyes and live! Look up! Take up the challenge!

You, who have life and know life, be not deceived! Call out to Me and be renewed! Listen not to the lies of Satan! Resist! Stand strong and resist temptation! And know that as you take even the tiniest baby step in My direction, I will take giant leaps for you. Think not to throw your life away, but rather give! Give your life to love others into the Kingdom, and I will sustain you. Give, pour out, and I will pour into you!

Seek not to end your life, but hold on to Me. Hold on to My Word and live! I pour out the antidote, the healing balm of My Word, to heal the wounds, to chase away the dark clouds of discouragement. (ML #3053)

(Dad:) You're rich in faith, and that is the greatest and best thing you can pass on to your kids. And the best way to give it to them is to just sit back and relax. Isn't that the picture of faith? Take it easy! Give them the ball and let them carry it, and you just sit back and relax and enjoy the ride!

They're gonna be all right! Sure, some might stumble and fall, but that's when you can be there, like a guidepost for them to lean on. Remember that--they need guideposts to lean on. They don't need a siren to sound the alarm, but a guidepost to lean on. Most of the time when they stumble and fall, they know it in their heart. They know when they've blown it, and they don't need someone to sound the alarm, to blow the whistle on them. But if they can just grab ahold of the guidepost and pull themselves up, then they can get back on course again. So be a guidepost, all you strong, sturdy ones of the older generation. You who have been tried and proven can be guideposts to help steer them in the right direction.

Just sit back and enjoy the kids. They're gonna be fine and they will make it, just like you did. I know with some of them it doesn't look like it, but they'll pull through. The Lord has His hand on them, and I have my hand on them too! They're mine, just like you're mine. You're all my little ones, and I'm right here watchin' out for all of you!

All have done things they feel sorry for, and maybe you've done something that you feel very bad about. You regret it and are having a hard time overcoming that spirit of sorrow or remorse over past mistakes. You wish that you could go back and change things, do it all over again and not make those same mistakes. You review those scenes or mistakes from the past, and the spirit of remorse or regret overwhelms, discourages, and condemns you.

But I do not condemn you, My love. I do not look at the past or past mistakes and remember them against you. No, My love, I do not look at you with condemnation in My eyes. If forgiveness has been sought and forgiveness has been given, then remorse, regret and sorrow must be put in the past. Otherwise the Enemy continues to use these things to stop the flow of My love.

You must not allow the Enemy's spirit of sorrow, guilt, or condemnation to overcome and overwhelm your life. You must simply seek forgiveness and allow yourself to be forgiven. Once you've done that, there's no reason to be sorrowful. It doesn't mean

that you haven't done something for which you're sorry, but that you do not continue in a spirit of sorrow.

I no longer remember your sins against you, My love. I forget and blot them out of My remembrance because I love you. My Spirit is uplifting and encouraging, and it encourages you to follow Me down new paths of love. I have heard your prayers and I have forgiven all your sins. Accept My forgiveness and be free from condemnation. Accept the cleansing power of My blood that washes away all your sins. I love you.

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Behold, I have placed a calling in your heart today. I'm looking for those who have a desire to really live all that they have been told, those who have the faith and the conviction to live the Words. And though you feel insufficient and incapable in yourselves, if you simply have a willing heart, I can use you.

You have much treasure deep down within your heart. In each of your hearts lay gold mines! Will you share your treasure with your younger brothers and sisters? Will you reach out to them today? Will you pick them up? Will you put your arms around them? Will you look into their eyes and be My love for them? Will you show them you care, show them you understand, show them that you are in this battle together? Though they feel they are struggling, will you have the compassion to show them that you are ready to fight, though you also struggle?

If you have the faith to live My Words, to use these weapons, it will light the spark in your brothers' and sisters' hearts as they see a sample of what they've read being put into practice and lived. It starts with each of you.

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Think of My Word and everything it is to you. It is love and warmth and power and light. It gives strength and satisfaction, a purpose in life, and a reason to live. In My Word you'll find answers to all your problems. It never fails. It never lets you down. My Word is as precious gold. It is a rare treasure. It stands forever. It is comfort, peace, light and life. My Word is the secret to everything. It is power and enlightenment. It is knowledge and wisdom. My Word is fulfillment. My Word offers thrills, excitement, and challenge. Isn't My Word everything to you? (ML #3072)

If you will pray at every turn, at each step, and if you will stay sensitive and close to Me, then I can give you the checks and the direction that you need. I can warn you if there's been a change of plans, or if circumstances and conditions have changed and you need to refigure.

If you are desperately seeking Me and I give you My answer, but circumstances and conditions change later, then I can still get My directions to you. I can use others, I can give you a check, I can cause situations to come up which force you to pray again. There are all kinds of means that I can use to lead and guide you to perform My will.

The key is to pray without ceasing. The key is to be diligent to seek Me in all things and to only want to do My will and to follow My leading. If you will do that, then I will do the rest. If you ask Me what to do once and I give the answer, then I know your heart, I know you want to know what's best. And if plans change and I see that you're not going to stop and pray again, because you've already prayed once, and I know that in your heart you are seeking My will and you're not being led by your own feelings or wants or desires, then I will intervene. I will come and help you and give you the right counsel and the right direction.

Maybe you won't get the entire answer the first time you pray. If I have more, I will pass it on to you. So pray each step of the way. For the most part when you seek Me for answers and I give My response, you can continue to ask questions if there are things you don't understand. When you come to the end of your questions and you're satisfied with the answers, then it's usually okay to go on to the next project, or to push that project through to completion. But when new things come up, when times change and I need to give you new direction, I will intervene and guide you.

Stay in prayer. Pray without ceasing and stay sensitive to the checks and the moving of My Spirit.

Say not ye there are yet four months and then cometh harvest; for, behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest! I am the Lord of the harvest and I see the full picture. I see the harvest the world over, and I will lead the way. I have called some to some harvests, and some to others. Some fields are white and ready to harvest; for others it is not their time.

I would that more of My men and women of David would go out to these fields by faith and be missionaries by faith. I would that they would trust Me and give out My Words to those who are in need, to those who have not heard of Me. For, lo, I hear the voices of many saying, "Oh God, if You're there, show Yourself to me!" But how can I show them if you don't go? I need you to go to them and show them My love for them, as you have been shown My love by others. (ML #3082)

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Here, take it! It's yours! Reach out! You have the gift--it's sitting in your lap. You already have the gift. I have already offered it to you. You just have to open it. Pull the ribbon! Loose the strings! Take the wrapping off the box. Peel away the paper and open the lid. You have the gift! It is yours! It is there! All you have to do is open it!

Open your mouth. I have put streams of living water within you--new streams, fresh streams, clear streams, sparkling streams! It is already there. It is already trickling, seeping in and seeping through. It is a spring springing up inside of you--the whispers that you hear, the ideas that you get, the impressions that you have, the checks to obey--streams of My living waters!

Open up your ears and open up your mouth if you want them to gush forth, for they are there. Open the tap. Open your mouth. The tap is your mouth. Open your mouth and let go! Do not hold back. Do not fear. Fear is the dam that holds back the waters of My Word that are in you.

As you speak, the water will come forth, even if it is only one drop at a time. So do not fear, but have faith. Many have heard My whispers but have not recognized that these are My whispers. The streams are already flowing, already springing forth, but you recognize it not, thinking that it is your own voice, your own mind. Just open your mouth and speak! Have faith! Rebuke fear and let the seeds come forth.

You have My seeds and they have been speaking to you. I have created you with a beautiful spring. Let it come forth! Let it flow out of your mouth! Let that which is in your heart come out your mouth, for it is My voice, My stream of love that speaks to you. Have faith! Open your mouth and let My Words come forth, for they are already in your heart. You have an underground stream and you must open your mouth to let it surface, to let it spring forth, to let it flow freely. Tap into it and let it flow! Be not afraid, just flow. (ML #3113)

(Dad:) If you're real desperate with the Lord, He'll keep you on track. He won't let you stray too far afield. When He knows you're praying, you're seeking His will and you're desperate to do what He wants you to do, then He'll come through and steer the ship in the right direction. He'll either steer it by giving us the answers directly, or if He sees there needs to be a turn or you need to chart your path a little differently, then He'll find a way to get in there and reveal to you His will and His plan and any new directions that have come up.

That's why it's so important to always be in prayer, to always be asking the Lord to lead and guide you. As long as you're in tune, as long as you're on the right track, then it gives Him the opportunity to lead and guide you. Even if you don't pray and ask Him specifically for some directions, if He knows you need them and He knows the importance of getting those instructions to you, then He'll find a way. If you're in tune and sensitive to His Spirit, you'll see it and you'll catch it.

So don't worry, Jesus is the one that's in charge of this outfit. It's His work and it's important to Him. He's the main overseer and He's directing things from Heaven. He's coordinating it all and He's got the complete overview. He's the one directing the show, so just stay close to Him and stay desperate in prayer. Pray without ceasing and He'll be faithful to do His part.

I say to you older generation: Are you living in My Word every second of the day, that your youth may see and feel and witness the fruit of My Word through you? Are you allowing the Word to have free rein in your heart and mind and life, that your children may see? Or are you allowing the cares of this life to choke out the Word, to dampen the Word in your lives? The best of guides is the one who shows the way. And as these young ones see My living Word come alive, as you thrive on it and allow it to move in you, it will spark within them a desire to want the same and to seek the same.

Therefore hide not My Word under a bushel. Hinder it not. Dampen it not. Pull out the stops! Let it flow in you and through you and around you, richly and fully and completely. As a wide, mighty river, open the floodgates and let it flow! I have poured out My Word without measure, and I would not that you store it behind the dam, but that you open the floodgates and let it flow through you! Stir up the Word that is within you!

Let it flow in you and through you, fully and without measure, so those around you may see My Word in action. When you walk, when you sit down, when you sleep and

when you rise, are you thinking about My Word? Are you acting upon My Word? Are you talking about My Word? Are you meditating on My Word?

Every man and every woman, lie upon your bed, commune with your own heart, and ask yourself this question: "Am I living, breathing, inhaling, and exuding the Word every moment of the day? Do I freely share the wonderful testimonies of all the Word has done for me? Do I talk about the Word? Do I testify about the Word? Is it obvious to others how I absorb the Word and let it become as the very fibers of my being? Am I pouring forth the Word? Am I myself learning the Word? Am I really making this known? Am I proclaiming the Word at every opportunity throughout my days, through my actions and in my life?" (ML #3072)

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Do you hear them calling? Do you hear their voices crying out to you? These are the voices of your younger brothers and sisters so desperately crying out to you for help. They need your help. They look up to you as their older brothers and sisters. Please do not fail them by being a bad sample. Please be a sample of My love and My Word.

You have had so much training since the day you were born. You have so much to give! Don't hold it back, but give and give again, for they desperately need your love, your understanding, and your companionship. Don't say, "It's somebody else's job, not mine," for I give this job to each and every one of you, and you must take the initiative to put it into action.

These young ones long to be close to Me, to follow the right path, but they are easily led astray. When they see you obeying Me and following Me closely, they will not be able to help but follow you. So please do not delay. Do it now, wherever you can, whether it be small or great. For if you know these things, you'll be happy if you do them!

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There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man. Do you not think that the missionaries of the past have had this struggle, the battle to choose between staying with friends and relatives and those who are easy to communicate with, or going to the mission field?

The most uncomfortable place for a Christian is a comfortable place. Yet so many now seek for comfort, for their personal satisfaction, to fulfill their own desire and will.

Yet a missionary is one who has no desire of his own, no will but to please his Lord, no will but to please Me, the true Missionary Who laid down His life for the world.

I have called you to go out into the fields, to go out into the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in. I have called you to go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature. I have not called you to settle down! You must search your hearts and see where I call you. In every country there is a need, yet in some there is a greater need than others.

Many of you wander about because you seek your own will and not the will of your Father. I ask you now to search your heart, to seek Me, to find out what My will is for you, what My plan is for you, where I want you to be, so that I can fulfill the desires of your heart and give you complete and full satisfaction in My service.

I have a plan for each one, and each must be in the place where I need him to be for the days that are ahead. Think not that you are lost and forgotten and that there is no plan for you. I have a plan and a purpose for each of you. But you must seek Me. You must allow My Spirit to rule over you, to win you, to help you fulfill the plans that I have prepared for you. (ML #3082)

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(Dad:) Isn't the Lord's love beautiful? He doesn't love us because of who we are or because of our accomplishments, He doesn't even love us because we love Him. He just loves us because He loves us! He made you and created you, He knows everything about you, and yet He loves you so! Isn't that wonderful? Isn't that a comfort?

It's so sad that often we don't realize it. We often don't believe how much He loves us. So we miss that wonderful strength, comfort, peace and whole different perspective on life that we would have if we just received His love, believed it by faith, and loved Him in return.

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(Grandmother, to a grandmother:) You're a grandmother, so be a grandmother! You're a young grandmother, and you sure are a pretty grandmother at that! A grandmother is a special blessing from God, and that's what the kids need! They need you.

A grandmother is everything wonderful, and these kids today need a grandmother's strength to look up to. They need to be able to draw on your great faith and years of experience. So pass it on to them. And the best way you can do that is to simply sit back and relax and have fun with them!

Teach them about their great heritage--their heritage of faith, of trusting, and open to them your vast wealth of prayer power. That's the best thing you can give to your grandchildren!

Just be there to listen, to catch them when they fall, and help with an encouraging word, a look of understanding. Be there to be a living sample of faith and kindness and the warmth of the Lord's love. Be there to always speak faith so they can see your positive outlook on life. That's going to go farther than any sermon. It's going to speak louder than words!

What helped me is when I decided to just sit back and enjoy the kids, and I didn't worry any more about trying to perfect them or make them fit into my mold. That's when I was able to just relax and let the Lord work through me.

The best thing you can do for these kids is uphold them in prayer. Prayer is going to help them pull through more than anything. That's the very most you can do for them. Hedge them about in prevailing prayer. Praying mothers and praying grandmothers can change the course of history. From dawn to taps and from taps to dawn, these kids need lots of prayer to carry them through. The fervent prayer of one grandmother avails much. So keep praying, and remember, God is still upon the throne and prayer changes things.

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(David Livingstone speaking:) The greatest calling in the world is the calling of a missionary: to wake with the morning sun and know that you go forth with a purpose, that you go forth with a message of the love of God! To wake with the morning sun and know that your Father looks down with great, great love! To know that your Father looks down with great appreciation that you will go forth with the message of His love to the needy of this world.

I plead with you to go forth as missionaries to the lands where there are the needy--those in darkness, those who know not of the love of God. I plead with you to go forth and give the message! For believe me, your reward will be great. There will not be a day in which you will not feel the richness and the fullness of God's joy swelling in your heart.

Go forth as a missionary no matter where you are! For in every land and in every country there are those who sit in darkness. I plead with you, wherever you are, that you will daily fulfill your mission to go forth with the love of Christ.

You must not settle down, but you must continue to forge ahead! For the days are getting darker and the time for you to give forth this message is getting shorter and shorter. Therefore I compel you and plead with you to go out, to be missionaries! Do not let a day go by that you do not give the message! Do not let a day go by without giving His love to somebody. You have Heaven in your hearts--but do not keep it there, give it to others! (ML #3082)

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(Dad:) I'm sorry that things have been rough for you. I'm sorry that you feel that some things weren't fair. Some weren't, but the Lord allowed them in your life to teach you priceless lessons, and you've come through them! Good for you! Forsaking the bitterness in your life and choosing to give it all to the Lord is a major victory. That is a real step of progress, a real step of faith.

When you have bitterness in your heart, you often don't see things clearly. Even special little things, little rewards of the Lord's love, don't mean as much, because you have this big bitterness blocking everything. But once you give that to the Lord, we up Here can help you so much more. Things are a lot clearer, you can see things better, and you feel and experience the Lord's love a lot more.

Keep coming to the Lord and loving Him, and committing all to Him. He never fails. Even if people fail, situations fail, or you feel like the Family has failed in some way--that those you loved and respected and looked up to didn't make a place for you--the Lord never fails! His plan never fails, His love never fails, and He has His hand on your life. If you can trust in that and believe that, you'll be a lot happier.

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Are you willing to fight for your brothers and sisters? Are you willing to lay down your life for them? Maybe you feel like it's not worth fighting just for yourself. Maybe the battles that you go through seem too big and overwhelming to just go through for yourself. But will you fight for their sakes? Are you willing to go through it for them? Are you willing to let Me purge you and mold you and make you into My shepherds? Are you willing to go through the making of a man or a woman for their sakes?

How I long to bring My young warriors close to Me, to bring them to My bosom! How I long for them to feel a part of this Family, for them to be drawn closer. Will you take them under your wing? Will you take them into your arms?

It takes looking ahead. It takes not just living for today, but having a vision for the future to pour into these young ones. For though you may not see the results today, know that the love, the time, the effort, the tears, the prayers, everything that goes into shepherding these ones, will not return void.

It takes faith for you to train My young warriors, to pour into them today, but in time you will see the results. When you get up Here and it's time to look over your life, to see yourself as I see you, to review your life, to answer "what have you done with your life?" if you take up this challenge, if you pour into these young warriors and train them and teach them how to fight, what a thrill your souls will feel! You will truly be able to say that you did not live your life on Earth in vain.

Not only will you receive rewards for the souls that you have won and the lives that you have touched, but you will receive rewards for the lives that these young warriors will touch and the souls that they will win.

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I have magnified My Word above My Name, and I wish for you to do the same. Make every activity, every task, every chore revolve around My Word in some way, that you may reflect the light of My Word in all you do.

When I say you must live in My Word, this means every minute of the day! I don't necessarily mean that you should stop all activity and hide away for hours and hours on end, only reading My Word. A false balance is an abomination to Me. Therefore seek the balance between classroom study and practical life experience. Don't leave My Word at the door when you go out to tend to the duties of the day. Don't leave My Word behind in the textbooks, but put it into action!

There are many ways that you can live in My Word throughout the day. There are many ways you can constantly be administering the antidote of My Word--in your actions, in your conversation, in your business--applying My Word throughout the day.

When you sit down to watch the news on TV, a documentary, an interesting show, or a movie, do you discuss it? Do you apply My Word and discern what you've taken in? Are you constantly leading, guiding and pointing to My Word in some way, in some manner, and in some form--through a lesson, through a discussion, in casual conversation,

in your fun times and in your serious times? Do you live, think, and breathe My Word? Do you allow My Word to enter into every area of your life?

When you go out to witness and minister to others, or to run errands and do business, after a day of input of all the sights and sounds of the city, do you discuss the events of the day? Do you balance out the events of the day with My Word? Do you help others seek Word-based solutions from My written Word, or by seeking Me for My living Words in a normal, natural, fun, alive atmosphere?

I'm not stiff and dull, boring and lifeless! I want you to include Me in on everything you do. I want to be included in on everything! Don't leave Me out of one minute of your day! (ML #3072)

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This Family has been chosen and called for a special mission. These are the children of David who bear the words of David, who carry the very essence of love into this lost and dying world. I have imparted unto this Family more truth and greater depth of spirit than I have given to others. I look at all My children within the folds of David as My elite troops that will lead the world in these last dark days.

Each one that takes up the challenge, each of My children of David that makes the commitment to follow Me and be true to his Heavenly commission, shall receive power to perform wonders as My elite troops. Each of My children of David has this option, for they have been called and chosen. But those who will receive the anointing are those who choose to receive it.

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I have placed within each person a spring of bubbling living waters! The stream is more active in some than in others. In some it gushes forth loudly with the sound of rushing water. In others it is a small stream that trickles along, running quietly. And in others it is water that is only seeping through the ground. Nevertheless, it is still a spring.

But you can open up your springs so that the water comes forth freely. For some it will take time, because it is like a treasure hidden in the earth. The earth must soften and fall away so that the waters may pour forth and bubble freely. But the more you desire to hear My Words, the more the earth that covers the spring will fall away, that the water may shoot forth freely!

Not all springs are created the same, but a stream of My channel is in each person. Some are large, and I have created them so--like rivers and waterfalls! But they are no better than the small, tiny creeks. I have created all My vessels in love and I love them all the same, and no one vessel is more important to Me than another. I love the tiny spring the same as the big waterfall. The size of your spring does not affect My love for you.

To some it comes easier than to others. Those of you who have a difficult time must persevere, as did Jacob, who wrestled and was blessed. Take hold of Me and do not let go, and I will reward you with My seeds. As Jacob wrestled and would not let go until he was blessed, even so if you struggle and if you wrestle, I will not send you away empty. If you do not let go, I will give you My streams of living seeds!

For from Me flow rivers of living seeds, and those that suck shall receive. I wish to give these seeds to every one of My children. He that comes unto Me and is open shall not go away empty, for I am potent! I give to everyone that asks and I turn not away. You must just have faith to believe, faith to receive, faith to speak My seeds! (ML #3113)

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I love to be loved and I love to love. I love to receive love. I love to give love. So few understand My need to be loved, My desire to be loved. So few understand My desire to be wanted, My desire to be called for and told that I am wanted, that I am needed, that I am desired, that I am lovely. In this I find great pleasure and great happiness, and for this purpose I created My children to love Me. For I long to be loved, as a lonely man who does not seem to be lonely because He has so many friends and so much family, yet He lacks a sweetheart and darling.

Please come! Come to Me and be My darling! Come to Me and be My sweetheart! Come to Me and be My wife, My Bride! Come, come, please come and lie in the bed of love with Me. For there you will find great love and great treasure, and there you will find great reward. (ML #3029)

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Can you see the wounded ones? Are your hearts touched with their feelings? Do you care that some of your young ones are so diseased and so wounded that they don't have any strength to fight against the attacks of the Enemy?

In these days with the Devil fighting so hard, these young ones are being weakened as they open the door for the influence of the world. Are you moved? As the Enemy

comes along like a bully and is bullying them, a lot of them fall. They get knocked for a loop. Does it matter to you? Will you help?

It doesn't take much. It just takes time, love, sacrifice, and dedication. Please start today. There's only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Me will last.

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Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. This is an army, just as My true followers throughout all ages have been an army. For this is a war, a war of good against evil, of right against wrong, of the angels of God against the demons of Hell. It's a spiritual battle, a spiritual warfare, and there is no greater struggle in Heaven or on Earth. It is the true holy war, the true battle of the saints of God against the forces of darkness, and I have called forth a great and mighty and terrible army to fight for the right and to defeat the lies and deceptions of Satan.

This army has been marching throughout the centuries, and though it has been called by many names, it has still been My Christian soldiers marching forth to battle. The army of God is on the move and on the attack, and now in these Last Days I have a tremendous army. I have an army of Christian soldiers, combat-ready troops that cover the Earth from shore to shore and sea to sea, who will fight and be a testimony of My power to overcome evil.

This is a vast army, a great army with many divisions, many officers and many battle plans. Just as in all the great armies of this Earth there are different ranks and different divisions, so it is in My great Endtime army. The vast majority of My army are foot soldiers. There are multitudes and multitudes of foot soldiers, each with rifle in hand, going forth to fight the enemy face to face. Then I have My officers, all the way up the line to My generals and commanding officers.

Within this great army I have special units. And you, My dear children of David, are members of My elite troop of Endtime officers.

I have trained you by My Own hand. I have given you My Endtime prophet, your Father David, to teach you, train you, guide you in My way and prepare you for the days ahead. For you are an elite unit in this Endtime army of Mine. Because of your faith, dedication, yieldedness and humility, I have lifted you up to be My elite troops.

You are called and chosen. You have a special mission in these Last Days, for you have been the spearhead, and you have paved the way in the spirit for the rest of My

army to follow. I have used you to pioneer a mighty revolution of love for Me and of My Word, and I have used you to turn My mighty army to march in the right direction.

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(Dad:) Give Jesus your love so that He can bless you, prepare you and strengthen you. Give Him your love just because you love Him. Give Him your love so that you can learn more about how much He truly loves you, because knowing that will help you through the hardships ahead--the hardships of tribulation, the hardships of loss.

His way up is down--down in humility, down on the bed of love, down through the tests and the trials.--But up, up in the spirit, up in victory, and finally up into His arms where He will comfort and love you beyond measure!

Don't disappoint Him. He's looking for your love! He's wanting your love! He's waiting for your love and anticipating your love. So give freely, and He will freely give to you! (ML #3030)

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I desire you! I desire to hold you close and to fill you with My seeds--My seeds of love, My strength, My goodness, My kindness, My loving, My giving, My compassion, My empathy! The things that My Father has given to Me I will give to you, if you can receive them. If you can open wide your heart to Me, I will fill you with My love to overflowing, and you will revel in it! You will love Me in a way that you have never known before!

There are great battles ahead and great struggles, and you will need My love and My strength and that closeness with Me, that unbreakable bond between you and Me. I love you, and this is the reason that I pour My New Wine unto you, because I know that you love Me and you want to be My strong soldiers in these Last Days.

So come--come with Me! Let us come together in Spirit! For I love you, and I need you. I need you to be strong. If you wish to be stronger and stronger and stronger spiritually, you must come unto Me and let Me overflow you, overwhelm you, inspire you, and lift you to the Heavens, to heights you have never known before! (ML #3031)

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Not only will I use you to do mighty exploits in the Endtime and endow you with Heavenly powers that will shock and defeat the Enemy and be a witness and a testimony to all, but I have also used you to awaken and lead and to signal the call to arms to My great and mighty worldwide army of Christians.

My vast Christian army lies in the lowlands. They are stationed there, and their eyes of the spirit are dim and they do not see things as clearly as you do. But the day will come when their eyes will be opened and they will choose, and many of them will choose to fight and to stand firm on their convictions. This mighty army of Mine will win the battle, and will do exploits in these Last Days.

So you, My children of David, My elite Endtime troops, have a two-fold mission. You have been called to rally My church, My vast Christian army, to awake them out of their lethargy, to challenge them, to provoke them to Godly jealousy, to wake them up to the job that they have been called to do. I have also called you to be My special troops in this Endtime battle where you will have more power, more anointing, more gifts of My Spirit, because of your training and your dedication. Your skill in the spirit, your knowledge of prayer, your understanding of the Heavenly realm and your yieldedness to My whispers will qualify you to be entrusted with powerful gifts of the Spirit. You are a highly trained unit capable of operating My high-tech weapons which shall be placed in your hands at the time appointed.

So take heart, My young ones, and be not weary in well doing, for this is a time of training for you. You are learning to submit, to follow, to obey, to fight, and this is all part of your training as My elite troops. The qualifications for this unit are much stricter and more rigid than those of My other divisions. The standard is higher and the level of commitment and dedication is deeper, but the anointing and reward shall be far greater and I shall bestow upon you great honor.

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Consider the things that choke out the Word. Are the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things choking out the Word in your lives? A false balance is an abomination in My sight, therefore apply the antidote of My Word and be cleansed. Let the light in, that the darkness may flee of itself. For this reason I do give you the antidote. You must have a daily cleansing, a daily washing and renewing, and daily usage of My living Word--not only in the classroom, not only in the privacy of your closet while you are in rest and refilling, but also in daily application of My Word in every area of your life. (ML #3072)

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Have I not said that the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits? I did not put an age limit on it, but just said the people that know their God. Do you know Me? Do you love Me? Do you serve Me? Do you kiss Me? Do you caress Me? Then I say unto you, you shall do exploits.

I speak unto your young ones to encourage and to strengthen them, to envision them and to let them know the important role that they do play. I encourage them, I envision them, I inspire them that they may have faith to hold on, faith to go through the testings and the trials, faith to take the steps that I ask them to take.

Have I not said that they that love Me will be strengthened with new strength for the days ahead? I said this to all, for this is My promise to all, the blessings I pour upon all those that love Me, that draw nigh unto Me. For all who love Me and serve Me and who give their lives to Me are My soldiers whom I will empower with the weapons of the Spirit to do the exploits that will need to be done.

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I have given many treasures of love to My Family of love so that you may all be able to enjoy a little foretaste of Heaven.

But the extent to which you can enjoy what Heaven is like even now is dependent on the yieldedness of those within your Home. Therefore you must all work together and strive to be loving, tender, understanding, forgiving, compassionate and patient. When all these virtues are put into action, then My warm sunshine of love can shine down upon a Home and warm every heart.

The conclusion of the whole matter is to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these other things shall be added unto you. Delight yourself also in Me, and I will give you the desires of your heart. Put Me first, love Me most, strive to be a loving sample to those around you, and I will not fail you.

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Some of you have looked at your younger brothers and sisters critically, self-righteously, and have been quick to judge them. But as you know, unto whom much

has been given, of him shall much be required. How much has been given to you? How much have you given to them? How can you be so quick to judge them? How can you look at them critically? For very little has been given to them compared to what was given to you. Therefore, give! Give unto them.

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You are called to be prophets of doom as well as prophets of salvation. You must raise your voices for those who have no voice, for the poor and downtrodden of the world. You must champion My poor and oppressed children around the world. You must speak up for those whom it is unpopular to speak up for. But see that you do it wisely. For you can shout on the city square and receive only the scorn of others. Or you can say it person to person through the personal witnessing which I have always advocated.

You must not only lead people to Me, but you must also speak the truth. This should be part of your witness. For America is blinded by its own self-righteousness. The people of America are blinded by the perceived righteousness of their cause. But your job is to bring sight to those who are blind by showing them the truth.

You are all persuasive witnesses. That has been your job. You know how to persuade people; you know how to get people to do things that they would not normally do. Turn this persuasiveness not only to the cause of My salvation, but also to the cause of My poor and downtrodden. Consider the poor. Be an advocate for the poor, and cause people to judge righteous judgment. (ML #3082)

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Come, My Bride! Come, My loves! Come, I call, come! Come to My bed. Come to My arms. Come to My kisses, to My lips. We shall revel in great joy and great passion, and you shall receive great love, great strength, and great gifts! For you will be married to a King and you will be a queen to Me, and I will bestow upon you far above all that you could ask or think! I will love you, and I will ravish you, and I will pour forth to you, and you will be known as My Queen, as My Bride! (ML #3029)

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(Dad:) Keep a strong heart and a willing spirit. How can you do that? You've got to find your strength in the Word. You need to become a workman of the Word. Study to

show yourself approved unto God. Dig in there and see what you can find! Be a sample of a young man who is going places for God! Be a sample of a young person who is turned on by the Word and wants to live it. Don't be content to just rock along with your peers and go with the flow as long as things are fun and exciting. That's great, and it's good to have fun and excitement in our lives; there's nothing wrong with that.

But the key is to get hooked on the Word. If you're not feeling so hooked on it right now, then now is the time to get hooked! That's a prayer you should pray: that you will get hooked on the Word! That is going to be your lifeline, your salvation. That is going to be what will keep you. So will you do that? Will you make that a prayer?

The Word will keep you strong in heart and spirit. The Word will keep your sample sturdy and right. Don't you want to be a young man your peers can look up to and admire for your dedication and love for the Lord? That is the thing that people truly admire in someone--their love for the Lord, their faithfulness to get in the Word, their love for lost souls, and their cheerfulness, willingness and yieldedness.

Sure, some of your peers may be getting praise or adulation here or there because they're "handsome" or "beautiful" or "cool" or have some neat talent or what have you. But the long-lasting admiration comes from the qualities of the Spirit, so that's what you need to seek after. That's what you need to ask the Lord for. Those spiritual riches and treasures should be what you're asking the Lord for.

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Oh My children, how I do love your love for Me, and so do I pour forth My love upon you. For you bring Me great pleasure when you stop and take time to love Me, to kiss Me, to caress Me, to praise Me; when you call unto Me, when I hear the words of love that you speak unto Me, and when we love together. It is as the pleasure of when two become one. As it brings you great pleasure to be one with another, so it brings Me pleasure to be one with you.

I need your love and your loving. For though I am King of all the universe, of all things, and even beyond, I cannot have your love unless you give it to Me, for I have made it this way. I am as a King Who has multitudes at My beck and call. To one I can say, "Do this," and it is done; and to another, "Do that," and it is done. For I am the Maker of all things, the Creator of all things, the God of all things. But I have limited Myself in that I do not make My children love Me; they have choice. I desire that they would love Me, and I long for them to love Me. Thus I find great pleasure in those that love Me, for it fills My need to be loved by My children.

Oh what tenderness I feel, what acceptance, what joy, when you call unto Me and when you say to Me, "I love You! I want You! I desire You! Come in unto me!" For there are so few, so very, very few who feel this way about Me. Yet I would that all My children would feel this way. (ML #3030)

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Spiritual revelations are shocking, and they have shocked the world since the beginning of time. Only the men of faith, only those that walk by faith have been able to enter in to each new phase, each new stage that I am taking you in this progression into the spirit world.

I will lead you into new realms in the spirit, new depths! You shall plunge into waters that are so fresh and so deep and so full of My revelations and My wisdom and My knowledge and My understanding! But first you must fully give yourselves to Me, that I may know that your love is so bound with Mine that I can trust you with these deep things of My Spirit. (ML #3031)

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(Dad:) If you find yourself going through a rough spot, just hold on! If you find yourself at wits' end corner, don't give up! There's always a bright and sunny day waiting for you just around the corner, if you don't give up! There's life, happiness and joy just beyond the bend in the road. There are fun times and fulfillment and dreams to come true, a little further than you can see. So if you give up now, you're going to miss all of the beauty and love that the Lord has stored up ahead for you. You wouldn't want to do that, would you?

I know life is a fight. I know it's a struggle. These years are difficult, tough and trying. It's the trying of your faith, but it works patience and patience works love. You've got to keep the faith, you've got to keep that hope alive in your heart. Trust the Lord. If you can do that, then everything else will fall into place.

When things look like they're getting worse and worse, that's the time to just hang tight. That's the time to not worry about the future, or to begin planning your escape route. That's the time to just sit still and wait. Get quiet and alone with the Lord. Think back to all the other times in your life when you were going through a time of real purging. Didn't it eventually end? You've never kept going through the same battle day after day, month after month, year after year with no relief or cessation from the battle. That's just not how

things go. So you don't have to worry about feeling like this will last forever. It's going to pass.

All things pass away, except for Jesus, of course. He never passes away. He'll never leave nor forsake you. He'll hold you tight and you and He will weather the storm together. He'll cover you with His love and with His strong arms and shield you from the storm. You might get a little wet from the rain pouring down all around you, but Jesus will bring you through safe and sound, if you'll let Him. You've got to let Him carry you.

You've got to let Him know that you trust Him. You've got to tell Him that you're going to see it through--that you're not going to jump ship. You've got to commit yourself and tell Him that come hell or high water, you're going to hang in there and put your trust and confidence in Him. Though He slay you, yet will you trust in Him. That's the kind of faith that works. That's the kind of faith that gets results. That's the kind of faith that God blesses.

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I rejoice greatly in My front-line fighters--those who sow the seed, who have a broken heart for the lost, who go out day after day seeking to feed, seeking to rescue, seeking to love. These are they who die daily to themselves and to their own wants and desires in order to witness My Words, to give My love. These are the greatest in My sight, in whom I have much delight!

You are one of these--one of My fighters! I delight greatly in you, for you do not seek your own, but you seek to please Me. You seek to feed those that are hungry and to save those that are lost.

Therefore will I give all things to you, for have I not promised that she that loses her life for My sake, the same shall save it? Though you have lost many things and given up many desires, many loved ones, many loves, things that have been very dear to your heart, do I not see these things? Do you think that I know not?

I do know. I count these sacrifices dear to Me and you will be rewarded for every one. None will be forgotten, for they are all inscribed in the Book. As you have poured out, so will I pour unto you. You will not go empty as long as you look to Me, as long as you keep your face pointed toward Me.

I am your loving Husband and King Who lavishes all things upon you. Yet My gifts do not always glitter, neither are they always precious in the eye of the beholder. Sometimes My gifts are precious to the soul, but they are not precious to the sight. Even

the gift of brokenness, the gift of tenderness, the gift of humility, the gift of the heart and mind of a shepherdess--these are sometimes bitter gifts to the taste, yet satisfying to the spirit.

These gifts do I give unto you because of your great love for Me, and because you have not held yourself back from Me. In the time of difficulty you have reached up to Me, even when you felt that you had no strength left. Indeed there was no strength left, yet I carried you in My arms and brought you through.

I wish to hold you tight, close to Me forever. You are a special love unto Me because of your faithfulness, because of your love, because of your love for the sheep, because of your diligence to feed My sheep. When you're down, I will carry you. When you fall, I will lift you up. When you have no more strength, I will be your strength, for I am He Who fills all things.

Go forth now and pour out upon the needy. Pour out upon those whom I entrust to your care. Pour out and love. Let My love flow through you that others may feel My love, that they may be touched, that their hurts may be healed. In so doing I will also heal your hurts and I will mend the pieces of your broken heart. For do I not see that it is broken? Yes, I see and I know. But even this is My doing, that in putting the pieces back together it will be strengthened, made stronger than ever, and it will be a channel to pour forth My love through you.

Keep your face pointed toward Me, that as you pour out, I may pour in to you. For without Me, you are nothing. You must receive of My Spirit and My love. You must take time with Me receiving the seeds of My Spirit, the seeds of My Word. You must let Me come deep into you. I love you like a lover. Yea, I am even married to you, and I will keep you as My bride.

You are the child of My love in whom I am well pleased. And though you fall, and though you are weak at times, though you are discouraged, yet am I with you. And as you continue to pour out My love in a spirit of patience, in a spirit of meekness, in a spirit of longsuffering, in a spirit of understanding, so will I continue to give these gifts to you.

I know your desires. I read the inner thoughts of your heart. Oh, My love, how I love your love! You are precious to Me, because I am precious to you.

(Dad:) This is the day to take a stand! Choose ye this day whom you shall serve! If God be God, then serve God. But if Baal be God, then serve Baal. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord! Are you with me?

This is my message to you young folks and you older folks--the entire Family--because this is the day of march! It's marchin' time and I need those who like to fight the Enemy with the Word of God! I need those who are willing to fight and die for their Family, for their brethren, and for the truth. Is that you? Are you with me?

This is a call to arms, and I need those who are willing to take up the challenge!--Those who want to do more than just sit in a Home and eke out a mere existence and just barely scrape by.

I need fighters who know how to go on the attack, who are not going to be scared out at the Devil's first boo, or even his second and third boo! I need fighters who like to fight and die for the truth with the weapon of the Word, and who enjoy defeating the Devil. I need conquering heroes who like to live and fight and die for Jesus and the Family and the truth!

Are you with me? If so, take a stand! Stand strong and loyal, willing and ready with whole hearts to live and fight and die for Family and loved ones. Give me fighters! (ML #3072)

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No matter where you are, just make a little Temple and enter into it in your heart. In the quiet chambers, as you take your time with Me, as you draw away from everyone and enter into the Temple, I'll whisper to you and speak to you. At first it won't even be audible. I'll just give you the peace that you need. I'll whisper Words of love in your ear to comfort your heart.

But as you take this time with Me more and more faithfully--always coming in faith, believing that I'm there, waiting for you, that I enter with you into the secret quiet chambers of your heart--as you do this more and more, you will begin to hear Me more clearly. It's something that you need to make a habit of, something that you have to practice. It's a muscle that you have to exercise--that of tuning your spiritual ears so that you can hear My voice. It's just like learning something new. At first you have to concentrate, really make an effort, and you can hear it or see it a little bit.

It's like a musician learning to tune a guitar. At first it's very difficult. Musicians have to really tune in and concentrate to be able to tell which notes are off key, which

strings need to be tightened and which need to be loosened. But after a while, it becomes second nature to them, and they can do it almost without thinking.

So it is with learning to listen to Me and hear from Me. Come regularly, step into the quiet chambers of your heart, and tune in to hear My voice. Whisper words of love to Me, and wait for Me to whisper Words of love to you. Little by little you will begin to hear Me clearer and clearer, until pretty soon it won't be such a big effort. You'll be able to step quietly into the room and you'll hear Me loud and clear. You won't even wonder if it's Me. You won't even have to strain to hear it, but My still small voice will just be there, clearly instructing you in your heart.

So don't be discouraged if your first efforts are difficult, if you feel that you don't hear Me. Just step quietly into the chambers of your heart, into the Temple, the place that I love best, the secret place of your heart that was made for Me. Step in quietly, and wait there until My peace fills your heart. Wait there until you feel My perfect peace, My comfort, satisfying your longing. Then come more often to listen to My whispers, and little by little you will begin to receive more and more from Me.

I broadcast all the time. You just have to learn how to tune in and receive it. I have given the gift of hearing from Me to anyone who wants it. It's free. It's like a radio station, broadcasting all the time, and anyone who has a receiver can tune in and pick up the sounds, the music, the broadcast. I have placed a receiver within each person. All you have to do is learn how to use it. This requires effort, so don't be discouraged if it's not real clear right away. Keep practicing, keep coming back to Me. Keep waiting in faith, and you will begin to hear Me more and more clearly.

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Shepherds of love, shepherds of compassion! Oh, the need is so great! But the responsibility is so heavy, and very few choose to be My shepherds of love, My shepherds of compassion who are willing to give up their own lives, their own will and their own ways to care for My many sheep that are scattered abroad.

For a shepherd does not live for himself, but is constantly burdened about the care of the sheep. "Are they wandering away? Are they eating enough food? Are they drinking water? Now I must find a water hole. Is the grass green here? Is it rich and nutritious? No, I must find them better grass. Are there wolves in the area? I must protect them." A shepherd is constantly thinking, praying and loving his sheep!

I have given this one a shepherd's heart and a shepherd's training and a shepherd's inheritance, but he fights against it, for he knows what an awesome and heavy

responsibility it is. All My chosen men and women of God, My prophets and My good shepherds, have tried to pass on that responsibility to others, for they realized what a tremendous weight and responsibility it was. But I continue to seek shepherds of love and compassion to take care of My sheep, for there are many sheep who wander around aimlessly. But the compassionate shepherds and the loving shepherds are so few.

Will you be My shepherd of love and compassion who cares for My precious sheep and is constantly seeing how he can better care for them? The need is great, but so few are willing to take on the great responsibility. Be My shepherd of love and compassion.

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I have need of strong bellwethers, those whose muscles are toned, who have daily lifted the weights of My Word, who are bursting with strength and who can help their brothers and sisters who are so weak, who can start them on the weight-lifting program of My Word, slowly building up their muscles and their strength until they too can become mighty wrestlers and champions who shall wrestle with the Evil One and rescue My children from his grasp! (ML #3082)

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(Dad:) So often we're tempted to judge ourselves by what we have or haven't accomplished, or how good or spiritual we think we've been or are. But the Lord looks at things quite differently. He looks on the heart and our spirits and our decisions. He looks at our desire to love and please Him, to do what's right, to love others, to be what He wants us to be. He knows we often fall and aren't able to reach the goals we set for ourselves, and what we think we'd like to be or how we'd like to be. But He recognizes that desire, and blesses our willingness to try and to fight against all the odds and obstacles, to follow Him, and love and obey Him.

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What are you afraid of? That I will not accept you as you are? That you have nothing to give? That you are not talented? That you are a failure in love? That you cannot grow and progress? Do not be afraid of these things. Just come as you are, and My love will cast out the fears. Just come and love Me so you can get to know My love. Let Me love you, and then you will know there is nothing to be afraid of. When you come just as you are and let Me love you, then you will see how My love will cast out the fears.

There is no fear in Me. Tell Me your fears one by one and let Me tell you how I love you, and you will see the fears disappear. Do not be afraid to confess them, and do not hide from Me. Let Me love you and the fears will turn into peace and contentment. You will be so filled with love that loving others will be all that matters. Your fear of past hurts occurring again will be washed away because you will know you are protected by My love. When you love Me, you are shielded from fears. And as you continue to love Me, your past will be healed, the fears will fade and you will forget them as My love erases them.

Open a channel to My love in the night that I may whisper words to you that will make your tormentors flee. Close your mind to the other thoughts that you entertain. Exercise your channel in hearing My Words, and the light of their love will make the darkness flee. Open your channel in the night to hear My words, My whispers, to give you the answers that you need, to counsel you and give you peace and rest.

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Can you describe the very depths of the sea, or the highest points of the universe? Can you describe the deep things of the Spirit? Then how can you describe this great love that we have together with mere words of man? For My love for you is all-encompassing, it is all love, and it is unintelligible in the words of man.

But you desire to tell Me your love for Me in words. You must look to those things that you relate to and that I have given to you to help you grasp and to understand this love. For just like you love one another, and like you say words of endearment and words of desire, and like you cry out words of ecstasy, do so to Me. These are words that you can understand, for they express the desire and the love that is in your heart.

This love that is in your heart for Me is much greater than words, but the words help you to understand and help you to focus. So use these words with Me, for am I not your Husband? Are you not the Bride of Christ? (ML #3029)

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Will you marvel at the great blessings that I will pour forth upon My children when they love Me with the love that I wish to be loved with? Marvel not, for when I find those who will love Me in this way, I will rejoice with a great rejoicing and I will pour forth My love upon them in such abundance! I will give them My seed and they will bring forth fruit. I will give them My blessings, for they will be blessing Me with their love. I

will bless them with My love, and My love is so mighty, so fulfilling, so bounteous, so full!

Oh, the great joy that they shall have for loving Me! Oh, the great blessings and rewards that they shall have for loving Me! As they yield to My request for their love, so will I yield to their requests, and so will I answer their prayers, their needs and their desires in an even greater way. I will bless them in great abundance for their love for Me, the King Who has everything, but Who seeks to be loved! (ML #3030)

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(Given for a Family woman who'd undergone surgery for cancer:) My beautiful bride, woman of great faith, come and let Me hold you in My arms. When I look at you, I see such beauty and loveliness, and I long to hold you and kiss you and be one with you.

I feel the pain and trauma that you have felt, both in body and spirit, when going through this difficult experience. I know the heartbreak, sorrow and feeling of loss, the feeling of being incomplete, not even feeling like a whole woman--a whole person. To overcome this depression, this moodiness, and to step off this emotional roller coaster, you must cling tightly to Me. You must pray for greater faith, and you must believe My promise, that I will keep you in perfect peace. You must keep your mind stayed on Me, and you must allow yourself to believe in and accept My love and the love of those around you.

Think not to yourself that you are less lovely in My sight, for I do not see and feel in the flesh but in the spirit, so I cannot even tell the difference! Think not that there is no one who will love you, or that you will no longer be desirable or attractive, that you have lost something that can never be replaced.

This breaking, this crushing, these deep emotions, this tumultuous experience, is like the polishing of a rare and priceless gem. I allow some parts to be chipped away and seemingly lost, but I do this so that I might reveal the true inner beauty--the beauty that sparkles and shimmers and shines; the beauty that captivates and entrances; the beauty that causes men to marvel and feel awe. For though you have lost something that is dear and precious to you--a part of your body, and one which you prize and cherish--you have gained an inner depth, which is a priceless gem. Now the love inside your heart can flow forth more freely, for it is unobstructed. Now you are truly broken and humbled, and thus I take a special delight in nurturing and caring for you and comforting you.

The key to strength and victory is in your love for Me, your trust in Me, and your faith in Me and in others. It is important for you to look on all that you have, and not that

which you do not have. It is essential that you believe in and accept the love that you receive from Me and from your loved ones. You must not doubt and think, "Oh, they just pity me. They don't really love me as much any more; they just say so because they don't want to hurt me." You must not reject My love or the love I give you through others out of pride or because you doubt its sincerity and think it is false. You must receive and believe, you must trust and rest in love and respond with love, and thus you will find peace and healing of mind and spirit. Your ship that is now being tossed about on the high seas can enter into the calm harbor of My peace and rest and joy.

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My children throughout all ages have had to live by faith, to follow Me by faith. When I called them to go out and leave lands, they had to go by faith. They asked, "Why? Why should we leave?" But they obeyed and they followed by faith. This is pleasing to Me--faith and obedience. Did I not say that there are many things that I have to reveal to you, but you cannot bear them yet? There are still many things, as I bring you closer to the Heavenly realm and to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Who can understand faith? Who can explain faith? And this is what is pleasing to Me, faith in Me. You believe in Me by faith. You have everlasting life by faith. There is a Heavenly Kingdom by faith. There is a crown for you by faith. Blessed are those eyes that see by faith and do not require a sign. (ML #3031)

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I have chosen you to be a strong pillar and a fighter to hold My standard high--not through your own arm, but through your dependence on Me. I ask you to lean on Me and walk closely. For unless you get your instructions from Me, you will not be of the great use that I have called you to be.

I have called you for this day and have empowered you, but this power will come in the form of weakness, dependence, yieldedness, and humility. In these vestures will you be greatly anointed. This is when others will see Me greatly, through your sample. This is when My love will shine even brighter.

Therefore, fear not when you feel little in your own sight. Fear not when you feel incapable, and even unanointed. For your spirit shines even brighter in your humility. When you are humble, submissive and yielded, your actions reach deep into the heart of

man. For you then become transparent in My love, and My sample reaches out. Therefore I need you to stay humble and to lean on Me. Indeed, I need you greatly.

Go forth into the battle without fear, knowing that you must be clothed with this peasant's robe. Grab ahold of all the anointing that I have for you. Avail yourself fully of the gifts that I have given you. But remember this, that they will shine even more brightly in your humility.

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I have given you the freedom to choose from many options within My will. I know that you chose to do the things you did out of love, out of trust in Me, and out of a desire to fulfill that which I expect from you. You gave of yourself and shared yourself in full faith and trusted that you would not have a child unless it was My doing. So you can rest assured that this child I have placed within you is a gift from Me. It was My will to give you this little one, this precious gift of love, that through caring for him and loving and nurturing him, you would grow in love and in faith and would draw yet closer to Me.

This child is not a mistake, and your pregnancy is not a punishment. You have not been foolish and ignorant; rather you knew and understood what the consequences of your actions might be, yet you trusted Me and believed and had faith that I have all the details of your life under My perfect control. And that's the way it is, so you were right!

I have made it clear in the Words I have spoken before that it is My preference that each child have both a father and a mother. Yet you must not feel that if your child does not have a father yet, that you are a bad mother, an unwise and careless woman. For I am able and willing to provide a father for your child, and a lover and husband for you.

Do not allow the Enemy to condemn you, to discourage you, to cause you to despair or give up hope. Do not resign yourself to difficulties and problems just because you did not plan for this. I planned for it, and I have also planned what yet lies ahead for you, and I promise that I will care and provide for you and this little one--our child of love and a precious, priceless token of My love for you! A blessing that cannot be equaled and a love that cannot be measured or compared--that is what this child will be to you!

So enjoy My blessing, enjoy My reward, and trust Me to care for you. I won't fail you, and I won't allow you to be tried more than you are able to bear. You have gone for the gold, and you have received the prize! That's what this new little life is, the prize for your love for Me and trust in Me. He'll bring you great joy like nothing else ever has! And there are a lot more gold medals for you to win, as you continue going for the gold

in every area of your life and service--as you pray and seek Me in every decision you make, and as you put your life in My hands and yield to Me and say, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

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(Dad:) Who is willing to stand with me? Who is willing to fight with me? Who is willing to rise above the petty problems and seeming difficulties and fight the Devil? Who is willing to lift the standard high and fight on in spite of troubles and difficulties? Satan is playing for keeps. He knows that his time is short and he is pouring it on!

We are in a war, Beloved, and I need those who are willing to fight and die for Jesus, for me, for the Family, and for the truth! I need those who are willing to hold the banner of David high! I need those who are willing to keep sacrificing, keep forsaking, and keep fighting every day! Are you with me? (ML #3072)

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As a man does not want to force himself on a woman, but wants to be accepted, caressed, loved, held and desired, so it is with Me. So tell Me! Talk to Me as you talk to your lover. As you whisper things in his ear, so whisper things in Mine.

Do not be ashamed or afraid to speak these precious words of love to Me, for they are as special incense, special prayers that come up before Me, that fill My halls with a special perfume, a perfume of love and of lovemaking! It excites Me! It thrills Me! It makes Me want to give to you, and give and give some more, and again and again! As the thrust of a man upon a woman in lovemaking, so I want to give and give and fill you with My seeds!

For when I smell this perfume in the halls of Heaven, I look upon you with great love and with great care and with great excitement, and I want to fill you to overflowing like none other can fill you!

So love Me and be not ashamed! Do not be afraid to say that you want Me. Do not be afraid to say that you want Me to love you and to kiss you, to hold you. For it is in these words that you convey the feelings of your heart. Yes, I want praise and adoration, I want words of thanksgiving, but they that love Me most understand that I also want words of caresses and words of wooing and words of endearment.

So please whisper to Me these terms of endearment, these words of excitement, that I may love you and fill you, and that I may hold you so close in My arms that we will be one. (ML #3029)

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It is important to show them how much you love Me by how much you love to spend time with Me, and how much you love My Word. This is a great testimony--to show your love for Me by your love for the Word, and being faithful to read and study in your private devotions, to absorb the Word, to point others to the Word, to memorize the Word, to talk about the Word, to exalt the Word, to honor the Word, to feed others the Word. This is a witness in itself, for I exalt My Word even above My Name, and I richly honor those who keep the testimony of My Word.

And when your cross becomes heavy and unbearable and you come to your Gethsemane, there you will find the Word waiting for you. You will find resurrection, power, life and love in the Word.

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In the times of your agony and indecision, I am there beside you, knowing that you will come through victoriously, for you love Me. Often you are busy in the wings and you forget Me, but My patience is endless, and I delight in your return unto Me. My Spirit offers so much more than the flesh if you would but live in it and seek pleasure in it. I have created all things for you to enjoy, but these must be balanced with a proper craving and hunger for Me. This you ought to have done and not to have left the other undone.

I wish for you to be filled with joy to overflowing, but you must seek this happiness in the spirit. You have seen how the pleasures of the flesh are but for a moment and then pass, leaving you empty. Even My service, which can be such a joy and a thrill, must not take the place of your communion with Me. If you would come to Me, I would give you everlasting highs of the Spirit. Fear not nor worry about My will, for where you serve Me or how is not as important as your walk with Me and the shepherding that you receive at My hand. Your time on Earth and your service to Me is but a drop in the bucket of My vast and marvelous universe, but your communion with Me and all that I may teach you from it will live on forever.

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(To a young shepherd:) You have qualities that I admire. You're proud of Me and the Family. You're blustery and brash when you're confronting the Enemy. You're a man of force, which you apply when you zealously follow Me and follow My instructions.

Don't say, "Lord, why have You made me thus?" Don't doubt or fret, but use these gifts, talents, attributes and characteristics that I have given you for the purpose for which I have intended.

I would have you to be a sharp-toothed threshing instrument to confront My adversaries! I would that you use the strength, force and zealousness which I have given you to do battle!

And yes, there are times when you must be humble and turn the other cheek and be meek and weak. These are the times when you care for the flock and care for the weak ones and the young ones, the little ones, the ones that are afflicted and need encouragement. You must desperately seek Me to help you at those times.

Be not as Joab or Jehu or others who fought in their own strength or leaned to their own understanding and even did things which were right in My sight, but not with a perfect heart. I have made you and designed you and I want you to use those characteristics and attributes for My purpose. Shy not away! Do not counterbalance them to where they are of none effect, but invest these talents wisely. Do not doubt that I have fashioned you and made you and designed you.

But you must allow yourself to be balanced by those who have attributes and characteristics different from your own, even leadings that are different from yours. You must continually counsel and look to Me and look to your teamworkers, that all may be in balance so that My purpose may be accomplished.

Do not allow yourself to do things on your own. For in such a case a man of force will be a man of faults, and some things could be serious and could harm others and harm the cause.

Behold the sample of Peter of old, who quickly changed his ways when he received admonition from Me, and learned and became even as a new man when anointed by My Spirit. Let My Spirit work through you and give you a soft heart and a gentle spirit, and then you will fulfill all that I set before you.

Because of the hindrances of the flesh, the things of the spirit are sometimes difficult to understand. That is why you must have faith and drink in and swallow and receive, little by little, drop by drop, step by step, and follow Me by faith.

Many of My disciples turned away and followed Me no more because they did not see with the eyes of the spirit, but tried to understand it in the flesh.

But I am pleased with you, My children, who have been faithful and obedient and have followed Me by faith, the children of faith. And I know you will continue to follow by faith!

Do not worry about the future or the opinions of men, just look to Me and love Me in obedience and in faith and I will see you through. So worry not and doubt not and fret not, but simply accept by faith. For this is pleasing to Me--the eyes of faith and the acceptance of faith. I will reward you with the desires of your heart, a closer relationship with Me as a result of your faith. (ML #3031)

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As your Father David said, I never put you in a place too small to grow in. This has so much meaning that many don't see. Growth is in the heart--not growth in ministries, accomplishments, etc., but growth in loving Me, leaning on Me and hearing from Me. Therefore fear not. I will perfect that which concerneth you and I will be your happiness, your source of joy and strength. Neglect not to communicate with Me, for in this I am well pleased.

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So deep is My love for My children, for those that love Me, and those that obey Me, and those that serve Me, and have given their lives for Me. I have given My life for them, and they do give their lives for Me, for they lay down their lives day by day in service to Me, in obedience to Me, and in yieldedness to Me. I wish to reward them with the lovemaking of My Spirit that they may feel a touch of My love, that they may be empowered by the Spirit of My love and the strength of My love. (ML #3032)

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I was tempted in all points exactly as you are. I was tempted with doubts, for this is one of Satan's favorite tricks! His power lies in doubts and discouragement and fear. He hit Me with doubts, and he hit Me hard.

When I was out there in the wilderness all that time, it was a battle royal with the Evil One. The Tempter came to Me in the wilderness--the wilderness of My mind--and he let loose all his wild beasts of doubts!

First it started out subtly, and I didn't even realize they were doubts. They seemed harmless, but then I saw where these doubts could lead, should I accept them. If I would have accepted them, they would only have grown into wild beasts that would have devoured and destroyed Me. So I fought! I fought long and I fought hard and My strength grew weak.

Then I realized that I could no longer fight on in My human strength. I realized that I had to have a greater power to win this victory. In My flesh, I could not muster up the strength to fight on.

When I realized to what scale these monsters of doubts were capable of growing, I heard My Father's voice. It was still, and it was small, but crystal clear, as He said to Me, "Son, I am fighting for You, that Your faith fail not." That's all I heard, in one distinct moment, and that voice gave Me the courage to carry on.

As I heard His voice, I fell to My knees and I cried out. I fell down in utter desperation and asked Him to please deliver Me from these attacks of doubts that were plaguing Me on every side.

I made a decision, and that decision was that I wanted to fight! I wanted deliverance!

In that moment, when I cried out for help with all that was within Me, it was done. I made the decision to say yes. I cried out to My Father with strong tongues and pleading, saying, "Deliver Me this day! Fill Me with Your power, that I may fight, that I may stand strong in Your might and be delivered!"

It was from that deliverance that I was able to find renewed strength, because My Father heard and He answered. My Father was there all the time. He was waiting and ready, but I had to decide. I had to choose. I had to reach out and receive help from His hand. As soon as I called on My Father to help Me, in that instant I was able to avail Myself of the truth of His promise. My Father's voice had been heard, and I won the fight! (ML #3088)

Try on the garments that I have given you. There are so many, and yet you do not wear them. Why are you dressed in rags when I have given you robes of love, humility, praise, sacrifice, understanding and faith that would make you beautiful? Don't you seek to be beautiful? The things of the flesh are flesh and will pass, but the beauties of My Spirit live on forever.

If you will come to Me daily seeking the robes that you desire, I will give them to you. For I have tailored them in a beautiful fashion to fit your form. You feel that you are so ugly and that nothing can make you beautiful, but try the robes of My Spirit. They are new, and though they have not yet become the fashion, they are the styles of the future. They are contagious!

I wish you to be one of My models for these new garments. I must choose those who can wear them well, not those who are already beautiful, but those who will show what a transformation can be made by wearing these new-fashioned garments.

Fear not--I will make you beautiful to the taste and touch, lovely to the eyes and ears. But you must be willing to try them, willing to step out even though others may not understand or receive this new fashion yet. In time they will, and My purpose will be established. These things I ask of you and of all My models, for I love you.

I say unto you, My children, who have battled long and hard with the doubts of the Enemy, be not weary in well doing. Think it not strange concerning this fiery trial which is trying you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. For your adversary the Devil goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour through his doubts.

Do not despair nor condemn yourself, for regardless of the intensity of the battle, regardless of how long you have been in the arena fighting the Evil One, regardless of how you have weakened and fallen prey to his attacks--where there is life, there is hope! If you have even a tiny seed of faith, I can bring the victory!

If there is a desire to know the truth, if there is a desperation to be set free, if there is a calling out to Me for deliverance, I can bring the victory! For I am greater than the Enemy, and My truth is greater than his doubts! (ML #3089)

It makes Me so sad to see you when you do not have your face turned up toward Me, and the clouds of gloom and problems gather over your head. There are clouds of frustration and anger, of uncertainty, of anxiety, and different problems. Sometimes there are clouds of contention, and they rain down upon you big drops of anger and frustration and unloving words. This is when I see a very unhappy, resentful, angry and frustrated little flower, who thinks of plucking herself up by the roots and removing herself from the garden where I have placed her.

You don't yet understand that I have allowed the stormy clouds and the big drops of rain to fall on you--not to beat you down, not to discourage you and break your stem, not to frustrate you to the point of making you want to leave the garden, but to strengthen you, My strong, beautiful little plant; to cause your roots to grow down deeper into the soil to take hold of it and to be able to receive nourishment; to make your stem grow strong and tall with new leaves so that it will be able to stand strong in the greater storms that are yet to come; to teach you to keep your face turned toward Me expectantly in faith and with trust, even during the times you cannot see and feel My sunshine because it is obscured by the passing clouds and rain and storm.

These heavy clouds and seemingly relentless rains that trouble you so are what I am using to teach you and to grow you into a tall, strong, fine plant--a beautiful, brilliant flower that blossoms, and continues to blossom and brings forth more beauty, and that will fill its very important place in the garden of My Kingdom.

So, My dear little flower, when the thick clouds roll in overhead, and drops of dark rain begin falling upon your bright and cheery head, turn your face up toward Me in faith! Look past those dark clouds and those big drops falling on your face, and expect to receive the warm light and sunshine. Open your mouth to receive and feed on the golden drops of sunshine of My Words, and you will grow strong and tall and full and bright and happy!

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(Dad:) I need fighters! Are you with me? I need those who are willing to fight and give their all! I need those who are willing to break down the walls of disunity and division between the generations and among peers. I need those who are willing to give no place to evil, those who are willing to fight with everything they have in them to unite as one Family, one strong army, prepared and ready to charge into battle! I need those who are willing to sacrifice to win others. Those who are willing to put aside personal desires, to forsake selfish desires and plans in order to sacrifice for the Family, to win the lost, and usher in the Kingdom of God on Earth!

I need adults who are willing to lay down their lives and sacrifice in order to win the younger generation. And I need younger generation adults and teens who are willing to sacrifice at all costs, and lay down their lives to win their younger brothers and sisters. I need adults and younger folks alike who are willing to sacrifice and lay down their lives, to fight and live and die for Jesus, for me, and for the Family. I need expendables--willing to burn out on the altar of sacrifice, to wear out as tools of His design, to die that others may live!

I need those who are willing to forsake worldliness, those who are willing to forsake carnal ideas and carnal ways and keep their eyes on Heaven, keep their eyes ahead on the goal. I need those who are willing to set their face like a flint and march forward, unashamed, unshaken by circumstances and conditions around them.

I need those who are willing to march in where angels fear to tread and claim the land! I need those who are willing to take a stand, who will not be confounded, but who choose to lean on the mighty hand of God! I need those who are willing to go ahead by naked faith alone and win the battle! I need those who are willing to wage war at my side, not on the side of the right or the left, but on the side of the only One Who is really right--Jesus, our Lord and King. I need brave soldiers who have guts and conviction! I need soldiers who are bold and brave and unafraid--who are willing to fight back! Are you with me? (ML #3072)

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My little children, you are pleasing to Me. I have seen the desires deep in your heart to draw closer to Me, to be near Me in spirit, to be near Me together. I have seen that you make time for My Word, even at the hurt of your work, and even though it is a sacrifice at times. I have seen the sacrifices that you make for Me, and I am pleased.

This results in My blessings upon you. Have you not noticed that your communication has been better, that your love has grown deeper, that your life is becoming smoother? Every time that you love Me together, praise Me together or take time to read My Word and pray and seek My face together, I store up another blessing for you--another ounce of grace that I send down at a time when you need it; another sharp word that I help you to withhold; another measure of patience and of grace and of love that I send down to smooth your ruffled nerves. These are direct results that you don't always realize, but they are very real.

Can you have too much love in your life? Can you have too much patience? Too much tenderness? Too much grace? Too much passion? No, you cannot. Even so you can

never have too much Word, too much prayer, too much praising, too much loving Me. Every time you do, another blessing is stored up for you. So if you want more blessings, if you want more joy, more peace, more tenderness, more passion, then you know what to do--do your part! Send Me up the building blocks, and I will return them to you speedily.

As you grow in your relationship with Me, you will see the results of these things more directly. It will be an ever-increasing cycle, where you will love Me more and I will bless you more, and you will love Me more for it and I will bless you more for it. On and on we will go, loving each other more, growing closer together as a wonderful threesome, blended as one, and loving each other more and more each day.

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Does not the little fledgling, who is pushed out the nest and barely knows how to fly and flops to the ground, learn to survive? With every passing day, it hones its survival skills. It finds out where the dangers are, where the predators lurk, and it learns where to find the food that it needs to survive. Granted, some of the birds do not survive--the foolish ones who are not constantly vigilant for danger--but if I'm able to keep the birds and if I'm able to teach them, certainly I am able to teach this one, who I have ordained before the foundation of the world.

Therefore fear not for My son, for he is Mine and I will love him and guide him and care for him as My very Own, and nothing shall happen but that which is My perfect will.

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Be not afraid to humble yourselves in My sight. For I love the humble, I love the weak, I love the meek, I love My Bride, and I love you.

For I know you are men--stout-hearted men, strong soldiers, fighters, diligent in business! I have made you muscular men in the spirit, men of great strength, warriors of David, My soldiers, My valiant ones! But with all this strength and all this power and all this valiantness, you have need of more. You have need of great humility, great meekness and great weakness.

So I ask you to lay down the armament of war and to play the role that I have asked you to play, of the meek and the weak, of the woman, of the bride, of My darling. This humbles you, but it also empowers you. For this is what will make you the strong soldiers that you need to be for the days ahead. (ML #3029)

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(Liz Grey:) Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Why are they precious? Is it because they die? No, it is because their lives were precious. The lives of the saints are precious to the Lord because they're living for Him. Each day they're giving their all, giving their lives to Him in yieldedness, obedience and service, which is the most precious thing you can give Him. This is dying daily--the daily sacrifices of witnessing, of serving Him, of death to self. It is your continual dying to your own life, your faithful "not my will, but Thine be done," which makes you so precious to Him.

It is precious to Him not because of your death, but because He can finally receive you into His arms again after such faithful service--a moment He has long waited for, the precious moment when you are reunited with Him.

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(From a departed Family member:) I'm now seeing how the spiritual is so much more important than the physical. It's in the spiritual world that things are decided--not just on the part of angels or spirits, but also in your hearts, in your spirits, and in the decisions that you make.

The Lord looks at your heart, and He knows that in your heart you will think the thoughts that will influence you, and in your heart you will make the choices that affect you, so He sends helpers to put His happy thoughts from Heaven there. This helps you to make the right choices.

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There are many places that we shall go, My Bride and I. For I am as a rich man who can go here and there and not worry about the cost, and who can treat his love, his bride to anything that she needs and wants. I know that My Bride loves Me, and so do I love her, and so will I pour forth My love in abundance upon her, and so shall she receive of My love.

What do I ask in return? Simply that she love Me and that she obey Me and that she serve Me and that she yield to Me. In the doing of these things there is great reward, for in the doing of these things you prove your love for Me. I will pour forth My love

upon you in great abundance and in great power, and you shall see My love manifested in a greater anointing and a greater supply of your needs. (ML #3032)

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I call before Me now My heroines of the home, My mothers of love! These are they who bear and bear and bear again My darlings of love, My little ones, My spirit treasures, My sparkles of happiness. These are they who not only bear, but who guide and direct and maneuver these young ones through the obstacle course of life. These are they who lay down their own lives that their young may pass over into a new world.

These who raise broods of children in My name, who painstakingly care for more than it seems they are able to handle, receive My inestimably valued jewels of honor and commendation.

Those who have taken more children into their care and motherly love than I have personally given them; those who take on those of another mate or single, to help, care for and provide for them--these will have double fulfillment and satisfaction in the life to come.

I call forth My heroines, My mothers of mercy. These are they whom I delight to love, whom I delight to look upon with tenderness. For I see them in the night, tenderly caring for their newborns, gently watching over their flocks, and attending to every need of the household. They give of their own time and sleep and energy that others may be fed and clothed and warmed.

Upon these I gaze down from Heaven with such respect, with such admiration, with such tenderness, with such gratitude, with such inspiration, for they prove their love unto Me. Their love stands firm and strong under such strain and pressure.

How can I help Myself when I see such love and endurance?--The endurance and patience of these, My heroines. How can I not prepare the most wonderful, comfortable, delicate, enchanting place of delights for them, Here in My Heavenly Kingdom? Do they not deserve this? They most surely do, and I simply wait for the moment when I may present them with their treasures and rewards. This will bring Me joy and happiness unspeakable--to see the light on their faces, the tears rolling down their cheeks, the sparkle of their smiles, the shock and amazement that they will experience to find out that they are truly My heroines, My mothers of mercy, My angels of compassion.

I prepare their haven even now, and comfort their hearts and souls with My love and Words until the day when I may take each one into My arms and wipe away their

tears, comfort their hearts, and restore unto them every desire and longing which they have given up for the sake of their young, for the sake of their calling.

Mighty men of the world have come and gone. Conquering heroes have swept across the world, across vast lands. They have procured wealth and have garnered for themselves slaves and the riches of the land, but they fade into oblivion. Yet My heroines, My mothers of mercy, live on throughout eternity. For in the sparkle of the eyes and the lighting of the smile in each of their children can be seen a trace of the mother who gave her life for her son or for her daughter.

Come, My heroines. Come, My loves, My mothers of mercy. I call you to enter into your rest, that you may soon abide forever in your haven of peace and comfort.

I love you and I thank you, valiant heroines of the faith.

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My children, your warfare is not carnal, but it is spiritual, so you must fight in spirit. You must not try to fight in carnal ways. The war of the worlds must be fought and won in the spirit. Everybody's struggle is a spiritual warfare--even for those who do not know Me. Even the struggles you see all around you in the world. The war for this world is a spiritual warfare, therefore you must fight it in spirit.

You seek to solve your problems in a physical way, but you must fight and win in spirit first. You must fight with spiritual weapons first, for they are mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. Mighty are they! And you have but to reach out your hand and receive. Receive the spiritual weapons, avail yourself of them, and the doubts and the struggles and the uncertainty will flee. (ML #3088)

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The Devil is attacking all of My children with doubts, and the formula for victory is the same for everyone: recognizing his attacks, knowing the seriousness of them, being desperate to be set free from them, and crying out to Me for deliverance, clinging to My Word for strength, knowing that in yourself you do not have the strength or power needed to overcome the Evil One. The formula for victory is the same for all those who are attacked with doubts.

The intensity of the battle, the length of the battle and how much you are weakened through the battle depends on your reaction to the attacks of the Enemy. For all of My

children are attacked at one time or another by the Enemy through doubts. I'm not talking about legitimate questions where you just don't understand and you need an explanation, you need to be taught, you're hungry to learn, and you're open and respectful and receptive to the Word and counsel and explanation. But I'm talking about doubts where the Enemy comes in to strike a deadly blow at the foundation of your faith.

With such attacks of doubt, the Enemy tries to get you to close yourself to counsel, to My living Word, and to the help and explanations of others. He tries to get you to resist asking for prayer, confessing your need, and showing yourself weak. He ministers to your pride with intellectual thoughts so that you resist the simplicity of My truth and you are no longer a little child before Me, no longer a little babe receiving truth at My hand. You become smart in yourself, great and mighty in your own eyes and full of your own answers, your own explanations, your own solutions. (ML #3089)

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(Starting off in whispers:) Psstt! Honey! Over here! Can you hear Me? Psstt! I'm trying to get your attention! Over here! I'm whispering! Shhh! You're talking too much! You're thinking too much! Can you hear My whispers? You have to be real still to hear the whispers.

Let's try playing the whisper game, okay? When all those negative thoughts come in, sometimes the only way to beat them is to play the whisper game. When all those other voices come in so loud, and when you begin to feel so bad and so sad, and that makes you feel like you don't like yourself, let's play the whisper game. Or when you feel upset at yourself for something you've done, or maybe you're upset at someone else, or maybe you feel they don't like you or something, let's play the whisper game!

I'll whisper something into your ear, and you can stop and see if you can hear it, and we can turn all those negative thoughts into positive ones or into prayers, okay? I'll be there whispering in your ear. Let's see if you can hear what I have to say, all right? This is how it works:

When you think you're ugly, stop for a moment to see what the whisper says, and I'll say something like this: "You're one of My beautiful flowers! To Me, each flower is unique and beautiful and special with its own particular fragrance and glory. You're My beautiful little flower."

If you start to think, "What am I doing here? I'm no good to anybody, I might as well quit!" Stop to see if you can hear what I'm saying to you: "Before you were born, I named you and created you with your own gifts, with a special plan and a special calling

for your life. I love you, My dear child. No one else can fill your place. Just follow Me and I will show you great and mighty things. I will lead you by My Own hand. You're My little pet! I have a special job for you and only you, reserved just for you and no one else! I need you, My little pet."

Or if you think your mom and dad don't love you, just listen to My whispers and they will tell you: "This is mom and dad and we do love you. We pray for you and we don't know what we'd ever do without you. You're so dear to us! We love you and we're trying to do our best to help you."

Or if there is someone in your group that bothers you, I could whisper a special prayer in your ear for that person, telling you how to pray for them, like this: "What she does really bothers me, Lord. But please help me to love her and be kind to her like You would. And if she's going through any trials, please help her. Maybe there's some way I can help. Maybe there's a verse I can give, or maybe I could ask if I could pray with her, or just give her a hug or a kiss."

Or if you're having a hard time getting through the day and nothing seems to be going right, and there doesn't seem to be anyone to talk to, you can ask Me about it and I'll whisper to you and show you what to do. I can share verses like, "If you know these things, happy are ye if you do them." "Great peace have they which love My law and nothing shall offend them."

So wouldn't that be fun to play the whisper game, to turn your unhappy thoughts into happy ones, and the negged-out thoughts into prayers? Okay?

Can you hear Me whispering to you now, calling your name? "I love you!" I love to whisper in your ear. And together we'll show that old Devil he can't get you down with his dirty old negative, stinky, icky whispers, okay? Just tune in to Me and let's see what you can hear, what whispers from beyond you can hear!

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What special quarters I have prepared in My Heavenly city for those who have given their lives unto Me fully and completely! What honor, unequalled and unparalleled, awaits them upon their arrival at the gates of Heaven!

If they could but see the look on My face--the look of love that comes over Me when I see their labors, their toil, their faithfulness--then all sorrow, all pain, all heartache, all questions, all confusion, all fears, all other desires would be wiped permanently from their minds and hearts.

For the treasures and rewards of the Kingdom of God go to those who have given of themselves for another--for a lost one, for a lonely one, for a sad child, for a friend in need, for an outcast, for the unlovely. The honors and medals go to those who stretch themselves to the limit and beyond--giving more than they are capable of giving, sharing more than they are able to share, loving with more love than they possess. I expand and multiply their love, and it touches, mends and heals the broken hearts which they reach out toward.

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(Dad:) This is the day of fighters! Rid me of the half-hearts, the namby-pamby, string-for-a-backbone lukewarmers! Give me hot or give me cold! The Lord has purged the ranks, and now the bugles are sounding in the Heavens. The bugles are sounding for those who have taken the stand, and they are beckoning--forward march! Many were called, but few have been chosen, because few made the choice to follow all the way. But you, my Gideon's band, I challenge you today! Are you with me? I challenge you to gird yourselves, to baptize yourselves constantly in prayer. Soak yourselves in the Word, quote it to the Devil and to yourself, and wage a militant warfare against the Enemy!

This is war, and you've got to go on the attack! Wage an offensive! Fight! Hit him hard! When the Devil hits you hard and heavy, that is the time to hit him back hard and heavy. Don't lie down and let him walk right over you--hit him back! There is a time to be calm and a time to be angry. And when the Devil is fighting hard to steal away your little lambs, when he is fighting hard to start fires of disunity and dissension and discord, when he is hitting hard with confusion and doubts, that is the time to hit him back! Get angry! Shout, curse and scream at him! Sock it to him with the Word! This is war! Sock it to him! (ML #3072)

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Do you want to know the road to the promised land? It's the road of humility, the humble road. March on the humble road. This thing [loving Jesus] will humble you. There will be those who mock and scorn, but they know not the love that I will bestow upon you and the love that I have for you, and the power that I will give you through the seeds that I will pour forth unto you as you love Me. So let them mock! Let them scoff and let them scorn!

I say unto you, you shall be strengthened with a new strength, and anointed with a new power! So come, take My hand, for we will walk in the spirit together, My Bride and I, My wife and I, My love and I. (ML #3029)

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You ask if being a shepherd means that someone has a "special link" with Me. Well, as I have told you through My Maria and the words she has poured forth unto you, I wish for each of you, My beloved children, to have a special link with Me--a direct link, straight to the Source, so that you can know and believe and be sure of what I would have you to do, and how I would have you to be. Yet unto those who are appointed as shepherds of their flocks I do give an anointing, a special portion of insight, wisdom and understanding of the needs of those who it is their responsibility to care for. But I only give this special shepherds' anointing to those who seek Me, setting aside their own thoughts, and their own set ideas and plans.

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If you give love to Me, and if you remain faithful in your obedience of preaching My Word, I will pour forth to you in great supply to fill your great needs--that your children will have what they need, and that your young people will have what they need, and that your older people will have what they need. For you are all My Bride and I will pour forth in great abundance. You shall no longer be the beggar woman, but you shall be the Queen! For you have bestowed great love unto your King, unto your Lover, unto your Husband.

Therefore, love Me and honor Me with the praise of your lips, and lay yourself down before Me inviting Me to come, and lo, I will fill you. I will fill you with inspiration. I will fill you with seeds. I will fill you with words. I will fill you with love. I will fill you with supply. I will fill you with renewed strength. (ML #3032)

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Have you not learned this lesson, that love does not come easily, that being a shepherd is not without its sacrifices, and that it costs? It is sometimes painful, it is hard work, and you must be willing to give of yourself, to your own hurt. There is no easy way out of shepherding. There is no easy way out of loving others and caring for them, especially the young ones, the ones who stray, the ones who are more lively, more

independent, who experiment on their own, who wander away from the flock, and require more time and more care.

You must leave what you are doing if you find that they have strayed. When you count your sheep and you find that one is missing, whether it is day or night, whether you are busy or not, whether it is sunshine or storm, you must leave your comfortable place and go out. Seek to find the trail, listen for the bleats, climb the rocky path, and risk your life. Sacrifice your sleep, your comfort, your schedule, your agenda, to free your little one from the thorns. Even at personal cost, personal injury, though your hands may be cut and bleeding while freeing the sheep from the brambles, you must be willing to do all this if you are a true shepherd, and if you have a shepherd's heart.

These lambs caught in the brambles are your children and teens. You must not look on the outward appearance of the difficulties involved in finding them and in helping them, or think, "That is what they deserve," or look on the abundance of your flock and think that one less would not matter. But I say, listen to the pitiful bleats and let these cries for help speak to your heart. Look on each lamb as I look on it, as the helpless little lamb caught in the brambles, and have pity as I have pity on it. For if I have mercy even on the older sheep who know better, who stray and get caught in the thorns, how much more these little ones and these young ones?

So please, see them as I see them, with eyes of love and tenderness, with unconditional love and mercy, knowing that they are just little sheep who need care and help and understanding. They need shepherds to tenderly care for them, for many of them would not have strayed had there been a shepherd constantly on watch. Then they would not have slipped away and gone unnoticed. All of you adults are shepherds and you are responsible. You are responsible to care, to love, to listen, to give to those younger than yourself. You are responsible to encourage, to sympathize and to be concerned for those younger than yourself.

So open your hearts and your eyes, and be sensitive to My Spirit, that you may see the need through My eyes when someone is carrying a heavy load or is troubled. Open your hearts and do not harden them, that I may place upon your hearts burdens and feelings for others, that you may feel what they are going through, that your heart may be drawn to them, to help them, to sympathize with them, and not to shut yourself off. Be open to Me, the great Shepherd, the tender Shepherd, the caring Shepherd, that I may be tender and caring and loving for these young ones through you.

I give many different gifts and callings, and when I measure out the tests and battles, I do so in perfect balance to the gifts, to the anointing, and to the training that I have given each one. Likewise, when it comes time to pour forth the blessings, I do so in accordance with the tests and the battles that each person has endured, fought and won, in proportion to their strength and their ability. For some it is easier to fight and overcome their weaknesses, their besetting sins, their doubts and fears; for others it is more difficult. But when it is more difficult, the taste of victory is that much sweeter, and the enjoyment of the fruits of victory is that much more pleasurable and delightful. So fight on! Fight on with faith, believing that I do fight with you, and that I measure each test and apportion each task and responsibility in perfect measure.

I direct and guide your steps. I design the paths of My children so that when they cross each other, when different ones of you are placed together, each fills a special part in My workings in the lives of those around you. I use the weaknesses of one to strengthen and sharpen another; and then I likewise turn around and use the mistakes of the one to teach and instruct and train the other. For you are all men and women of like passions and weakness and faults. Though I have blessed you with much wisdom and much love and much understanding of Me and My love, much understanding of what is right and what is truth, yet all struggle, all fall. But this is not a mistake; rather this is the way I have ordained it, that it might open your eyes and broaden your horizons, that you might be enriched with these experiences and that you might go on and go forward to learn from them.

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Your daughter whom you seek Me for is an unpolished jewel. I have gifted her and given her many talents, but she is resisting My Spirit and My love. In her youthful exuberance, in her independence and her rebellion from the ways of her elders, she is resisting Me and what I would give her in her life.

I will not continue to accept excuses from her that I don't speak to her, or that she doesn't have a relationship with Me, or she can't get in contact with Me. I have been speaking to her all of her life! I have been ministering to her spirit, to her heart, to her mind her entire life through love--loving parents, loving brothers and sisters, a loving Family, and Words of wisdom and knowledge. Words to change the world with! I have given her joy. I have given her fulfillment. I have given her talents--to dance, to sing, to learn many things, as well as inborn leadership qualities that I have instilled in her. Yet she resists Me.

If she will put away her childish ways and forsake her youth, then I will grant her the desires of her heart. But at this time she must begin using the gifts, the talents, and the love that I have given her, and that she knows is right. She must begin to use these things to help others and lead people to Me.

If she will not obey and apply these things and forsake her childish ways, I will put a block and a hedge in her way. I will not give to her unless she comes to Me with a pure and broken heart, a yielded spirit, a submissive mind. Only then will I open the doors of Heaven and pour out this blessing.

Give these Words to your daughter, for they will speak to her heart, and she will know that it is I that am speaking to her. She will begin to realize that I have been speaking to her all the days of her life. I have given her a Godly heritage, a wonderful Family, gifts straight from Heaven, and in her heart, she knows this. So give her My Words and My love. I love her dearly, and I have called her.

If she will choose Me, I will use her and I will bless her.

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Satan is trying to hinder you. He has many of you in the wilderness right now--entrapped in the wilderness of your mind. For what is a wilderness but a vast land that is set aside where the earth grows wild? Therefore let not the doubts of Satan grow wild in your minds. Fall not for this trap! Let not your thoughts run wild and grow into poisonous doubts that will devour and destroy you.

Don't accept his doubts! Satan attempts to release the wild beasts of doubts upon the wilderness of your mind--to run wild, to tempt you, that they would devour and destroy. He fights hard to tangle you up in the wilderness of doubts, hitting you from every side.

But fear not! You have but to call his bluff and they will vanish! As I called out to My Father, you must call out to Me in total desperation for a deliverance, and I will come to your aid. If you will but open your hearts and your minds and your spirits to Me, simply by asking, by putting forth the effort of a believing will, I will send angels to minister to you! (ML #3088)

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It is not enough for the Devil to just speak to your mind with doubts about My Word, but he must also work in your spirit if these doubts are to take hold in your mind and heart. He works in your spirit to cause you to become proud, resistant, unyielded, strong in your own mind and your own flesh, independent, worldly, unyielded, and stubborn. It is through this hardening of your heart and spirit that doubts are able to take hold in your mind without your realizing that you are yielding to the voice of the Enemy.

So it is not enough to just rebuke the voice of the Enemy and his doubts, but you must also seek to stay yielded and soft and malleable in My hands by constantly confessing your need for Me and for others, by staying deeply immersed in My Word, and by feeding deeply from the cool waters of My living Word that I speak to you personally through My still small voice in your heart, and through the channels which I have provided for you. (ML #3089)

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Let Me help you sort out the chaff from the wheat in your heart and mind, and then let Me help you even use the chaff to pave the pathway for those who will follow you, those you will work with, those you will care for and shepherd--even your own children, the little ones that I have given you. For as you set down the chaff--the hurts and grudges, the mix-ups and misunderstandings and misjudgments--as you let it go from your arms and lay it out on the ground before you, it helps prepare the way for those who will come after you.

You have tasted the bitterness of the chaff, and know that eating it does not bring nourishment, health or pleasure. So you can learn and help others learn to set it down, to put it under your feet and walk upon it. Each experience that you have is an opportunity for learning, and the difficult experiences, the chaff, give you more material with which to pave the way for those that you will later instruct and guide.

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(Holy Spirit:) If you love Me, you love the Father and the Son. And if you love the Son, you love Me and the Father. But the only way to truly love Us is through the Son, for He purchased your salvation through His blood and through His sacrifice and through His love. To truly love Us and to truly know Us, you must come through that Door, for He is the manifestation of Our love. He is the face of Our love. He is the embodiment of Our love. And because He has purchased your salvation, you are His, His Bride.

You can love Me, and you can love the Father, but you are the Bride of Christ, Our Son. As you love and desire Him, so you receive of Us. Because He is married to you, so We are married to you, for We are One. But We call you unto Us through Him, for He is the Door, He is the Husband, He is the Shepherd, and He is the Lamb that was sacrificed for you. (ML #3029)

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To you who are married one to another, if you will but follow the example of love of your king and queen and the way that they love Me together--the way that they sing unto Me and praise Me and worship Me, the way that they make love to Me, the way they put Me first and seek My face together and seek to hear My voice and seek to praise Me, and the way they seek to lift one another up in praise unto Me, and the way they pray for one another--you will have a new marriage and a new strengthening and a new spirit of love. The fires that have dwindled can be rekindled as you worship Me together, as you seek Me for a renewal.

But to do this thing, you must lay aside the old--the old weights, the old ways--and you must become renewed in your relationship with Me. And as you together renew your relationship with Me, so will I renew your relationship. You must humble yourself and lay aside the ruts and the familiarity. You must humble yourselves before one another and look not with scorn upon one another when you seek Me together, and when you love Me together.

You both must make a commitment to change your ways and to seek Me together, and truly become one with Me together. I will bless this, and I will renew you and I will strengthen you. I will return to you the love that you once had--that fresh new love--for you will be focusing on Me, your eyes turned to Me. And, yea, I am Love.

As you pour forth your love to Me, so shall I pour forth My love to you, and so shall My love renew you and rekindle your love for one another. You shall see new things about each other, things that you knew not. As you deepen your love for Me together, so shall I deepen your love together. (ML #3032)

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My tender lover, how it touches My heart when you stop for a moment to acknowledge Me, to ask for My counsel, for My help, for My instruction and guidance. How I delight to give these good things unto you.

You have much understanding, much wisdom, much inspiration and much insight. I have given these things to you as good gifts of My Spirit. But you have need of more. You have need of Me, of My touches, of My loving, of the blessing of My Spirit upon all that you put your hands to. You have need of the spark of inspiration and the anointing which comes from Me, and from Me alone.

I do not wish for you to struggle in your own strength, in your own energies so much. I wish to make your load light and your burden weightless. I wish to give you joy, tenderness, comfort and the very desires of your heart. But you must yield to Me, that I may give you what I wish to give you. You must surrender your will, that I may place within your heart the desires that are good for you, that are of My Spirit, that are of My choosing. Then can I fulfill and satisfy your longings, yea, even your very desires.

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These are My Words and My exhortation to you, My young one. Put your hand in Mine and follow closely the things I have been teaching you your entire life. Say no more, "I am a child." Say no more, "The Lord doesn't speak to me." For this day I speak very strongly to your heart, and I'm asking you to walk with Me, to walk in My ways, to hold up the standard of My Word, to live the things that you've been taught, to live the way that you've seen your elders live.

Seek no longer to be independent and rebellious. Seek no more the vain show of this world. For the beauty that I have given you outwardly is nothing without inward beauty, the real beauty which you are withholding and covering up. Combine the beauty of My Spirit with the beauty that I have given you outwardly, and I will make you a Godly woman, a healer of wounds, a strength to the weak, a lover to the lonely, one with answers for those who are seeking, and a sample of My mercy and forgiveness. Then you will find great joy and happiness, for this is the calling that I have given you. But until then, nothing will satisfy you.

Yield to Me, My young one, for I love you and I'm calling out to you. Be My bride. Be My yielded, submissive lover. Let Me pour My Spirit, My love, My seeds over you, and make you into the beautiful flower in My wonderful garden that I have created you to be.

Fear no more the opinions of men, and look no more for the praises of man. Look no more for people to minister to your flesh. Now it is time for you to minister of the things that have been given to you. Do this, and you will live happily in My Kingdom, and I will bless your heart and all that you put your hand to. Come to Me, My child.

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Satan fights you in the wilderness of your mind. He fights fast and hard and strong. He's trying to defeat you before you begin. But you are yet at the threshold, for this is the dawning of the greatest part of your ministry. The battle is now long and hard and hot as you stand at the threshold, ready to usher in My Kingdom on Earth!

You must not despair. Stand strong and fight on! Think not that because you are passing through these tests in the wilderness, you should give up. But call unto Me.

This is but the day of preparation, for the end is at hand. You are at the threshold of My Kingdom Come! And as I, too, had to pass through the wilderness in preparation for My ministry of saving you, so many of you must pass through this wilderness, for it is your preparation.

You must fight, My children! Call out to Me, and I will answer. Call out to Me for deliverance, and My hand will save you. Just as calling on My Father was My only salvation, so calling on Me will be yours. And as you take this first crucial step and cry out for deliverance, I will answer. (ML #3088)

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My precious one, you fight and labor and give and expend your energy and your life on the battlefield, and for this I do thank you. But come in now, come in, for I wish to love you and to hold you in My arms. I wish to comfort you and to lift the burdens which you bear.

You must be willing to have Me place My arms about you; you must be willing to raise your hands in total and complete surrender to Me. Then you must allow Me to reach My hands inside your heart and remove that which I would, and replace it with that which I would. You must be willing to endure the working of My hands upon your life.

But fear not, for I am gentle, I am tender, I am compassionate. That which I bruise, My hands make whole again. That which I break, My hands will mend again. That which I tear down, My hands will build up anew. So you have no need for fear, worry or apprehension, for I do all things in love.

Will you yield yourself to Me, and will you come when I call? Will you love Me and give yourself to Me, that I may do this work in your life?--That I may make you a

more useful vessel unto Myself; that I may make you into a conduit of My love, of My tenderness, of My giving, of My Own sacrificial spirit?

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Behold My young ones. How My heart goes out to them! How My heart breaks for them, these children who have been raised in My fold. There are many who are buffeted about, who the Enemy has lied to, to tempt. That indeed is a tumultuous age, and these are things that they must go through to bring them into adulthood. There is no easy way out, no easy solution, no complete relief from the battles and the testings and the trials.

But you must help them through it. You must help them to hold on. You must help them to not give up, for there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and I will pull them through. I will carry them, and these things shall pass, and they shall grow into adulthood and become what I wish for them to be.

The Enemy blinds their eyes, and I allow this at times as a test, to see if they will follow Me by faith. They have need of their faith being strengthened, that they may be strong during the days to come, when they will bear greater responsibilities as adults, with families and children to care for. They must have their faith strengthened now, and that is why I allow some of these things. But you must help them and encourage them. Show them that it is but for a time, and that all things work together for good--that if they will but hold on, they will come through on the other side.

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Those who stay yielded and soft before Me are better able to resist the doubts of the Enemy because they are already practiced at calling out to Me, at showing themselves weak, at keeping their hearts clean through confessing. They are already practiced at going to My Word for strength and answers, and baring their souls before Me and others in desperation and humility. Therefore those who stay soft and close and humble are better prepared to fight the Enemy's doubts. Though they look weak in themselves and their own minds, yet they have greater strength in Me and in the power of My Word.

But those who are accustomed to leaning on the arm of the flesh, their own strength and their own ways; those who are independent and stubborn, who are not used to working in teamwork and showing themselves weak and in need of others; those who have not formed the good habit of going to My Word daily, lose their sensitivity to My Spirit and My voice. They do not hear My whispers nor the checks that I would give

them to lead and guide them and protect them. So when they are attacked by the doubts of the Enemy, they are not able to recognize his evil wiles.

They are not able to discern so easily that it is a trick and stumblingblock of the Enemy. Therefore they accept his thoughts and they consider them and look at them from all sides. They weigh them in the balance of their carnal mind, seeking for value. They toy with them until these doubts become part of them--part of their way of thinking and looking at things. The doubts look valid and feasible, and because they are not measured against the yardstick of My Word, the doubts can even take on a false value, to where they begin to look like light instead of darkness. They begin to look like goodness instead of evil. They begin to look like the path to progress instead of destruction. (ML #3089)

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My dear, sweet, precious one--oh, how I love you! You have been found worthy to be called a mother, therefore I have chosen you and I have ordained the child. I have ordained the conception and I have ordained the birth. This whole creation is My will. Therefore rejoice in that you have been found faithful to be called a mother. That little babe in your arms is a token of My love for you. As the babe loves and cherishes his mother with unquestioning, unwavering total love, so do I love you!

Therefore, fear not for the future, for the future is in My hands, and so are you! Remember that My eye is on the sparrow and not one of them falls to the ground except I know it. You are worth more than many sparrows and My eye is on you. I'm watching you and I'm caring for you.

Will I not care for My Own? You and your baby are Mine and I will care for you. I will supply all that you need, and even above and beyond your needs. But you must trust Me and have faith and cast not away your confidence, for it has great recompense of reward, that after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. Therefore, rest your future in My hands, for I know your needs even before you ask. I will not give you a stone when you ask for bread, for I love you and care for you.

Draw nigh to Me and stay close to My bosom, and you will discover ecstasies that you didn't know existed. Be not fearful but believing. Do not let any bitterness or fears of being hurt hinder you from loving and giving to others, for it is in giving that we receive, and it is in the losing of ourselves that we find.

Therefore love as if everything depended on love, because it does. If you will do this, I will greatly reward you, for I have a surprise in store for you. The time is not yet, but it won't be long! The day will come when you will look back on your tests and trials

and tribulations and will know why I have allowed them. You will see My hand in it and will know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I have planned it for a purpose. Therefore have faith and believe, for all things are possible to him that believes.

My love for you is great, and I will be by your side always, even unto the end of the world!

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(Liz Grey:) It often seems so tragic on Earth that some die of afflictions, especially Christians, whose God is supposed to heal them. Some question, "Why does God not miraculously heal those who are ill? Wouldn't it be a greater testimony that God is alive and that He is real and that He loves us, if He would heal miraculously?" Yes, sometimes, but not always. For whether we die or we live, we are the Lord's to do with however He wishes.

Sometimes our deaths can be an even greater witness than our lives, because we can die like we lived--trusting! Sometimes our deaths can be a greater testimony of His powers other than healing, such as His grace. Because to be "more than conquerors" and die victoriously takes even greater faith, which shows it's a miracle. When the Christians in the arena died singing and praising, their deaths were a greater testimony, witness and proof of His power than their lives, because it showed that those Christians had something that other people didn't, and which they wanted!

So those of you who have cancer or other terminal afflictions, when the Lord brings you Home, you will be a martyr for the cause and will receive a martyr's reward!--Just like the Christians in the arena, who were sacrificed on His altar for His glory. As they were tested, the Lord's Spirit came down to give them great grace, dying grace, so that they were able to sing in the face of the lions without fear and without torment! Just as they were able to praise while being burned at the stake, this same anointing will fall on you as you face the lions of disease. You'll be able to praise and sing and have the same anointing, so your face may reflect the Lord's peace, though your body may be burned with disease.

This victory over death, being more than a conqueror, will inspire the faith of those around you as you go before them, and as they see the Lord's hand upon you. It will give them courage and faith when their time of trouble comes, for they will remember the great peace and calm the Lord gave you. And those of us who go on before go to prepare a place, that where we are, you may be also.

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In absorbing the words of man there is a channel that is opened to the voice of the Evil One.

How do you close the channel of the Evil One?--You raise up the standard of My Word! This one must abide in My Word, must believe in My Word, must absorb My Word, to close the channel and stop the voice of the Destroyer.

My Words lift. My Words strengthen. My Words are the foundation. Only by absorbing My Words can you absorb the words of man without opening this channel to the voice of the Destroyer of your soul. So abide in My Words. Believe in My Words. Do My Word. Live My Word. (ML #3090)

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(Dad:) Did you think that I was going to go and everything was going to ho-hum along? Why would you think that? He's the same God. He's still alive! He's still moving whether I am there or not, because this work wasn't built on man. It wasn't built on me. It was God's Spirit! It was Jesus! It was Him speaking, and I was just the messenger, the newspaper boy, the ticker tape machine, the channel. That's what I've always told you and that's exactly how it was. And folks, that's exactly how it is. (ML #3029)

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Such need I have for you to be yielded clay in My hands. Such a great need do I have for you to be willing to be used in whatever capacity and in whatever manner I would choose to use you in. At first this seems to require such a great amount of forsaking, such a great amount of sacrifice on your part; but I promise you, as you give, I will more than repay. I will repay beyond even your wildest dreams.

I will give you love. I will give you care. I will give you compassion. I will give you tenderness. I will give you the joys of My Spirit. I will give you the contentment that your heart searches hard after. I will give you the stability and the steadfastness that you long for. All these things I hold in My hand, stretched out toward you, for the taking. All I ask for in exchange is your heart--every part, every crevice, every piece.

Is it worth the exchange? It seems so costly, but no price could be paid for what I offer you, and the giving of your heart and life to Me--even your secret desires and

longings--is but a token payment. For I will give you all that you could hope for. I will give you your very life and happiness. I am life. I am happiness. I am all things.

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I have put you who are married together, but through familiarity and through day-to-day living, you have set aside that deep communion with each other and that deep communion with Me. I say unto you, renew the communion with Me together, and set aside the old ways and preconceived ideas. Set aside all that you think about one another, and instead focus on Me together. Love Me together. Praise Me together. Sing unto Me together. Worship Me together. Adore Me together. Seek My face together. Cry out to Me together. Make love to Me together. And I will fill you together, and I will be one with you together, and we shall be a three-fold cord together. (ML #3032)

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I have used each of your children as a part of My plan. I have used them in your life and in the lives of others. As you have seen, they have brought many to Me. So be not discouraged or dismayed, for this is only the beginning of the great things that I have in store! As you have pledged your loyalty and have vowed to be faithful in all your house, diligent in all that I have given into your hand, even so will I be able to use you greatly.

As your Father David said, "What is that in thine hand?" even so do I speak to you now. For I have done that which is part of My perfect plan and I have worked in your life. As you continue to follow Me step by step, My plan will unfold, and you will see the beauties and the wonders that I will do through you and your precious little ones.

Fear not for the opinions of men. Fear not for your supply. Fear not for your health. Fear not for your well-being. For as you look to Me and hear My voice and follow it, so do I keep you within the center of My will, the center of My protection, and I will continue to protect and to provide and to work My plan, which is wonderful and marvelous! It is not only for now, for this little moment in time, but it will have beautiful fruits and lasting effects throughout all eternity, because of your love and obedience to follow Me and to not despise that which I have given into your hand.

Thank you for your faithfulness to My children. Thank you for your love for Me. For you love Me not only in words, but you love Me through the love that you pour out on My children. You love Me every day by loving them. You love Me in teaching them to

love My Word. You love Me in teaching them to love others. You love Me through your instruction, your guidance, your gentle loving care for them.

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My little sheep, you who feel lost--you feel like you are wandering along the mountainside, not knowing if you will make it to the top. You wonder if you are going the right way or if there is a better way. You wonder what the purpose is in climbing over all these rocks and through these thorn bushes, and having to cross these streams as you climb up the mountain. You've seen many others who decided to leave, who decided to go back down the mountain because it was just too much trouble.

Sometimes you can't see exactly what you're climbing it for, when it's so painful and rough, and your skin is pricked by the thorns, your feet are hurt from the rocks and you are cold from passing through the streams. But once you get to the top of the mountain and you see the view, you'll know it has been worth it! You'll see the purpose of having to go through all the rough times and past the obstacles and difficulties, because without them you wouldn't be able to appreciate the victory and the reward and the glory of reaching the summit.

You don't have to wait until you get to Heaven to enjoy the view, because there will be many mountains that you will climb in your life for Me. There will be many times when all you see for a while will be the difficulties and the aches and pains and hardships. But then you can enjoy the reward as you reach the top of the mountain, as you gain each victory in your life for Me. Then you move on to another mountain.

Each time you gain the victory and reach the top of one of the mountains, you'll know it was worth it. And of course, when you reach the top of the biggest and last mountain, when you leave this life and go on to the next, then you'll have a complete understanding of My plan in these things.

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I give unto you the one master key that will unlock the doors, that will open the passageways to overcoming, to power, to victory, to life, to warmth, to fruitfulness, to fire, to success, to everything! I give you the master key of My Word.

I have duplicated the key so that you all may have one. You have but to call in your order. Call unto Me in desperation and ask for deliverance. Then grab hold of your master key. Call unto Me and receive. Fill up on My Word, and you will be able to wield the

power that I put in your hand. The Word is the power, the energy, the life! The Word is your salvation from the doubts of Satan.

While there on the mount, I called out to My Father, and He filled Me with His Word, and Satan did flee. As I began to quote the Word, I was strengthened for the battles ahead. It was My only salvation. As I received the Word, lived in the Word and quoted the Word, I was able to keep My victory.

The victory that overcame the world was My faith in the Word. I overcame even the death of the cross and I am risen. You, too, can overcome the valley of despair by receiving this power. (ML #3088)

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All My children are attacked by doubts, by the vicious attacks of the Enemy on the foundation of their faith, but the effect of these attacks varies with the individual. Those who have stayed close to Me through consistent study of My Word, yieldedness, confession of sin, and the desperation to follow closely no matter what the cost, those who possess a yieldedness of will, who are willing to go anywhere and do anything and be anybody for My cause, whether great or small, leader or follower, these are they who are well prepared and well fit for the battle with the Enemy's doubts.

Their yieldedness, humility and desperation make them fit for the battle. They are well able to hear My voice and recognize the difference between truth and lies, and they are able to resist the Enemy and raise a standard against him. (ML #3089)

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My dear faithful shepherds of My precious young children, thank you for your love for them. Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for laying down your lives. Although you may not see the reward of your labors now and you may not receive much gratification or gratitude, as you continue to pour into them and love them and be desperate about each one, your labors will be rewarded. For although many do not see the time and effort you invest, I see, and I will reward you.

At times you feel incapable and unworthy; nevertheless, I have chosen you, and I ordain you and give you the anointing to fulfill My will. I like it when you are incapable, because you look to Me and are desperate with Me about the needs of each child. For each one is unique and requires special prayer and special attention, an individual

unconditional love. Thank you for supplying this need in their lives, for they see and feel My love through you.

When you get impatient with them and when you think they are not progressing as rapidly as you would like, know that they are in My hands. They are My children, and I care for My Own. You do what you can, and I will do what you can't in making their hearts moldable, flexible and malleable.

Thank you, My dear shepherds, My precious pastors, My loving samples. Thank you for making their lives fulfilling, exciting and challenging. I love you!

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Even though you stay by Me and you feed on My Words, you'll still go through some storms and there will still be difficulties. Staying near Me and staying in My Word won't take those away, but it will bring you through them! My Words are like a magical instrument that can be used in so many ways. When you're stuck in a storm, they'll be a cover and a shelter. When you're cold, they'll be a blanket. When you're hungry, they'll feed you. When you're tired, they'll help you rest. When you're weak, they'll strengthen you. When it's foggy, they'll shine a light on your path and help you be able to see where you're going.

As you're going up the mountain, don't just keep looking down and around you at the ground and the rocks under you, but stop as often as you can and look up! Look up to the beautiful blue sky and to the mountain peaks that you are climbing toward, and that will encourage you and refresh you and give you the stamina to keep going a little longer.

You'll hardly notice the muddy paths because you'll be looking up! You'll be looking in My face and you'll be looking up at the beautiful blue sky. You'll be looking forward, and when you have that vision, these little nagging problems won't get you down. That's a promise!

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I reach out My hand and I bless the hearts that have given their all to Me. Through these words of love and encouragement, I send forth happiness to fill them. I pour out upon them My love that will carry them through. For they have walked in My light, they have lived in My love, and they have received with joy and with thankful hearts the gifts that I have bestowed upon them--their beloved children.

They have given of themselves--their time, their effort, their energy, their inspiration, their prayers, their faith, their love--that these little ones might have all that they need. For their desire is to give to them, to pour forth, to protect, to care for, to be good and loving guardians of My children. For these are indeed My children, and they are special to Me; they are precious in My sight.

What a blessing and what a reward these loving caretakers of My little ones will receive in Heaven! Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the hearts of men, the great blessings and priceless treasures that await those who lovingly and diligently care for My young ones! For I see the sacrifice, the tears, and the toil. I see the times when you feel you are spent, with nothing left to give. You wonder how you will be able to keep going, how you can carry on, how you can make forward progress when you feel that you are barely keeping your head above water in just caring for your little ones.

But remember this: These little jewels, these shining gems, these precious stones that I have given you, are they whom I wish for you to care for, and I do not require of you more than you are able. I do not require of you the things that you think you must accomplish. For many rewards and blessings are being laid up for you through the care and the love which you pour forth daily to your children.

Therefore rest in My arms, rest in My grace, and believe that your labors of love and care for your little ones and the way in which you give your lives and your hearts to Me is all that I require of you; this is sufficient. For you have given your lives and your hearts to Me, and you have also laid down your lives for your young ones in caring for them.

I am well pleased in you, for you have manifested your great love for Me in your complete and total abandonment of your own will and your own desires by giving yourself to Me through your little ones. Many blessings will fall down upon you, and in Heaven you will marvel and be astonished at what a great dividend your investment has reaped!

Therefore continue to tend your garden diligently, for you are as trees, planted by the rivers of water, nourished and strengthened by the water of My Word. You have brought forth fruit in My season, and your fruit will not wither, it will not fall by the way, and whatsoever you do will prosper.

You must watch the garden of your heart and mind diligently and faithfully. For anything that is not yielded to Me becomes a potential opening for the influences, thoughts and evil seeds of the Devil.

When you are bitter, I cannot offer you full protection. When you are bitter, you cannot fully raise a standard against the Enemy and his attacks. When you are bitter, you become hardened to My voice and to the checks of My Spirit, because bitterness is the result of pride and unyieldedness and lack of forgiveness.

The longer you entertain bitterness, the more influence it has over your heart and mind and spirit. Those who are bitter are those who have not heard and received and acted upon My still, small voice when I said to them, "Forgive! Forgive and forget." Those who are bitter often do not want to forgive and forget, because they feel that they are right and they have been wronged, and therefore they deserve to make a case for their bitterness and to see those who have hurt them suffer. They desire to see those who have hurt them punished.

Bitterness equals pride. Bitterness equals unyieldedness. Bitterness equals lack of forgiveness. Bitterness is a sin. It is wrong, and it can separate you from Me and My blessing and My protection. Those who entertain bitterness cut themselves off from the flow of My Spirit. (ML #3090)

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You think that what you're doing is small and insignificant and you wonder if you are really making much of a difference. Well, you are! All those little sheep that stay by Me, that make it to the top and over one mountain and then the next, will bring light and life to many. Though you feel like such a small part, every small part counts, and without each individual member striving to stay close to Me, living My Law of Love and following My Word, there wouldn't be a Family. So you certainly count, and what you do and the decisions you make really count!

You're so special to Me. I made you just the way you are and planned every detail of your life and your personality. I made you to fulfill the role that I have just for you. There is no other you, and no one else that I will use in exactly the same way to reach the same people that I want you to reach with My love, both those in the Family and those in the world.

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Faith believes the impossible! Faith believes even the non-understandable, and without faith it is impossible to please Me. But how well pleased I am with those who have faith and who trust implicitly in the things that I do through My queen.

In the early days there were those who said, "How can this one be queen? What is she? She is nothing. Look at her background--she is churchy and we are a revolution!" But now they say, "Oh, I see the wisdom of God." For man sees not as God sees, and My ways are so much higher. But they will come to understand if they will but trust, if they will just accept, if they will yield, and if they will have faith.

For there are many things ahead, many great places I wish to take you, but only those who are trusting and full of faith and willing to believe anything that I give can go. For this is a new faith trip and we are marching forth in faith; we must go, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, and My children must be steadfast and immovable in their faith for the days ahead. (ML #3029)

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For you who are thinking about becoming one with another, set your affection on things above together, even before you are married. Come to Me together. Set that foundation, for no other foundation can be laid than that which is laid on Me. If you build on any other foundation, the marriage will crumble, for I will not bless it.

In the days of your courtship and in the days of your wooing, woo with My Spirit. Together woo with My Spirit, and together woo My Spirit. Humble yourselves before one another. Come to Me in love together. For I put that love in your hearts to begin with, that you may become a union.

For that love to remain, you must focus on Me, for I am the supply of oil that keeps the warmth of the fire burning, and you must tap into My source together, lest the fire die. If you do not begin in this manner, loving Me together, praising Me together, making love to Me together, and focusing your love and affection and attention upon Me together, the love will grow cold and you will be building on a foundation that is not sure.

You must learn to look at these relationships with one another in a new way; no longer in the carnal way, no longer in the selfish way, no longer in the immature and gossipy way. But you must look at these relationships as an amplification of the relationship that I wish for you to have with Me. (ML #3032)

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The mysteries of the spirit world are wonderful and great, greater than you can completely understand or fully comprehend. I know it is difficult for you to understand or see the full picture of the workings of the Spirit. I have given you many glimpses, a lot of insight and more information on the working of the spirit world than any other people. The children of David have been richly blessed with spiritual understanding, spiritual insight and the realities of the spirit world. Although I have given you much, there is much that remains to be seen and to be learned.

You do not understand it all now, and you do not know why some things happen the way they do, why I speak sometimes and why your Father David speaks sometimes and why, at other times, other spirit beings speak. You have seen that there are many who can speak to you from Beyond. Not only do you hear My voice and that of your Father David, but you hear that of other spirit beings, departed saints and departed people. The wonders and the dynamics of the spirit world are indeed impressive!

But don't try to figure it out too much, and don't try to analyze it too much; just open up and receive. Don't worry about what you receive, how you receive it and when you receive it. Just stay open to the messages which will be sent to you. Some are delegated to your Father David and some will be delegated to others, for the ears of the children of David are always opened to the spirit. Some will receive from other spirit helpers and spirit beings. There is much more in store. So continue to receive and be open, and trust Me to arrange the messages to be sent to you in the way that I know is best.

You can ask Me to speak at any time you want. You can bring your questions and petitions before Me and ask Me to speak, and then just trust. Sometimes I will speak, sometimes your Father David may speak. But don't worry if you feel the answer you receive is not complete and that you need more information, for you can come back to Me again and again to get a full picture. You will be given the messages and the counsel that is needed.

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As I walked the shores of Galilee, as I healed the sick and tended to the ragged wounds of the lost and the weary, as I loved the woman at the well, as I healed the daughter of Jairus, as I cast out devils, as I raised Lazarus from the dead and brought down miracles and signs and wonders from on high, each time, each of these victories was won through the Word. It was the Word that I quoted. It was the Word that gave Me the power. It was the Word that kept Me free from doubts. It was the Word that inoculated Me against the lies of Satan. Staying pumped up with My Father's Word gave Me power to win the victory each and every time.

I was always able to win the victory, because I wielded My secret weapon. I wielded the Word. I quoted the Word. I banked on the Word. I fought back with the Word, and I overcame the world through the Word. It was through My faith in the Word.

I grew through the Word. As I listened, as I received, and as I gave it out, I grew in faith. Faith to turn the water into wine grew into greater faith to bring down greater miracles, as I continued on.

It was My living and quoting and staying filled up on the Word that made the difference. The Word was My victory. It was My only hope, and it never failed to see Me through--just as it is your only hope. It will be your victory, and it will never fail to see you through. So live in it, swim in it, claim it, and revel in it. (ML #3088)

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My dear child, My beloved daughter, your request has not only reached Queen Maria and King Peter's ears, but it has reached to the very halls of Heaven! I, the One Who formed the ear, do indeed hear the cries of My children. Rest assured, dear one, that the wheels of My will for you are even now in motion. You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever you ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you. But you must have patience and wait for the doors to open. Then after you have done the will of God, you will receive the promise.

Please know that I love you and I care for you, and My desire for you is happiness and complete fulfillment in Me.--That you will find joy unspeakable as you delight yourself in Me.

And these precious souls, your brothers and sisters--love them while you are with them, for the time will come when I will call you to go on. These little ones are My future, therefore pour into them and be an example to them, for they look to you and follow your sample.

I have much in store for you. So hold on! And when you feel that you can't go on, you can't keep going, just cling to Me and My Word, and I will supply the strength and the faith and the patience to endure. I see your sacrifices, I see your tears, and I will reward you for all your labors of love. Therefore, take courage and keep on believing, for the answer is on its way.

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No one is exempt from or immune to the attacks of the Evil One, for it is given unto each of My children to be tried and tested, and it is given unto the Enemy to be the tester. The intensity and consequences of these attacks vary from individual to individual, and there are many factors that come into play.

Those who are well prepared for the battle, because they have remained yielded, soft, malleable and desperate, are in a much better position to raise a standard against attacks of doubts, for they can more easily recognize the voice of doubt and the voice of the Enemy. They give no place to the Evil One, but they resist him right from the beginning. Therefore the Devil is not able to gain a stronghold in their heart and mind. He is not able to influence the habits of their thoughts and their reactions, their way of looking at things and the conclusions they draw.

Because they are able to recognize these outside attacks, they can rebuke and resist them from the beginning, and the victory comes much more easily and quickly. Still, they must recognize the attacks of the Evil One, be desperate for the victory, call out to Me for deliverance, and look to My Word for strength. But that victory and deliverance comes much more easily because they have strength of spirit and faith to raise a standard against the Enemy.

But those who have followed at a distance, those who have allowed their faith to weaken through sin and disobedience, those who have ongoing problems with independence, lack of receiving counsel, being analytical and desiring the ways of the world, will not so easily be able to recognize the lies of the Evil One nor his words and thoughts and doubts. (ML #3089)

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Even though you are not in a position of leadership, that does not mean that you are not an influence on others. For there are many that look to you for prayer and for counsel--not only the lost to whom you witness, but also your brothers and sisters with whom you live. With great callings come greater responsibilities, and I ask you to be a sample of prayerfulness, a sample of yieldedness, a sample of simple, childlike faith, a sample of simplicity, a sample of one who is madly in love with Me, and who comes at My slightest bidding.

Let Me come into you and use your eyes to see the needs of others, whether great or small. Let Me use your ears to hear the heartcries of the lost, and let Me use your tongue to pour forth My words of love and of compassion, of prayer and of encouragement to a brother or sister who is cast down. Let Me use your mind that I may

implant only My thoughts therein--thoughts of love and of kindness. Let Me take your heart in My hands and let it break for the multitudes of people who have not yet heard of My love. Yes, let Me break your heart, that I may afterwards pick up all the pieces and put it back together again as a softer, more useful vessel that My love can pour through.

Let Me come into you and use your hands and your feet to dry the tears of those who are crying, to give a pat on the back to those who are discouraged, to be a helping hand to someone who is falling by the way. Let Me come into you and use your body as a vessel of My love to someone who needs it. You do not have to go out looking for ways that you can be a sample of My love; all you must do is be willing, heeding My gentle whispers, and I will put these situations in your path. They may seem small and insignificant, but they are great in My sight. It is a high calling to be a vessel of My love.

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There is no escape from My Heavenly Hound! For all that the Father has given Me are Mine since the beginning, from the foundation of the world. I have marked them, I have branded them, and there is no escape. My children of the children of David are fastened to Me with strong cords, strong ties that cannot be broken. I am married even to the backslider.

How I love these, even in their turning away, for these are My chosen, My called-out ones. As I have a special place in My heart for those who stay faithful, loyal and true, My good children who are submissive to My will, so do I hold a tender spot in My heart for those whose pinions are broken. For they are the children of My beloved, who have been brought up in My nurture and My admonition, and in My Words through David.

These are they whom I have wept over and poured into. These are they who have received My heritage, and yet they see not its value at this moment. These are they whose eyes have been clouded; who do not strive to walk on with the eyes of faith, but who have become weak and weary and go off seeking a new thing. These are they who have sought after frolicking and fun in the tents of wickedness, who go awhoring after other gods. These are they who wallow in the mire and in swine pits. And yet I love them, for they are My Own.

Fear not for them, but pray. For they are tied to Me with strong cords that cannot be broken. Know that as you uphold them in desperate prayer, sooner or later, according to My plan, each will be awakened. For My cords are stronger than the muck and the mire that seeks to pull them down. As you pray, you break the chains that would hold

them down. As you call out to Me with strong prayers and intercession for these, My cords will continue to grow stronger.

Therefore you must not be weary in prayer, but only believe. Believe and intercede, for these, your children, for these, your brothers and sisters. For these are they that are buffeted about by the winds of confusion. Satan seeks them, that he may sift them as wheat. Therefore pray and pray and continue to pray.

Let not your hearts be discouraged, but turn every thought of them away from thoughts of discouragement, away from thoughts of mourning over a child, or a friend who has been lost. Rather turn these thoughts into earnest, fervent prayers that will reclaim the hearts and the minds of these, My children. Know that they feel your prayers in the secret places, in the terror by night that they pass through, in the early morning hours, and in the middle of the struggles of their days. They feel your prayers, and your prayers will accomplish My purpose.

As you pray, I cause these children to think back, to recall their days of Heaven in the peaceful haven of the tents of David. They recall and they reflect as did the prodigal, and they wonder and ponder, and long for the days of restful peace once again. But they are weary and worn, and they do not see how they can return to the place of peace. Therefore you must uphold them in prayer.

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Bitterness is like a slow poison that weakens and kills slowly but surely, day by day. Those who are bitter are not just bitter against those who have wronged them, but they are also bitter against Me, because I allowed it to happen. They feel that I failed, that I was unjust, that I turned My back on them when I allowed something so horrible, so unfair to befall them when they were so undeserving of such treatment. Bitterness not only builds a wall between the person who is bitter and the person they feel has wronged them, but it also builds a wall between the bitter person and Me.

Bitterness is the result of lack of faith, lack of trust, thinking you know better, self-righteously wanting to judge and rule and cause the other person to suffer as you have suffered.

These attitudes of heart and mind do not bring Me closer, and do not cause My Spirit to reign freely in your life. They do not cause you to draw nigh to Me, that I might draw nigh to you, but instead they have the opposite effect. They cause you to be distant and unbelieving, and they quench the flow of your love toward Me. They cause you to be closed and hard and resistant to the flow of My love toward you. (ML #3090)

My child and precious one, who struggles to merely survive, who is surrounded by a fierce battle on all sides, and feels incapable of warding off even one of the many blows that are sent her way; come now, rest in My arms. Put aside your thoughts and fears, worries and heavy heart. Strip yourself bare; leave nothing that would be a distraction to you while we lie here together. Come, let Me stroke your hair and kiss you gently. Let Me hold you and whisper loving words in your ear, words that will excite you with love for Me; words that will cause you to forget the battles you face from day to day, thinking only of Me.

Oh, how I love our times together, our times of closeness and sharing. Feeling your warm tears as you cry on My shoulder causes Me to want to hold you even closer, to comfort you, to let you know that it's all going to be okay, it's all going to pass.

I understand that you feel like a little ship that has set out on life's ocean, vast and wide. And now, with no sight of land on the horizon, a storm has overcome your tiny vessel. Howling winds and raging waves, lightning and thunder crash about you. You think of turning back, but you cannot, for the storm is all around. You cannot even go forward, for you cannot see which way you are headed. You doubt that your tiny vessel will hold together through the fierce storm. But those are the things you see when you look through your carnal eyes.

If you would come to Me, the builder of your little ship, you would understand that I fashioned you in full knowledge of the storms at sea. I took into account the patterns of the winds and the tempest which lurks in the deep, dark shadows of the night, and I built your ship to stand. So do not worry if you lose a plank here or there or if one of your sails gets torn or damaged. For I have built your ship to last, and you will not go down in the storm.

I do not ask the ship to struggle alone to stay afloat. I do not ask the ship to make any headway during this storm. I only expect you to sit it out, calmly, trusting--as trusting as a little child on her father's knee, feeling secure and safe, knowing that her father would let nothing harm her for the world. I am your father, and I care for you as if you were My only child.

(Dad:) I know that you've really gone through a lot. You've walked some rocky roads, especially for your young years. But believe me, the Lord knows your every hardship, every difficulty you've passed through, every time you've stumbled and fallen, and He's going to reward you for it. He's going to make it up to you, above and beyond your wildest dreams! He'll do that because you've been faithful, you've stuck, you've held on and you've persevered, even under very trying circumstances.

I'm sorry for all that you've been through. I'm sorry for the hurt that you've had to endure. I'm sorry for the things you didn't understand when you were a kid growing up, for how things didn't always go the right way, and the people around you weren't always loving or kind, and sometimes you were treated harshly or unfairly. Consequently you were hurt or disillusioned. It breaks my heart to see all that you've gone through and to see the obstacles that you had to hurdle to get where you are now.

But it's all the more credit to you! If your life had been a piece of cake and a breeze and problem-free, then you would never have attained to any victory! There would never have been any race to run, and no chance of winning a medal! God allowed it for your benefit, so that He could teach you, strengthen you and be close to you, from when you were little. He allowed it so you could feel His presence, so you could feel His love, so you could know beyond the shadow of a doubt that He was there, right with you.

It all comes down to preparation! The Lord is preparing you for the job He has for you. You're special to Him, and that's why He's invested so much time in you--working in your life, speaking to your heart, preparing you for the days to come.

Sometimes you feel like the things you've learned or the hard knocks that you've been through are things that aren't going to benefit anyone. You feel they're not going to be of use to anyone, and they're not going to help you in any of your future service for the Lord. Well, that's just not true! You can't see ahead. You don't know what the Lord has in store!

It's like the Letter "Hold On!" You've just had to hold on step by step, day by day, through your trials, tests, purgings, breakings, and the things you didn't understand. God's pretty smart! He doesn't let us know what's around the corner, what's just around the bend in the road. Otherwise it wouldn't be a valid test. It wouldn't be a real struggle.

If you knew what reward awaited you, you'd be more than willing to persevere, you'd be happy to suffer afflictions. I've talked about this in my Letters! It's the same principle! But you've just gotta keep your eyes on the goal, on the Heavenly vision, on the greater things that are to come! Believe me, they're there!

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When you look deep into the eyes of the one you love, the one that I have poured a love into your heart for, you must see Me and My love for you, and this should cause you to praise Me and to thank Me. And together, when you are wrapped in each other's arms and you feel so close and so warm and so one, this should cause you to praise Me.

You must understand that I do these things. I even give this love to those who don't love Me, as a token of My love for them. But to you who know that it comes from Me, there is no excuse for not praising and worshiping and thanking and glorifying Me in this thing. For you know and you are responsible.

I open unto you the things of the Spirit and I show you how you must look at these matters, that they are blessings from Me. I am willing to pour forth these things to you, but you must be willing to look to Me and say, "We thank You and we glorify You because we know that You are pouring forth Your love upon us. I look upon this one that You have given me to love and I say, "Thank You, for this one is Your love to me."

You should worship Me in this love that I have given you. And when you become one with one another you should say, "Thank You. Thank You for this, Your love to me." For so great is My love for you that I would give you this great joy and this great happiness, but I wish for you to share it with Me, that we three can be one together. (ML #3032)

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You do not have to fear that I, your Lover, will cheat on you or give you up for another. You are My childhood sweetheart. I have loved you since I first set eyes on you. When I called you to be My bride and you accepted, I vowed to never leave your side, and to make you the happiest bride of all.

When you are in the midst of the battle and the storm, the Evil One comes in strong, tempting you to think that I have not kept My vow, that I have left your side and have not made you happy as you struggle and you weep; you feel alone and as if you cannot go on any further. But at those times, if you would resist the thoughts that the Evil One tries to implant in your mind, trying to pull you away from Me and lure you to his evil self, and if you would but lift up your eyes, you would see that I am standing there with you. Indeed, I always have been. I am a man of My Word, and when I vowed to love, honor and cherish you in sickness and in health, now and for eternity, I intended to keep My vow. And I have.

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I pray for you, that your faith fail not. I pray for your strength, that you let not the Tempter's doubts adulterate the pure waters and the pure flow of My healing Word. I pray for you, that you will not fall prey to his tricks, for he has disguised his lies in the cloak of doubts that he might launch a more fatal attack on your very life.

Resist, I say! You must resist the dirty lies, the propaganda, and the luring doctrine of devils that runs through the streets, that is flooding the world. For this is it! Satan is loosed and this is his last chance. He knows his time is short. Therefore you must fight!

I pray for you, that your faith fail not. Call for My deliverance, receive My Truth, and fight on to the light of a brighter day. And fear not, My beloved ones, fear not. My Father did it for Me, and I will do it for you. This is the victory that overcomes the world, even your faith. For even in the tiniest flickering of your faith will I bring great victories out of seeming defeats, if you will but call on Me. (ML #3088)

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The longer doubts are entertained and allowed to remain in your heart and mind before resisting and rebuking them and calling out to Me for deliverance, the harder and more difficult will be the victory.

Those who have developed habits of thinking skeptically, of analyzing and doubting the Word and looking critically on the Word and the Word-bearers, those who have developed the habit of actively seeking fault and asking themselves why this cannot be so and this cannot be true; those who have allowed the opinions of men to influence their reaction to the Word, will have a much more difficult time fighting the doubts of the Evil One.

Still, the victory will come in the same way: recognizing the dangers of the Devil's doubts; fearing Me and calling out to Me desperately for deliverance; admitting that you have not the strength yourself, that you are needy and weak and incapable in yourself; then grabbing ahold of My Word and wielding it for as long as it takes to defeat the Evil One! (ML #3089)

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(Dad:) You're a lot like me when I was younger. You're a serious boy for the Lord. You're headed down the straight and narrow path of His will, and boy, do I ever know that's not an easy path to follow! There are always plenty of people who try to distract, who try to dissuade, who try to let you know how strange you are, that you're not "cool," that you're not "in with the scene." I know it can get mighty lonely. You can feel like you're walking the road all alone, and sometimes you are.

Of course, you've always got Jesus. But sometimes you don't have a whole lot of support from your peers, from the other young people around you, because not all of them are as sober and as dedicated as you are. They just haven't quite gotten to that point yet. They still want to try this and that. They still don't really want to buckle under to complete obedience. They don't want to give that wholehearted, unreserved "yes" to Jesus that He's asking for. But in His mercy, He still loves them, of course, and He carries and helps them along as much as they'll let Him.

I know that's hard on you. It isn't easy being a loner. It isn't easy feeling like you're the odd one out. I know that, because I've experienced it. But it all evens out in the long run.

The connection and the link that you've gained with the Lord through your times of loneliness and feeling outcast and ostracized from the others is one of the most precious possessions you've got! That's what's forced you to become so close to the Lord. So in a way, what you consider your handicap--feeling that others push you away sometimes, or that you're not fully "accepted"--has helped you to excel in the realm of the spirit! It has strengthened your prayer life and has increased your faith! It's driven you into the Lord's arms, and it's even made you open and receptive to the New Wine. It has made you "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

That's one of the biggest benefits! Because in this new day and age, you just can't make it, you just can't get along without being open and receptive to the New Wine! If you're not drinking it in, then you're drying up, you're withering, you're wilting spiritually! If you don't receive the Words that the Lord is giving gladly, then you'll begin to sink. You'll begin to fade away. You'll lose the fire, lose the vision, lose the anointing, lose the blessings, and lose the rewards that you'll gain from going on in further obedience to the Lord.

The happiness of the spirit is far above the happiness of the flesh. When you feel no joy in your heart and you shed tears, it is not because I have not given you happiness,

for the happiness of the spirit is something you will always have with you. It is something that will never end, and not even the loneliest nights or the darkest clouds can take that away from you. The happiness of the flesh is temporal and a fleeting feeling--it comes and goes with your mood, with your surroundings, with the physical things that you see, touch and feel.

But the happiness of the spirit comes from knowing that I am your Husband, that I care, that I have honored you to be a part of My called and chosen few, one out of the masses, whom I have handpicked to be part of My Endtime Revolution.

I will explain to you the mystery of happiness of spirit. The happiness that I give is as constant as the sun. When the sun sets at night and disappears beneath the horizon, do you worry and fret that it has left forever? Do you say to another, "There is no more sun in our lives"? No, it is constant, and always there. Though the night comes and you cannot see it, yet you never doubt its existence, nor that it will rise the next morning. So is the happiness of spirit; though ever present, the night comes and you lose sight of it. Then is the time to trust, to lie down in the bed of love with Me and rest until morning, until it comes into sight again.

So come, My love, the night has nearly run its course and the sun will soon come into view. But do not try to rush it now; just lie down and rest these few hours with Me until the break of dawn. Let Me kiss you and caress you as your passion grows, and your desire to love Me in return wells up in you, until you can take it no more and your thoughts are of nothing else but loving and being loved by Me, feeling Me deep inside, until we explode together in such Heavenly bliss that it leaves all earthly loves and feelings in the dust.

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Come to Me, look to Me, lift up your hearts in prayer. Make your requests known, for I am attentive to your cry. What you ask shall be given unto you, and what you seek you shall find. I will reward your desperation before Me with great reward. Your burdens will be lighter and your loads will be lifted. You will see great supply, great answers, and great deliverance!

So pray, My precious ones, and great will be your reward for your labors. Pray for what is coming. Pray for what is ahead. Pray for more victories. Pray for more miracles. Pray for more supply. Come before Me and petition Me for all that is needed. (ML #3094)

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This is My day and hour for the uniting of the two generations! For only in unity will you have the strength needed for the battles that lie ahead, for the dark days that are to come, the time when the Enemy will walk about as a roaring lion, more fierce than ever before! Only through great unity, love and respect will you be able to withstand the onslaughts of the Evil One and his people.

Each generation is strong in its own way, each generation has much to give, and each generation is in great need of the other. They must be molded and melted together if they are to have the strength, power and anointing needed for the days to come when the battles will be great, and only those who are loyal and strong and brave will be able to lead the way.

This uniting of heart and mind and soul, this marriage of spirit, is crucial. (ML #3095)

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My sweet child, the burdens that you have carried so bravely have drawn you closer to Me. Through this affliction you have learned to lean more fully upon Me and My strength and My grace. Through the squeezing and the testings have come forth the sweetness, and in this I am well pleased. Through the trials, you have cried out to Me and I have been there for you, comforted you, and upheld you.

Though you are weak and though you are afflicted and though you battle, yet rejoice in how strong I have made you in My Spirit. Rejoice that your connection with Me has grown stronger and deeper. Rejoice that your love for Me has sustained you, and My love for you has also increased through seeing your great faith, your great perseverance, and your holding on.

So fear not the trials, the testings, the battles which come daily. For you are fighting the good fight. You are doing well, My precious one, and you are growing stronger in your love for Me daily. And through this--your great strength through weakness--I am able to do great and mighty things.

I am able to help many others through your prayers. I am able to comfort many others through your love. I am able to encourage many others through your fight and your victories, and I am able to draw others closer to Me through your example. So through this, your willingness to lay down your life for Me, I work a great and beautiful work. Great is your reward in Heaven.

I love you, My precious one, and with each day that passes My love grows only stronger. So never fear and never doubt My wonderful love for you. I will keep you and uphold you and sustain you moment by moment, and when the race is won, you will enter into the joy of your Lord.

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

But if you are a lazy, foolish gardener who thinks he knows better than the Creator Himself, you will not recognize the danger of those little weeds, and instead of running over and rooting them out immediately and casting them out of the garden, you will let them grow and take hold and flourish. Then when you go to purge and cleanse your garden, it will be a much greater and more difficult task, for you will have to dig so much deeper to uproot the weeds, as they will have grown deep and strong through neglect.

The moral of this story is to follow Me--to follow in your Big Brother's footsteps. When I was tempted and attacked by the Evil One's doubts, I immediately raised a standard against him through desperately calling out to My Father and wielding the sword of the Word. Though the battle was hot and heavy, I fought through to victory and I stood strong, refusing to yield or lower My shield or compromise My convictions. It was then that the Enemy's attacks vanished, because I had stayed close to My Father. My love for Him was great, so My first immediate reaction was to call out to Him, to trust Him, and to obey His still, small voice in My heart. (ML #3089)

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Be not discouraged about these young ones who have left the Family, but turn each thought of discouragement into a desperate prayer. These young ones battle long and hard in spirit. Satan often tempts them to backslide and forsake My Father's way with thoughts of something seemingly good, as he tempted Me. He tempts them with scores and scores of lies, with many ideas of things that they could do with their lives that would be seemingly good. For many of these children have set in their hearts a will and a purpose to help mankind. This has been ingrained in them from birth.

Satan often plays on this with seeming good things, good plans, good intentions, on how they can get ahead in the world and make things better. "If I could only make lots of money, I could right the wrongs. If I could only get an education, I could be something and go somewhere, and help the world. I could even make a lot of friends along the way and be a positive influence in their lives."

When Satan tempted Me, as he offered Me the kingdoms of this world, he did not appeal to My personal greed or lust, for he knew I would not fall for that. He tried to appeal to My good intentions. He tempted Me with the one thing I did not have at the moment--the kingdoms of the world. For one moment I was tempted to think that should I have control of the kingdoms of the world, I could be rid of the Devil and work to right all wrongs, right then and there. Satan tried to tempt Me to forsake My Father's power. So does Satan tempt these, as he did Me, with things that look good. He tempts them with things that they seemingly lack, things they may not have at the time, when on the whole they really have everything, as I had everything.

It is a spiritual battle royal over My royal heritage; therefore you must pray. Pray and fight for these in spirit, for Satan seeks to have them.

I see how this weighs heavily on your hearts. For I, too, was heavyhearted as My disciples turned from Me. Therefore comfort yourselves through prayer, and know that this is the very most you can do. Comfort yourselves by committing each one to Me, as I have committed you to My Father. I will perform miracles, for I will never leave them nor forsake them.

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Did you not ask for more faith? Be not alarmed therefore at My answer. Fear not that I allow Satan to put on the pressure, for otherwise, how would your faith be tested? If the pressure were not there, you would not be able to avail yourself of the faith that I am able to give. If the tests did not come, your faith would not grow. If the trials were not there, the great grace that I have put within you would go undiscovered. If not for the squeezing and the crushing of the flower, the sweet perfume would not be brought forth. It is through the fierce storms and raging gales that I am able to root the mighty oak firmly in the soil.

Did you not ask for more power in your life? How would I be able to produce My full power through you if the pressure were not applied? It is in the turning and the grinding of the wheels of trial that friction is produced, so I am able to release My power in greatest force. It is through this turning, this pressure, this rubbing, this friction in your

life that the electrical current of My power is ignited and comes through in its strongest force.

It is through these tests that I will show My hand strong to pull you up. Only as Satan fields his strongest forces against you are you able to know the strongest grip of My right hand as I pull you up out of the pit which he is trying to cast you into. It is only through strong opposition that you are able to avail yourself of My greatest show of force and power in your life.

Look to the Heavens. Are not My planets and celestial bodies kept in orbit through opposing forces? So am I able to keep you in the orbit of My will even through these forces that would seek to oppose you.

My strongest display of power is wrought through this opposition in your life. For as you lean on Me to bring you through these very tests that try you, wings are born out of weights.

You must not try to escape the pressure. I am able to help you harness the pressure. I am able to channel the pressure so that it will produce My power through you. This you do through the power of prayer. Through prayer and claiming My promises and leaning on and upholding each other you are able to rise above it all. Therefore channel the pressure! Through your prayer power, I am able to harness the pressure as I generate the electrical current of My power in you.

When you ask for more power, fear not the pressure that must be applied to produce such power! Only channel the pressure and continue on in faith. Be glad and rejoice for the surge of power that will come as a result of such pressure.

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Dear one, I want you to know that you are precious in My sight, for I love you dearly and intimately. Even the very hairs of your head are numbered. I know your heart and your many thoughts. I want you to know that I am right here beside you, holding your hand. I am a constant help in time of trouble. Never think or feel that you are alone, for My presence is always with you, and My Spirit will give you help.

Therefore come unto Me, My dear. Come unto Me. Cast aside your cares and your worries. I wrap My arms around you and I give you My love, for I love you more than you can know! My love for you is without measure, without end, without boundaries. My love for you is eternal. Remember that. Do not let the Wicked One discourage you and

get you sidetracked. Keep your eyes steadfast on Me and on My love. Be reassured in your heart that I am with you always, holding your right hand.

Spend time with Me, My dear one, and you will be refreshed and restrengthened and re-inspired. For as you know, you have no strength in yourself, but My strength is sufficient through you. I am nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and I save those who are of a contrite spirit.

Trust in Me, My dear. Trust in My love for you. Don't look at the waves. Don't look at the many obstacles the Enemy would put in your path to try to discourage you, to slow you down, to even stop you. Keep looking ahead. Look unto Me, for I will never let you down. I will never fail you.

I am thankful for your many years of faithful service and for all that you have done for Me and for My Kingdom. Do not think that I have not noticed it! I have noticed and greatly appreciated it, and I will reward you accordingly. You are laying up for yourself great treasures, great riches! And one day you will hear My voice saying to you, "Well done, My precious and faithful one! Enter into My joy! Enter into My wonderful Kingdom of Love and enjoy all these things which I have prepared for you!"

Therefore keep that Heavenly vision of the wonderful things in store for you--not only in Heaven, but I have many wonderful things ahead for you there on Earth. So think on these things, and let your heart be filled with My love and joy and peace.

I love you. You are Mine forever, and nothing will separate you from My love!

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What is important to Me is the sincerity and the desperation of the heart. So even if you can only find a short amount of time to spend with Me, if you make good, wise use of that time to really unburden your heart and set aside the thoughts of your work and business, and come fully into My presence, yielded and humble and submissive to Me, totally yielding and waiting and receptive, then I will bless you abundantly. I will fulfill My Word, and I will reward. I will strengthen and supply the answers and fill the needs and encourage your heart.

For I am not a faithless, unloving father or husband. I understand each personality and each heart and each situation. So do not feel condemned or worried or guilty if you have not been able to spend days or many hours in quiet prayer with Me, for I look at the sincerity and the vacuum that is in your heart and spirit.

Reach out with the hand of faith to My Spirit and trust in Me. Think not about your business or your schedule or the children or the duties, but block it all out. Close the door, even if it's for a short time, and I will help you to leave it all far behind as you come into My presence. Open your heart and mind and spirit to Me, that My Spirit may flow into you and bless and strengthen and refresh you! (ML #3094)

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I have called all My young ones, all the young and old who have entered into the covenant of My love, the covenant of My bed, the covenant of My Spirit, the covenant of marriage with Me, the union of heart, of mind, of spirit, of body, with Me.

Those who are united with Me in this union shall receive the seeds of My love, seeds of the Spirit which they know not of, seeds that will take them to places they have never been, seeds that will empower them, seeds that will direct them. For I pour a new anointing upon you, the anointing of the power of God, that you may go forth as new creatures unto Me--old things passed away and all things become new.

For you go out as lovers of your God, brides of your Savior, those who are in union with their Maker, those who receive His seed and who spread forth the fruit of this seed to others. And through these seeds and this anointing and this oil that I pour forth upon your head, symbolic of My anointing upon you, I give you new gifts of My Spirit--the gift of healing, the gift of prophecy, the gifts of knowledge, wisdom, and love, the gift of compassion, the gift of a broken heart, the gift of the ways of My Spirit upon you, the gift of My love upon you. (ML #3095)

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My Heavenly tunes, those that I give, are they that be of the Spirit. The hellish tunes, those that deceive, are those that be of the flesh. I would that you wallow not in the mire and the mud. Seek not that which is ungodly, but seek the tunes that are of Me. For as in My holy mountain there is nothing that will hurt or destroy, so you will not find these cancerous sounds in My halls of Heaven.

I call these sounds cancerous because they eat as a cancer does. Sometimes they devour quickly, causing sudden death. Other times their effect is slow and gradual, a wearing away and a wearing down, a slow, painful death, where the victim dies a little bit every day, eaten from the inside, with the cancerous tissue of the Enemy replacing My good, clean, wholesome tissue.

I pray that you would be free from the evil that exists in the world. These hellish sounds are but evil. They are as a continual dropping--plunk, plunk, plunk, drip, drip, drip, trip, trip, trip. They trip you up in subtle ways, a little here, a little there, taking their toll. Some more obvious, some on the sly, chipping away--tink, tink tink. Through these sounds Satan seeks to weaken the minds and harden the hearts. It's a fading away--a fading of conviction, and a slow, subtle slipping into compromise. A fading of joy, and a yielding to doubts.

These tunes, often encased in the guise of rhythmic melody or a good dancing beat, take their toll if they are not of Me. Even those that would seem harmless, or the lesser of evils, the best of the brackish, can be the cause of the fading away. Even these slowly and steadily chip away, break down and weaken. And those who sow to the flesh, reap of the flesh corruption.

Hear My Words when I say to you, by your fruits you will be known. Be not deceived; look not afar off, thinking the repercussions are yet to follow way ahead. But look around at the fruit you reap in this music which you allow in your midst, for even now you reap the fruit thereof. For I hear a bleating among My sheep, a crying out for the many problems that are found in your Homes. Is this not the fruit of following afar off--sounds of disunity, pride, discontentment, worldliness or doubt? This music is one cause, a planting of evil seeds. Evil seeds bear evil fruit, as good seeds bear good fruit.

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Come, and let us pass the night in prayer and sweet communion. For I would that you, My holy Bride, come to Me in sweet communion, in sweet searching of your own heart upon your bed, that you may individually pledge Me your love, your loyalty, your total dedication, your obedience, your service, your heart, your life, your all.

Come pass the night in prayer and communion and dedication, in quietness and in confidence. In your secret chambers make your pledge. Commune with Me that I may hear your voice whispering in My ear; that I may joy in the sweet perfume of your prayers and thrill to their fragrance; that I may revel in your beauty; that I, too, may woo you and whisper in your ear, as you receive My Holy anointing, poured out in greater measure, in greater strength, in greater power! (ML #3096)

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Put not your faith in the things of the world. Put not your faith in the things of Egypt. Have I not called you out of Egypt, lo, these many years? Have you forgotten from whence you have come? Have you forgotten what you have come out from? You have lived in Gardens of Eden, in Heavenly Homes! Turn not back. Turn not away from the heritage which the Lord your God has given to you. (GN 498)

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I understand your hurt and anguish of spirit, the brokenness, the desperation, the frustration that you now feel inside. You feel powerless to go on. You have no desire to work, to live, to love. You feel you want to close your heart to Me and to others, and you fear the future; you fear the battles, you fear the hurt and pain of forsaking. You have already gone through so much pain, so much forsaking, and you fear that it might happen yet again and be even worse.

Oh, My child, please open your heart to Me and let Me love you. I do not condemn you and I do not reject you for your feelings of anger, even against Me. I know what it is like to be hurt, to be rejected, and to lose the love of one who means all the world to you. I know that this brings great despair. Yet do not let this despair separate you from Me.

Though you have fought and resisted this forsaking, and through it you have been so sorely tried, yet I say unto you that I honor your faith, your yieldedness and your sacrifice. For you did not choose to sacrifice this relationship. Yet when these things came to pass, you accepted them, and you chose to continue to serve Me regardless. Though you battled in your heart and spirit, yet you kept going forward, you remained loyal and faithful, and I count this an honor to you. I honor you for your faith.

Though you feel faithless, I know your heart and the depth of your love for Me, and I know that you will do anything for Me. I have proven this, and you have proven this. I have great things in store for you. For the gift of a broken heart and a humble and yielded spirit is a great thing in My sight, a great talent, a jewel of inestimable value, an invaluable treasure of My Spirit, given only to those who endure much suffering, much trying. I give you this gift that through it you may pour forth My love unto others, from your broken, yea, shattered, vessel.

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(Dad:) Being spiritual is just being you! It's being what the Lord wants you to be, where He wants you to be, when He wants you to be, and doing what He wants you to do.

It's being loving, kind, thoughtful, giving, considerate, and all the fruits of the Spirit. It's being happy. It's praising and praying, and doing it in the way and in the personality the Lord gave you! You can do all those things in whatever personality the Lord gave you, whether a bubbly personality or a quiet personality. Being spiritual is just doing what the Lord wants you to do, the way He made you to do it.

It's a lot like wearing clothes. One type of personality may wear clothes with styles that are more conservative, with more reserved colors, shades of dark blue and brown. Somebody else may like to wear clothes with bright colors, pink and orange, flashy or exotic. Some may like to wear short skirts, while the other would prefer to wear pants. Just because people wear different types of clothes doesn't mean that one is better than the other, or better dressed than the other, or more fashionable than the other. It just sort of comes with the personalities. The main thing is that you have something on for protection.

So if you're loud and more enthusiastic, more bubbly or talkative or more active, that's just the way the Lord made your spiritual clothes--brighter and more colorful! But they're not any less spiritual than someone else's clothes that are of a quieter, less outgoing nature. In the Lord's eyes it's all the same, but He likes to dress people up in different personalities. That way it gives Him variety too--variety in the different personalities who love Him and express themselves in different ways, who serve Him in their different forms of personalities.

He likes all of them, whether quiet and reserved, or bubbly and exuberant. He loves each one the same, and each personality can be equally spiritual. Because spiritual to Him is just being the way He made you--the way He made you to express yourself, express your love for Him, and the way He made you to act and to serve Him.

So be who you are, play the role He has given you to play, and don't worry about whether you're spiritual or not. Just be you, loving Jesus the best you can!

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To those of you who find yourselves wrapped in the chains of the Enemy's doubts and in his bondage, I say, fear not and be not dismayed, for I am greater than the Enemy! I am greater than the Tempter! My truth is greater than his doubts!

No matter how weak or hopeless you feel, no matter how confused you are, no matter how jumbled your thoughts are--even if you're at the point that you cannot see what is right and what is wrong, what is doubt and what is truth, if you feel you cannot distinguish between My voice and the voice of the Enemy--if you feel so weak, so

incapable, to the point that all seems hopeless and lost, do not despair nor give up hope nor faint in your minds. For I am able to bring the victory, to break the chains of the Enemy, to set you free and put you on a path to healing, to full recovery and restoration. If you will but call out to Me in desperation, I will bring deliverance from the lies and doubts of the Evil One.

As you continue by faith to look to My Word, to wash your heart and mind with My Word, slowly but surely you will regain your sense of right and wrong, and your ability to recognize My still, small voice and to resist the lies of the Evil One. With time, My Word will cleanse you from the ways of the world and the ways of the flesh, and your thoughts will no longer be polluted with the lies and doubts of the Enemy and his way of looking at things, for you will have the truth of My Word running freely and richly through your heart and mind. (ML #3089)

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It is the little foxes that spoil the vine. And what great vines these seemingly little foxes of worldly music, distorted sounds and tunes and lyrics, spoil. Satan mixes the good among the bad, a touch of truth mixed in with the lie, and he often wraps the most poisonous fruit in pretty packages.

I pray not that you are taken out of the world, but that you will be kept from 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. Have I not spoken on this subject of music? Have I not spelled out the dangers? Therefore I challenge you, My Family, to take a stand. If you would be pure, if you would stand strong, purge out the little foxes that spoil the vine. Be in the world but not of the world.

For you are in the world, yet you are not of the world. Therefore be separate, and touch not the unclean thing. Touch not the sounds of Satan. Wallow not willfully in them, freely listening to the bells of hell.

My Family, 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, so 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, 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 who would have you think you will not be 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. It is quicker for some than others, but it takes its toll.

Therefore, take a stand! Sanctify yourselves through the Word that I have spoken on this subject. Speak to yourselves in song--My song, My music and My Heavenly tunes. Put off the old man and walk in newness of life. If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.

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Pray daily for your young ones who have left the Family. Concentrate your prayers on My children's children, and be not weary in prayer for them. Form a chain of prayer that cannot be broken. Zoom in on them with a concentrated effort of power prayers. Love them unconditionally through your prayers and do not forsake them.

For these are aching and pained, and their spirits cry out to Me in the great halls of Heaven. They are buffeted and torn and tossed about on every side. I would that you reclaim them for My glory and My service. I am calling each one back home, but they cannot find the way if you do not pray. Only through the guidance of your prayers will they be able to find the way. Only as you hedge them about in prayer will they make it through the minefields, through the battle zones, for they are heavily entrenched behind enemy lines. They are captives, prisoners of war, bound in chains, and only through your prayers will they be freed. Pray for the captives, and pray for those in danger of being captured.

Therefore you must fight and you must reclaim each one for Me and My Kingdom. They are Mine, and My heart pains for them. Forget them not, but uphold them in prayer. Love them back into My arms with your prayers. Call down the forces of Heaven and rebuke Satan. For they are weak and sick and in need of intercession. You must fight for them. Launch an attack for them and free them. Do not take this sitting down, but stand up and fight! Be militant for them--as mighty warriors of David, valiant in fight, reclaiming your prisoners of war. Pour out your hearts for them in strong prayers and crying, and reclaim them for Me. Build a hedge around them, for I need them, and I am not willing that any should perish. Therefore do your part and pray, and stand back and see Me fight. Each one will come around in My time, according to My purpose. But you must pray!

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Your praises call Me! Your praises beckon Me! Your praises are like the love call. When I hear your praises, it is then that I come. Your praises move Me! Your praises arouse My love and My passions! I cannot resist coming to you when I hear your praises. When I hear your praises I become excited! I want to kiss you and hold you when I hear your praises. I cannot resist loving you!

It is a love potion and I cannot resist! When I hear your praises I want to fill you with My seeds! I cannot resist filling you with My love and giving you all of Me. I need your praises. I want your praises, because your praises tell Me you want Me, you need Me. Your praises are your love.

Give Me your best! Give Me your praises first thing, and last thing, and throughout the day, to let Me know you love Me, you want Me, and you need Me. For I am King and I am worthy to be praised and to be loved above all else--your needy and grateful Lover, King of loves, King of praise, King of the universe, King of creation, your King, your Lover, Jesus. (ML #3094)

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Those who are the most broken make the best followers, because their brokenness makes them more yielded, more willing to be yielded, and their yieldedness makes them more tender. These more broken hearts are quicker to look to Me. They see that they are nothing in themselves, so they are more dependent on Me.

Some have learned to be broken, for they have made a habit in their lives of looking to My Word and letting it speak to their heart, letting it change their heart, letting it mold their life. When you have a hungry spirit, a hungry heart that looks to My Word and is sensitive to My Word, this gives you a broken spirit so that you can more easily stay in the center of My will and under My anointing and blessing.

Like the parable of falling on the rock or being crushed by the rock, those who fall on Me and are broken by Me and My Words, because they want Me and desire Me, will find the path of life much easier. The Word that they have stored up gives them strength and a positive outlook on life in every situation.

The Word gives you the faith to be an overcomer and to glory in your trials, to where you see your breakings as blessings and privileges. You recognize them as My hand in your life; you see them as My love and not as chastisements. You hardly see them

as breakings at all, but they have the same effect on your heart. This is the effect of the result of My Word in your life--it makes your breakings easy to take.

But in the case of those who follow afar off or stray or are errant, My rock must fall on them in the form of breakings to help make them into what they should be--the fine powder of My diamonds of dust. This is much harder, for it is not voluntary, but it is still My love. You can either fall on Me to be broken, because of your love for Me and wanting to stay in My highest will; or I can fall on you and break you, to keep you in My will if you stray, because of My love for you. So breakings will come, but those who stay in My will, seeking Me for My will, need less breakings, and the ones they do receive are cushioned because of the positive outlook they have and the Word they have to help them.

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Oh My little one, do not fight against the waves and the wind, but let them carry you. Ride into them! Be not afraid, for I will carry you over. The wind that seems so fierce, that even seems to be your enemy, will be what will carry you over the waves and bring you to your desired haven, where you can let down your anchor and be safe, secure and content--where you can laugh again and enjoy the fullness of heart and fullness of joy that you so desire, that you long for.

I know your longings, My dear, My love. I see your heart. But you must go through the waves before you can reach the harbor. It's all a part of My plan, a part of My testing, a part of My trying, to make you into an expert sea master--one who knows how to maneuver in the tough conditions, one who knows both the storms and the calm.

But the only way to get through the storm and over the waves is to trust Me, to commit yourself to Me. Do not try to grab the rudder and steer in your own might, to unfurl your sails to try to catch the wind, to try and direct it the way you think it ought to go.

Tie it all down and trust yourself to Me. Trust yourself to the wind, that I will carry you over. Though your vessel may take in some water, and though it may even seem that you are about to be swallowed up and sink, fear not, for these things will not come upon you.

These are the storms of tribulation, but I am with you and I will carry you through. Your boat will not take in more water than I allow, and it will not sink.

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I give the gifts of My choosing to each of you, that you may be new vessels unto Me and unto My Spirit; that you may be tools in My hand; that you may be the vehicles of My love, of My care, of My compassion; that you may be vehicles of My heart, of My love, and that you may minister unto others by My Spirit. This is not a work of the flesh. This is not something that you can do in your own power or in your own strength.

For we only now embark upon the journey, and as you yield, as you say yes unto Me, as you come unto Me and receive more and more of My seeds, as you begin to give of yourself and lay down your life for others, as you begin this journey step by step, day by day in faithfulness and in love, so will these gifts grow, and so shall they blossom, and so shall they come into full fruition.

Your acts of love and kindness and mercy are as water being poured upon the ground that brings life and causes growth. These gifts must be watered that they may grow, that they may mature, and that they may bring forth fruit. But know that I pour My gifts upon you, for I anoint you and your cup runs over with My love!

So receive the oil of My Spirit upon your head! Receive the power of My Spirit! Receive the gifts of My Spirit, and receive Me, the Giver of all gifts, the Giver of all love, the Giver of all strength, the Giver of all power! For it is in receiving Me, it is in becoming like Me, and it is in manifesting My love, that these gifts will be activated, that these gifts will germinate and grow, and that these gifts that I pour upon you will blossom in full measure. (ML #3095)

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(Maria speaking:) I anoint you in the power of love, to go forth and live in love. I commission you to rise up now and march on in the power of love! Lift the banners high and forward, march! Go forth in Love's power. Receive Love's holy oil upon your heads. Receive, by the authority vested in me, your Queen Maria, this holy appointment, that you may go forth and conquer the giants of your day!

Join now hand in hand, arm in arm, and take the stand. Stand with me, and with your King Peter, and proclaim throughout the land: "Let it be written, let it be known, by the authority vested in us from Jesus our King, that we cast down imaginations and every high thing that would exalt itself against the power of Love! Let it be known on this holy day, that we, the Bride of Jesus and the army of David, do fight on to defeat the foe!" (ML #3096)

All things are done in love. Every touch of My hand is a loving one. Though on the outward appearance, this particular touch of My hand on your son's life seems so heavy and grievous to be borne, I promise you that I will prove that My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Yea, even more than that, I will prove to you that this touch from My hand is My love for you.

For this turn in the road opens up a new path down which I call your family to walk, and the ending of the path is not clearly visible from the starting point.

You are My beloved children, My beloved team--husband and wife--who have endured much together for the sake of your love for Me, for the sake of your love for each other, for the sake of your children, for the sake of your sample. Do you think that I would so easily and without feeling for your hearts place before you an obstacle which you would be unable to climb over?

I place My hands about you and about your little one. I keep and guard and protect, for you are Mine.

You are so very precious unto Me, and I will strengthen your hearts. I will lift up your heads and I will raise up your shoulders as they are bowed under this heavy burden and weight that you feel. I will lift the heaviness from your heart and will bring joy and happiness into your soul as you look unto Me. I will lighten you.

They that put their trust in Me are safe. Therefore put your trust in Me. Help your young one to put his trust in Me, for then you, your young one and your family will be safe--safe in My keeping, safe in My love, safe in My tenderness, safe in My protection and My healing. You will rest in My deliverance and in My wisdom, for I know best and I will perfect that which I have ordained unto the end. You will look upon it and marvel, for you will see that the works of My hands are pure and perfect and just and good.

You will emerge victorious in the face of battle, and the Enemy shall hide his shame and shall cower before you, as you trumpet your victory throughout the land. For He Who stands and fights by your side is strong and mighty, and never a battle has been lost to Him. Take heart, My children. Take courage in the One Who fights beside you, for I am He.

Look to Me and I will strengthen you and your little ones. I will protect them. I will save them. For don't I care for them even more than you do? Haven't I sent them down to this Earth into your stewardship? They're Mine--My creation, My children. They may be flesh of your flesh, but they are spirit of My Spirit and they are Mine. I will protect them and oversee them and care for them. I will weep for them. I will guard them in the time of trouble. I will deliver them from the snare of the Enemy. (GN 498)

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My dear precious one, did you know that I love you very, very dearly? There's only one of you, and I love you, just you! I also know that you love Me! I'm very touched that you want to be closer to Me, and I know you will be, but please don't worry about it. I know that you love Me! Just take it one step at a time. Just don't neglect your time with Me.

You know what I really like? It's when you take the time to stop and praise Me, and you tell Me sweet words about how much you love Me. That makes Me feel really good! It makes Me feel so close to you. So don't worry. Just say those nice loving words, and let your heart flow. And make sure you take time in the Word, because that gives you the strength to fight and to do your job.

You're so precious! I can hardly wait to be able to hold you in My arms and show you how much I love you, to encourage you, to comfort you, and to show you it was worth fighting the good fight of faith. I'll show you that it was worth it to trust Me.

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Think back. Have I ever led you onto a path that was dangerous and rugged? Yes, you have traveled with Me on many difficult journeys. But have I ever asked you to scale mountains which were beyond your faith? You have made arduous treks over high peaks with Me by your side. This is not the question. The question I have for you is whether I have ever left you there alone. Have I ever deserted or abandoned you, or placed you under so great a strain that you were not able to bear it? No, I have never done this to you, and I never will.

I have strengthened your love and closeness to Me with every trial and testing which I have permitted you to undergo. When Satan appeared before Me in the very courts of Heaven, in My throne room, he beseeched Me for the life of My servant Job. I did not give Job over into his hand. I protected his life and his spirit--all that was needful

for him to war against the Evil One and to obtain victory--but I allowed Satan to tempt, to test, to try. So does the Enemy of My children seek even now in these days to test and to try and to afflict, but I do not give you into his hand.

This test comes your way as you near the days of the end, for the times shall wax worse and worse, and the Enemy pulls out the stops of his iniquity upon the world. But it comes upon you only with My love and with My permission, and it comes along with the package of My protection and care and continual support and help. I will not leave you to fight this fight alone for one moment. I will be ever present, ever by your side. We will go through this testing together.

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If you have allowed the Enemy to gain a strong foothold in your heart and mind through doubts, if you are sick and weak and being buffeted on all sides, if you feel confused and bewildered and are no longer able to discern between right and wrong, do not fear. Call out to Me! Reach out to Me, and know that it is not too late!

I can deliver you from your backsliding, from your insanity, from the madness the Enemy has tried to put upon you. I can restore you in heart and mind and spirit. I am the Great Physician. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I am your Husband, your Lover. Do not doubt that I am able to deliver and restore and heal, no matter how bad a shape you have gotten yourself into through listening to the lies and doubts of the Enemy.

The battle will be longer and more difficult, because the Enemy will be more persistent than if they were mere fleeting outside attacks, but I can break the addiction. I can break the chains and the stronghold of the Enemy and bring freedom from doubt through faith.

But you must call out to Me in desperation! You must above all things desire a deliverance from the doubts of the Enemy. You must have a hunger for My truth and want to be right with Me, and be willing to yield and obey and do My will. Then I will be able to remove from your eyes the blinders that have kept you from seeing My truth. I will be able to unstop your ears so that you can hear My Word. I will be able to remove the callus of unyieldedness and disobedience from your heart so that you will be able to receive My Word and My instruction. (ML #3089)

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I love praise!--Not because I just want to feel better, or because I need encouragement that I am the King of the universe, but it's just the way things are set up. It's the way My Father has ordained it. He said, "I, the Lord, dwell in the praises of My people." When someone has this attitude of praise, they fit together with Me. Their will is perfectly aligned with My will and the will of My Father, because they are resting in happiness and joy. As they express it, they become more and more one with Me.

The more a person spends time with Me, the more praise becomes a natural part of their being. The more they spend time with Me, and the more love they receive from Me, the happier they are. And then praise is as easy to them as breathing. It comes as naturally and as easily and as freely as breathing or walking or anything else.

Praise fits together with My nature, so that when a person praises Me, it is like he or she is enticing Me and wooing Me and drawing Me. It draws My love and My Spirit and My blessings. (ML #3094)

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I will hold you responsible for the training that you give your children. I have placed them in your hands as precious treasures. I have trusted these most precious possessions into your care. You are My stewards, My servants, as regards your children. They are Mine, but I have given them unto you to teach and train and love in My ways, in My Word. Some of My greatest blessings and rewards go to those who are the most diligent and faithful with their children.

Teach your children to love Me and fear Me. Teach your children to love and hunger after the Words of David. Teach your children the value of winning souls and witnessing. Teach your children to stay dropped out of the System. Teach your children to be Endtime witnesses, to give an unpopular message, to be as voices crying in the wilderness, proclaiming that the day of repentance is at hand. Teach your children that My return is imminent, and that worldly pleasures and accomplishments will be as husks in their teeth when they stand before Me. Especially teach your children of My love. Help them to know how I love them endlessly, unconditionally, personally, through your own loving example. Your children need the security and feeling of acceptance that they will gain from knowing that I love them. They will be peaceful, happy children as they learn to experience My love and forgiveness and lack of condemnation.

Your children are your mission field. Whether you stay in a home field or go abroad, your children are your mission field. The time you invest in teaching, training and loving your children is time well spent, and you will be rewarded with great reward. But

if you fail to teach and train and love your children, you will find with time that it is a great defeat, a great loss, and you will weep bitterly until you feel your heart breaking.

So I beseech you, I plead with you, I beg you to look and see, "What is that in thine hand?" Open your eyes to the precious, invaluable jewels that I have placed in your hands and given unto your care. If you put these little ones and their needs and training first, then I will open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing on you such as you have never seen--a blessing of supply and contentment and joy.

If you have children, then it is easy to know My will, for I have set it before you plainly. My children are My gift to you and My work for you. That is your first and foremost mission field--your children. If you are faithful to this calling, you will reap the rewards of your children as they grow to be strong soldiers, mighty children of David, great Endtime witnesses. They will go farther and do more than you have ever done yourselves. But you will share in their rewards and you will bask in their glory. Their crowns will also be your crowns.

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(Dad:) I know that you can get pretty discouraged sometimes. You start looking down, looking at the waves, and you start sinking, because everything seems so overwhelming. Everything seems to be a battle or a trial. The wind seems to go out of your sails and your boat starts drifting. You need to get back into the current. You need to get back to where the wind can blow in your sails again and push your boat along. When you're right where the Lord wants you to be, doing what He wants you to do, He'll put the wind in your sails and push you along. But sometimes, even though you are in His will, He allows the wind to die down as a test, to see if you'll still keep going even when there seems to be no inspiration.

It's easy to serve the Lord and to keep going for Him when all is going well, when everything is going great guns and you're accomplishing a lot and you feel so inspired and so high in the Spirit. It's easy to serve the Lord then. But when it really counts in the Lord's eyes is when you keep going through the dry spells, those times when you don't feel so much inspiration, when you don't feel the anointing any more, when you don't feel like you're accomplishing that much, but you're just going on because you know the Lord expects it of you. You're doing it in obedience to Him, giving your life, dying daily because of His love for you and your love for Him.

It's easy to "die daily" when everything is going great guns and you feel inspired. You're not really dying then. But it's the times when you don't feel inspired to do the

Lord's will, when you feel discouraged and you feel the anointing is gone, when you really are "dying daily."

It's at those times that your faith is tested the most, and the Lord allows it, because He uses it to refine you and to see what kind of metal you're made of. He puts us through the fires of testing to see how we'll come out on the other side. But the good thing about it is that He knows we can come out better gold, or He wouldn't put us through the fires in the first place. He knows that you're made of the right stuff. He knows that you're made of the kind of gold that can go through the fire and come out even better gold. So don't be too discouraged. Keep hanging on! Keep going for the Lord whether you feel encouraged or not. Keep giving it your best shot.

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For those of you with handicapped children, I say: Their spirits are not handicapped, but they are healthy and strong. It is only the flesh that houses them that is weak or impaired. So love them as I would love them, and care for them as I would care for them, for inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me.

I will use these children as a witness to reach others that you could not otherwise reach. These handicapped ones are tools to reach certain sectors you would not be able to reach otherwise. They are a means to relate to those who are likewise deaf or blind, both physically and spiritually. They are a way to become all things to all men. This is why I have made them that way, that they may be a tool of My love. These are great opportunities. These are effectual open doors. Every handicap is a doorknob that has to be turned and opened.

Each of these has not come to slow you down, but to make of you better, more loving vessels. They are not given to you as chastisements or because you have sinned, but as teachers, as opportunities, as keys to your heart, to open a door of love that you did not know was there, to make you into more of a vessel of compassion, sympathy and understanding, to both your loved ones and to the world.

These "uncomely" ones shape your future in a greater way than you understand, which you'll be thankful for after you see how they have deepened your lives and opened the channel from your heart to the reservoir of My love, that you may pour out this love to the needy.

These handicapped ones pave a highway to Heaven, the road of service I have called for you to travel. Along the way I have placed many there for you and your

handicapped children to minister to. At the end of that highway there awaits not only the crown, but a healed spiritual body in its fullness, to accompany the fullness of spirit.

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Your commission is to be an example to all, young and old, great and small, of loving the Lord, loving each other, and loving the lost.

Your commission is to be an example of understanding, sympathy, compassion and tenderheartedness.

Your commission is to lift up the Words of David, to rally the troops to believe and have faith.

Your commission is to raise a standard against the attacks of the Enemy, to strengthen those who are weakening, to save those who are almost lost.

Your commission is to be an example of the uniting of the generations, working hand in hand in love and unity and mutual respect with the older generation.

Your commission is to seek the Lord and hear from Him fresh each day; to make prayerful, Spirit-led decisions; to not lean to your own understanding, but to constantly, every day and in every way, seek the Lord.

Your commission is to live the Law of Love and to give of yourselves and your loved ones to those who are in need.

Your commission is to stand strong in the face of the Enemy and his lies, and to raise a standard against him by turning to the Word and the truth for your strength.

Your commission is to put aside your personal preferences and desires in order to commit yourselves to fight to overcome your personal weaknesses, and do all that is within your power to be a good sample to the brethren.

Your commission is to kneel in humility before the Lord your God and to admit at every possible opportunity that it's only Jesus.

Your commission is to stand strong and tall and faithfully lead the troops in the battles which are to come, knowing that you can do all things through Christ Who strengthens you.

Your commission is to remain loyal to the king and queen and the Words of David, and to remember that your lives are not your own, but they are bought with a price. Now you belong to the Lord and your Family. (ML #3095)

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(Dad:) I know what it's like to be discouraged. I had to battle that quite a bit. You can read about it in the Letters. In fact, I think you should read about it! Go back and read the Letters where I was discouraged, and I just had to hang on to the Lord. It's something that the Enemy fought me with as well. He likes to get our eyes off the Lord and on ourselves, and of course when we start looking at ourselves, there's no end to it! We start going downhill, start sinking, just like Peter did when he started looking at himself instead of looking at Jesus. You've got to look at Jesus! You've got to keep your eyes on Jesus or you'll sink!

In my case, I got so discouraged that I even turned to the bottle for some inspiration. You've read about that in the Letters too. I know you have a tendency to do the same, but it's not going to help at all. In fact, it's a downward spiral, because when you drink it gets you even more discouraged, because it gets your mind further off of Jesus and on to yourself. I know you don't want to; it's just something that happens when you get discouraged. I was the same way. But I asked the Lord to help me, and He did. And after a while I just refused to touch it any more.

The Lord sees each difficulty. He sees the trials, He sees the pain, He sees the hard days, and He'll reward you. The Lord knows what you're going through, and it pleases Him when you keep going despite it, when you keep fighting and when you turn to Him. Don't look at yourself. Don't look down. Don't look at the circumstances. Don't look at your own faults and failures. Don't look at the bottle. Just look at Jesus!

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Why do you tread lightly as if you peddle a despised thing? I've given you the treasures and the secrets of this time which all the prophets and holy men have sought to see, but they were reserved for you! Do you despise these riches that I've given you? I've given you a message which has been reserved for this day, and it shall not fail!

Are you the Church of Philadelphia? Have you held to the Words of David? Have you honored these Words? These are worth more than gold--more than fine gold! A man will give all that he has for these Words, for they are the true riches!

You alone have the true riches which multitudes clamor for, millions in the valley of decision, wondering what will befall them. You have the answer. You have the plan. You have been given the key to know the future which was reserved for My David. This have I reserved for you. I have ordained you for this task, for you are they upon whom the ends of the world have come! (GN 498)

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Bring all the tithes into My storehouse and see if I will not open the windows of Heaven unto you! Have I not given you a plan that all that believed were together and had all things in common and shared their possessions with one another? Did I not provide for them when they obeyed and followed the plan which I had laid down in My Own Book?

Walk in the ways that I have laid out before you. Share what you have. Give abundantly! Give beyond what you have, and I will pour more on to you. Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, shall be given unto you. As I have given unto you, you must give unto others; and as you pour forth, I shall pour unto you.

As I have provided throughout the ages, so shall I provide for you. But you must not be stingy. You must not hoard it. You must pour forth, and you must give of that which I've given you. Give and it shall be given unto you. (GN 527)

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(Dad:) I'm sorry that you're going through such a rough spot right now, but it's those rough spots that make us what we are. It's those rough times that draw us closer to Him and bring forth such wonderful fruit in our lives.

But they only work in our lives if we draw close to Him. If we go through the rough spots but don't draw close to the Lord, because we've got our eyes on ourselves instead of on the Lord, then we don't benefit from the trials. And that's such a shame and so sad, to go through the trials and the difficulties and the tough times and yet not come out the better for it, because we didn't keep our eyes on the Lord, because we were looking at ourselves, our circumstances, our conditions. Or we were looking at our lack of inspiration, instead of looking at the Lord and His strength and inspiration through us. That feeling of discouragement, lack of inspiration and anointing isn't going to last

forever. It's just for a time. It's a test. But the Lord knows you can make it, and I know you can make it too.

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If you do not immediately resist the doubts of the Enemy and raise a standard against him, if you entertain his doubts until they become habits and part of your own thought processes, with time what once looked to you like freedom, liberation, free thinking, being your own person, will become bondage. The Enemy will wrap his chains around your heart and mind and spirit, and you will no longer be able to receive My Word and the truth therein, because you will have made the wrong choices in your thoughts for so long that now your thoughts will no longer be your own. You no longer have the free will to make a choice to think the truth or to think lies, for the Devil will have gained control. His attacks will have moved from the outside to the inside. When that happens, you no longer have power to receive faith from My Word.

Therefore you must break the bonds of the Enemy by crying out to Me desperately and calling on Me for deliverance! You must ask Me to do what you cannot do--to break the power of the Enemy in your heart and mind and spirit. By doing so, you will once again be free to receive strength and power from My Word, and it will minister faith unto you.

You must then continue the long, hard struggle toward total healing by faithful, diligent, regular study of My Word. You must make daily choices to cleanse your mind with My Word, to rewire your mind with My Word, to strengthen your faith with My Word in all your battles against doubts, whether they be outside attacks or inside attacks.

So do not fear and do not be condemned, but reach out to Me by faith, knowing that I love you with an unconditional love, and it is not My desire that any of My children be lost to the attacks of the Enemy. I endured the attacks of the Evil One because I love you, and so that through My power you would have the power to overcome the Devourer. You are the overcomers! You are the victors if you look to Me in desperation. I will not fail you, for I love you with an everlasting love! (ML #3089)

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(Dad:) Now is the time when you've just gotta hang on! You've just gotta trust! You've just gotta believe! You've just gotta have faith! You've gotta trust that God knows

what He's doing, even though there doesn't seem to be any logical reason why you should have to be going through the battles you're going through!

The Lord is using these things in your life right now to make you into the woman that He wants you to be. Even though you can't see it, the Lord is using these things to work in your heart and in your life, and further down the road you'll see it and you'll understand.

You'll finally realize why you had to go through this time and why it seemed like it took forever. You'll finally see the Lord's great wisdom. You'll see the plan of the Master Weaver. He's working on weaving you right now, putting together the strands of your life. But you usually can't tell what it's turning out to be until it's done! When the tapestry is complete, then you see and appreciate and value the beauty of it.

You're in the middle of it, and I know it's tough. I know it's hard. I know it's a fight. I know it's discouraging. I know you sometimes just feel like, "Why bother?! Why do I have to go through this, anyway? This doesn't seem fair. It doesn't seem like the Lord loves me that much if I have to endure this new trial on top of everything else I've gone through!" It just seems like one thing after the other is piling on top of you, and you're worried that one more straw is going to come and it's going to break your back. Well, Honey, the Lord is not going to let that happen to you, because, believe me, He loves you!

It's not going to go on forever. I know you're in the tunnel right now, and it looks like it's going to be dark for a lot longer, but if you just keep going, keep trusting, keep holding on, keep believing, keep persevering, you'll come out of it! And once you do, you'll be so happy you made it through.

Now you're in the shop, in the Master Jeweler's hands, and He's cutting and chiseling and polishing--rubbing you this way and that--and bringing out the best in you. It's not always so comfortable, and sometimes you have to be subjected to a little pressure, a little polishing, a little chipping off of this or that, a little grinding here and there. But the end result is well worth it!

So hang on! The victory is just around the corner! You've already got it--by faith! Don't give up and don't give in! Don't think of quitting now. Just hang in there and you'll make it!

Freely you have received, freely give, for I have given much unto you. I have poured forth into you, and now I send you forth as vessels full of the water of My love, full of the elixir of My love, full of My healing balm to pour upon your brothers and sisters. Be vessels that pour out. Do not be vessels that withhold and contain, but be open vessels that freely give, even as you have received.

As you pour out, I will replenish, and your vessel shall not run empty. I will fill you up to overflowing as you overflow upon others. For unto whom much has been given, of the same shall much be required. This I require of you: that you love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your soul, and that you love your neighbors--your brothers and sisters and the lost--as yourselves. These things do I require of you, because of that which you have received.

As you pour out, pour not out in your own strength, but simply open your vessels so that the elixir of My love may flow out of its own accord, that it may be drawn out by the vacuum of others, by their need for love. (ML #3095)

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(Dad:) When you're tempted to be discouraged and get down and just kind of let it all hang out, you figure, "What the heck, why put forth such an effort? I'm not going to feel any better anyway, so why try harder?" When you feel like that, think about the JETTs. Think how much they look up to you and they want to see a sample in you. They want to see someone who they can follow, someone they can trust, someone who will show them the way--not someone who will tell them what's right and what's wrong, not someone who will preach sermons at them, but someone who's showing them by their own sample.

I don't mean that you have to be perfect, for goodness sake. I was far from perfect myself. I had a lot of faults and a lot of failures. But the kids followed me because they saw the sample. They saw that despite my weaknesses I was going full steam ahead for the Lord. Even at the times that I didn't feel like it, I just kept pressing ahead, and it was a sample to the kids. There are times when they don't feel like pressing ahead either, and it's a real struggle for them and they feel all discouraged and down. So to see you keep fighting and staying positive during those times is just about the best sample you could ever be. That will speak very loudly to them when they have to go through the same things.

When you get discouraged and just let it all hang out and don't stay on top of things, and you don't keep up the standard but let down your guard, it weakens their faith too.

And when they get hit with hard times, it's harder for them to fight, because they haven't seen the sample. So think about them. The Lord wants to use you to be samples, to be leaders, to be shepherds. But the hardest part about being a shepherd is being a sample--through the good times and through the bad times. Especially at those times when you're really going through it, that's the time when your sample counts the most. It's easy to be good when everything's going great. But when people know that you're going through it, yet they see that you're still being a good sample, that's what speaks volumes, and that's what's really going to help the JETTs.

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Despise not this day of teaching and training your little ones. Be not weary in well doing, for there is great reward for mothers and fathers who live their lives for their children. Their children, when they come of age, will make a decision as to how far they want to go for Me, and how they want to live and serve Me, and it will be their decision. You cannot force them or make this decision for them. But what you can do is teach them to love Me above all things, and put a desire in their hearts, through your example and your testimony, to live for Me and witness and lay down their lives, even unto the death.

Teach them to love the Words of David and to drink deeply at his fountain. Teach them to stay dropped out, to become Mountain Men, to remain clean and unspotted from the filth of Babylon. Do your best to prepare them for a life of service for Me. Teach them to love David, Maria and Peter, and when they come of age, they will make their own choices, whether to go or whether to stay, and how they wish to serve Me.

Take heed that you do not cloud their vision or burden their hearts, or weigh them down through your sins of bitterness, bickering, backbiting, lack of love, disunity, worldliness, or excesses of the flesh. For if you pollute and lead astray the little ones that I have placed in your care, I will hold you responsible. Therefore walk in My fear and do good, and I will reward you accordingly.

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Has not your father, your commander, taught you these two things--that you should pray and that you should witness? Even from the very beginning, these are the two basics, the two pillars upon which this work was begun. For this revolution was born in the white-hot fire of a witnessing revolution and a praying revolution! (GN 498)

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(Dad:) If you feel like you're lacking in faith and inspiration, soak yourself in the Word. Dive into it, even if you feel like you're not getting so much out of it at first. It's like if you were sick and you started taking some vitamins to help you get better. You might not feel much of a change when you're first taking the vitamins, but they are working inside your body, and as you keep taking them, you'll eventually see the results and you'll feel better.

It's the same thing with the Word. You may not see instant results, you may not feel instantly encouraged and strengthened--in fact, the Enemy may attack you with doubts and discouragement even more heavily--but you've just got to believe what the Lord has said, that if you read and revel in His Word, it will strengthen you. It will give you faith, it will give you inspiration. Feast on the Word. Feast on the New Wine! Feast on the old Letters! Feast on God's living Word for today!

Just tell yourself that you're going to believe it, you're going to receive it, and you're going to put it into practice no matter what. Put yourself out on a limb and saw it off, trusting the Lord that if you follow and obey Him, He's going to take care of you, He's going to inspire you, He's going to encourage you, He's going to pull you through! Cast yourself on the Lord. Throw yourself completely on Him. He's not going to fail you! He hasn't failed you all these years that you've served Him, and He's not about to fail you now! So trust Him, even if you don't see or feel the results.

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When you feel worried with the strain of it all, that's the time to come into My arms and make sweet love to Me. Come into My bed and let Me whisper in your ear.

When you feel like all is stormy and cloudy, and your heart feels heavy to where you're not sure if you can take one more step, that's the time to come and lie with Me. That's the time to retreat into My heart of love that is here waiting for you. Melt into My arms and take your rest, and I will give you the solutions that will whisk the clouds away. I will give you the peace to carry on.

You'll never have the strength nor the stamina to withstand the pressure out in the wings if you don't pull back. Slip away into My temple of love. Look up into My dome of sunshine and breathe deeply of My Heavenly fresh air. Breathe in, and relax. Sit back and revel in My beauty. Sit and wait. Lie still upon My gentle breast and let Me fill you with My golden seeds. Come, let Me ravish you in the ecstasies of My wild wind of love!

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As I have called you the Revolution for Jesus, the Children of God, the Family of Love, I long to call you the ministers of My elixir of healing. Many shall come to you seeking for this very thing, longing to be fed of the Words of life and longing to receive the elixir of My love and My healing. The news of your testimonies shall spread abroad and great will be the company of those that will publish it, if you will but follow Me and reach out your hands of faith. I shall never suffer you to lack and I will never allow you nor your children nor your work to suffer, if you put your trust in Me. (GN 527)

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(Dad:) Though you may not feel like you're much of a sample right now, or you don't feel very strong, or you feel like you're barely making it yourself, much less able to help anyone else--if you step out by faith and determine to be the sample that you know the Lord expects you to be, and that the young ones expect you to be, then He'll help you. As you decide to give your life for them, even if it kills you, the Lord will reward you. The Lord will pull you through and He will bless you.

Just like the Bible says, no greater love has any man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. There's no greater way that you can show your love for the Lord than by laying down your lives for these kids--both your own kids and other young people who need help, who need a shepherd, who need someone to show them the way, someone to be a sample. Not in words, not in sermons, not in telling people what to do or what not to do, not in berating the young people, but in showing the way and being a sample--someone whom they would want to be like, whom they would want to emulate. Being a sample of love, of patience, of love for the lost, of a fervent desire to get out and witness and win the lost. If you determine in your heart to do it, I know the Lord will bless you.

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The world dwells in darkness, and the forces of darkness feed that darkness. But you have been called unto light. Therefore hold your light high that all may see, for it will do no good to hide in a corner.

Proclaim My Word! Proclaim the truth! Cast your bread upon the waters and deal it to the needy. For I have many children who are not of this fold, and I wish for them to

also hear the Words of David. They look for a shepherd and a leader. They look for guidance, and you, My children, can give it to them. You need to give it to them. These need faith. They need My Words.

This is not a day for cowards. It is not a day to hide. My sheep need a rallying call. They need a shepherd. Be that shepherd! (GN 549)

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Fight [in prayer] for your brethren! You who are strong and healthy must fight for your brethren who are sick and weakly. You must be as their intensive care [prayer] nurses who wait on them hand and foot and care for their every need, because they are fighting for their lives. They cannot eat on their own or move on their own or do anything on their own. So you must petition Me for them with your prayers and bring them constantly before Me. Keep them in your prayers throughout the day and minister unto them with your prayers, that I may restore their health and that they may be delivered from the grasp of the Enemy's doubts. (ML #3089)

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My precious love, I know the temptation: You feel that you cannot stop, that you must not stop, for there's too much to do! I know and I see the burdens and the pains and the press of the people that weigh heavily on your heart. I know and I understand the feeling of impossibilities that engulf you. I see and I understand the ponderings of your mind and heart as you wonder how on Earth you can ever accomplish enough to meet the need at hand.

I see and I know and I understand, for I too was faced with the same when I walked on the Earth. I felt the burden and the press of the people. I felt overwhelmed by the size of a job that seemed impossible. I know and I understand. I, too, felt pressed and burdened and like I had to fight on. And I was right, I did have to fight on. But I learned that it had to be the forces of Heaven fighting through Me. I learned that I couldn't do it, and that My Father didn't expect Me to do it in My Own strength, but to simply yield My all to Him, and He would win the battle.

I know and I see and I understand the temptation to take things into your own hands, for I, too, was tempted to do the same. I often felt that I didn't even have time to sleep when I was faced with the burdens and the press of the people. The need was so great and the burdens were so heavy. My disciples were all in training, and often I was

tempted to feel all alone, like one man fighting the world. I often wanted to dig right in and go, go, go--nonstop. But I had to learn the blessing of pulling back. It didn't take too long for Me to realize that I couldn't do it. I had to step back into that quiet communion with Heaven in order to get the job done.

And it's the same for you. This is the secret, and herein lies the victory, for you cannot meet the need. On Earth, it cannot be done. This is precisely the reason why I give you this key. For this reason I open to you the treasure vaults of Heaven, for in Heaven it can be done. In Heaven lie all the solutions. And through Heaven, if you will but stop and take time with Me, I will beam down the power. I will beam down the answers, the strength and the miracles that are needed to lift the heavy loads and lighten the burdens.

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(Dad:) Living the "One Wife" vision is not outdated. It's not old-fashioned or old hat. It's still God's formula for loving communal living. People are still adjusting to the Charter and learning lessons of true unselfish, sacrificial love, but it doesn't mean that you're not supposed to continue to be your brother's keeper. You are meant to take care of your brothers and sisters and do whatever you can to show them God's love. That's what "One Wife" is--opening up your life to others, and not living selfishly behind closed doors and just taking care of your own, not caring about what happens to the others in your Home.

We are still meant to take care of each other, to help with each other's children, and to do so unitedly. It's going to take prayer, giving, forgiving and loving. It's going to take the Lord's Word, faith, trust and obedience. But I guarantee that as you do those things, the Lord will bless and keep blessing.

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Be diamonds of dust, be crystals that cling closely to the pillar of My Word, that pulsate with My light. The light is not of yourselves; it is of Me. You do but reflect it. You do but show it through your loving ways, your loving deeds, the sacrificial giving of yourselves, reaching out to your brothers and sisters, reaching out to the lost and to those who have not yet found Me, pouring My love both on those in your Homes and on those without, those who are hungry for the Words of David.

For the crystal has no power of its own; it is connected to the pillar and simply reflects the light from within the pillar. You are My beautiful crystals, My precious ones

whom I have chosen. You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have ordained you to be My crystals, to reflect My light. But remember that it is My light that you must shine with; it is not your own.

When people look on you, when they hear your words, they must see Me. They must see My love, they must see My Spirit, they must see My light. (ML #3095)

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Give them the Words of David. Give them the Words of your father, for the Words of your father will be strength and spirit to them. Withhold not the counsel of God from these little ones, for many are sick and weakly because they feed not upon the Words of David. Many have been fed the milk of David, but they need the meat of David for their souls, that they may grow strong and mighty, to be the warriors that I have called them to be!

How can they grow if you don't feed them? How can they progress if you feed them only the milk of the Words of your Father David? They are of age. They can take the strong meat of David, and they have need of this meat! It will be good for their souls and their bodies, and they will find strength from the Words of their Father David.

Give your children that which has been given to you. You found strength in the early days when you began to drink of the Words of David and see the vision of David. That's what has made you strong! (GN 553)

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(Dad:) So much depends on how you look at things; whether you look at things positively or negatively. So much depends on which direction your antenna is pointing; whether it's pointing up, getting God's signals, or whether it's pointing down, getting the Enemy's murmurs, complaints and negative attitudes.

No matter what has happened in your life or in the past, it can all work together for good and bring about the good fruits that the Lord wants it to. Even if some of the experiences were not necessarily "good" or may have seemed grievous at the time, we know from the Word that all things work together for good. We can still benefit and learn from them and apply them positively, if we will just look at them with the eyes of faith.

You can look back on that situation and complain and murmur about it in your heart and be negative about it, or you can look back on it and thank the Lord for the lessons you've learned.

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The day to be passive is over. You must now be militant! Your enemies look strong and big and powerful, and you must have My power and My strength. This is the only way that you will be able to defeat them. Though your enemies look great, greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

This is the day to fight, to stand up! Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against all the wiles of the Devil. For he is fierce! He's playing for keeps! He's not playing around--he's out to destroy! But for this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Evil One!

My Spirit will go with you and I will give you peace. I will fight for you! Arise! This is your day! The violent take it by force! (GN 567)

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(Dad:) You've just got to let'm go. It's time to let'm go. You've just got to keep tabs on'm. Keep a string on'm, like when you're flying a kite. Let'm go and blow in the wind, but keep a string on'm, so you know where they're at, what they're doing, and how they're doing.

There are going to be some nosedives for sure. In fact, there are going to be lots of'm. You know how the wind is out there. When you try to fly a kite, it doesn't necessarily come that easy. Sometimes they get stuck in a tree, or they crash. So keep your eyes on'm. It's going to be okay; they're going to fly pretty well. But they are going to learn how to fly through some crashes and through some nosedives. But it's not the end of the world, right? You just go pick up your kite and try again, or you try a new place, or you get in a better angle for the wind to hit it right. If it is too windy, bring'm inside for a while.

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My heart aches to see the heartache that you have felt, for I feel the pain, the anger, the regret, the remorse, the feeling of being hurt, of being angered by the faults and mistakes and even the sins of others. I know how this hurts, and I know that it is the nature of man to want to retaliate, to want revenge, to fight against forsaking and forgiving and putting these things completely behind you. To truly forgive and forget is one of the most difficult things for any man. This is something that can only be done through Me and through My Spirit. For My Spirit is love; My Spirit is forgiveness.

The whole reason that I came to Earth and lived and died in human flesh was for the very purpose of unjustly suffering, being hurt, so that others might have life and love, and so that you, My children, might be able to extend forgiveness to one another. Only through Me can you be freed from these roots of bitterness that the Enemy seeks to use to entangle your heart, that he seeks to wrap around you so that you become stuck and cannot move further in your service to Me.

I am here for you, waiting to lift this load of bitterness, anger and deep sorrow that you have been carrying around. Just stop, sit down, take it off and give it to Me. Just say "Jesus, take this. I don't want it any more. I'm tired of it." I'll take it and I'll throw it away. I'll make it disappear forever, so that you can once again feel the brightness and lightness of My love and the happy joy of My Spirit as you serve Me and work for Me.

I am here, waiting to wipe it all away and make clean the slate of your heart and mind. Just ask Me. Just say "Erase it all, Jesus. White it out." I will send the refreshing rain and the clean white snow of My love to cover the bloodstained ground, made so by the wounds and the hurts and the pain. I will make you whole again.

Just reach out for Me. I am here and I love you, and I want nothing more than for you and Me to be able to fully and deeply rejoice in each other's love and fond embrace. That is what I live for and breathe for. That is what I want and desire, and this is why I chose to come to Earth, to endure the pain that I did, so that I might be able to help you in your times of pain, that I might help you out of it and over it, and that we may enjoy wonderful, blissful love together, now and forever.

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Be not swayed by carnal reasoning, for are not My ways the opposite of man's? When you see the need and feel like you just have to keep on pushing forward, that you can't stop, this is the time to check yourself. Although My work does require determination, umph and forging ahead, this must not be of your own self, but it must be Me that works in you.

I have made you and intended for you to be as a lamp--a beautiful and ornate oil lamp filled with the sweet scented oil of My Spirit. Therefore you must tend well to your lamp, and allow Me to fill and refill the oil, that your wick may burn freely, effortlessly and smoke-free, that My spiced oil may fragrance the air so that all the house may breathe deeply of its sweet-smelling savor.

Only in this rest and refilling can the oil stay replenished and fresh and pure, unadulterated from the impurities without. I do not wish for you to allow your lamp to be full of inferior oil, mixed with the impurities of strain, worry, and heavy burdens. For if you allow impure oil to burn in your lamp, foul odors and black smoke will fill the air.

Therefore come and rest and refill with My pure oil, scented and fragranced from the rarest and purest flowers and spices. You must have rest to do your best, and your very best is but to rest. Rest wholly in Me. Prove Me. I want you to prove Me. I need you to prove Me, that My power may rest upon you. Prove Me by taking leave, by pulling back and entering into My bedchamber. Prove Me by trusting in Me, that as you stop and take this time with Me, I will take care of all the problems.

You have done well to embrace My loving, and in this I am well pleased. How I long to continue making sweet love to you in the bed of passion and fire and fervor as we love and love and love!--That in the white-hot fire and passion of our lovemaking, you may be strengthened and empowered to carry on.

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As you listen in prayer, as you draw close to Me, I will guide you through these times [persecution]. As I guided Moses through the parting of the Red Sea and through the wilderness many years, through many persecutions and through many battles to enter into the promised land, so I am guiding you through these battles as you enter into the promised land that I have before you.

The end is near, very near, and our Enemy has great wrath in knowing that his time is short. It shall be unto you as I have spoken through My servants the prophets down through the ages, and as I have spoken even more clearly through My servant David. The Words shall come to pass and they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

As they see the Words that I have spoken for many years come alive and come to pass before their very eyes, they shall know that you have spoken the truth to them, and that you have not feared their evil, but have stood strong against their machinations and have exposed their evil ways! Then shall they know that a prophet has been among them--many prophets and many prophetesses, My Endtime Family!

Stand strong in the liberty wherewith I have set you free, and be not entangled with the lies and the fears that the Enemy would entangle you with. Fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life. Fear not that which has come upon you, but know that I am greater than your enemies. One of you, even the smallest of you, standing with Me, is a majority against the multitudes of evil, and there is none that can stand against Me!

There is none that can put their finger on you without touching the apple of My eye, and I will hit them back with My strong sword and they will be as dust before the wind! Their place shall no longer be found, for their cup of iniquity is filling to the top and it is very soon to overflow when My wrath and My judgment will be rained down upon these people. (GN 569)

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Instead of watching a movie, or going on an outing, or spending extra time fellowshiping with others, those who are battling may need to make the decision to channel as much time as they can to spend with Me and in My Word, allowing it to strengthen them, wash them, and heal them. (ML #3089)

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(Dad:) Prophecy has been around a long time, and the Lord has used men and women throughout the ages to proclaim His truths and to pass on His Words and His messages. At the beginning of the Family we had prophecy, but in these Last Days we're learning more and more about it. We're certainly using it more today than we did in years past. As in all learning, there is always the possibility of mistakes, but even those are not to be worried about.

Just be like that little baby, who has so much faith and simply sucks, because he knows what he receives is what he needs. Give what you get, continue to pour forth, and don't be discouraged. Be bold and speak the Lord's words. Just always remember to leave yourself open, to have an open mind and an open heart so that you can receive His whispers in the purest form possible. And the key, as always, is humility. Stay humble and meek and use this gift God has given you with a great measure of love. Use it to help and encourage others.

Continue to exercise your gift and sharpen that skill, for the Lord has need of you and He has great plans for you in the future. Just remember to stay close to Him and to stay humble. Exaltation is usually one of the first signs that we're headed the wrong

direction, so if you should suddenly feel that you're very important, ask the Lord to deliver you from such feelings, and to keep you on track.

Stay dependent on the Lord and continually ask Him to keep you pure, and close to Him and His Word. Immerse yourself in Jesus and His Word so that you can shine even brighter for Him.

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(Spirit helper:) Go forth in the power of love! Go, and spread love. As freely as you have received, so freely give. Give love, give understanding, give sympathy, give compassion. Lift up the weak, encourage the weary, comfort the sick, love the lost, heal the wounds, love the unlovely. Live the Law of Love, and give to those in need.

Strengthen those who are weak. Uphold those who are downtrodden. Be tender, be kind, show mercy, and walk in truth. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. Keep your eyes on Heaven, firmly fixed above. Seek the Lord your God diligently in all things, and walk in wisdom toward those that are without.

Be sober, be vigilant, and resist the Enemy and his lies! Raise the standard through the Word of God. Fight for the right at all costs. Defend the faith. Uphold the truth. Be strong in the power and might of Jesus. Remain loyal, obedient, faithful, and true to Queen Maria and King Peter, and to the Words of David. Defend the Kingdom and lead the troops in the battles to come.

Wage your war militantly in prayer! When you walk, when you lie down, when you rise, when you speak, when you are silent--pray, and pray, and pray again. Lean not to your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Jesus and be led of Him. Serve in love, live in love, and love one another. Join hand in hand, young and old; live in unity, and find strength.

Take courage and march on, spreading love to the ends of the Earth, knowing that God is with you, and cannot fail, and will not fail. Walk in humility, giving all the glory to Jesus, knowing that of your own selves you can do nothing. Lean on Him and find your strength. (ML #3095)

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Some may say, "Tie up in port," but I say, "Launch out into the deep!" You must lose sight of the shore in order to discover new lands and new horizons! Let this new troop of soldiers launch out into the raging war that is ahead. For My power is with them and they shall overcome!

These are My children, the ones I have ordained and chosen from the foundation of the world for this Last Time. This time which many of My prophets have dreamed of and would have wished to see is now upon them, that they may fulfill their destiny!--And they will not fail Me!

Therefore let them burn free, beloved, let them burn free! My Spirit in them will guide them and will teach them and will speak to them with greater power than ever before. They shall hear My voice clearer than ever before. For it is the time appointed, the time I have chosen for them to follow Me closer than ever before, to lean on Me, to seek Me, and to fulfill My will in this Endtime. (GN 553)

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My sweet, precious, beautiful bride! I love you and need you and want you and desire you! Thank you for being such a good wife, not only to Me, but also to your husband. I'm proud of you, and I commend you for taking good care of your man for so many years, and remaining faithful to him. I love to see people's love endure the test of time. I love to see people who remain faithful in their commitments to each other, and who continue to love, no matter what. Sure, there are ups and downs and tests, but you are a good sample because you love each other. For this, I commend you!

It's especially beautiful when a couple lets Me be part of their union. Thank you for letting Me be part of yours. I love you and need you.

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My precious one with the kind heart, it is I Who fashioned this heart of love and imbedded it deep in the casing of your frail human flesh. My tender one, the one who loves the people, the one upon whom I have bestowed this tender heart of love--I have given you this love-filled heart, this caring heart that desires to pour and pour and pour out again until you have no more to give. In this I am well pleased, and for this you must keep coming back again and again and again that I may replenish your lamp, and that I may strengthen and encourage your heart of love.

Let not your heart be troubled, only believe in Me. You must have rest to do your best, and in this rest you will find strength. In this rest, as we lie together in sweet love, I am able to lift the heavy burdens. I am able to ease your troubled heart in the stillness and quietness as I whisper My sweet tunes in your ear. This will give you the strength, the vision, and the inspiration to be the blessing you so earnestly desire to be. For only in this resting and refilling will you have strength enough to pour out My honey balm of love upon those for whom you care.

I am the One Who must pour through you. Do not take these burdens upon your own shoulders, but cast them upon Me. I am the One Who allows you to be touched with these feelings, the infirmities of others, that you may take hold and cast them on Me, that you may lay them down at My feet as we hold sweet communion and lovemaking.

I am the One Who has entrusted this mission to you, My precious one, for I allow these burdens to touch your heart. I know your heart and that you seek to please Me. I see your heart and your desire to love Me. I see your heart of love, and I am the One Who has placed within you this heart of a caring shepherdess. I have placed it within you that you might bring these burdens to Me. Therefore bring them to Me in earnest prayer and strong supplications, that in so doing I may answer. By your faithfulness to cast the burdens upon Me in fervent prayer and to seek My solutions, My heart is touched and My hand moves to touch these for whom you care.

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Fear not, for I will protect you and keep you in the midst of persecution. I will encamp you about. Wherever you go, wherever your foot treads, no matter where it is, I am with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I care for My Own as a father who jealously guards his flock and children and herds. As the Good Shepherd who never leaves their side, I am always with you.

Fear not, little flock, for it is My good pleasure to give you the Kingdom, but it must needs be that some of you enter into the Kingdom through tribulation. But even in the midst of tribulation I am with you. I will continue to comfort you and speak to you. I will speak words of love, wisdom and comfort to you. Even in the midst of battle My Words will be there to soothe and help and heal and strengthen you for the days ahead.

I will deliver you! Fear not! Keep your heart and let not the Enemy of your soul steal the peace that I have given you--the peace which passes all understanding. I will deliver you and keep you in the way that you shall go. I will guide you with My eye.

At the end of the road is a wonderful victory: My message shall be proclaimed to all through the mouths of many! My Words shall be proclaimed like never before, and then shall the End come! (GN 569)

404

Come, My precious love. Come close and do not fear. Although you feel bad, you feel you have been far from Me, you feel you have put other things before Me, yet do I love you. Yet do I see you as My beautiful bride, one of My queens, and I call you close to Me only because I wish to give you more of My love.

I do not wish to take away. I do not wish to cause your heart to ache. I only wish you to come close to Me, so I may love you and kiss you, so I may hold you, and you may walk closer to Me. So come to Me and commit all that is on your heart to Me. Tell Me about it; speak of it to Me in words.

When your heart is overwhelmed, take quiet time with Me and tell Me point by point all that is in your heart, all that is burdening you, all that you fear, and let Me answer you one by one. Let Me speak to your heart, let Me comfort you and let Me take away your burdens.

405

Teens are one of the top priorities on My list. Their lives, their usefulness, their well-being, their inspiration, are a top priority to Me. My young people are the fruit of the revolution and proof that My Word and My promises do not fail. So whatever can challenge the youth and turn their key and provide them with the vision and the inspiration to preach to the lost in My Name, to share the message of My love with the world, is time well spent and well invested. I go to any lengths to show My love, and there is no stopping place and no limit to My love.

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In that day when I shall come and greet you, you shall stand at My right hand, and I will place upon your heads crowns of righteousness, that all may see and marvel! All shall know you and shall see that you are My children, the children of David, My avant-garde. You shall be mighty in My Kingdom and in the halls of Heaven, for you are My chosen ones, each of you, even the littlest. You are great in My sight, and I shall

protect and lead and guide you through the darkness and the storms which are yet to come. Fear not! Hold on to Me, and I will protect and keep you. Look forward to your reward. (GN 580)

407

Be not troubled at the seeming trials and tribulations, the rough spots and ragged trails that are before the brethren. All things are of Me, and all things come of My hand to accomplish that which I have sent them to do. In this, learn the secret. Have I not promised that I would give My children faith to remove mountains, that they may call down fire from Heaven in that great and terrible day? How would so great a faith come if there were no trials to test it and prove it?

Have I not said that in the patience of My beloved children they would possess their souls? How would so great a treasure of patience come without burdens to bear, causing patience to grow and have her perfect work? Am I not a faithful guide Who is preparing My children that they might stand head and shoulders amongst their brethren in the world? Am I not preparing them with My loving hand in the form of valued experience? How would experience come without tribulations?

If you are willing to pass these tests of shepherding and bearing the burdens of others, these tests of standing strong in the face of discouragement and frustration, these tests of love and giving and sharing and putting your own personal desires aside to love another, these tests of standing up to peer pressure and worldliness, these tests of willingness and yieldedness and utter obedience to My will--if you are willing to pass all these tests, you will be ready to fulfill all I have prepared for you. For through these trials and tribulations, tests and breakings, you, My special anointed ones, are able to grow into the ministry I have set before you.

Fear not the testings, for they are to make you stronger. With each test and trial there is a victory. It is My promise and My plan, that the power of God may be manifested in you.

408

As you come to a curve in the road and you wonder what is beyond, you feel apprehensive, worried. "What if this is not that way I wish to go? What if I don't want to go down this road, then what shall I do?" My love, I promise you that I will not take you

anywhere that I will not go with you. I want to comfort your heart that what is ahead is not bad, but it is beautiful. You will not be sorrowful but happy.

You are passing through the Jordan right now. You feel wet with tears and you wonder, "If this is so difficult now, what will it be like down the road?" But if you will commit all and give all to Me now--yield your life, your future, your plans, your desires and your goals to Me--if you will give it all to Me and allow Me to give back to you that which I know is best, then the future will be beautiful, bright and happy. So take My promise and believe it, for I love you and I wish to make you very happy.

409

If bitterness is allowed to follow its course, it will only make you weaker and weaker and weaker. With time, your heart and mind will be more receptive to the doubts of the Enemy, for bitterness is like a plow that plows up the soil of your heart and prepares it for the seeds of the Enemy's evil doubts.

Just as My penis plows up the earth of your heart to prepare you for My seeds, that they might take root deep in your heart and life, so does bitterness plow up the earth of your heart to prepare you to receive the seeds of the Evil One--his doubts, lies and fears.

So what would you rather have: The plow of My penis preparing you for My seeds, or the Devil's plow of bitterness preparing you for his seeds? (ML #3090)

410

You have been anointed not only with oil, but you have been anointed by fire--the fire of affliction, the fire of battle, the fire of desperation. You have been molded and made into the vessels of My choosing. I also pour upon you My anointing. I pour upon your head the anointing of oil mixed with wine, the oil of My Spirit mixed with a broken heart. I give unto you My Spirit of compassion, of love, and of understanding. I give unto you the oil of the Spirit mixed with wine, symbolic of My blood, of the sacrifice that I have given.

I give this to you so that you will know that I know and I am aware and I understand the sacrifices that you have made--the giving of yourself, the giving of your loved ones, the laying down of your all to serve Me. I give you this anointing--the anointing of My oil, the anointing of My blood--as a token unto you, that you may know that I understand, and that I know of the hardships, the heartaches and the heartbreaks.

I know your very heart and I love you with an everlasting love. And I say to you who have given your lives unto Me, you who have laid down your lives daily--great is your reward in Heaven! Great is your reward for eternity! Great is your reward in My arms! When you come unto Me, you will know that every drop of blood shed, every trial, every test, every heartbreak, is rewarded with great rewards!

Receive My anointing upon your head, mixed with My understanding, My compassion, and My love. All of you together receive this, My anointing, this, My love, these, the kisses of My Spirit. (ML #3095)

411

(To one who was sick:) According to your faith be it unto you. First I suggest that you ask for prayer and ask for My healing, for I am the Great Physician and I am the most wonderful doctor. Not only am I your doctor, but I am your loving Husband, and I long to make you whole without these little afflictions which hinder and bother you.

I do not say that it is wrong to go to the doctor if you desire to find out what it is, but I do say that I am able to heal you. So ask Me first for My help, and then if you so desire, you may seek the counsel of those who are trained in this profession. They can tell you what it is, but first ask Me.

412

Know this, that the Good Shepherd gives His life for the flock. And as you are good shepherds, your giving your life in setting these [young people] free will help them to have the faith to then go forward.

It encourages their faith to know that you have faith in them. If they know that you believe in them, and you believe in Me in them, if they feel that confidence, if they feel that strength from you supporting them and helping them, they will go on to do many mighty things for Me, knowing that not only am I with them, but that you are there supporting them, encouraging them, helping them, and guiding them with the wisdom that I have given you through the years.

Work together hand in hand and side by side. It is not meant that one should be in front of the other, to slow or to hinder the one behind, but that the younger ones with the spirit and the fire and the zest and the zeal, and the older ones with the wisdom and experience in the Word for guidance, work together with My Spirit. This then is a threefold cord that cannot be easily broken.

Individually and alone, neither you nor they will make it. For I have called you for this day and I have raised them up for this day. I have prepared you for this day, that the young and the old will work together as a team, each with their talents and their gifts.
(GN 553)

413

My precious one, have you not prayed to be more like Me? Is it not your sincere desire and prayer to walk in My footsteps? Therefore be not surprised at the burdens and the heaviness of heart that will envelop you from time to time, for this is but My hand of love, My extended mercy and My infinite compassion, that you may feel My heart, that our two hearts may beat as one.

I wept. I wept for the burdens. I wept for the trials. I wept when I saw My loved ones fall and stumble. I wept, and I was moved with compassion upon them. I wept, yet it spurred Me on. I wept, yet it drove Me to My Father's loving arms on the wings of desperate prayer, that through My prayers I might help them in a lasting way. I wept, yet through My tears I was able to partake of the power of Heaven. I wept, yet through it all I learned to truly cast My burden on Heaven, and My faith grew.

That was part of My training, for My faith needed to grow. That was My preparation for the mighty stand I was going to take. For had My faith not grown, where would you be? Where would mankind be? My faith fought on in spite of trials, disappointments, discouragement and despair. My faith and patience endured the cross and the shame. My faith climbed the lonely hill of Golgotha, and My faith moved the mountain of Calvary. Yes, through My faith came the victory that overcame the world. I won the fight, and My faith lives on in you, and for you, and through you.

Therefore be not faithless but believing, for in this lies victory that overcomes!

414

Where there is life, there is hope. Those, My precious ones, who are buffeted on every side, tossed to and fro with the winds of confusion, need your unconditional love, for they hang in the balances. Though they seem capable of making a decision, though they seem of age, Satan is sifting. He is confusing, he is hoping to win them.

Therefore be not weary, but show them love, for My love conquers all. My love is able to break through the iron bars, the brazen gates that would seek to entrap them. Love them unconditionally and patiently. Tenderly gather them in, as I have gathered you.

Show them My unconditional love. Love that has no conditions is love that holds on to them through the hard times, through the battles, the trials and the struggles of everyday life. My love knows no conditions; it is without limitations. My unconditional love is love that sees beyond the hard shell and cold exterior; it sees above and beyond and reaches out to save the lost, the weary, the tired, struggling soul.

Unconditional love is love that sees the diamond in the rough. It is love that is willing to mine those jewels, extract them from the ground, smooth away the rough edges, buff them up, and polish them with tender loving care until the brilliant stone shines bright and beautiful for all to see. Mining those jewels takes time. It takes patience. It takes faith and a large measure of unconditional love to bring forth the shining brilliant jewel that lies deep within the Earth.

My unconditional love loves the unlovely. It loves the difficult to love. It loves the sad and the lonely. It loves those who are struggling, those who are lost and in confusion. My unconditional love gives and gives and gives again, and expects nothing in return.

My unconditional love is without partiality. It doesn't say, "But this one does not return My love, does not react, therefore I give up." My unconditional love keeps on believing and never gives up hope; it's enduring, unyielding.

My unconditional love knows no limits and it has no stopping place. My love will go to any length, suffer any agony, walk through any storm to love and bring one lost, lonely, battered soul through to victory.

415

It is given to you to be followers of the Word and doers of the Word. Take no thought for your own life, but accept the challenge! Fight the battles! Go forward in the power of My Spirit and it shall be given to you what to speak. In that hour My Spirit shall anoint you.

Fear not, but go forth in the power of My might and My strength! Fight with everything that is within you. Heed the call of My servant David, for I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings have I perfected praise. Out of the mouths of your little ones shall come forth the Words of truth to the world--a witness and a testimony to the world!

Fear not, but go forth to fight the battle of the Lord! This is your hour, I have called you to this day! This is My plan. This is My design. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world! (GN 569)

416

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are your children in the sight of the Lord, and blessed is that man whose quiver is full of them. My precious Family, you are blessed, for your quiver is full of children! And as arrows, your children shall shoot forward into the hearts of the wicked, this wicked and perverse generation, and shall cut them to the heart!

The testimony and the voices and the songs of your children shall condemn this evil and perverse generation. Their words shall cut them to the heart! When they see your children, My precious ones, My blessed and chosen generation, they shall be ashamed as they look upon their own children. For it is by these words and testimonies of you and your children that the evil world shall be condemned. (GN 580)

417

(Dad:) Do you remember the days when we used to have a little bell on Tom cat's collar? As he'd run around, we could always tell where he was, because there was that little bell on his collar. Well, it seems to me the Lord put a little bell around the children's neck. This little bell is sickness, and when it rings, it reminds you to pray for them. He's been allowing this little bell to ring here and there to keep you desperate in prayer for them, because it's so easy for you to just see them as happy children and think everything's going fine, and not really carry the load of praying for them enough. This has been a little reminder to you parents in particular to pray for your children.

If you don't want this reminder and you don't like the way this is, then I suggest that you learn to pray more diligently for each of your children. Then the Lord doesn't have to use this little bell of sickness to remind you about them. Make it a habit. Carry your children to the Lord in prayer daily, frequently--not just their physical needs, but their spiritual needs. And then this little bell won't have to keep ringing all the time.

418

Are you willing to reach out to these who are buffeted in the storms of confusion--these who are caught in the snares and brambles, who find no joy, no power, no happiness in day-to-day life? These who are caught in the thick of battle, who Satan tries to confuse, that he may snuff out their light?

Will you be a vessel of My love--My never-ending, never-failing, never-swerving unconditional love for these little ones? How I love them! How I want them! How I long to wipe away their tears and their heartaches! How I long to melt away their confusion!

Who will heed My call? Are you willing? May I use your hands, your arms, your mouth, your body? Will you yield your members to Me that I may love these who are weary, who have lost their enthusiasm and joy? I have no hands but your hands to lend a tender touch. I have no arms but your arms to extend a comforting hug. I have no mouth but your mouth to speak a word fitly spoken, that it may encourage and lift them up.

I have no smile but your smile that sheds a little bit of sunshine through the dark, stormy clouds on a rainy day. I have no feet but your feet to walk a mile in their shoes. I have no vessel but your vessel, no body but your body, to reach out, to love, to comfort, to hold on to and to pray for these, My little lambs.

I see My children, how they stumble and fall. I have no arms to bend down and pick them up but yours. I see these little ones who are buffeted about. I see these who seem to have no life, whose candle is about to flicker out. I see them and I have need of you to care for them. I have need of you to tend and trim the wick of their candle that their flame may burn brightly and give light to all My house.

"How long, oh Lord? How long?" do I hear you say? My disciples asked Me the same. "If a brother falls, how many times should we lift him up?" And I said to them, "Not until seven times, but until seventy times seven." And now I say unto you, love them with My unconditional love.

How far will My love go?--To the ends of the Earth, to the highest Heaven, to the deepest depths of the sea. My love will walk out of its way to love and win one lost child who is groping in a sea of confusion. My love is the rescue boat; My love is the lifesaver. Only through My unconditional love will you be able to break the cycle.

419

(Dad:) The Lord is breaking your heart for the brethren. You're seeing what it feels like to really love and care and take care of others. That is what maturity is, when you can take care of others and put the needs of others above your own. That's what love is all

about. That's what being your brother's keeper is all about. That's what shepherding is all about.

Sometimes it seems easier to ignore things around you. It seems so much easier to just close your eyes sometimes or look the other way. But you can't. Even if you see others looking the other way, you can't, because you know the Lord is calling you to do more. You can't look away, just like the good Samaritan couldn't. He couldn't just pass by the poor man on the road to Jericho, he had to do something about it.

Now think about it. Did you ever think that maybe the Samaritan would have preferred to be on his merry way to get on with his business or pleasure or whatever he was on his way to do, and not have to be bothered with this pitiful mess of a guy he found on the road? Don't you think maybe the Samaritan was tempted to think that it would have been easier to just pass the guy up? Well, I've got news for you--that is exactly what he was tempted with. But he made the right choice. He made the right decision. He heard the voice of the Lord and he obeyed, he did the right thing, and now we have his sample to follow.

The Lord wants us all to feel responsible for each other. That's what love is all about!

420

(Dad:) As long as you're doing anything for Jesus you're going to have problems, because the Enemy will fight you. The Lord knows about the problems. He's aware. He's burdened. He's concerned. And as long as you look to Him, He'll lead and guide you and give you the answers step by step.

You'll never, ever be problem-free. And as long as you have to deal with the problems and think about the problems and hear about the problems and get burdened about the problems, you have to take time to look to the Lord and His Word and His promises, and feed on His promises and gain strength from His promises and renew your Heavenly vision. Otherwise, the problems will just weigh you down and drag you down and suck you dry of all your inspiration, faith and courage. (ML #3069)

421

Where there is life there is hope, and regarding these who have not made their decision, who are hanging in the balances, I say hold on to them. Love them with My unconditional love.

My love is faith--faith to believe that as you hold on to them in prayer, I am working a work in their hearts. My love is trust--trust in Me, the Master of love, to bring these little ones through to glorious victory as you simply hold on to them, in faith, believing that what I have promised I will perform. My love never gives up.

Therefore be not as the gardener who acts in haste. Be as the wise gardener who has patience and love. The wise gardener is he who knows that it takes time to bring forth the fruit of new life. He knows that although the tiny plant may have been buffeted in the storm, though it would seem to have withered and died, life is still in the roots.

The wise gardener will therefore tend to that little plant. He waters, nurtures, and tends the ground around the plant. He tends it, cares for it and waters it, even through the times when it does not seem to be doing well. He prays for it, knowing that new buds will spring forth. For the wise gardener knows that it takes time.

He patiently plods along day after day, watering, nurturing and praying over the little plant, until finally the day comes. At the first signs of new shoots, new buds, the gardener rejoices, for the plant has come back to life.

Where there is life there is hope. Therefore love them with My unconditional love. Hang on to them in prayer, and seek Me daily to know when to water, how much to water, when to add fertilizer, and when to wait. For when you have tilled the ground, watered the plant, and given it a sufficient amount of love and care, you have only to pray and wait.

Pray desperately that life will spring forth. Pray the Lord of the harvest, that I may bring forth fruit in their lives. Hold on to them in prayer. Pray for miracles in their hearts. Give them My love that knows no hours, no days, or nights, no limits. Be there for them.

422

I am your Answer Man. I have the answers that you seek and need, but I cannot help you if you refuse to receive them and believe them. Ask what you will and I will answer, but it is up to you to believe and receive My answers.

Those who ask and who are hungry to receive and believe My answers will grow and prosper and be strengthened. But those who ask but are skeptical, unbelieving, and refuse to accept My answers, and go on asking and asking and asking the same questions, will not be strengthened. Instead, they will find that they have yet more questions and more questions. And pretty soon those questions are no longer questions, but they are doubts that will weaken them and eventually destroy them.

I am doing all I can to answer your questions through My written Word, the voice of My Word, and by speaking with My still, small voice to your heart and mind. My king and queen are doing all they can to answer your questions, pouring forth My Words as quickly and abundantly as they possibly can. And your shepherds, elders and parents are doing what they can to answer your questions. But it is up to you to receive and believe.

If you refuse to receive and believe, if you reject the answers and the truth, then there is nothing more that I can do, nor that My king and queen can do, nor that your elders can do to answer your questions. It is up to you to take, eat, receive and believe that which is given unto you of the truth. (ML #3090)

423

Even a little candle of truth shines many miles in the midst of blackness and darkness. So continue to let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify Me. Though they may try to snuff out your light by putting a bushel over it, nevertheless that bushel shall burst into flames with the power of the fire that I have put within you and the Words that I have given you!

As you go through this time [of persecution] I shall raise you up. I shall give you power for the hour! I shall give you the strength that you need in the time that you need it. I have not forsaken you, nor will I forsake you. I have kept you close these many years. I am not a man that I can leave and turn My back on you, for My love is an everlasting love. I know your heart and the purity of your motives and your desire to serve Me. I will be faithful to you forever!

It must needs be that these afflictions happen, but woe to them by whom they happen! Woe to them that bring these afflictions and persecutions upon you! For their cup of iniquity does fill, and in overflowing they will see the vengeance of an angry God upon them, and there will be none that can withstand My anger in that day!

Keep going! Don't stop! Go forward in the power of My Spirit! Fear not! Fret not! Stand strong and I will keep you! (GN 569)

424

My love is all-encompassing. My love is a tender touch, a loving look, a bright smile, a kind deed, a silent prayer. My love takes every critical thought and transforms it into a fervent prayer. My love wars for those who struggle in spirit, fights for them at

Heaven's throne of grace. My love is a friend in need and a friend in deed. My love does not criticize or point the finger.

My love is all these things for those whom it is hard to love. My love is faith to believe that as you continue to give, I will work in their hearts. My love keeps on loving, even if you cannot see immediate results.

Where there is life there is hope, and regarding those who are hanging in the balances, who have not made a clear-cut decision, I say love them. Hold on to them. Show them My unconditional love, so they will not fall by the wayside.

My love begets love, so keep on loving them. As My love begets love, so does the tiny spark of My love shown through you ignite a fire in the hearts of others. Just as love begets love, enthusiasm begets enthusiasm, emotion begets emotion, and vision begets vision.

Love them, pray desperately for them, and look to Me. In those times when you hold sweet communion with Me, I will lead you and guide you. I will be your hands, your arms, your feet, your mouth. I will be your body, that you may love those who are in desperate need of love. My love will cover the multitude of shortcomings. My love will melt away the coldness. My love will break through the barriers.

425

(Dad:) When you feel overwhelmed with the problems, when they loom before you and seem hopeless and invincible, when everything about you is nothing but problems and you feel like you might as well quit, you need to remember that that's the Enemy! You've got to take your eyes off the problems and fix them on the Lord and His Word and His promises. Remind yourself constantly, and remind those round about you, that the Lord has the solutions and He knows and He cares and He loves!

Those problems are His problems. You don't have to carry them. They're not your responsibility. They're the Lord's responsibility, and He is able to bring the solutions and solve the problems. He knows what's going on.

Look to God's good guarantees and remind yourself continually that He has never failed us. In spite of our problems we have continued making progress, winning the world, getting out the Word, winning new disciples, and training our children. He has done it and He is going to continue to do it, because He's the One Who's in control, He's the One Who has the solutions, He's the One Who understands the problems best, and He's the One Who's going to bring the victory! (ML #3069)

(Dad:) The Lord will always bless putting others above yourself. The way to be happy is to make others happy, and then happiness will find you. You don't go around trying to figure out what's gonna make you happy. It will never work that way. That will not bring happiness, and this is what you young folks are having to learn.

Our God is a moving God! He's always moving and changing, but His laws don't change. It's still the same formula--Jesus, then others, then you--that spells JOY!

Sometimes it is a test of faith to see if you're going to obey and follow God when He tells you to do something, even if you don't feel like it. That's when your faith gets tested. He might tell you to do something you don't feel like doing. But if you know the Lord is telling you to do it, and if you go ahead and walk by faith, not by sight, then you find that the Lord is able to make you the happiest of all. Then you find real joy--the joy of the Lord--in yielding and obeying.

God works in different ways in different people's lives. For some it's a big test to see if they're willing to put the happiness of others above their own, even if they have to go totally by faith on what God shows them. But He will always bless you if you follow this simple formula: J-O-Y! Jesus, Others, You! In fact, He will bless above and beyond everyone's wildest dreams! You can never outgive God. You can never make a sacrifice for Him. When you put Jesus first, others second, and yourself last, that's when true happiness will find you. So seek to make others happy, okay?

(Dad:) The greatest power of the Enemy in the Last Days will be through doubt, discouragement and fear. So you need to learn to fight the Enemy, to be able to recognize his wiles, his attacks, and know how to fight back and win. Because the Devil is playing for keeps! He's not fooling around--he's serious! He's out to destroy the Lord's children, and especially the children of David, because he knows we're a threat to his power and his plan.

We're his greatest enemy on Earth, and he's doing everything he possibly can to undermine faith in the Word, to cause our kids to doubt the Word, to doubt the Lord's truth. Because if they doubt the Word, then they won't go to it or read it or study it or memorize it, and they'll lose their power. Because that's where the power is, it's in the

Word! The Word is the Lord! The Word is the Spirit! The Word is the power! So one of the Enemy's greatest attacks is to get our folks to doubt the Word. (ML #3070)

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If you would have the darkness flee that surrounds these little ones who are struggling, who are buffeted, hold on to them for dear life. Reach out to them in love. Love them through prayer. Hold on to them, fight for them, intercede for them, stand strong for them. Be a friend. Be not as one who shows where it's not at, but be as one to leads the way to where it is at.

Each morning when you rise, when the day is new and fresh, do as I do for you. Renew your mercy to these, as I renew My mercy to you every day. Start with a blank slate. Forget about the time they fell yesterday, and hope for progress and new steps today.

Do not measure them through the eyes of your own standards, your own ideas, your own goals for them, but see them through the glasses of faith, of hope, and of Romans 8:28. Know that as you do your part, as you obey and extend My love, I will do all that you cannot do and I will work the work in their hearts.

Reach them through prayer and show them you care. Love them today. Quit trying so hard to fit them into a mold; only lead the way by your own loving sample. When it's hardest to love them, that is the time to reach out.

Give them My unconditional love at every opportunity you have throughout the day--through a touch, a smile, a hug, a positive uplifting word, a silent prayer. Cover them with the warm sunshine of My unconditional love and trust Me to bring about the miracle of new life in them.

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Have I not said that there are different levels of faith, and those who will rise and those who will sink? Do I judge all people on where they stand today? I am the God of eternity, and every person has times when they are up and when they are down. There are those who are more dedicated and those who are less dedicated, and there are those who go from one to the other within their lifespan. There are those who go up and go down and back up and back down. Everyone is different. Their circumstances are different, and the time for each one's dedication and commitment is different.

Are there not those who were at one time very dedicated and giving their all, but who do less today, yet still serve Me? Are there not those who even left My service at one time in the past, but who have since returned and are greatly used of Me today? So is it, and so you cannot judge by the outward appearance or even by the present circumstances, but you must instead have love and understanding.

My young people grow. As they continue to grow and as time goes on, it will become evident and you will clearly and surely see who are the fighters of David and who are the children of David. In time those children begin to grow through the things that I bring their way to teach them, to purge them, to put them through the fire, to forge them. As they begin to grow through these things, they too shall become fighters. Those who are fighters today are they that should be cultivated and used and brought close and poured into and trained, that they may be useful and fruitful in My service. But this does not mean that all will continue to be fighters for all time.

For as they flow through the cycles of their lives, as they float in the river of My will, there are times when they are at their peak, their best, and they float in the swiftest part of the river. And there are times when they are low and they are hindered by the snares and the roots and the rocks at the edge of My will, on the side of the river. But I am patient, understanding and loving. I understand, and so you must understand that people grow and change, and they float within the river of My will in different places at different times. You must use them when they can be used, and have compassion and understanding upon them when they are buffeted. For whether they are in the center of My will or whether they are buffeted as they float elsewhere in My will, they are still My children and I still love them. You too must love and care for them, and you must judge them in love.

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Man sees not as I see. For I see not only the moment, but I see the past and the future. I see not only what the person is suffering and enduring, but I see the work of My Spirit that is being performed on their hearts, and that they are being fitted for greater battles in the future.

Those who are caught in the midst of hardship and sacrifice and heartbreak see only the losses of today. They do not see what will be gained on the morrow. But I live in the eternal now and I see the good fruits, the benefits, the strength, the understanding, the compassion, the faith, the trust, the love that will be borne through enduring such hardship. (ML #3071)

My son, feel not that you have been cast down or that you have been cast out, for My love for you is great. It is higher than the mountains, deeper than the seas. I am thankful for the love that you have for Me, and for the intimate times that we spend together. But I would be closer to you, and I would that you were closer to Me. Do you desire blessings in your life? You can have them! You can have more! And these blessings will come by spending more time with Me.

Think not that you are being beaten down and cast down, but use this time as an opportunity to draw closer to Me and to dive into My Word, for My Word is deep, as waters to swim in. In My Word, you will find jewels both old and new. Take this as a blessing. Be sorry, strive to overcome the flesh and the weaknesses that you have, but know also that by digging into My Word and by following Me closely, you will be strengthened. If you do what you can, I will do what you can't.

I am like a father who loves his child but must correct him. In like manner, I am your husband who is deeply in love with you, and it hurts Me to see you suffer. It hurts Me to see you corrected or chastened, but I see what is ahead. I know that the future holds great things for you if you will yield yourself to Me in every way and keep back nothing.

Don't let discouragement get in the way, for this can clog up the channel of My blessings. You must clear discouragement away. You must clear everything away that would get in the way of My blessings, of My love. Please, My son. Lie limp before Me. Do not fight, but be yielded. If you do these things, I promise you that there is a great light at the end of the tunnel--a warm, loving, fantastic light. When you come to the end of this road and you are ready to step into a new dimension, you will look back and say, "I am thankful for the time that I had."

So accept the love humbly, accept the correction humbly. There is so much love for you. There is so much love now and so much love in the future, but you must be humble enough to accept it.

(Dad:) I had to make a decision when I left you that was very difficult for me. As with most major decisions, the reason they're difficult is because there's a lot of forsaking. That's the part that seems hard, because it always looks like you're giving up so much

without gaining anything in its place. But after the decision is made and you see how much more there is, like when I got Here and stepped into the other side, I wondered why I didn't come sooner!

It's the same with the different steps of life. There's a time when you're born and you've got to come out of your mommy's tummy, and it's a struggle, because you have to give up that nice, warm cozy home. There's a time when you have to start school and it looks like a lot of work and study and discipline and you're losing your playtime. There's a time when you come to teenhood and you don't see anything but problems and restrictions, and it seems you're missing out on things you used to get away with. There's a time when you get married and have children, and you have to leave the independent life behind. There's a time when you have to go to work and forsake your freedom. And there's a time to die and leave behind loved ones for a while.

There are many things that come into each person's life that you just can't get around! But you can see it's worth it to keep graduating, can't you? Wouldn't it be silly to stay a baby all your life and never grow up? Or to stay a teen all your life? Or to never die and go to Heaven? Or to get stuck in any one phase? Each phase has its own glory and joy and rewards, which, though it's hard to see now, are all part of God's blessings.

No matter what you think you want to do, you have to go through each of these phases, because that's life! There's no way around it, that's just the way the Lord made it. One way or the other, no matter how we take these phases, we still have to go through them.

So the easiest thing to do is just yield to it and learn the most you can, do the best you can, and not try to fight it, because if you do, you're just going to be miserable. You'll go through life one way or another. So come on, let's not be miserable. What do you say?

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Everyone must have their time of testing, their time of trial, to see what they are made of. Sometimes you may be tested together with another. But there are times when you must have a Gethsemane to stand on your own before Me, without the help or the crutches of others but on your own faith, so that you also may see and know what it is made of.

Gethsemanes are gateways. They are not deaths, they are doorways to new beginnings. As every man must stand alone before Me in the final Judgment, so there are times in this life when you must stand before Me in testings, to take stock of things, to get

ahold of Me, to look into My face--not resting in the faith or in the love of others, but only in My love.

You are My beloved and great is My love for you! Great is My tenderness toward you. Great is My compassion toward you. Great are My thoughts toward you. Great is My desire toward you. I know your every thought. I feel your every feeling and am touched with every sorrow and grief and tribulation of your heart, as if it were My Own. (ML #3090)

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There are those who say, "I am so unhappy! I am so unfulfilled! I feel the need for so much more. I look out at the System and it does not seem so bad. Can't we learn from the things others have experienced? Can't we partake of the good which is out there--of that which seems to be so good?" They question in their hearts. They feel the need to fill this vacuum that they have.

And there is indeed an empty space in their hearts. It is a real need. When men's hearts are empty, they are unhappy and unfulfilled. They desire to be happy. They desire to satisfy this hunger that they have. They look around and they see that which is appealing in the System and they try to fill this vacuum.

But what they do not see or understand is that in order to receive the full benefit of My promises, they must fulfill their part. This is not easy for some, for they think they will find no happiness in laying down their lives in sacrifice or in surrendering their all to Me. They do not see how that could make them any happier or fill the vacuum that they have in their heart.

But those who do, who give their all in love for Me and yieldedness to My Spirit in laying down their lives in unselfishness, experience the true joys and ecstasies of My Spirit which are beyond comparison with anything else in this world! They satisfy the heart like nothing else can. They fill the need and they fulfill and satisfy that hunger.

There is only one way that this comes, and that is through full surrender and yieldedness to Me, and loving Me. Many can work and can love Me to a certain extent by physically doing that which I ask them, and that is not wrong in itself. But as I have said before, I desire your love more than your service, more than your words, 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 or

exciting things is no longer the same. You still desire to go forward in your life, to experience and to live and to love, but the emptiness is not there.

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Look not at the darkness, but look at the light! Turn to the light of the Word! Look to the Words of David! Look to the light! For it is in the Words that I have spoken through him that you shall find your strength, so that your heart shall not fail nor trouble you. For what seems like darkness now is only a tunnel, and soon the light shall break forth and you shall see the many victories that I am working on behind the scenes.

I shall never fail you! I shall never leave you! Do not be overtaken with fear or worry about these things that you hear now, but hang on to My hand, and hold on tight! Hold on by faith, because I'm there and I'm working, and there are great victories in store for you! (GN 569)

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(Dad:) You must take time to cleanse your mind and encourage your heart and spirit with the Word. I know sometimes you don't think you have time, or sometimes you don't even want to. Maybe you don't even have the burden to; you don't even feel the need or the hunger for it. But you have to do it anyway. It is a priority! It is an emergency! It is as necessary as your daily food or sleep or going to the bathroom or having sex or exercising--even more so! You must have the Word if you want to have the Lord's perspective, if you want to have faith and hope and courage to face the problems. How do you think you're going to get it unless you spend time with the Lord and let Him speak to your heart and mind?

You can't get cleansed and strengthened by just relaxing--by having time off, by having free days, by watching movies. Sure, that's needful and it has its place, but it's not going to bring you strength, renewal, faith, and cleanse your heart and mind of the lies of the Enemy. The only thing that does that is the Word and hearing from the Lord and spending time with Him, loving Him and getting His seeds, becoming one with Him, and letting Him wash you of the lies of the Enemy.

The Word is where the power is! The Word is where the solutions are! The Word is the answer! The Word is the Lord! The Word is it! That's where the real power is!--Power to change, power to bring about solutions, power to increase faith. It's all in the Word! (ML #3069)

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Fly, dear one, fly! Up, up to the sky! Do you want to learn to fly higher? Spread your wings! Don't keep them tightly pressed against your body. Open your wings wide and I will fill them with the breath of My air, to lift you up into the heavenlies! I have many things to give you.

Do you love Me? I know you love Me. Do you love Me enough to care for My little ones?--To tenderly gather My lambs into your arms? I would give you tenderness. I would give you tireless love--love which goes on and on and on when others have fallen by the wayside. This is the kind of love which I seek to give you. Would you like to have tireless love? I will give it to you, if you will receive it.

It's a great responsibility, for I would love many through you. Great and small, young and old, would I love through you, with tireless love. If you will spread your wings and be lifted up by the wafting of My Heavenly air, it will be effortless love, for it will be My love.

But you say, "Oh, I cannot love like that, for my love has fallen short so many times. I haven't been as loving as I wanted to be. I haven't given love like I should have. So how can I love like this?" But I say to you, let Me love you, and let Me love others through you.

Open your wings wide to the breath of God! Open your arms wide to your Savior and your Lover. Let Me love you. Let Me teach you how to love. Come, we'll walk together. We'll fly together. We'll soar together to places you've never seen! And you'll know that love has touched you in a special way.

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Though I open My arms to all and call all to come into My bed of love, to yield themselves to Me and let Me fill them with My love, My happiness, My anointing, My fulfillment, and My strength, very few choose to come as My surrendered bride and give their all to Me.

But, oh, if they only knew! If they could only see what I long to give to them, how I desire their love, how I long to hold and to comfort, to fulfill their every desire, 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. In this is true happiness and true fulfillment.

But no, they cannot know and they will not experience it unless they come to Me, being willing to strip themselves of their pride, of their own thoughts and opinions, the pretenses that they hold up, the talents or 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.

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I wish for My children to learn to hear from Me, to follow Me closely, to obey what I say to do, to yield to the ways in which I lead them, to hear the whispers, the messages, and to follow in faith. As they learn these things, they shall become more connected, they shall become stronger, they shall become more the children of David. They will become more as David, as receivers, as prophets, as men and women of conviction and of power and of anointing, as My David was.

They shall become more confident in Me and stronger in faith as they see Me perform what I said I would do. They shall become pillars in the Last Days!--Pillars of light that will shine in the darkness; pillars of strength that will uphold many; pillars of faith that will do miracles, move mountains, call down wonders; pillars to stand strong against the wiles of the Evil One as he goes forth to deceive and to destroy even the very elect.

These are the days of the creating of the pillars, of the strengthening, of the growing, of the broadening and the heightening of these pillars. And how do they become pillars?--Through faith, through belief, through drinking in the New Wine, My Word, and through receiving My directions, My Word, My instruction, My guidance themselves; through prayer, through the Word, through prophecy, through obedience, through yieldedness. (ML #3070)

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There are many different reasons and causes for tests and trials: Some are due to the choices that people make, choices which are out of My hands and out of My control. Some are due to people's lack of love and their disobedience to My Word. Some are from the hand of the Enemy, but with My permission, as a test and a trial. Some are the natural consequences of decisions that have been made, decisions that were not of Me, that were not in accordance with My Law of Love, decisions that were not loving and sacrificial and based upon the principles of My Word.

Difficulties, tests, trials, heartbreaks, suffering and disappointments come from many causes and for many reasons, but regardless of why they have come or what the reason, you can rest assured that all things work together for good to them that love Me. Because you love Me I can take even these trials and turn them into blessings.

If you could see as I can see--beyond today, beyond this moment, beyond the pain which you are feeling--then you would better be able to understand why trials equal blessings. You would better be able to understand why this loss, this ache in your heart, this time when you are being sorely tempted and tested, will with time become a blessing to you.

The secret to understanding, the key to understanding, is in the phrase "with time." As you believe by faith that My hand is on your life and that all things work together for good, with time, that which you believe by faith you will understand and see, and it will become a reality in your life. (ML #3071)

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(Dad:) Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Give people the Word, the truth, the answers to their questions. It's all in the Word, and it's very clearly laid out in the Word. You talk to them about it, you can share your heart, you can pray for them and with them, you can give them your testimony, but the Word has ultimately got to be their motivation to have a lasting change. Pump them full of the Word! Give them extra time to be refilled, to be strengthened, so that their faith can be renewed.

That's the key! That's the secret, and it's always been the same--the Word, the Word, the Word! The secret of life and power and victory and light and warmth and everything is the Word!

Try to get those who are strong, who are on track, who are following the Word and who are in keeping with the Heavenly vision to be their brother's keeper, to strengthen, support and to encourage them when they take a step in the right direction. Help them learn to be a safeguard to help pull others up.

The combination of these two things can really do it. As you go step by step, seek the Lord! Keep in touch with Him, and He'll show you any new factors that you need to add into the equation, new things that you should do, something else that will help. Just keep looking to Him and follow the little dog line, and He'll be faithful to give you the keys that will work in the lives of others.

Remember, it's the Word--that's always been the secret! So give them time to get in the Word, and help them get in the Word if you have to. That's going to be their salvation! Help them and give them ideas of what to read. Really challenge them to find the answers they're searching for in the Word, to find God's promises and to hold God to them, to put the Lord on the spot and to try it, and see if the Lord won't answer!

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The fiery pit that you find yourself in is not the end. Though it may seem like the jaws of Hell are closing in about you, though it seems like the depths of Hell and unbearable anguish, when you look up to call upon Me, this volcano that you are in, this tumult of lava and steam and fiery bubbling pit of flame can erupt in great victory, catapulting you into the heavenlies!

What the Enemy would try to use to swallow you up--the fires of this great volcano--I can use to catapult you to heights you have never known! For the greater the test, the greater the victory! The greater the temptation, the greater the testimony! The greater the seeming defeat, the greater the miracle! From the greatest despair comes the greatest hope! From the darkest night come the brightest days! (ML #3090)

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Have you gotten down on your faces for My children, My little ones? Have you been fervent in spirit and in prayer, abounding in My work? I will hear your cries. I need shepherds. I need those who will weep for My children and whose hearts will break--those who will give up their own world, their own selves, their own plans, to reach My children.

Is your heart bleeding? Do you cry? Are you desperate to win them back? I know deep down you are desperate, but that's not enough. It requires more. Your kids need work. They need to see to be able to believe. They've lost hope and faith; not all the way, but almost. But you can spark that flame again. You can turn on their light. You can turn that switch back on and give them the breath of God. Are you willing? Will you heed the call?

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(Dad:) God has no grandchildren! Each generation has to decide for itself to drop out to be a part of the Revolution, to lay down their lives for what they believe in. Once we've done all that we can in training, teaching and pouring into them during their growing years, then it's time for them to make the decision, and it's time for us to let the Lord work in their lives.

You're still their shepherds and you still need to do all that you can to help pull them through, but the battle changes. It becomes their responsibility, just like I said in "The Spiritual Warfare Depends on Us!" It shifts from being your responsibility to help them and shield them and feed them the Word and pull them through, to it being their responsibility to make those decisions, so that the Lord can help them win the victory.

That's what some of our younger generation need to see. They're our second generation physically, but they shouldn't be spiritually. They should be first generation in spirit! Every new generation has to have its own direct link and hotline to the Lord, and it can't lean on that of the last generation! So our kids have to stand on their own two feet.

Even though they were born into the Family and have been part of it all their lives, they can't just depend on that. It can be a temptation for them to get so familiar with the Lord and the ways of the Spirit and the New Wine that they're no longer desperate or fighting, and the Enemy can really get in then. They have to fight personally, individually, for their connection with the Lord! They have to have desperation and dedication in their hearts that what they believe is worth fighting for and giving up everything for, and even dying for!

Once they see that, then they're going to go to the Word themselves. It won't be so difficult to give things up that they're asked to give up, or to make the changes that they need to, because they'll really believe that they're doing it for the Lord and that it's going to be worth it!

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My darling, darling child! Know that I love you with a great love, and I love you just as you are. I have made you a vessel in My hand, a vessel of My love, a vessel of My understanding. So do not look on the gifts that you think you do not have, but understand that I have given you a gift of love, a gift of understanding, a gift of prayer. With these gifts that I have bestowed upon you, you can accomplish much more than with any other gifts you think you may need. For love is the greatest gift, and mercy and understanding are companions of love.

So be filled with My love, and know of My love for you. I bestow My love upon you in great measure. My darling one, know this, that I love you! I love everything about you! I love the way you look, I love the way you kiss, I love the way you love My Words, I love the way you love Me, and I accept you completely, fully, for just how you are!

You are My darling bride and I love you! I don't see any flaws, I only feel your love. I see your love and I behold your beauty. If I, Who see all, see you in great love, then trust that you are loved. Trust that you are My creation, made the way I made you to fulfill My purpose in My will. Receive and accept the way you are, for you are a vessel of My making, a vessel of My love, and a vessel of My will.

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These are the Last Days, and the evil forces shall try to destroy My children. You must be desperate and call upon Me, and I will answer you. Many shall try to destroy you, but you must fight!

This is your hour, your time to fight the Devil! Lean not unto your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Me, and I will direct your paths. I will help you. I will give you the words to say. I will strengthen you. But you must lean on Me. I will fight this battle for you, but you must do your part.

Be bold as My Endtime witnesses! Fear not what they [your enemies] may say or do, for I am stronger than they are. Have you not seen all these miracles already? I can do it if you will just trust in Me and fight! Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand the wiles of the Devil! (GN 571)

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When you feel you cannot walk one more step, turn to My Word. Hold it before your eyes, absorb it, think about it, meditate on it and let it fill your very being. For in the days to come, the dark days ahead, it shall be My Word and My Spirit that sustains you.

Fear not the days ahead. Fear not how you will make it, for I promise I will help and sustain you. This time is only for a short while. You will not be tempted above what you are able to bear, and you will soon mount up with the wings of an eagle. You will soon run and not be weary. You will soon walk and not faint. For I the Lord your God am promising you this, and I will not fail you. (ML #3069)

(Dad:) It's sad to see some of our young people get so settled down in some of these cozy situations and lose the vision of why we're here in the first place. Then they start looking around and hungering for other things and they don't even see anything wrong with it, because they've lost sight of the goal or the vision.

They're not seeing it in the spirit any more. They're not seeing what the effects of those decisions are, and the urgency of getting the job done and forsaking all to do it! They don't see those things because they're so secluded in their blessings, settled down in the day-to-day things. That's when they start getting so concerned about little tiny things that really mean nothing at all. They're all wrapped up in their own little trips--what they want to do with their own little career, or their own thoughts or ideas about things, or analyzing what the Word says. Oh, the list just goes on and on--all the head trips and things that they get into when they lose the vision!

It all comes back to the Word! Keeping that strong connection with the Word keeps the vision clear, keeps your mind focused, and keeps things in perspective. When you're close to the Lord and obeying Him, He is able to bless and help you. But of course the Enemy fights that! He fights that link! He fights that desperation! He fights the connection with the Word, because he knows that if he can destroy that, he can destroy your usefulness.

One way he gets in with our young people especially is through them being settled down, complacent or familiar with things the Lord is doing, our way of life, and especially the Word and their time with the Lord.

It's so easy to get distracted, to get your eyes on something else--sometimes even good things! The Enemy will even use your ministry or your talents and get you wrapped up in those, to where you lose sight of the goal and why we're here. The cure for that, besides getting in the Word and having your faith strengthened and renewed and getting your vision back, is to just get out there and see the need.--To see why we're here in the first place, to see the job that the Lord has given us to do and our commission of reaching the lost, saving souls with His love, and helping our brothers and sisters to make it through! Laying down our lives for others--that's what we're here for. Hereby perceive we the love of God, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Be not deceived by the Evil One who wishes to keep you from becoming the pillars of God, for he knows the strength and the power and the anointing of the pillars of God. He knows that the pillars of God keep him from his dirty work and destroy and defeat his works, and thus he tries to keep you from becoming the pillars of God. He casts forth his doubts, his lies. He tries to weaken your faith. He tries to get you to reject the truth, to reject the Word, which gives faith. He attacks My Words and says they're not true, that they do not work.

He does all that he can to deceive you and to defeat you! He has done this from the beginning. He is the caster of doubts, the demon of defeat, the Lucifer of lies! So he lies to you, trying to cause you to doubt, trying to defeat you, to keep you from becoming the pillars that I wish for you to be.

How do you defeat him?--You drink in My Word. You drink it in in full faith, in full belief, desiring it and wanting it, implementing it, obeying it, yielding to it. You defeat him by resisting, by fighting, and by not surrendering as he tries to lie and deceive and defeat you. (ML #3070)

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(Dad:) The subject of loneliness is a big one for our Family now. But goodness, if everything was always hunky-dory all of the time in the Family, with no battles or trials, no personal feelings of loss, emptiness or incapability, we would be out of touch with the world and the needs of the Lord's sheep.

Loneliness is good for us! It's difficult, but when you think about it, loneliness trials are not any more difficult than jealousy or anger or impatience, or the battles faced by those who think negatively about themselves or are critical of others. They are all trials and they are all difficult. But they are not impossible to go through or survive, because all trials should draw us closer to Jesus. That's the ultimate goal, to get closer to the Lord! Praise His Name! (ML #3065)

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(Dad:) I'm so happy that all of you young folks have forsaken all and are growing and gaining victories every day, even though it's hard. One of these days you're going to look back and be so thankful for each of these trials and testings, because they're making you into vessels perfectly fit for what the Lord has planned to use you for. There are different things ahead for each of you, and each battle and test is tailor-made for you

personally. So just see it that way and keep your eyes on the goal, on the future, and don't worry so much about the present. Just like that little quote says, nothing's going to happen today that you and the Lord can't handle together. Stand on that, and do your part and leave the rest to the Lord. Has He ever failed to see you through?

He wants you to be happy and fulfilled in your service for Him. So why don't you just let Him make you happy? Relax and think about all the wonderful things He's doing in your life. If you're feeling overwhelmed, take a little time with Jesus. That's probably why He's allowing you to feel that way, so you'll go strengthen your relationship with Him by spending a little time loving Him up. I promise you, when you have to go back out into the wings, everything's going to be a whole lot easier to handle--because you're not going to have to handle them yourself. Things aren't going to seem nearly as big anymore, because you're going to have those little stars in your eyes from your love-up time with Jesus.

When you're in love with someone and assured of their love, doesn't it make everything else not so important? All of a sudden things aren't such a big deal to you anymore and you have an enthusiasm about everything you do. Your lover is the prevailing thought in your mind, and the little problems don't bother you nearly as much. So just love Jesus!

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(Dad:) Don't worry about some physical imperfections; they really don't count for much of anything at all. It's the things of the spirit that count. Don't worry about all of the little things. Instead, just be filled with the Lord! Just give people Jesus, give them His love. That's all you need to give, and then you'll shine with His beauty, His love, and His light. None of the rest will matter.

Don't worry, my dear one. Just let Him fill you up. Let Him fill you to the full, to overflowing, so that you overflow everywhere on everyone. Then these other things you worry about won't matter at all, because everybody will just see Jesus shining through and they'll know that you love Him. They'll know that He's in you and that you're full of Him.

So just fill up on Him! Don't worry about any of your seeming imperfections which loom so big in your eyes, but which really don't count at all. All that counts is your love for Jesus, your love for His children, your love for His sheep, and your love for the lost. Those are the true riches and the true beauties.

Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not. And your faith will not fail if you just keep fighting. With your last breath, keep praising, keep trusting, and keep holding on!

For there will be a reward. There will be a rainbow after the storm. There will be a greater anointing, a greater understanding, and your questions will be answered. Your pain will cease, and there will be a brighter day after you cross over the Jordan.

So keep holding on and trusting and fighting, even when you feel you have no strength, even when you feel completely empty and wasted and useless in yourself. When you feel there is no hope, that you've gone too far, that you've sinned too badly, that you're such a mess, that there's no hope, rebuke these thoughts, resist them, and just keep holding on.

No matter how weak you feel, no matter how confused, no matter how wicked and sinful you feel, My power is present to save and to heal and to deliver. So keep fighting! Hold on! Don't give up! No matter how dark the night, no matter how difficult the battle, no matter how hopeless the outlook, keep holding on, knowing that I love you and I will never lead you astray. I will never forsake you. There is no sin too evil for My forgiveness. There is no mistake too great for My forgiveness. There is no wrongdoing so terrible it cannot be covered by My forgiveness.

So keep holding on! Keep fighting! The victory is just around the corner and worth fighting for! Hang on and you won't be disappointed! (ML #3090)

(Dad:) One of these days you'll be talking with someone who's going through the same battle or test that you went through in the past, and you'll be able to speak to them from your heart. They'll feel a connect with you and they'll know you understand them. But this wouldn't be possible if you never went through any battles yourself.

Don't you feel closest to the shepherds who you know have really gone through the wringer themselves, who've hit rock bottom and are sometimes even struggling themselves? When they pray with you and cry with you, you feel like they understand, and if they can make it, you certainly can too. Don't you relate to them a lot better than those who've never had a battle, or at least don't seem like it? So if you can't see what good these battles will do you, just think for a minute about the fruit it's going to bear in others' lives. Do it for them.

If Jesus had the grace to be beaten, abused, and then finally killed in one of the most painful and cruel ways imaginable, don't you think you can endure just a little bit of hardship and a few tears here and there? He didn't have to die, but He did it for us. That's a pretty drastic example, because we haven't been asked to go through anything like Jesus did, but it kinda makes you think, doesn't it? We don't deserve all the forgiveness and love we get. We haven't done anything to earn eternal life; it's a free gift.

We have an incredible future ahead of us, and all the Lord asks is that we endure a little bit of testing and some trials here and there to prepare us for when He calls upon us to rule and reign with Him--and even before that, to comfort others with the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted.

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Your young ones need your love manifest to them. How is this love manifest? You must put your arms about them and tell them, "I love you! I need you! You are precious to me!" This is how I love you. You must listen to their ideas and suggestions and give them room to implement them. You must take time to shepherd them and not be too busy. You must take time to draw them out. You must let them ask questions. You must let them take on your responsibilities, that they may feel used and useful. You must push them to the fore. You must be the carpets, an example of humility. Be there to catch them when they fall. They will fall, but the carpets will soften the blow--not by condemning them, but by letting them get up and try again.

This is love, that a man lay down his life. No greater love has any man than this, that he lay down his life for the next generation. In doing so you shall save My Family, and this movement and this revolution. For only through your love and loving them will they want to stay. The greatest thing you can do is to love these young ones. One of your greatest callings is to love them into the Kingdom so that they will love Me and give their lives in loving service for Me. Love is what will inspire them and keep them. Love is the answer.

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All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution, but it shall be for a testimony against your persecutors, that their cup of iniquity may be full so that I might pour forth My judgments upon them! This is My promise, that you shall see your desire upon your enemies.

Have I not said that he that touches you touches the very apple of My eye? I will be a great blast of heat against them to consume them and destroy them! For greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. Therefore be not faithless, but believing. You shall be victorious! (GN 571)

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This is the commission that I give you: that you go forth and give My love. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, shall it be given unto your bosom. For with what measure you mete, it shall be measured unto you again.

Pour it out, and I'll pour in. I'll fill you to the brim--to overflowing! I want you to be My little love bomb. I want you to bring them My love. I want it to exude from you. Just let it pour out! You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain, because if you love, you never lose. That's the secret: Love and you can't lose, because love never fails.

So be My love for them--for your brothers and sisters, for the children, for the adults, for those I send along your path, for the lost sheep. Love them for Me, for I have so few, and I need you. Though you are but one, you can change many, for one with God is a majority. Don't underestimate the power that I have given you.

Don't forget to love Me too, Sweetheart. Keep that first place in your heart for Me, My sweet little daisy. And don't forget to smile. You have a beautiful smile! Remember what your Father David said, that sometimes you can smile and people will know that God has loved them. You can always give them a smile. You can always give them that little witness of My love.

Even if there are tears inside, even if there is sadness, even if you're battling, let that [smile] be the rainbow that shines through the clouds and the tears, and you'll be surprised how things will brighten up! It's like a form of praise. So just praise your way through. You know, like the song says, "Praise the clouds away; night will turn to day, if you praise and praise and praise and praise the clouds away!" Just come to Me, Sweetheart, whenever you need it. In the good times and in the rough times, I'm there for you.

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(Dad:) If you knew how much every single battle counts in deepening your dedication, making that cord between you and Jesus a little bit shorter, stirring up the love

and passion Jesus has in His heart for you, how proud it makes Jesus, and how much He's going to be able to use you because of it, you wouldn't mind going through ten times as much, because you could see the victory. But just because you can't see it right now doesn't mean it's not there; it's just out of sight. But we can see it up Here, and take my word for it--every last drop is worth it!

You're doing great through your battles! You're letting them change you and soften you and mold you into a vessel perfectly fit for the Master's use. Once this leg of your journey is over, you'll probably miss it, because you're at the point where every song you hear means so much, every Letter you read speaks to you so clearly and motivates you, every smile and prayer from your brethren is so comforting. But don't worry, once these are over, there'll be more, ha! But you'll get through those just fine too, because He's got you figured out just perfectly and He's not going to give you anything too hard to bear.

You're getting stronger through these battles, and your skill is getting sharper by using it. You're becoming quicker with your sword and you are more aware of the attacks, of when and where they're going to hit. You can even tell before they hit. That's really good. No skilled soldier got that way by chance. It takes a lot of battles, a few blows here and there, but then it really starts paying off.

So don't worry about it. You're not failing me or Mama or the Lord or your dear shepherds just because you're having a few battles. If you never had a battle I would probably wonder what was wrong with you. I might start wondering how much of a "live one" you really are. If the Enemy's not worried about you or trying to stop you or hinder you in any way, then he must not think you're too much of a threat, don't you think?

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(Dad:) You can't be positive and negative at the same time. You can't be talking about all your defeats and bummers and disappointments, and at the same time talk about the Lord's promises and victories and answers to prayer. You can't talk about all your doubts and the lies of the Enemy, and at the same time talk about the Lord's Word and the marvels of His spirit world.

You're either positive or negative. You're either yielding to the Lord or you're yielding to the Enemy. You're either thinking the Lord's good, uplifting, encouraging, productive thoughts, or you're listening to the Enemy's doubts and lies, which bring about death and destruction. (ML #3069)

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It takes time to become a pillar, to have the strength, to have the faith. It is accomplished by the constant, steady stream of My Word being poured into you, by your listening to Me, to My whispers, to My voice, and by your obedience and your yieldedness day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year. It seems it is a hard road for you, but it is an easy road compared to being in the dark days without being a pillar.

To become a pillar of light you must receive the light and be filled with the light, that you may glow in the darkness and that others may be drawn to you. You will be strong and do exploits, and you will feed the people the truth in the midst of the darkness and lies and deceit that will cover the Earth.

Become a pillar of God! Become a pillar through belief, through faith, through the Word, through obedience, and through yieldedness. Become a pillar each day, every day, through receiving and believing My Word, through hearing from Me fresh each day, through loving Me, through drawing nigh unto Me, through becoming one with Me, that I may fill you with My light and that you may begin to glow today--a little more glow each day through a little more input, taking in of Me and My seeds, through a little more obedience, a little more yieldedness, and a little more fighting against the wiles of the Evil One. (ML #3070)

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My dear one, you must not walk by feelings but only by faith in My Word. But you say, "Lord, I'm not just going by feelings; I know I don't praise You as much and pray as much as I used to when I had to be so desperate with You." Yes, My love, I understand that, but I have also told you that there are times when you must rest, you must recuperate, when you are spent and do not have the energy to even put forth the effort to pray or praise; times when you must just lie in My arms and look into My face; times when you can't do anything for Me, but you must let Me do all the work for you; times to just get quiet and enjoy Me, just to be happy for My love, and thankful that you can snuggle up close to Me and be at peace, knowing that you don't have to do anything for Me to earn My approval. There are even times when I want you to stop and do nothing so that you can see that what you do--even the things you do because you love Me and want to make Me happy--I do not insist on when you are tired and spent.

I know your heart. I know you are concerned about this because you love Me with all your heart and you want to show Me continually. But you have shown Me and you have proven your love by your faith, your loyalty, your dedication and your sacrifices.

Rest now, and do not compare with yesterday's feelings. Do not condemn yourself. Do not try to work to gain My approval, for you already have it.

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I know your weariness. I know your burdens. I know the difficulty that you face daily--the press of the people. When I was on the Earth, I also felt the weariness, the tiredness, the weakness in the flesh. But because of the need, My Father gave Me great compassion on the sheep. I have given you that same compassion.

I will make you weak when I want you closer to Me, when I want you to leave the crowds and the press of the people and go into your chamber so that I can strengthen you spiritually most of all; so that I can draw you close to Me and to My bosom and fill you with My love and the power of My Spirit, so you will have power to go out and carry My Spirit to these people.

When I make you weak, you must stop and come unto Me that I may refill you, that I may strengthen you. For there is great demand upon you, and you cannot handle this in your own strength and in your own physical abilities.

So fear not, worry not, nor allow the pressure from the press that is upon you to distract you from your purpose. Your purpose is to get in touch with Me each day, to not go out among the sheep until you have the perfect peace that passes understanding, that perfect faith that comes from knowing that I am totally in control. You have My promise that I am totally in control as long as you stay in that inner chamber in your heart, partaking of that communion with Me at all times.

I will lift the burdens and the heavy loads. I will give you joy and pleasure in this undertaking. For what I have promised, I am able also to perform. So keep looking to Me and remember, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (ML #3065)

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(Dad:) It takes a lot of wisdom to judge the Lord's Words, and what is the foundation of that wisdom? Faith! To understand the Lord's Words takes faith. It takes more than just being smart. It takes more than analyzing. It takes more than comparing

this one and that one and seeing where the so-called weaknesses, loopholes or contradictions are. If you really want to be a wise lawyer of the Word, you need faith. You need to know that what the Lord says is true. That's the starting point. The Lord doesn't make mistakes. The Lord knows what He's talking about. But the affairs of the Kingdom, the things of the spirit world, are so vast that it's hard to understand them with the carnal mind. It's hard to weigh one against the other and try to put it all into neatly wrapped little packages that your finite mind can easily understand. If you try to do that, you'll run into problems.

That's the problem with some of these young ones. They're very sharp, very smart. The Lord has gifted them with intelligence, with strong, quick minds. But they don't yet have the wisdom or experience from the Lord to be able to counterbalance all that intellect. That's a weakness in some of these young people. They get lifted up in pride as novices and they get led astray by the Enemy when they get into criticizing and analyzing and checking the Words of the Lord.

Their starting point shouldn't be, "What can I find that is wrong?" but rather a point of faith and belief, knowing that the Lord is right, even when things seem contradictory. They should be like you, Honey. You know that there's a good reason, a good explanation. It's not because the words are wrong; it's just because you're not seeing it right, interpreting it right or applying it right.

It takes so much experience, wisdom and maturity to learn to wisely apply the Lord's Words; to learn to wisely balance what the Lord says in one situation or one circumstance or in answer to one question with His answer to another question.

It takes wisdom, maturity, depth of spirit and experience to be able to rightly divide the Word of truth, and especially to be able to apply it.

That's why it takes so many years to train leaders and shepherds and people who can wisely apply the Word. It's such a valuable talent, but it's so rare, because it takes people with great love and great faith--people who are willing to invest the time to study the Word, and people who are willing to cry out to the Lord for supernatural understanding of the Lord's Words, to really see what the Lord means and understand it. It takes more than just seeing the words on the page and understanding them in your mind. You have to understand them in your heart. You have to know the nature of God. You have to be able to wisely balance one scripture with another, one prophecy with another, and know how to apply it or when to apply it.

There is an old saying that trust is the basis of any relationship, and this holds true not only in your relationships with others--with your lover or your husband--but with Me, your greatest Husband, your number one Husband. For in order for your relationship with Me to grow and to prosper, you must trust Me in all things. You must put your hand in My hand and let Me lead you in the path that I have prepared for you. You do not see a path ahead, nor where it leads. You do not see all the twists and turns, and there is much unknown. But what you know not, My dear, is known to Me. I am He that doeth all things well.

I cannot reveal all the future to you. Though these things are in My hands, I cast a veil over them, so that you may trust in Me. For if you could see, if you could know, then you would not need to trust, and for this reason I cast a veil over the future, that it be not revealed what I shall do or what turns your life will take.

But of this you can rest assured, that you will always be in My hands, that I will carry you with Me and care for you. And in your times of trouble, I will be your Husband and a father to your children. Fear not, My little one, for I will be with you and I will take care of you.

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You have been taken in marriage. You have been wedded to the spirit of David and to the Spirit of God. Therefore be a faithful wife and let your Husband lead you where He would want you to go. This flame that has been kindled inside of you will become a great fire that will burn in your heart and take over all of your wants and desires, and you will become a prisoner of My will, a bearer of the light!

You are of the last generation. Many will hold their cups out to you, asking for water, saying, "We thirst! Fill us with your water!" Out of your belly will flow rivers of living water, and you will be able to quench their thirst, because you will feed them Me. I will live in you, and we will work hand in hand.

You will be My body, and I will be your spirit. This is your ministry, to give out to others as I have given to you, to feed them--to even now feed your brethren who still wonder, who still question, who still doubt, who still don't know. Feed them with the truth that you have been given, and your love and confidence and joy will grow. You will be overtaken with My love to the point that you would do anything for Me and My love.

I love you forever! I cannot leave you, for I am eternally linked with you. I will guard you as a jealous man guards his own household. I will not permit the Enemy to

exact upon you more than you can take. Therefore, trust Me, for I am in you. I am your Husband. I am your Loved One.

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Fear not to be open and honest, for this is what I am trying to teach you--honesty, humility, love, and to acknowledge that you are nothing and can do nothing. In acknowledging your sins, and in acknowledging your weaknesses, and in acknowledging your doubts, you gain My humility and learn the precious lessons I have for you. (ML #3090)

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I am with you to deliver you, for you are My children and I care for My Own. I have only allowed these things as a testimony against them in these Last Days. For it is better for them that a millstone be tied around their neck and they be cast into the sea, than that they offend one of these little ones. I will require it of them, for vengeance is Mine and I will repay!

Behold, I am with you to deliver you! I will strengthen you and keep you. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon you. For I am with you in the midst of the fiery furnace to deliver you and protect you from the flame, and it shall be a witness and a testimony against them. Your captors that have thrown you into the fire shall perish, but I will deliver you without even the smell of smoke! (GN 571)

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(Dad:) The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth. So it is with many things of the Spirit. There are many things in your life for the Lord that are just like that verse. They're like the wind, and you can't always tell which way things are going to go or how they're going to end up. That's just how it is in this life of faith that we lead. That's why it's called a life of faith. That's why it's called the walk of faith. That's why you have to take things by faith, because you don't know what the eventual outcome is going to be.

But thank God we can trust! Thank God we can believe! Thank God we can hold on to the promises Jesus has given us, both in the Bible and promises to us personally--that He's going to see us through, that all things work together for good to us who love Him, and that He's not going to let one thing happen or enter our lives that is going to work to our harm or disadvantage. He's given those beautiful and precious promises for you!

He's spoken directly to you and assured you of His love for you. He's let you know how much He cares for you, and how special you are in His sight. He sees your heart, He sees your desire and your longing to be closer to Him, even though you feel like you don't know how to. He sees you trying to reach out, to touch Him, and He sees how you feel like you can't quite reach up. You can't quite make it, even though you want to.

He looks beyond all of that, and He picks you up in His hand and brings you right up close to His heart. You don't have to worry about understanding all these things; all you have to do is trust. I know that's a difficult thing to do, but you're trusting the only One Who is really worth trusting. You never have to worry about Him letting you down or hurting you. He loves you so much.

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Come unto Me, you who are weary, you who are heavy laden, you who are buffeted by the Deceiver, you who are lacking faith, you who are doubting the Word. I say, come unto Me! Come into the protection of My arms. Cry out to Me and I will reach forth My arms and pull you in closer. Cry out to Me and fight against the wiles of the Deceiver, of the Liar, of the Defeater! Cry out to Me and I will draw you nigh unto Me. Drink in My Word, cry out for faith! And I will pour My light, My life, My Spirit, My Word, My love into your souls, into your spirits, into your lives so that it will reflect on others as you glow and become the pillars of God! (ML #3070)

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You must have rest to do your best. You must also take time to rest your body and to be sure that you have the physical strength you need to carry you through. I know this is very difficult, because I have put so much love in your heart for your children, and there is so much to do every day. But these things, these little checks, these little reminders are just to encourage you, in love, that you must go slow. You must rest your body. You must lie down and let Me regenerate you and restrengthen you. For I also speak to you in your sleep, and I give you many things for the next day while you sleep

with Me. We commune, and I put many things in your heart. So be not afraid to take that rest when you need it. (ML #3065)

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(Dad:) I know you want to know your future. You want the Lord to just give you a little glimpse into the future, to tell you what's going to happen so that you can be prepared, so that you can know, so that you can make your decisions accordingly. But the Lord doesn't work like that, because if He did, then you wouldn't have to have any faith, and you wouldn't have to have any trust. Then you would already know what was going to happen, and all the little steps that He wants to take you through to get you to your eventual destination would be in vain, because you would already know the final outcome.

Read some of those Letters I wrote about holding on and about faith and trust. I explained the reasons why the Lord can't reveal the future to us, because so much of the learning process the Lord takes us through in life hinges on faith and trust, and our believing the Lord and walking by faith and not sight.

If the Lord would grant you this desire of your heart and just tell you the eventual outcome, then it would be like snipping the cocoon of the butterfly, in a way. You'd miss all the in-between steps.

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(Kristina speaking on behalf of the Austin girls:) The greatest happiness is being where the Lord wants you to be, when He wants you to be there, and doing what He wants you to do! If you're doing that, no matter where you are--in the U.S., or Finland, or the HCS, or in Russia, or with your best friends, or with your boyfriend, or if you're Here with us, whether you're in the spirit or whether you're in the flesh--if you're in the Lord's will, that's where Heaven is at!

Heaven is not just a place to be after you die. Heaven is a place--and yet Heaven is much bigger than that and much more than that. Heaven is being what God wants you to be! Because when you're doing what God wants you to do, and you're where He wants you to be, then He gives you peace, happiness and love--and that's Heaven too!

Some people have come Here before their time, and although they were in Heaven, it didn't feel like Heaven to them. So if you don't feel like you're in Heaven, maybe you should ask the Lord where Heaven is for you! Are you in the Heaven of His will, the

perfect place He wants you to be, doing what He wants you to do? Then you'll truly be in Heaven! By putting the Lord first and obeying Him and doing His will, He surrounds you with His Spirit and His love, and that's what Heaven is!

Heaven is not only a place somewhere off in space, but Heaven is also something that surrounds you and lives with you and in you when you're doing Heaven's will. You have part of Heaven with you where you are, when you're doing the Lord's work.

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Lovest thou Me? Feed My sheep. Feed My lambs--these precious gifts that I have given you, these precious ones that I have entrusted into your care to raise in the nurture and admonition of My Word and My truth. For these, your precious children, are My gifts of love to you. In caring for them, you give them your love. In caring for them, you show your love for Me. For I have given them to you so that you may care for them, teach them, and strengthen them. As you fulfill this commission that I have given you, so do you fulfill My will; and in fulfilling My will, you show your love for Me.

I have entrusted these ones to you, and it is up to you to do the work that I have given you of raising them, of loving them, of teaching them, of training them, of giving them My truth. What a work this is! What a sacrifice this is! But what great rewards you are given, both in this life and in the life to come! (ML #3066)

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Do not worry that you feel you are distant from Me. I say you are not distant. I am close to you, right by your side. I long to love you and hold you and whisper sweet words of love into your ears. So sit still now and listen. Let Me speak to your heart about these things that concern you.

Firstly, I want you to know that I love you. No matter what you do or do not do, I love you. There is nothing on this Earth that can separate you from My love--neither life, nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come; nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature. My love for you is everlasting. It is not here today and gone tomorrow. It is not up one day and down the next. My love for you is eternal, everlasting, unchanging--now and forever.

So it makes no difference how you feel, whether you feel close to Me or far away; or whether you feel I am close to you or far away. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I dwell in the praises of My people as much as I dwell in the broken and contrite heart.

The truth is that I love you so much that I can't bear to be apart from you, which is why I have come to live in your heart--with you and within you.

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This is the day of choices, and you are of age. So if you don't feel fulfilled where you are, then ask for clearance to a mission field. Go to the field. As I called your parents out of the System to be missionaries, so I call you, My youth, to go to the field, to once again be missionaries. For you are young and hearty. The missionary life is harder on the older generation, but you youth have the strength and stamina and energy that it takes to endure rougher conditions. You have the excitement and the freshness and the spirit of Don Quixote. You are the new and fresh blood to go in where angels would fear to tread.

So if you feel stifled in a Home, where the Home has become the end and is just existing, not really witnessing and getting out the message, but merely surviving and coasting along, then lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are ripe and ready to harvest!

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Do not be afraid to come to Me, for all that come to Me I will in no wise cast out. I have no harsh words for you. I have no rebuke. I do not condemn you or look down upon you. So be not afraid or worried to come to Me. I have gifts for you that await your coming. I have treasures of My love. I have cleansing power from My Spirit. I have the soothing balm of peace that I wish to anoint your forehead with. I have the restoring blessing of sleep that I wish to touch you with. I have the inner calm of trust that I wish to place around your shoulders as a garment of protection to protect you from the evil darts of the Enemy. I have jewels from My Word that I wish to present to you. (ML #3090)

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The commission that I lay before you is a commission of the heart: that you be transparent in order to receive the love that I would give you, and that you take from the love that you and I share and pull from the strength and the inspiration thereof to pass on to those around you.

This is all I ask of you. My ministry for you is one of love--that you reflect the love that I have for you to others; that you reflect My love.

Think not that this is a demanding or burdensome commission. For I know that you would love Me with all your heart, and if you're faithful to do so, you will be given all that you need to love others and to be the sample that I would have you to be.

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My love for you is perfect. But your love for Me is not perfect. You are human, and so your love cannot be perfect. You do not have the same constant, everlasting, enduring and unfailing love--not for those around you, nor for Me. But I do not expect you to. If your love was sufficient in itself, you would have no need of My love, and My love would lose its meaning. And so, while I am always close to you, I realize--and have made it so--that you will not always feel close to Me.

I have done this so that you might learn to seek Me. Search for Me. Oh, search for Me. When you miss Me, you come to love Me more. You come to appreciate Me more, and the joy of finding Me again is so much greater.

So do we come to grow closer together. For every time we are near each other again, we hold each other so much closer. Now you have come to know even more secrets of the bedchamber, and more ways in which we can delight each other. So come to Me and try these ways. Do not be fearful and do not hold back, for you shall see that as you humble yourself before Me and do these things which I have showed you, your joy shall be full. Your power and strength shall be renewed, and we will come to enjoy our times of freedom and liberty together, without the shackles of pride, the fear of man, the snare of the Evil One who seeks to constantly keep your mind bound to carnal things.

Let go of your mind, and yield your heart and soul to My Spirit, that we may truly become one with each other, not in the duty of married love only, but in the full hot and rising passion of the wild wind of My Spirit.

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Fear not, for I have overcome the Evil One! I shall lead you and guide you with My eye. You are My beloved, My little ones, My treasured ones, the most powerful force on the Earth today because of the Word and the Spirit that I have given unto you! For it is not you, it is Me! It is My Spirit and My Words.

You are the vessels that I have sent forth to be a witness to the nations, to deliver unto them My love and My truth, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear. I

have sent you forth as prophets with a message! So go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the Words of this life!

I will bring you before magistrates and kings for My Name's sake. Look unto Me and trust in Me. For though you be as sheep in the midst of wolves, I am your Great Shepherd! If I care not for My Own, have I not said that I would be worse than an infidel? But I do care for My Own and I will care for My Own.

Look unto Me! Go forth in the Spirit and the power and might of the Words of David, for these are My Words to this last generation. Abide in Me. Abide in My Word. Abide in the Words of David if you would have strength for the days to come. (GN 574)

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(Dad:) When people have received the doubts of the Enemy and they are no longer resisting them, but they've chosen to receive them and believe them, and they've allowed them to gain a foothold in their heart and in their mind, then at that point they're no longer able to receive the truth of the Word and gain faith from the Word. That's why it's so dangerous to allow the doubts of the Enemy to become part of your thoughts, to receive them and believe them and take them in.

It doesn't take long between the time you accept and believe the lies of the Devil and the time he gains a foothold in your heart and mind. And then the longer you harbor those attacks of the Devil, receiving and believing and even voicing his doubts, the weaker you become, the more resistant you are to the truth, and the more difficult it is to get fed from the Word.

The Devil understands the power of the Word even better than some of our own folks. He knows that if he can get them to quit reading the Word, then he has defeated them; he has killed them spiritually. (ML #3070)

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Let yourself go. Loose your mind and cast off the moorings of the flesh. Set your soul adrift and let the wild wind of My Spirit guide you out into the deeper waters of the joys and mysteries of the Spirit. Do not fear to leave sight of the shore of your well-charted territories. Launch out into the deep, with only your hand in Mine, letting Me guide you. Let the wind of My Spirit blow into your sails and drive you to the lands of untold beauties and mysteries of My Spirit.

Come away with Me, and be content to dwell by My side only. As we sail across the oceans of My love, you will see many wonders. You will come to see the stars that you have seen in the sky all your life from new angles and viewpoints. The wonders of Heaven which can be seen from the shore will be so much clearer and closer to you. The horizons of possibility will be unbroken by the structures of man, and you will be lost in the everlasting realm of My love, and never wish to return.

So can our love be, and so will it be when you take the steps that I have shown you. You must be willing to let go of your pride and your mind--your desire to be "in control." You must let Me have full control, and learn to just say yes to Me, as your queen has learned. Let go, come before Me and sing in tongues, and I will loose your mind and show you great and mighty things that you have not yet known. Loose your tongue and speak to Me, speak of Me, speak with Me, so that I can override your mind and take control of your mouth. Loose your hands and lift them in praise to Me, that I may possess them with My love and power and make them into instruments of My love.

All this shall bring you great joy and freedom of heart and spirit. For where My Spirit is, there is liberty.

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You must teach and train your young ones in My Word, in the truth. You must impart to them the Word of God, the love of God, the understanding of God. You must raise and nurture them in great love, so that they will know My love. But you must also give them wisdom and knowledge, so that they will have the tools to do the job.

Though it is a sacrifice to take the time to give them that which they need--the education of the Spirit and the education of the mind--these things must be done. For if these things are not done, you do not fulfill the commission that I have given you.

No matter how you choose to impart knowledge to your children, it is a sacrifice. If you take the time to pour into them, to teach them and to educate them, it is a sacrifice of your time, for it requires strength, time, effort, energy, and love. It is a sacrifice to give of yourself to do this.

If you choose to let others [outsiders] educate your children, it is also a sacrifice. Though you do not sacrifice so much time in teaching them yourself, you do sacrifice your time in the shepherding you must give them, and you sacrifice in the weaknesses that it causes, as your children mix with the ungodly. So either way, there is a sacrifice. Either way, there is some loss.

You must decide which sacrifice you wish to make. Will you sacrifice the time and the energy to teach them? Or will you sacrifice the time and the energy to help them overcome their problems and the negative influences?

Know this, that these [children], My gifts to you, are your responsibility, and you must teach them, you must educate them. You must give them that which they need--not just because it is required, but because they have need of these things. If you do not teach them, if you do not train them, if you do not educate both mind and spirit, you will pay. You will pay in resentment, or you will pay by intrusion, or you will pay by the lack of blessings.

You are given this commission to teach and train and raise these, the gifts that I have given you, and you must pour into them and give them that which they need. So hold not back! Fulfill your commission, so that you will receive the blessings of God! (ML #3066)

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(Dad:) That's what I like to see! Thatta girl!--You're willing to try! The ones who never make it are those who are not even willing to try! I like to see fighters who are willing to buck the tide and buck the peer pressure and move right along with or without those who say it can't be done! There's no stoppin' you--and I'm right with you, Honey!

Now don't let that ol' Devil scare you out! When you feel down and rotten and in a terrible state yourself, that's the time to sock it to him! Sock him right back! That's the time to tell him to scram and hit the road! Bonk him right over the head and tell that ol' Devil, "You're right, Devil, I'm a horrible mess! But Jesus in me is my salvation!" You can just say, "Yes, you're right, I'm a mess! But Jesus is living and thinking and moving in me, so you just scram!" Hallelujah!

Sweet girl, you just can't let that Ol' Boy get you down like that. I know what that's like. He sure tried that one enough times on me. It's always your lacks that the Devil tries to play on. We're all a horrible mess without Jesus! But you have Jesus, and He's everything! Praise the Lord? Just don't let that Ol' Boy fool you. The best way you can help others, the biggest blessing you can be to others is to keep on going even when you feel like a horrible mess.

Honey, look at me--I was a horrible mess! Oh, I know I can hear some of you folks already saying, "Oh, sure! Right, Dad!" But it's true! Look at my Letters. I think the Letters that encouraged folks the most were the ones where I confessed my terrible sins and shortcomings, because those are the ones that gave people hope.

Don't ever be worried if you have problems yourself, Honey, just as long as you keep giving those problems to Jesus. Keep giving it all to Jesus and let Him change you and carry you.

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I wish to set you free from yourself, from your carnal mind, from your fears, worries, concerns and pride. Let them go, and trust yourself wholly unto My power by doing the things I have asked you to do--speaking in tongues, praising Me and letting My Words control your mouth, and lifting your hands in the sanctuary of My praises. All these things you have been hesitant to do. If you do these, you shall come to know Me more as a lover than a friend, more as a mate than a partner.

First do them in private. Enter into your closet, into your bedchamber, into the upper room, alone with Me, and give Me full control. Let Me take control of your hands, of your heart, of your mind, of your tongue, of your secret parts. Hold not back when you start to feel the ecstasies of My love beginning to enrapture you. Let go and praise Me, and let Me adore you and whisper words of love to you. As we come to grow closer to each other in this way, you will show the fruit of this intimacy more and more. Soon it will come out in your times of intimacy with others, and after a while you will be so full of My seeds and My love that all will be able to see the fruit of our times together. It will grow within you, and in time, come to full fruition.

But you have to be willing to let go and to entrust yourself completely to My power, to My Words, to My will, to My control, and to My love. When you can do this, you will have truly become one of My brides of the bedchamber.

I tell you that you are only standing at the edge of these green pastures. I have greener fields and lusher pastures to show you, magical lands of My Spirit yet to be discovered if you put your hand in Mine and follow the direction I am leading.

Come away with Me, to a land beyond your dreams.

Come away with Me, your love is what I need.

Come away with Me, let Me fill your heart and soul.

Come away with Me, just yield to My control.

You must shepherd in the Spirit and not in the flesh. You must shepherd their souls. You must show them the areas in which they are falling away. You must show them through love, through My Word, and through example.

I wish My flock to be shepherded by loving shepherds, wise shepherds, shepherds who shepherd in the Spirit. If your shepherding is shepherding in the flesh, without love and without care, if you only push and shove, if you only demand, your sheep will not follow. But if you will lovingly shepherd, if you will shepherd in the Spirit, if you will shepherd by love so that all that you do is in love, they will follow.

But the sheep must remember that love takes on many forms. Love can be gentle, love can be caressing. Love can also be correcting and disciplining, but even so, it will be loving; even so must it be done with love, with patience, with longsuffering, with meekness, and with gentleness.

Sheep who will not receive the love and the gentleness must receive the discipline and the correction. For the wayward sheep, who after much cajoling continues to lead others astray in waywardness, must be disciplined, must be corrected, and must be brought back into the fold. If it will not, this is the sheep that the shepherd will sell and will be rid of, so that it will not lead others astray. (ML #3067)

I know your every thought and desire. I know even the secret desires of your heart that nobody else knows. I know all your longings, hopes and aspirations. I know your secret dreams and I hear your every prayer. My heart is moved to bless you and use you and anoint you in accordance with your desperation and yieldedness and faithfulness to Me.

As you open your heart to Me, so will I open My heart to you. As you lift up your hands in prayer to Me, in desperation, so will I open My hands and pour forth unto you in abundance. As you kneel before Me in humility, admitting your need for Me and crying out to Me for help, so will I lift you up and raise you up and give you strength that you know not of.

I long to love you and please you and bless you. I desire to manifest My love to you as never before. But I await your call. I am limited by your availability, by your spiritual hunger, by your need for Me. But I wait patiently, because I love you with an everlasting love. My love for you is unconditional, it is without limit. Nothing you can do

or say will change the fact that I love you, just you. You are My Bride, and I need you and want you and love you. I am yours forever. I died for you. I gave My life for you, and I am waiting with open arms for you, just you. (ML #3068)

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I look on My children with love, patience and mercy. I wish to give them joy and happiness, peace and contentment. They struggle here and they struggle there, they learn and they grow and they progress. I am not worried. I am not impatient. I am not in a hurry.

As you look on these young ones, have faith in Me. Trust Me that I am working in their lives, that they are My children and I am caring for them. I want you to be My voice and My counselor and My teacher to help them along their road of faith. For straight is the gate and narrow is the way, and you must warn them of the pitfalls. But if they fall, do not fret. If they stumble, do not be concerned, for I will lift them up. I will hold them with My right hand. For their hearts love Me and turn toward Me, and they will learn and grow; maybe not at the rate that you expect or that you hope, but they will learn and they will grow. They are My children. I love them and they love Me.

So be patient with them. Look on them with eyes of love, acceptance and understanding, as your Father David looked upon you with eyes of love and patience. Love is the key to help them along their path of life--unconditional love, love that knows no barriers--as well as acceptance and tolerance. These tools are the keys to help unlock the closed doors of their hearts, to reveal the secrets and their thoughts within. Love, understanding, patience and longsuffering are the gifts and tools and keys you must use with these young ones.

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If you really want a fresh new start with someone and the way you interact with them and look at them, to break out of the old habits and ways of doing things, the old way of looking at the person, then all you need to do is the humble thing. You need to be humble and realize that I love that person very much, and I have been working in their life too. They feel in the spirit the way you look at them and what you think about them and how you treat them. So if you want to change anything about the way you work with someone, the way you relate to them and communicate and talk with them, then you just need to ask Me for new eyes.

Be desperate and ask Me to change things, and I will. Fight for it and work for it in all that you say and do. Ask Me to give you a fresh new outlook on them, a brand-new spirit, and a good new way of thinking about them and talking to them. The only thing that will hold you back is the past and the old dead habits, the old dried-up interactions, the same old stale habits that you don't like anyway.

You want the fresh, the new. You want to be able to express the new creature that you are. You want to be able to interact with the love and understanding and joy of My Spirit--and you can. You are a new creature if you want to be. I have made you new. I have given you new ways of thinking, new ways of behaving, new ways of loving, new ways of seeing Me, new ways of seeing others, new ways of looking at yourself. Only the Enemy tells you, "It won't work. You're not new, you're not able, you'll never change. You'll never be able to treat this person or that person any differently. They're not new. They haven't changed, and they'll never change. It's just the same old uninspired relationship, and nothing's ever going to be able to help."

But I don't tell you that, because it's not true. Anyone who wants a fresh new start, a fresh new approach to life, or to people, or to their work, or to their ministry, or to their husband or wife or children, or to someone that they don't get along with, can have it! You can be what I want you to be. You can give the love that I have inside of you, that's just waiting to burst out. You can give good Spirit-filled reactions; you can give inspiring, encouraging words; you can have loving sex; you can think positive, uplifting thoughts; you can resist the attacks of the Enemy; you can let My Spirit flow through you and make you different. You don't have to live in the past or let the past dictate how you live today. You don't have to be what you were yesterday, and you don't have to look at others and think about them the way they used to be.

They want to change and have changed, just as much as you want to change and have changed. You can be part of the changes that they desperately seek by treating them as new creatures, and you can treat them as new creatures by asking Me to give you the faith for new eyes for them.

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(Dad:) I know the loneliness of leadership is not always easy, but it's the making of a man or a woman. God is molding you and shaping you into one of His good shepherds. Many of you young folks, bellwethers and young shepherds are having to learn this. The crown so beautiful to those who behold it is ever so heavy to those who wear it! Every great man and woman of God has felt the same. But one man or woman alone with God can turn the world right-side up!

I know it seems very lonely at times, not to mention all the other unseen labor that goes along with it--having to see the problems, the troubles, the complications, the difficulties, and how hard it is sometimes to know what to do. But God needs you! His work can't go on without you and those like you who are willing to take the stand and be available--available for anything that God wants to do!

I'm proud of you, and God is too, that you are willing to be made into the woman of God that He needs you to be in these Last Days. The Lord's making you, and other young people like you, into His Endtime leaders.

I'm very proud of you for being willing. We need more soldiers like you who are willing to have a broken heart that Jesus can use to love others, to sympathize with them, to encourage them, to soothe their troubled souls, to heal their hurts and kiss away their tears. Thank you, Honey, for being willing to let Jesus love others through you.

All these things you're experiencing are bearing wonderful fruit in your life, too! You're getting more desperate, you're depending on Him more, you're praying more, and that's the best thing you could possibly do.

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The Enemy shall never overcome you as long as you fight him with My Word! My Word is the strongest weapon on Earth. Nothing shall stand against it, because I am the Word. Hold fast that which you have, which is My Word. My Word is a burning fire which consumes your enemies! They will become ashes and I will blow them away like chaff!

Fear not, for I am with you. I will never fail you in one of all the strong promises I have given you through My prophet David. You are the mightiest army on this Earth! Nothing shall stand against you nor overcome you, for I am with you. This is My battle and I will never let the Enemy destroy you!

Speak the truth! Speak My Word! Never hesitate to give My Word. For the End is coming, and many will come to you for the answers and wonder at your knowledge of the Word. You are the leaders of the End and I have called you to My Kingdom for this time. Let your light shine before men and proclaim and publicize the truth! In this time of tribulation many will come to you and you will be needed by many. Boldly proclaim My Word! (GN 574)

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It's humbling to step out by faith and make a fresh new start with someone who you have old habits with. It can be very humbling and the Enemy will use that to persuade you not to do it. He will really try to get you to never make that first step, and will try to keep you on the same old treadmill of the old mindsets.

But look beyond all that and grab My hand that is reaching out to help you. If you make the first step to react with new eyes and a new spirit, then every other step after that will be much easier. But the first step is very important, the first reaction of the day, because it sets the standard and the spirit for every other step. So when you start off on the right foot, with the right spirit and the right outlook, you make it much easier for yourself. You also make it much easier for Me to pour through you, because you're doing the right thing. But if you start off on the wrong foot, with the wrong reactions and the wrong way of looking at things, I can't give you the new, because you're working with the old ways.

So let Me pour the new through you, all that is new and beautiful and wonderful in your life. Let Me use it to the fullest. Let Me shine through you. Let your new ways be a testimony to others of the power of My Spirit and of your yieldedness. Let Me give you a clean slate with new things written on it. All you have to do is erase all the old that is written on it, and draw on My Spirit to write it afresh. It will be so beautiful.

But you say, "How can I do this? I just can't. It's so hard. I've tried so many times to change and make a fresh start, and it just doesn't work. I keep doing the same old things that I hate and that I don't want to do, and I just can't seem to get out of these old habits. I desperately want to be new and different in my interactions with people."

If you're desperately seeking Me for a change, that's all you need, and that will be the key to open the doors that you can't open by yourself. You don't have the love in yourself to do it, nor the humility, grace, strength or understanding, but I do. You just need to draw on My strength and ask Me for help each step of the way. It takes time to break old habits, and you must not get discouraged if you revert to your old ways sometimes. You have to keep the vision and believe that what I tell you is the truth, and you will have great victory.

The greater your desperation, the greater the victory. The bigger the step of faith you take, the closer you are to bigger victories. The tighter you hang on to My Word, the more it will work for you. The harder you fight, the less the Enemy will be able to fight the power of My Spirit in you.

You have great power of My Spirit at your disposal. All you have to do is believe and receive and live in it, and it will be so beautiful.

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(Dad:) I wish people could understand and realize how eager the Lord is to answer their prayers and to hear their cries. As soon as they put their will on the Lord's side and they cry out to Him for help, admit how much they need Him, resist the Enemy and turn to the Lord, He is immediately there to help them. Just like I said in the Letter "Crystal Pyramid"--as soon as you turn from the darkness and face the light, immediately the warmth and power of the light can begin to pull you toward the crystal pyramid, and then the darkness has no more power over you. (ML #3070)

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(Dad:) Educating our children is such a big subject, because children have so many needs! They're growing up so fast. They're so hungry to learn. They're like sponges, and they need so much input, training and challenge, both spiritually, emotionally and intellectually. Especially our children, because the Lord has gifted them with great curiosity and a great desire to learn, so they need much attention and care and input. They need to be fed in every way. They need it, they deserve it, and it's their right as His children to have their needs met--not only physically and spiritually, but also intellectually. (ML #3066)

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(Dad:) Sometimes the hardest part of learning and growing into what the Lord wants to make us is just taking things by faith--accepting them, flowing with them, obeying by faith, and hanging on when we don't see things so clearly. Sometimes that's the biggest fight, the biggest struggle. Because if we could see things more clearly and see the Lord's long-term plan, it would make things a lot easier. Our trials would seem pretty small in comparison, and everything would suddenly be more worth it because you could see the overall and how it's going to turn out in the end.

So sometimes that's the biggest test--just yielding and accepting, obeying, forsaking, moving forward where the Lord points, even when you don't understand, when you don't see it, when it really hurts and you don't know all the reasons why. That's the greatest test, the greatest victory, and that's what the Lord is really pleased with.

How are you shepherded? You are shepherded through My Word. I have given you an abundance of guidance and direction so that you will know what is right and what is wrong, what is allowable and what is not, what is of the Spirit and what is not, what is of God and what is not.

I have given you the Charter that has set the boundaries, so that all will know and all will be judged fairly by the same standard. By this you will know that which is right and that which is unacceptable, that which will keep you, the sheep of My pasture, and that which will not.

I shepherd you through My voice and through conviction and through speaking to your heart, through the experiences you have, the problems you face. These are all the shepherding of My hand.

I also shepherd you through your shepherds, those who are there, who see you day by day, who pray for you, who weep for you, who are concerned about you and who wish to give you counsel and guidance and help to keep you moving forward in the right path.

Do not reject any of this shepherding, whether it be from My Word, from the Charter, from My voice, or from the shepherds who are there with you. All of them are needed, all of them are necessary, and none of them can be neglected. For he that will not receive shepherding is he that will be led astray. (ML #3067)

(Dad:) This Family was started in prayer, this Family grew in prayer, and this Family will continue on in prayer! Through prayer we're conquering the world! So keep taking all those burdens and trials and tests and problems to the Lord first in prayer. Then trust Him to work things out, and He will!

When Jesus was on Earth, He took all the burdens to His Father in prayer. He didn't let the problems of the people harden Him, but He kept casting all His burdens on the Father, and He was moved with compassion for the multitudes as a result. So keep casting all your burdens on Jesus.

Never underestimate the power of prayer! I know it's a temptation to always want to do more in the flesh, in the physical, especially for you young talented spunky ones. But if all you can do is pray, you can rest assured that's a lot! So pray! Pray alone in your closet and pray with others! Pray for these different ones you meet who feel frustrated and at the end of their rope. Pray for the adults and pray for the young people.

Regarding all these would-be problems and snags and things our Homes are coming up against, it's all part of the Lord working in people's lives. But if you just keep praying and just keep hearing fresh from God every day, you're all gonna be just fine! That's the greatest thing you can do and the greatest thing to encourage others to do!

Like I taught, the greatest thing each new generation has to learn for itself is to follow God and hear fresh from Him every day! If you're hearing fresh from God every day, if you take time to hear from Him, He's gonna take time to straighten out every problem.

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My love for you is unconditional, and I long to show it to you as much as you will let Me. The more closely you follow Me, and the more diligently you keep your heart close to Me, loving Me and heeding My Words, the more I am able to manifest My love in your life. I have great desire to manifest My love! I long to pour it forth abundantly, that you might revel in it and marvel at it and drink it in and fill yourselves to overflowing! So great is My love toward you! (ML #3068)

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(Dad:) The Lord has so much for you, so much to give you--gifts of His love--and so much that He wants to use you for, but He'll only be able to fulfill His beautiful, wonderful, marvelous perfect plan if you are totally yielded to Him.

The Lord's called you to go on for Him and to run the race right now. You can do that two ways: You can lay down what the Lord has asked you to lay down; you can look straight ahead and run with all you've got, knowing that His plan is perfect, His love is perfect and complete, and He loves you very much and wants to make you happy. That's one way you can run--in utter abandonment, leaving all else behind and just going for what the Lord has put in front of you right now, each step, day by day.

Or you can still hang on to it, and that'll be like carrying a weight with you. You'll still run. You'll still complete the race because you're determined. But it's going to be heavier and harder on you, and it's not going to be as enjoyable. You won't run with the speed that you could if you left it all behind.

If you feel you just can't let go, well, the Lord understands that. He knows your frame and remembers that you're but dust, but it'll be like just going halfway, or running at half speed. He'll still bless you and use you, but you won't have the same measure of

happiness and fulfillment that you would if you gave it all to Him in utter abandonment--putting it on the altar, turning around and walking away. That's hard to do, I know. I really do know, I really do understand, and I can see your heart. I feel your hurt, and I know how hard it is for you.

If you can trust, even though you don't see or understand; if you can believe and obey, even though it's not all real clear to you right now; if you can forsake that which is dearest to you, knowing that He does all things well--believe me, you'll be thankful and happy you did, and it's going to be worth it all.

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Sometimes I require individuals to forsake their personal desires that they might unite with the body as a whole. Although it is a sacrifice and a denial of self, they receive My blessing. For in unity there is strength. In unity there is My blessing, and in obedience you receive special power. This is why My Family is special to Me, because of the willingness of My children to deny themselves and to deny their personal desires to do what's best for the Family, for the whole unit, for My bride, for My church.

This denying of self, this giving of one's life, is a daily requirement. Many have done it once or twice, but I love My children because they do it daily. I reward them with special faith for obeying, for believing, for receiving and for obeying My Word and for following My instruction.

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This [persecution] is a purifying. This is a fire to go through, My children. But be not afraid, for I brought My children through the fire many times, even without the smell of smoke upon them. Have patience, for your reward will come. For vengeance is in My hand and I will repay!

Always look to Me! Always look to Me for your help. For this is not your battle, and in your own strength you will fail. This is My battle!

I have called you to the ministry of prophets that you may warn the world, that you may be the beacon that I have spoken of in preparation of My coming. Go before Me! Be brave, My children, for you have been entrusted with much power and much honor. (GN 574)

501

Faith is a key to victory. You must have faith and believe the Words that I have spoken to you, the many times that I have told you that I have a reason and a purpose for why I have made you to be alone and why I have not yet given you someone to share your life with, or even someone to be close to and love in a special way. For had you had these other relationships, your life would have gone a different direction and I would not have been able to bring you to this place I have called you to, which I know was an even greater desire of your heart.

Another key is yieldedness. You must not only have faith and believe that these are the reasons I set your life on the course I have, but you must yield to it, you must accept it, and you must do so cheerfully and willingly, of your own volition, not just because "that's the way it is, and even if I tried, I couldn't change it." No, you must not give up in defeat and fall down dejectedly. You must gladly embrace this loneliness I have given you, for I can work many things in your life through it. I have worked many already, and I have more to work.

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Behold My sunshine flower, whose face looks toward Me and receives the warmth of My sunlight, and reflects My love, My sunshine, and My warmth upon others. Behold this one who feels as nothing in her own sight, but whom I say is highly blessed--blessed with the touches of My love, blessed with the fruit of My Spirit, blessed with the blessings of My hand!

Though everything is not completely as you would have it, yet all is in My hands. So do not fear, My precious, precious flower, for I protect you. I cup My hands around you so that nothing will harm you. The strong winds will not blow you over, for I protect you. The wild animals will not step on you, for I protect you.

So put your trust in Me and face Me, always Me. Turn your face toward the sunshine of My love. Receive My warmth and My love, that you may reflect it upon others, that you may glow with My love and pass it on to others, that they may learn of My love by your hand.

And say not of yourself, "I am nothing, I am weak, I am frail." Don't compare yourself to others whom you feel are more able, more articulate, more talented. For I have given you the talents and the gifts that I have given you, and they are great gifts! They are gifts of love, gifts of My presence, gifts of My love through your touches, through your hands, My elixir upon your hands.

Use My elixir and touch them. Lay your hands upon them. Pray for them. Touch them and feel their needs so that you will know what to give them--the love they need, the compassion, the caring, the Word. As you lay your hands upon them, I will show you.

Know that a man's gifts make room for him. You are blessed of Me and gifted of Me, and thus I make room for you.

Fear not, My sunshine flower, for as long as you face the sunshine you will absorb the light. As long as you face Me and constantly trust Me and know that I am in control, you will have peace and contentment, even though all about you may not seem to be right. All about you may not seem to be to your liking, yet if you will look up to Me, you will have great peace. For I am the giver of peace and I bestow it upon you, My precious and lovely sunshine flower.

503

(Dad:) There's a mighty warfare going on in the spirit world now. The Enemy is attacking all-out, trying to get the children of David to doubt. He's trying to cut off their connection with the Word, the truth, their source of power. But if they'll just cry out to the Lord, He will defeat the attacks of the Enemy and restore to health those who are weary and weak and injured. (ML #3070)

504

Your nature is jealous and envious, and you will have to fight this, and you already do. You must ask for prayer and for help, for these seeds of envy, discontent and comparison are planted in your heart by the Enemy of your soul.

I have given you much, and have blessed you in many ways. I have made you beautiful. I have given you health. I have given you intelligence, skill and charm. I have given you a pleasant and enjoyable personality, yet you often despise yourself and belittle yourself, and you do not enjoy and appreciate what you have. Only in appreciating what you have can you get more. In complaining and grumbling and belittling, you waste and throw away the joy and peace you could have. In wishing you were more like someone else--in any way, big or small--you throw away the jewel of the uniqueness that I have bestowed upon you. For your individuality--of character, personality, experiences and of your physical appearance--are what make you--and didn't I create you the way I wanted you to be?

Trust! Stop fretting and fussing and fighting and kicking and refusing to be happy and content with what you are and what you have! For once you are truly content--and this contentment only comes through total yieldedness to Me and acceptance of My plan--then I can give you more. The dynamics of My Spirit are such. I can then give you more blessings, more love, more friendships, relationships, even greater attractiveness and charm. For when you are relaxed, restful, trusting, content and at peace with Me and with yourself the way I have made you, then your natural beauty, charm and love can flow. And not only the natural love I have given you and placed within your heart to give and share, but more and better yet, My pure love can flow through you to others. For you will not be so concerned and preoccupied and wrapped up in yourself and your own worries and wants and fears and phobias, but you will be looking out and around, looking to give others joy and peace. This is the key to the victory over all these things.

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(Dad:) Schooling is such a big subject! I oughtta know, 'cause I've raised a lot of kids, and I was a teacher for many, many years--and still am! I know what it costs to teach kids, and of course, the best environment for our kids to learn is at home and while witnessing, and while taking care of the affairs of the Kingdom. That's the best. That's the ideal environment, if it's possible.

Home schooling is the ideal, because you can really redeem the time and make everything count. You can surround the children in a bubble of love and faith, with a minimum of negative influence. So under most circumstances, teaching our children at home and keeping them out of godless System schools is the best, it's the ideal, it's the preferred choice.

But, Honey, you know and I know and a lot of people in the Family know that that's just not possible right now for a lot of people. Some people don't have the time or the strength or the manpower or personnel to teach all their children everything they need to know. And if that's the case, then parents just need to do the best they can, and really trust the Lord.

If parents feel that they need to put their kids in System school so that they get the academic training they need, at least for a little while, well, that's their decision and that's their right under the Charter. But it's also their responsibility to pray for their children, to feed them spiritually, and to keep a good check on how they're progressing and how they're doing and whether it's bearing good or bad fruit.

It's a serious decision to put your kids in System school, and our parents are going to need to desperately pray about it and hear from the Lord and make sure it's His will and His plan before they do it. (ML #3066)

506

You shepherds must shepherd in the Spirit with great love, for your sheep will not follow you because of your hardness and because of your demanding. They will follow you because of your love and your care for them. So love and care.

If you care as one cares for his child, you will show love, you will give instruction, you will correct in love, you will help supply their needs, and you will help them to grow in the proper way. You will feed them with the Words of God, you will feed them with the Words of David, and you will uphold these Words in your own life as an ensample to them. For the good shepherd goes before his sheep. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The good shepherd loves his sheep.

Be not as an hireling, one who cares not for the sheep but cares only for himself, only for his own power, only for his own control. That is not shepherding, that is fleecing--fleecing in the flesh, fleecing in the spirit!

Love your sheep. Love those that I have put in your care. Care for them and love them. Listen to them. Live with them. Be one with them. Have compassion upon them and care for them, as I care for you. For that is true shepherding, that is shepherding in the Spirit.

Are you a true shepherd? Then love My sheep. Are you a true sheep? Then love your shepherds. Lovest thou Me? Feed My sheep. Lovest thou Me? Follow your shepherds. Lovest thou Me? Together follow Me, your Chief Shepherd, and I will lead you to green pastures, to pure, still waters, that you may benefit, that you may grow, and that you may be strengthened. (ML #3067)

507

(Dad:) You are a real treasure. Remember when I said that you kids were going to be my jewels of the future? Well, the future is here! This is the future and you are it! You young people are the future, and it's right now!

You young people are my precious jewels! I know you might not feel like it, you might not even see it sometimes, but you're strong and you've got it! You've got the power,

the inspiration, the anointing, the spunk and the fire! Each of you young people is a powerhouse of not only the Spirit of God, but of my spirit, too. You're my precious jewels of this future, which is here right now!

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Selfishness is the root of comparing, of envy and of jealousy. It is the root of comparing, because it is wanting more for yourself--wanting not only what you have, but what others have as well. It is the root of envy, wanting to have something that you think you ought to have, that you even feel you deserve. It is the root of jealousy, wanting what is yours to remain yours. So in all these cases, whatever your problem, you must defeat the monster of selfishness, and you must yield to the magical power of yieldedness and surrender to Me. For these things are miracle-working, magical elixirs that heal and transform and bring life and peace and joy. Yielding to Me, and believing and trusting Me for everything that comes into your life, whether it seems to you to be good or bad, is the path to happiness and to victory.

Open your heart to Me and let Me love you! Let Me thrill you and fill you! Let Me hold you close and kiss you and caress you. Bare yourself, all of yourself, to Me. Hold nothing back from Me. Yield, give, open, and let Me and My Spirit and My love flow into you. Each time you do this, it defeats the darkness, and it causes these poisons that have seeped into your spirit to drain out, to drip away, to melt, to dissolve. They keep trying to come back, but through loving Me and surrendering all to Me, I keep draining and dissolving them, until they shall be no more.

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Take heed that you care diligently for your children. Guard them from the attacks of the Evil One! Protect them from the sirens of the System, which will call them and entice them and attempt to lure them astray. Raise a standard against the Enemy through your love and prayers and faithful Word time. Do not become busy with a little here and a little there so that before you know it, that which is most precious to you and to Me is lost! Pour forth unto your little ones diligently and faithfully, redeeming the time. For the Devil goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Protect your little ones from the attacks of the Enemy--from the doubts and pollution and contamination of the System. What may look like a small thing to you now, something unimportant and insignificant, can grow and grow until it becomes a defeat, a great loss, and a great heartache to you. Therefore stand as good shepherds with rod in

hand, protecting your little lambs, for you are all as sheep in the midst of wolves, and there is a great warfare being waged for the hearts and minds of your children!

Therefore take heed to this warning and guard your children! Protect your children. Love them. Pray for them. Listen to them. Be there for them. Give them your time and attention. Make them your top priority. Fight for them. Lift them up. Rebuke the Enemy's attacks on them! And most of all, love them with My unconditional love. (ML #3068)

510

Behold, they called even Me a winebibber, a glutton and a demon-possessed fool, but it is My Word that has lasted. For the Word I give unto you, it is spirit and truth and it lasts forever. Where are the lies of My accusers? Are they not written down even in My Words? If they were not written in My Words they would have vanished into nothing as the years have gone by, even as My enemies have.

Take no thought for these accusations of the Evil One, nor of his minions, for behold, He that stands with you is greater than all of these put together! My Word is sharp and powerful, dividing asunder even the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hold fast to it! Do not deny it! Cling to it, and it will save you!

My Word is a two-edged sword, slicing in both directions--removing from you your transgressions and slicing the Enemy in half. Therefore cling to it, and it will set you free! The truth has made you free, and will set you free again. (GN 574)

511

The choices that some men must make are difficult for them. Even though they have a great desire to do My will, the choices that I place before them are difficult, and because of this, they hesitate.

I place men in positions where they must make difficult decisions so that they can choose to do My will, and thus be blessed. For when I have major blessings to pour forth unto men, I often put a difficult choice in their path, to see if they are willing to fight for My blessing, to be obedient in order to receive My blessing, to be yielded in order to receive what I have for them.

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The Lord wants to use you as a bellwether. He wants to use you to lead others to the Word. He wants to use you as an influence for good. He wants to use you as a great testimony and a great witness, to bring many to Him.

You'll be great and strong in the armies of David, but you have to do your part and stay yielded and respectful and desperate. You've got to want to be that fighter and that bellwether and that shepherd. You've got to want to stay close to the Lord and to work in unity with those around you--your shepherds and co-workers. It takes a lot of humility and a lot of yieldedness to be a leader, but you've got what it takes, if you'll just use it and do it.

We're counting on you! Keep fighting! Keep going to the Word! Keep calling out to the Lord! Keep loving Jesus and you'll have everything you need. (ML #3070)

513

Your adversary the Devil walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour in your midst. You must reach out to the hearts and souls of your young ones. Reach out and draw them close to the bosom of David, close to the bosom of Maria, close to My bosom, that they may know Me and have contact with Me in a deep and personal way. Their contact with Me is the only thing that will keep them in the dark days. As the days grow darker and darker, their spiritual lives will depend on their connection with Me.

Will you not draw them in? Will you not be aware of the Devil's devices and his inroads, of the pull of worldliness that is coming into your camp and sucking your spirits? You must raise the standard against these inroads. You must open the eyes of your young people and lead them to Me. The choice is ultimately theirs to make, but you must expose the lies, doubts and deceits of the Enemy that they may make the right choice.

The warfare must be waged and fought in the spirit. For as I said, your Enemy is walking about seeking whom he may devour and snuff out. I ask that you pray for one another. Pray for strength, wisdom, anointing and discernment. Pray that you can be sensitive to the needs of others and that you'll rightly divide the Word of truth. Pray that you yourselves will be so full of the Word that you'll know what to give and be able to give an answer to him that asks it of you, to lead them in the straight and narrow. This is My call and My challenge to you, My shepherds. Will you take up the challenge?

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My blessings are not determined by where you live, which field you're on, or what your job is. My blessings are determined by your yieldedness, your obedience, and your faithfulness. My Word stands true, whether you live in a far-flung field, or in your home country, or in a behind-the-scenes Home. The principles for receiving My blessings are the same: obedience, yieldedness and faithfulness. Any of My children who follow those spiritual principles, who believe the Word, who live the Letters and do their best to serve Me, to be obedient to the Heavenly call, to follow the Words of David, to live in unity, harmony, love and sharing with their brothers and sisters, and endeavor to get out My message of love to the world, will be blessed.

My love is without partiality and I am no respecter of persons. My rewards and blessings are there for all to partake of, all who follow, all who are obedient, all who trust, and all who live the faith life.

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My dear little lamb, you are one of My wonderful brides, one of My favorites, one of My most ardent lovers! I'm so happy when you cuddle up and lie in My arms and I feel you so close to Me, and you hold Me and kiss Me and love Me! It makes Me so very happy, and I'm so pleased with your sweet love. I love to love you in return, to fill you with My wonderful love and peace, and shower My blessings upon you! For you are as a favorite wife whom I guard and protect and take diligent care of, and upon whom I wish to lavish My love and joys.

Wonderful little bride, precious joy of My heart, thank you for your love! I wish for you to be a tender vessel of My love to others, a lovely urn receiving and being filled to overflowing with My love and peace, and going about pouring it upon others and filling them.

The love kisses of My Words with which I kiss you will help to keep you filled to overflowing with My love and My power and My light, and will enable you to have enough to pour out upon others. These love seeds within you are what will give you strength, faith, courage, light, life, love, the power to love and serve Me and to love others, and they will help you through the difficult or trying times. My kisses, My seeds, My Words are like the magic potion that contain the power and love that you need to be My loving bride and faithful wife of My Kingdom.

Thank you for loving Me, for taking personal, intimate time with Me, and giving Me your love and attention, which I long for and desire. Thank you for receiving My love, My kisses and My seeds; for listening to My voice; for hearing My whispers and

receiving My Words of love for you, because I need you. I need your love and I need you to take My love in great measure to My many, many lost children who are even now waiting and crying out to receive My love and My Words to quench their thirst, to comfort their aching hearts, to ease their troubled minds and bring peace to their troubled spirits.

Be a faithful and loving ambassador as the wife of your King, and go out and find My children and bring them into My Heavenly Kingdom. For there are many yet to gather and there is yet much work to be done. And as you do, I will protect and keep you in My loving care, sheltered by My loving arms. I will give you the power and the courage and the strength for this task, and most of all the love. I love you, My faithful little one. Now go and love.

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(Dad:) The older folks and YAs and teens can pour into the children, with each of them giving to the children from their reservoir of knowledge and experience, each one excelling in their own particular calling or ministry or point of expertise. Everybody in the Family has so much to give to our children. Everybody can be a teacher! Everybody can pour out and exhort and teach and train and share all that they know and have experienced while serving the Lord.

Schooling and teaching and training our children goes on all the time. They're not just learning when they sit down at their desk for formal schooling, but they're learning and being taught no matter what they're doing--whether through their ministries around the house, or their witnessing experiences, or their Word classes, or the time they're being taught their academic subjects. Everything is part of their training and their schooling. (ML #3066)

517

(Dad:) Some people are so afraid of wildfire, they have no fire. Some people try to so completely control the fire that it's quenched, and things become cold and lifeless. But the wildfire that has no control also does damage. You must find the balance in the center, so that there is fire, but it's controlled enough that it doesn't burn down the house and the fields.

This is how it is with shepherding. You can't shepherd so tightly that everyone is bound and no one is free and no one can follow the Lord for themselves. But if you have

no shepherding, if you allow only wildfire, it will hurt and destroy. It will burn others. You have to find the proper balance, folks! (ML #3067)

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My blessings come in different forms for different situations, and they are tailored for the individual and the individual Home. My blessings cannot be measured purely in financial or material terms. Sometimes in withholding My financial blessings, I am answering someone's prayer for more desperation, a closer walk with Me, or their desire to grow in another area of their life.

Sometimes I pour out My financial blessings in reward for obedience and yieldedness, but then there are other difficulties of physical afflictions, or spiritual trials and battles, which My children may have to struggle through and fight for the victory.

Although finances are usually a very big need in every Home, it has been so with My missionaries throughout time. This has always caused My children to be dependent upon Me, holding on to Me, and looking to Me for their supply. It's the faith life. It's learning to trust their Heavenly Father when there seems to be no visible means of support. Just as I feed the birds and clothe the flowers, so do I take care of My children. But it is a test of their faith.

519

To you who have no loved one, I say, I am your Lover. I am your Husband. It is I that love you. I have given you a special calling, that you may be married to Me, and that you will love Me, and that you will be single-minded unto Me. I will be with you in your loneliness. I will wrap My arms around you, and I will kiss you, caress you, and fill you. Love Me, and I will fill your every need! I will be the love that you need so that you will not need another.

But I supply for you in the love of your brethren, in the sharing of love with one another. When you love these and you do not have these great, deep feelings of love, think of Me. In those times think of Me. So together with these, love Me and praise Me. Praise Me for supplying your needs. Praise Me for the love that I bestow upon you. Praise Me for this special calling of love that I have given you, that you may be virgins unto Me. For you are Mine. You are My Bride, you are My loves. (ML #3032)

520

You have fought a good fight, you have waged a good warfare, but the battle that I have for you is not over. The battle has only just begun, and this is a small part of the battle which is ahead. You must hold that fast which you have. Take hold of eternal life, for the violent take it by force!

The Enemy has come in like a flood with viciousness and hate and violent attacks against My children, but these attacks are really against Me! These attacks against your prophet and against the Words that I have given him are attacks against Me, and you must stand up and fight! You must show that you are on My side, that the Words that I have given you are life and light and power!

You must not take this sitting down, but fight! Fight to the end! Fight for My little children and the victory shall be won! The victory is yours in Christ Jesus! If you do your part, I will do My part. I will shake Myself, and there will be a mighty victory! (GN 574)

521

Satan is pleading with Me to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I say, call his bluff! Call for prayer and blow the clouds away. He seeks to have you, for he knows your danger to him, the consequences--the multitudes that he will lose, those who will be won, helped and encouraged by your yieldedness and obedience to Me.

Satan is pulling out his big guns because he is scared. He knows the dangers. In his heart he knows it is a losing battle, for you are tied to Me with the golden chain of true love and devotion. You have been on your knees and Satan trembles. Yet he seeks, he tries, and he attempts with all that is in him to make you fall. Satan trembles at present, but he still tries, for though he sees you on your knees, he sees that is it you alone and this gives him hope. He sees that alone you are only able to chase the thousand, therefore he has hopes that his forces of 10,000 will cause you to fall.

Therefore you must fight. Satan cannot win as long as you do not give in. Fight, fight, fight, with all your might. Hold on with all that is within you, and call out the troops to fight the 10,000. Call on those around you that together you may defeat this foe. As you call out for help, as you reach out for reinforcements, he will flee. He will give up and run. You alone are able to chase the 1,000, yet the 10,000 linger on in an attempt to bring you down. Therefore, you must call on others so the 10,000 will flee.

I have ordained this so that you may fight and win together, that in unity My greater strength and power may be manifested. If one suffers, the whole body will suffer.

Therefore you must not think that you suffer alone. You must not try to suffer in silence, thinking you are a bother to others, for in so doing, you are actually causing others to hurt. If one suffers, the whole body suffers. Therefore know that you cannot fight this alone, for in the long run it will do greater harm to those around you, as they will suffer with you, knowing you are in despair. No man is an island, and in one way or another you will affect others if you should try to fight this alone. Your countenance, your attitude, your spirit, reaches out and you all affect each other. The battle that one fights affects another; therefore it pays to do all you can to hang on to victory. Call for help, call for prayer, for you are in this together.

Ask, reach out, and lean wholly on your brethren. I give you a way of escape, and that way of escape is all around you in your brethren. By calling on them, you are opening the door of escape. As you lean on each other, as you fight together, as you join one hand with another and fight in fervent prayer, I will put the 10,000 to flight and you will find relief from the trials that beset you. In uniting forces I am able to open a door--an escape hatch is unlocked that you might find relief.

In united desperate prayer with your brethren lies the victory. For only in this oneness, this uniting of hearts in every way will you be able to fight the battles ahead in the coming days. United you will stand, divided you will fall. I want you to unite in every way possible, in love, in visions and goals, and in fighting in prayer.

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When you call out to Me, when you seek Me, when you bring your petitions before Me, I hear each and every one. I know the desires of your heart and that which you seek. Even before you call, I know the thoughts and intents of your heart, and the desires that rest there. But besides your desires, there are the burdens that I place upon your heart, and those things that I put within you by My Spirit--the call that I give you, and the tug in the spirit that you feel to follow that call.

Often the desires that are within your heart conflict with the burdens that I have placed upon your heart, and it is at these times that you must seek Me to find where My will truly lies. For it is much easier for Me to fulfill your heart's desires when you are within My will, in the place that I have put in your heart to be.

There are times when the desire of your heart and My will are the same, for I have placed that desire in your heart. But there are other times when the desire of your heart is just that--the desire of your heart--and this can be in conflict with My will and the burdens which I have placed within your heart.

There have been many who have come to a crossroads in their life--whether they would follow My call or follow the desire of their heart. This becomes a test, a decision to make. It is always best to choose My highest, because that is where My fullest blessings rest, for there is nothing stopping Me from answering your prayer from within My highest and best will.

Look not upon the outward appearance, but look at the heart of the matter, and weigh with wisdom.

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I have set seven strong guiding spirits around Maria. They keep the flame; they guard it round about. At the same time they ensure that every word that goes forth shall be filled with the spirit of truth to enlighten the hearts of men; shall be filled with the spirit of love to show them the compassion that I have for them; shall be filled with the spirit of wisdom to open the mysteries and unlock the doors of the questions of the hearts; shall be filled with the spirit of understanding, understanding the needs and desires of those around her; shall be filled with the spirit of judgment, judging the wrong and upholding the right; shall be filled with the spirit of mercy, knowing that some fall only through human failings, and seeing the mistakes of the mind as opposed to those of the intents of the heart; shall be filled with the spirit of discernment, discerning the right and the wrong and knowing the thoughts and the intents of the heart.

These spirits of the Spirit of the Lord rest upon My Maria in this Endtime, so all may know that a prophetess of God has been among them. And through these Words, you also can partake of the same spirits, of the same strength, and the same wisdom and insight. (ML #3070)

524

There are many reasons for battles, tests and trials. Each is designed with a purpose and plan to bring out a different sweetness and a distinct fragrance in your life, but all are designed with the purpose that you may unite with your prayer mates. For when one stumbles and falls, the other is there to lift him up. This is My plan, this is My gift to you. I have given you each other, one to another, so you may not only live and enjoy each other in love and work and play, but so you may uphold each other and fight for each other in prayer. In this is your strength. This is a precious and rare gift--the gift of prayer mates, the gift of praying for one another, fighting side by side at My throne of grace.

Therefore fear not to share with others the fierceness of your fight. I do not look upon how heavy the battle, how strong the fight, or how weak the vessel, and judge you in this. Battles will not cease for a little while longer, but how you choose to get the victory, how you face the battle and hang on to Me is what will count and make the difference and bring you through to victory.

Call therefore on your prayer mates so you may fight and win, that others may see and be encouraged and follow. This I do that you may be a living testimony to the power of united desperate fervent prayer.

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Praise Me for these little ones that I have given into your care, the lambs of the flock, the arrows in your sheath. These little ones that I pick up and carry in My bosom are tender to Me. Though you may have many in your sheath, you must treat each one individually with the utmost of care, just as when you place an arrow in a bow. You gently place the arrow in the bow, making sure that it is level. You pull the string back gently and deliberately, taking time to aim and to concentrate on the target, in quietness, with the greatest of concentration and thought, focusing all your attention on the bull's-eye. So must you handle all of these children like this one arrow--patiently, gently, with great care, precision and attention, so that you do not jerk and shoot amiss, falling short of the bull's-eye and the target.

These little ones are powerful and dangerous weapons. They are the ammunition of the future, the arrows prepared for the day of battle to confront the Enemy--your front-line weaponry from the arsenals of Heaven. There's not one to spare, so use them wisely. Sharpen the arrow head daily against the sharpening stone of My Word with care, gentleness and love in your hands. Do not let these little ones become dull or discouraged by being too quick with them, for they have great faith that will remove mountains. These are the ones that will do exploits. These are the warriors of David, the little Davids that will kill the great Goliaths. These are the smooth stones that will be propelled by My might to hit the mark, and replenish the ranks of David.

526

(Dad:) The job of a parent is the most sacrificial, difficult ministry there is. It costs everything to be a good parent! You have to die to yourself and lay down your life day after day after day. Sometimes the rewards seem hidden and the problems overwhelming, but you just have to keep being faithful, keep pouring out, keep loving and praying and

supporting and encouraging your children, keep following the Lord and trusting Him, and accepting that "God's gift is God's work." (ML #3066)

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Fear not, My little one, because of the battles which you have suffered and the doubts that have assailed you, for I have cleansed you, and am continuing to cleanse you, with My refreshing, wonderful, life-giving Words!

Now you are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you through the mouth of your queen and through My kisses of love to you, My Word kisses that have been flowing out to you in a steady stream. I have been pouring down much New Wine from Heaven, and as you continue to drink it in, and to bathe and wash and refresh yourself with the pure waters, your faith will be strengthened and increase, and you will become strong in My power and might.

Don't worry about the past and what has gone before. Look only to Me and to My Words and continue to march forward. As a soldier in My Endtime army, you sometimes suffer attacks of the Enemy and receive wounds, and even sometimes lose a few battles along the way. But the Enemy of your soul cannot overcome you if you continue to fight and to look to Me and My strength and power.

I will lift you up from any temporary defeats and cause you to stand, and enable you to continue to march forward to fight for Me and My Kingdom. You are a strong soldier, but that does not mean that you will not sometimes get wounded or suffer setbacks and temporary defeats. But as a dedicated and devoted soldier, you must get up and fight on with the help of My Spirit and My Word.

So be not condemned because of the times you have fallen in battle, the times when you have been wounded and suffered setbacks. What counts is that you rise once again and look to Me, your Commander in Chief, your Husband and Lover, your Strength, your Deliverer, and receive My golden seeds to give you power, strength, light, might and energy to carry on and to fight the battle of love and truth against the darkness of this world!--To bring My Words and My love to the sick, destitute, lonely, hungry and thirsty who are waiting to receive the light of My truth and to be fed from the Words of God!

Fight on, My little one, and don't look back or worry about the failings or fallings of the past. I have great need of you as one of My strong soldiers, My valiant warriors, to fight with My great eternal light and love and truth in this great war, this battle of the spirit for the minds and hearts and souls of men! I am with you, and I will strengthen you and guide you with My loving hand.

Stay close by My side in faith and trust. Look into My eyes. Rest on My bosom. Lie in My arms and receive My love, My kisses, and My caresses. Be filled to overflowing with My wonderful seeds of light, inspiration, trust, courage, faith, anointing, power, strength, might, spirit and love! And you will win the battle, for I will win it for you. I will keep you and protect you and care for you, and we will be together always. I love you.

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Call the bluff of Satan by leaning wholly on Me in asking for prayer. This battle is fluid, and the Enemy is seeking to drown you in the deep waters as they toss and rage about you. The Enemy is rolling in the waves as he rides from crest to crest, going from tactic to tactic trying to bring you down. He is not letting up, but he skips back and forth in order to weaken you and snuff you out and drown you in his sea of lies. His tactics change like the rolling of the waves. They go up and down, back and forth. Although the attacks vary in degree, they are constant, as he seeks to drown you in a sea of confusion and turmoil.

The waves are rolling and you are as a buoy bobbing up and down on the troubled sea. At times there are intervals when the waves are calm and the buoy peacefully floats atop the water. Then the waves stir and roll about with more force. They pick up and become higher, louder, more intense, so that the buoy bobs up and down with greater fury as it fights to keep itself above water. The force of the waves tosses you about, and the Enemy tries to use this to cast doubt. You must not look at the waves, but resist this attack through calling for prayer.

Call his bluff by calling for prayer that your buoy may be firmly anchored to the ocean floor so that it cannot float away. The waves may crash and thunder and roll right over you, yet you will survive the storm, the high winds and the crashing of the waves as long as you are firmly attached with My strong weight--the anchor of My protection--to hold you down. You have nothing to fear, for I will affix you firmly to the ocean floor with the strong anchor of My love and protection.

Secure your anchor firmly through uniting in prayer. When the Enemy sees that you are calling his bluff, that you are securing your anchor firmly through prayer, he will give up and flee. For he knows the strong chain and heavy weight of My anchor will hold tight against all his empty winds and rolling waves. Therefore simply call the bluff of the Evil One who sends the waves rolling in. Remind him of My promises--that you cannot and will not blow away, for your anchor holds. You are securing it through desperate prayer.

(Dad:) These are the pillars of shepherding: keeping the standard of the Word of God, and showing love. Both of these must be there for the proper balance, to uphold the Family, to uphold your Home, for one without the other is not enough. If the pillar of love is not standing, and only the pillar of the standard of the Word is, then people become self-righteous and critical and follow the letter of the law. But if only the pillar of love is standing, then the conviction to follow the Word is weakened and no one wants to stand strong, for they fear that they will be seen to be unloving.

Without the pillar of the standard of the Word of God, the love will have no backbone. The love will ooze out, but it will be weak and will not be able to uphold the Home, for there is no standard and it is not standing in conjunction with the Word. The pillar of the Word alone becomes too strong and hard, but the pillar of love alone becomes too weak, too soft. But together, they are a perfect balance.

So it is with good shepherding; both are needed. There has to be the strength of the Word, the strength of the strong pillar, but it must be tempered with the love and the tenderness of the pillar of love. Like a father and a mother--the father having the strength and the stamina, and the mother having the love and the compassion--together they make good parents who raise good children. So is it with shepherding. Both are needed, and one cannot do without the other, for they balance it together. (ML #3067)

Seek Me, and I will relieve your loneliness. I will be as a husband to you, and you shall be married to Me. For great is My love for you. Do not pine away and think on those things that you have not. Think on that which you have. You have Me fully. When you wake you will not be distracted, for your eyes will be upon Me. And when you sleep you will not be distracted, for your eyes will be upon Me.

Great is your reward in Heaven! For I know your sacrifice, your loneliness, and the desires of your heart. But look not on that which others have. Turn your eyes upon Me, for I am your True Love. As you deepen your relationship with Me, I will pour forth all the love that you could need, for you are special to Me. I hold you in My arms and I say, "I understand. I understand your need, but I have reserved you unto Me. I will be your Husband. I will be your Lover. I will be all of these things that give love to you, for I am Love and I love you. (ML #3032)

Satan knows he cannot get you in the really big things such as doubting My Word through the voice of prophecy or loving Me as My intimate bride, because you have embraced these things and you know their worth. He knows you are not likely to fall for the obvious approach, so he is seeking to get you on more subtle and believable things. He hits you with multiplicity. If the muddled thoughts don't work, then he skips to loneliness battles. When you fight and struggle and begin to pull yourself up on that front, then he quickly switches to hitting you with negative thinking about yourself or about others, sensitivity, thinking everyone else is looking down on you, or can't stand to be around you. You can't stand yourself, so you don't see how others can possibly stand you either.

He is hitting you with feeling stifled, impaired, and that you cannot do anything right, leaving you to wonder how you can possibly be of help or use to anyone. You go slow in your work and have a hard time sitting still as he attacks your concentration. You know the answer lies in seeking Me and resting in My arms, but when you do, he condemns you for this time. If he doesn't condemn you for taking the time, he'll throw the dart of cloudiness, wandering thoughts, or extreme tiredness and nagging annoyances of the flesh so that you are not able to receive My whispers clearly.

Then comes comparing in various shapes and sizes, intertwined with jealousy twinges, feeling left out, and as if you are a general major muck. If hitting you in your waking hours does not work, then he attempts to get you in the night seasons from time to time in your dreams, and this, too, is subtle. He does not hit you with obvious nightmares, but busy dreams or bad vibes of others doing mean or unloving things to you. There are no new things under the sun, and he's firing his poisonous darts at you one by one in a steady stream.

Yet in all these things, Satan knows in his heart that you are firm. He knows that deep down you know what is right and wrong. He sees that you recognize these things as his lies and attacks, so he attempts to hit you in a far more subtle way. He is hitting you with thinking that you are fighting, thinking you are taking a stand. This you do to a certain degree, yet you can do more. You can do more in humbling yourself and calling on others for help.

Therefore expose his lies through honest confession of how you feel and what you get hit with. Do not be afraid to show yourself weak, for you are. You must call for the help of your prayer mates in order to call his bluff. Pull out the stops against these attacks

and do not hold back. Call out to your brethren to help you fight this battle and simply rest in Me, knowing that what I have promised I will perform.

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Keep your heart, and let not the lies of the Enemy steal your faith from you. Hold that fast which you have; let no man steal your crown. For the battle is great, and the Enemy as a roaring lion walks about, seeking whom he may devour. But it is not given unto you to lose. It is given unto you to exercise your faith. The battle is Mine, not yours; but by your faith, steadfastness, fight and spirit the victory will be won!

Forget not the Word that I have given you these many years, that I have planted in your heart. Let not the Evil One rip these plants of My Word out of your heart, but continually tend the garden of your heart, watering it and fertilizing it, continuing to feed on the Word that I have given you, so that you may continue to grow strong even in the midst of adversity and tribulation. For a plant that grows up in the midst of storm and the winds of adversity will only be stronger; the roots will be firmer and the plant will be more vital and victorious.

The victory is almost in sight, but you must lean wholly upon Me. It has to be Me! For only in your weakness and dependence on Me will My strength be made perfect. (GN 574)

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"O ye of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" I said that to My disciples, and people always take it as a rebuke and think that I was very angry. But more than anything, I just felt so sad for them. I felt so burdened. My heart was moved with compassion for them, that they had to go through that--that the Enemy came in and robbed them of their peace and the joy that comes from having faith.

When you're looking to Me and you're keeping your eyes on Me with faith, trusting that it's all in My hands and that I am in control, the Enemy has absolutely no power over you! All he can do is tempt you to take your eyes off of Me. He tries to distract you, to scare you, and to startle you. But as long as you're standing there keeping your eyes directly on Me, there's absolutely nothing he can do!

As long as you have your eyes focused on Me, we have a direct connection, and nothing can interfere or come between us. You can have perfect peace in simply obeying

and following My will. I can completely protect you, and I can work My perfect will in your life.

So that's what you have to do--keep your eyes on Me and don't let anything distract you. That makes it a little simpler, doesn't it? When your eyes are on Me and something surprises you or happens unexpectedly, or something happens that would be a big disappointment, if you're looking into My eyes, I can help you understand right away, and I can give you perfect peace. I can make it clear to you. Even if sometimes I can't tell you the reasons why right then, you can have faith and assurance that everything's in My hands, and you can just follow and flow with it.

That's all you have to do! It's real simple. You don't have to struggle or try real hard in your own strength. All you have to do is keep your attention focused on Me, and not let the Enemy or other things distract you. All you have to do is keep your eyes on Me.

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You don't know what a special and treasured place you hold and fill within My heart. You don't understand the depths of My desire for you. This is something that has not yet been given to man to understand. For when the eyes and ears of mankind shall be opened to the spirit world in the Last Days, such glories and realizations shall flood you and overwhelm your being, that you will scarce be able to speak for the joy and utter astonishment that you will experience.

But can you not try to imagine? "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which I have prepared for them that love Me." This is the natural man, but I can reveal these things unto you by My Spirit, if you will but reach out with the hands of faith, with the desire in your heart to taste of My love and feelings for you.

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As you have grown as little Davids in the house of David, so are you learning to be little Marias in the house of Maria. For the house of Maria is but an extension of the house of David--the one built upon the other and being the same. The gifts, the talents, and the calling of Maria complement and extend the gifts, the talents and the calling of David. The one is an extension of and building upon the other, a continuation, a growth, an adding of one upon the other, the foundation upon which the building is built. Precept

upon precept, concept upon concept, building and building until the fullness of the house of the Lord is finished. (ML #3070)

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Whether you are single, or whether you are married, or whether you are considering being married, I will bless all of you, if you will give your love to Me. If you are together with one, worship Me. If you are alone, worship Me. In all that you do, love Me, worship Me, give your love to Me, and I will pour forth a blessing. I will pour forth abundantly, far beyond that which you can comprehend! I will bless you in spirit. I will bless you in flesh. I will bless you in supply and in abundance. My love for you is so great!

As you love Me, it unclogs the wellsprings of My love and allows My blessings and My love to pour forth to you in such great measure and such great anointing, in a flood of My love upon you! I will fill you and fill you and fill you to overflowing, and you will overflow upon others!

So shall the abundance of My love pour forth and fill your cups. And the abundance of your love will pour forth and fill the cups one of another. And the abundance of all of your love shall pour forth and fill the needs of your friends and of your close ones. And the abundance of My love will give you all that you need to pour forth My Word and My message and My love upon the dry, dusty and needy world. All because you turned and gave your love to Me. (ML #3032)

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(Dad:) As a disciple, you are always on stage to the world and each other. As a Christian, you are always a witness, whether in private or in public, whether you're in your bedroom or out witnessing, performing or on TV. You are always an example of Jesus. There's never a time when you should let your guard down, because as His disciple you are always supposed to be a living sample of His love and His actions, what He would do and the way He would be. In private with your wife, or with your children, or in a Home meeting, or out witnessing, remember that your main purpose is to always put Jesus first, always to be an example of His love, always to be bringing others to Him, always to be helping others to feel His love, to feel included, to feel His warmth, His acceptance, His care for them as individuals.

What good would it do if you went out and witnessed all day, but then came home and were a terrible example and didn't live what you preached, so much so that you hurt the faith of one of these little ones, or caused them to turn back from serving the Lord? You are always a witness, not only to the lost but to your own. You are a witness to the lost to win their souls and bring them salvation, and you are a witness to your own that you may keep them as disciples. Just as you may go out into the world and win souls, you may keep your brethren who in turn may win souls, who in turn may win more disciples to win more souls.

Never let your guard down. Just because you are at home does not mean you are not a witness. Once you are Jesus' disciple you are always a witness to everyone, not just on the streets but to your own family. This is a real missionary, a full-time disciple, 24 hours a day, like Jesus was with His disciples. He was not only sent to the lost and to the world, but it was just as important for Him to be a witness to His Own 12 disciples, because they were the ones who would carry on. They were the ones who would continue to witness and reach others. So in some ways it was even more important to be a good, loving sample to His closest disciples and loved ones so that the work could carry on.

As you can see in my Letters and by those who know me, I not only tried to show love to those I met when I went out and witnessed, but I was also a witness of the Lord's love at home. I provided the needs of my family physically and spiritually, fellowshiped with them, cared and provided for them, was a good sample, diligent in business, made sure everyone had their needs met sexually and felt loved and included, and made sure that the house was shipshape. So anyone who visited would have known I was just as much of a Christian in my home as I was in my outside witness. It begins in the heart and the home first, and it spills out from there to your outside witness. You aren't a missionary first on the field, then in your home and then in your heart. It starts in your relationship with the Lord and with Him in your heart, with your loved ones and your home.

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You long for the answers, you long for the secrets, you long to know the solutions to many problems. This lack of knowing frustrates you and grieves your heart and spirit, for you see about you many problems and difficulties. Yes, there are many. But as I have said through My Queen Maria in the words which I have poured out so abundantly through her, the answers will only come through spending time with Me. You must learn what the solutions are through Me.

I do not choose to solve all your problems instantaneously, without your even knowing what the solution is. That would only serve to cripple your faith, for you would

miss the lesson, you would miss the learning experience, you would miss the trying moments which cause you to cling to Me and to strengthen your faith. The road which I bring you on now is the road of faith. Though it may seem hard, rough and rugged, believe Me, it is the road whereby you are able to keep your faith.

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(Dad:) You may feel like you're all alone and you're the only one that has the trials that you have, that you're a failure, that you're no good and that nobody loves you. I felt like that many a time when I was growing up. The Enemy really tried to use that one on me because he knew what I was going to be. The Enemy used feelings a lot on me--trying to make me feel discouraged, inferior, and like I was of no use. He tried to make me feel I was no good almost till the day I died. It's the Enemy's favorite trick!

Techi too. When she was younger, she felt discouraged that she couldn't draw. She feels that she can't do this well and she can't do that well. She feels like she's such a mess and a problem and a burden for others. But that's not true! It wasn't true for me, and it's not true for you, either! Look what the Lord did for me! Look how He used me!

I didn't think I was good at anything. The thing is, it was good for me to feel that way, because it made me desperate, and it made me seek the Lord's highest will. Otherwise I would've gotten really proud and lifted up, and then I would've been a failure and a disappointment--a real failure! But the Lord never let that happen, because He loved me. So that's how you can know He loves you too--by how He keeps you desperate and broken and crying out to Him.

He's loving you. He's making you into a beautiful jewel, a beautiful handmaiden, a beautiful bride for Him. He's fashioning you with His Own hand and making you a special instrument, because He has a special plan and purpose that's just for you and no one else.

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Have I not said that these are the days of choices? I am showing My children that which I wish, that which I want, and wherein lie My blessings--for I am showing them My highest will. I am showing them where My blessings reside and where they can be reached; then I am making them make the choice as to how close to Me they will follow.

They choose how much of those blessings they wish to receive by choosing how closely they wish to follow. No longer is it someone else saying to them, "You're not

following closely, you're not obeying this, you're not doing that." For now they themselves make these decisions, and I judge them and reward them accordingly.

In time they will learn that I bless those who follow closely. They are growing and maturing, and they must learn these lessons, that he that follows closest is most blessed, and he that follows afar off struggles more and cannot receive the full abundance of the blessings that I would give him.

Let them choose, so that they do the things that they do because they have chosen to do them, and they are fully set in their hearts to do these things by their own choice, by their own desire, and out of their decision to obey, because they want to be close to Me and to please Me.

For it is in learning to make the right choices and to follow Me closely that they will be strengthened for the days ahead. Forced obedience is no obedience, but true obedience comes from the acceptance and the willingness to obey from the heart, from the decisions made in the mind and heart of man. (ML #3033)

541

You say, "I cannot even hear Your voice! I have no connection with You whereby I can hear You speak to my heart in the beautiful and flowing words which others receive. For there is none to hear, no, not one. Therefore I will never be able to go on, to go forward.

"In this day of much prophecy and hearing from Heaven, I have been left out in the cold. For I hear not Your voice, and therefore I am not able to receive the warmth which it provides. I can only obtain warmth through others and through that which I read, for which I am thankful. But in my day-to-day life, I can only warm myself by visiting someone else's fire and through their kindly lending me a space next to their furnace.

"But I have none of my own. I have no personal fire, no personal heat, no personal way of receiving heat. When I shall find myself alone and without company, then what am I to do? I will freeze and will fall by the way, for I have neither the fire to warm me, nor the light from the blaze to shine upon my path and to guide my way."

Child, child, My heart breaks and the tears well up within My eyes when I hear your heartry. You say you have not the gift of prophecy which you so desire, and which you feel you need so desperately to lead and guide you in these days. My dear one, you have but to open your lid and to receive My Spirit in full measure. Open your heart to My Spirit and determine to drink in and to imbibe My waters of rain which I would love to

pour down upon you. I desire to give you every gift that your heart asks for. I desire to speak in your ear, and to give you a direct link to My throne, that you may hear My voice soothing your fears, calming your spirit, and directing you through every step of your day. This I can do for you, if you will but open your lid and let My rain fill your vessel.

I love you dearly, and I wish to give you the gift of My Words, of hearing My voice--of prophecy. Will you take it? Will you receive it? I will put it even now in your soul, in your heart, in your spirit. You have but to prime the pump, to kindle the fire, to fan the ember, to strengthen your faith needed to bring the water out of the well, to pump in the power of My Spirit, and you shall gush forth in great abundance.

Come to Me in faith and in prayer, for I will give this gift to you. Listen quietly and see if you do not hear My voice speaking softly and quietly to your heart. It will grow clearer, it will grow louder, it will grow more definite and defined as your faith grows.

But doubt not that it is Me speaking, for I have said that I will speak to you, and I shall. You must build a foundation of faith, and take care that you do not tear down your foundation through unbelief, and through thinking that you are too young, too inexperienced, too unworthy to hear My voice. I wish to speak to you, and I wish to give you the desires and requests of your heart. Faith is the key. Come before Me and persevere. Do not give up, for this gift shall be yours. Continue on until you hear My voice, until you receive My Words, My love, My seeds.

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Ask! Ask your questions! For I am the Answer Man, and I am well able to answer any and all questions. If you have questions on your heart, seek Me for the answers, and know that I am willing, yea, eager to answer your questions.

If you have questions on your heart, seek My Word diligently, for most of your questions I have already answered. The answers are there in the pages of the books. If you would but seek with an open mind and an hungry heart, I would be able to feed you and answer your questions.

If you do not find the answers to your questions in My written Word, then ask Me today, and I will speak to you with My living Words, and I will give you the answers that you need. If you do not have the faith to come to Me yourself, ask your shepherds, your elders, your parents, that they might be able to seek Me for you, that they might be able to help you search My Word, or come to Me in prayer, and find the answers that you need. (ML #3088)

543

Call upon Me and I will answer you in the day of trouble. You must not neglect to command Me each time you go forth to battle. You must not sin in fearing that which seems awesome and harmful. For have I not promised that no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper? I made no limit on the size of the weapon, or the number or the intricacies or the language. For I have said to you that no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper.

So fear not! And teach your little ones to fear not. Teach them to have great confidence in the power of their prayers, that they say not, "Oh, I am but a child!" For I shall cause My Words within them to burn as a coal to those that would try to grab them, as the Philistines of old tried to grab the Ark and it brought them nothing but curses and destruction! Teach them not to fear, but teach them to pray. (GN 579)

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The freedom you seek can be found in this new day of My Spirit. My Spirit is being poured forth in new abundance, in such great measure that there is not room enough to contain it.

I am raining My Spirit and the gifts of My Spirit down in great measure, in great abundance. Yet some of My children are timid, afraid of the unknown, and they have gone into their houses, into their huts, under their shelters, that they be not drenched by this outpouring of rain--the kind which they have never seen before. It is new, it is different, it is even strange--a strange truth which I pour out in these last days. But again, it is this truth--no matter how strange it may seem--which will set you free.

Others of My children stay out in the open, but have covered their pots and containers with lids, so My Spirit cannot fully enter them and fill them up. They are happy or willing to remain in the rain and to partake in some measure, yet they have not yet the full faith or acceptance to receive My rain--My strange rain--into their very being. For this would be partaking in full, and they wish to wait and test the waters more, to see if it is indeed good, and if this water will indeed quench their thirst and give them the new life and fruitfulness which they have been begging and pleading for.

Yet there are others who have opened their lids and who stand in the open, under the pouring rain, and are soaking up My life-giving flow of the Spirit. These are being filled to overflowing and are pouring out on others. These are they for whom the

blessings of My Spirit are beginning to work magical wonders. For they have taken the plunge and have dared to step out into the craziness of My Spirit, into the strange truths and the new rain that I pour down upon all.

Those who let the rain fall upon them and around them, yet have their lids closed so they will not be fully soaked, only partake partially and experience some of the blessings of My Spirit. Their thirst is slaked and they feel some peace and rest to their souls, but they cannot overflow in turn upon others, for they have barely enough for themselves.

But those who have opened their lids to Me and who invite the rain to fill their vessels--whether they are broken, cracked, disfigured, small, large, dirty or marred--will find that their vessels will be kept full at all times, that they will be washed clean, and that they will find themselves tasting and enjoying the fruits of My Spirit in great abundance and with great enjoyment.

So open, open, open up! Let My rain wash over your body. Let it soak into the fertile earth of your heart. Strengthen yourself through My Word, for in the reading of My life-giving Words will you find the faith that you need to exercise your new gifts.

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Keep your hearts diligently. Be aware of what goes into your heart. Discern what you take in. Distinguish between the right and the wrong, the good and the bad, the evil and the loving. Closely follow the Word and guard your thoughts. For the Enemy of your heart and soul would devour you with his subtle lies and doubts and evil innuendoes. He knows that his time is short.

The crown is now descending, but still can be lost. Hold it fast! Be not as the foolish man who opens his mouth wide and fills it with whatever is given him without thinking or discerning, or the foolish woman who desires whatever she sees. Do take in the good, but with all diligence reject the evil. The evil influences are much greater in this time and in this day, and do always try to snuff out the light I have given. (ML #3070)

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(Dad:) The Lord doesn't give us a whole bunch of gifts and talents all at once. Many times they're years in the making. Many times our gifts take years of practice and use before they actually become gifts. Just think, I was almost 50 years old before some of my gifts really started being used! All those years they were gifts in the making. I was

learning, growing! So it's not that you're not gifted, but it takes time for your gifts to grow.

For example, a love for souls--you might not be born with it, but it can grow, and you can become a good witnesser! That's one of the greatest gifts, to have a love for souls and for witnessing.

People look at gifts differently on Earth than we do Here. On Earth, if you can dance or sing, or you're a musician or an artist, something that is very visible and apparent, you think that is a gift. And of course those are gifts, but there are many gifts which people are gifted with that they don't even know they have, or that they don't think are gifts.

There's the gift of experience, the gift of having your heart broken, the gift of loneliness. These are gifts because they're things you can use to help and encourage others. There's also the gift of prayer. You don't have to be eloquent--you just have to do it! Even if you just pray for other people, you can accomplish more than some of the great TV evangelists! Because it's not necessarily how much you do in the flesh that counts, but how much you pray and do in the spirit.

So you can have the gift of prayer, of praying for people. That's a great gift! No one is a failure if they pray. No one is a failure if they witness. No one is a failure if they love--it's impossible! These are great gifts that you have.

There's also the gift of helps. Does a little child need to be tucked in, does someone need a glass of water, does someone need a pillow for their back, does someone need a "do not disturb" sign put outside their door because they're sleeping? The gift of helps is a great gift, the gift of being a servant. These things are little in the eyes of man, but great in the Lord's eyes!

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Oh how My children can love one another with My love, if they would but receive My love for one another. If they would but understand that it is My love that they are pouring forth to one another, then they would not hold back, but they would give. They would give and they would give some more, for they would understand that they can be vessels of My love. They can be Me loving one another!

Why would they hold back? It would no longer be a matter of the flesh, but it would be a matter of the spirit. They would no longer look with eyes of the flesh and say, "This one does not appeal to me." But they would say, "I can be Jesus and His love to this

one." Handsome or homely, it makes no difference. They could say, "This one will be Jesus loving me."

I have delivered this unto you, and I have given your David the understanding of this precious love and this precious law. And he, through the Words that I have given him, has freed you from the bondage of the flesh into the freedom of the Spirit!

When you hold each other you can think, "This is Jesus holding me." When you kiss each other you can think, "This is Jesus kissing me. I am kissing Jesus." When you caress one another you can say, "Jesus is caressing me. Thank You! Thank You!" And will you not show great gratitude to him or her that is the vessel and vehicle of My love to you?

So hold not back from one another. No longer feel, "Oh, I must just share with this one or that one." But look at it and say, "This is the love of Jesus for me." Or, "I can be the love of Jesus for him." (ML #3032)

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What gifts of the Spirit do you desire? What would you like? What do you long for? What wisdom would you hope for? Would you like to give encouragement to others? Be a helping hand and minister to others with the gift of helps? A gift of cheerfulness? Of discernment? Of faith and trust? Of comfort and binding up broken hearts? Of giving My Words to others?

In this day has My Spirit opened the gates of the storehouses of Heaven unto all, for the gifts are to be released, and the rain will pour down in great abundance. Do not miss this chance to have your vessel filled! For My Spirit works as does a cruse of oil which will never run dry. I can keep you filled to the brim, to overflowing, to a larger and greater capacity. I desire to give this gift to you. You may have whatever you ask for.

The fruits of the Spirit are on the tree of life for your taking! Reach up and grab whatsoever you will! But you must stretch yourself to reach them, and you must have the faith to grab hold and to pluck off the fruits that you desire. Then you must taste them and absorb them into your body, into your very being, and they will give you the strength and nourishment to continue on, to live My Word, to serve Me, to be a channel to reach the lost with My love.

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The gifts and callings of God are without repentance. I have poured forth special gifts upon you--the gift of a listening ear, the gift of a heart that is touched with the feeling of others' infirmities, the gift of a spirit of caring and comforting. I have made you as a mother to My children--a mother who listens, who comforts, who cares, who gently and lovingly directs and guides, and who fiercely protects. These are special gifts, centerpiece gifts, jewels placed in the center of the crown.

Feel not badly, dear one, that I have not bestowed upon you the gifts of administration, of organization, of business, of understanding weighty matters. These things must be done, and I have given you those that do them. The gifts that I have poured upon you are love, mercy and understanding of the heart. I have given you the gift of feeling the way I feel about your sheep, your children.

For the children need the love and care of a mother. They need the listening ear, the soft touch, the smile, the understanding, the words of comfort, the words of direction, the words of guidance. And this I have given unto you to give.

Let not the cares of this world drown these things out. For there are many that need you, that need the comfort of your touch, the softness of your spirit, the love that you pour forth unto them, the ears that hear their heartcries, and the heart that comforts them. This is your call, to be a mother unto My loved ones, My flock, My children.

Go forth to love and to understand, to care and to kiss and to caress, to love Me and to love others, that they may feel the comfort of My love, the comfort of My caring.

Is this not the greatest gift of all, the gift of love? Seek to be humble. Seek to be sweet. Seek to serve. And in your humility, sweetness and servitude I will shine forth, and these, My children, shall see Me.

So, dear mommy, come to My children. Look upon them with love, care, understanding and compassion. Do the works of motherhood--the changing of their diapers, the feeding when they cry, the holding, the caressing, the kissing. Pick them up when they fall. Wipe them off and encourage them to keep going, all the while showing them to look unto Me by your sample of looking to Me. Show them where the true food of God lies--in My Word--by eating the true food of God yourself, and by leading your children to this good food.

These are the duties of motherhood, and these are the duties and the responsibilities that I have given you through the gifts that I have given you.

As the father loves the mother when he sees that she performs the duties of motherhood, so do I love you. As the husband loves the wife when he sees that she is

faithful to care for and love the children that they have borne together, so am I with you. For I am your husband and you are My wife, and I love you dearly.

Lovest thou Me? Care for My children. Lovest thou Me? Feed My children. Lovest thou Me? Love with Me. For we are one. I am yours and you are Mine. So as you go forth, lean upon Me and My love and My strength. In leaning on Me, you will have all that you need to do what I require of you, to love and care for My children.

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How are you to judge matters of the spirit? Judge them with the scale of love. Is the fruit loving? Is the spirit loving? Does it show love to Me and love to each other?

You shall know them by their fruits. Do their words of love and actions of love bring forth love in their hearts and lives, and minister love one to another? How else can you judge? For when one seems to do that which is right, but brings not forth the fruits of love, then you can know. One cannot simply judge by the words or by the actions, but by the spirit, by the fruit, by the love.

So judge righteous judgment--the righteous judgment of love. Judge the fruit righteously on the scale of love. When you find those who act not in love, or bring not forth the fruit of love, speak to them and show them the error of their ways and the unloving fruit so that they may understand; for they do not know that what they do is unseemly, or unloving, or that it brings not forth the fruit of love. For some do that which seems to them to be right, and seems to be following that which they have read, but they know not that it brings not forth the fruit of love to others. So help them to see. Judge according to the spirit of love. (ML #3033)

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My dear one, I do not condemn you for your faults and weaknesses. I do not look at you and say that you are failing. I do not think about all your little mistakes or human failures and think less of you. It does not make Me love you less just because you have made mistakes or weren't always able to uphold the standard or weren't as loving as you wanted to be. It has made Me love you more to see that you want to come to Me and cry out to Me in desperation for My answers and My help.

Your desire to want to do better and your willingness to want to make any changes that I would show you, your desperation to pray and seek My face for personal answers

to your problems, your need for Me, your hunger for My Spirit, all of this makes Me love you more.

I know how desperately you want to do the right thing, and that sometimes you're just not able. That which you want to do doesn't come out, and instead you do or say the thing you don't want to do or say. I really understand, and I do not hold it against you, My love. I know you want to react lovingly all the time. You want to say the right words and have My loving spirit in everything you do and say. I understand that you strive for this, especially with those who you find a little hard to love.

But that's why you need Me, Honey. That's why you need My Spirit of love to be loving through you, because you don't have the love in yourself. You don't have the strength in yourself to not be sensitive or not be critical. You don't have the strength in yourself to be humble, loving or wise. No one has enough strength in themselves, for such strength is of My Spirit. The only ones who have such strength are those who draw it from Me.

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When life doesn't go the way you expect, or the way you want, or the way that you had foreseen, then look to Me. I am an anchor that keeps you stable in the rough waters of this life. If you're not anchored to Me, then you drift, tossed to and fro.

You're no longer a child, but you're of age, responsible to Me. So look to My hand and I will pour upon you the peace, contentment and love that you need and desire.

You're beginning to understand that My way up is down! These things that you're experiencing humble you, but if you'll use them to draw closer to Me, if you'll let them humble you and break you and cause you to cry out to Me for My help, if you'll turn to Me in your time of trouble and in your time of need, if you'll seek the answers in My Word and seek to be strengthened in Me, you'll see all the good that will come from all this bad that you think you have caused.

You see these things as failures, but I see them as stepping stones that bring you closer to Me. But let them break you, let them cause you to come to Me, lest they be in vain. Learn from these things, but above all, learn to come to Me and to find rest and peace and answers within My Word. You must connect with Me or you will not have the strength. The strength to stand, the strength to have conviction, the strength to undergo hardship comes from Me, through My Words.

There's no other way! There's no person, place, or thing that can replace My Word in your life. Through My Word you will find Me in a new and even greater way. So in your times of testing, your times of turmoil, your times of questioning, seek Me in My Word. Let My Word dwell in you richly. Let it fill you. Let it answer your questions. Let it allay your doubts. Let it soothe your fears. Please let all of your experiences, all of the frustrations, all of the fears, all of the failures be washed clean in the reservoir of My cleansing, strengthening, refreshing Word!

Come unto Me, ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest; I will give you peace, I will give you understanding through My Word. Those Words that you are so familiar with will begin to speak to you afresh, for they will be new Words. They will be the voice of your Father speaking to you, leading you, guiding you and strengthening you. Do not neglect them, for they are food for your soul.

It is there in the reservoir of My Word that you will find the answers you seek, the cleansing and the refreshing that you desire, the love that you search for, and the strength of spirit and character that you desire. For the reservoir of My Word is the reservoir of peace and contentment, of refreshing, of wisdom and of love, and it is all there for you.

As you open your heart, your life and your mind to My love and to My Words, the cool, refreshing waters of My Words flow through you and cleanse you and fill you and inspire you and give you a reason for living! You will grow stronger, more valiant! You'll become mighty men of David, children of the light, pillars strong in Me!

Let Me use you to be a sample to others. As you yield your tongue and your eyes and your heart and your body and your mind to Me, I will use you in a greater way than ever before to accomplish My will and My purpose. As you stay faithful to Me and to My Word, your peers will look upon you and say, "This one walks with God. This one loves our king and queen. This one follows closely."

553

No question is too great or too small. No question is wrong. I am willing to answer any and all questions. The key is to ask the right person, and to be willing to receive the answer when you get it. Be willing to believe the answer; that is the key. That is the primary sign and difference between a legitimate question and a doubt.

Any question can be a legitimate question, as long as you are hungry, eager, and open to the answer, and when you receive that answer, you let the answer replace the question. That's what makes your question legitimate--when you have a sincere hunger for the answer, and you receive it with open-mindedness and faith.

But when you ask a question over and over and over, and you refuse to receive and believe the answer given in My written Word, or My living Word, or the word of counsel and wisdom from your shepherds, then your question is no longer legitimate. It has lost its legitimacy, because you have not shown yourself open and hungry and full of faith to receive the answer.

Even if the Enemy puts doubts in your mind, they can become legitimate questions if they cause you to search My Word for the truth and for the answers; or if they cause you to look to Me, to pray and ask Me to speak to you with My living Words, to give you the answers; or if they cause you to go to your shepherds, to seek counsel and prayer and ask your questions, so that you might receive the answers. So fear not to ask your questions, but be wise and prayerful. Be sure that you are asking the right people, and be desperate to make sure you are open to the answers. (ML #3088)

554

You can turn what seems like a curse in your life into a blessing. You can turn what the Enemy uses as a hindrance and source of battles and condemnation into a channel to Me and a source of My Spirit. You can make your sensitivity a positive strength instead of a weakness. All things are possible with Me, and all things are available to you from My Spirit--all things good and beautiful. You do not have to live with sensitivity or the condemnation of the Enemy or the battles that result from being sensitive.

I am using these battles in your life to keep you humble, yielded and desperate with Me, so that you can remain a good, useful, flowing channel--one who is desperate with Me and not self-satisfied; one who is clinging to Me for victories and answers; one who can feel the infirmities of those you pray for; one who can weep with those who weep and be touched with the afflictions of those who suffer.

You pray for many people and many situations, and I need to keep you soft and humble and weak in yourself, needing Me and looking to Me, in order to use you. Your heart needs to stay broken for the brokenhearted. Your eyes need to be firmly fixed on Me in order to see in the spirit. Your mind needs to belong to Me in order to receive My thoughts, and your life needs to be open and hungry for Me in order to be touched with the needs of others. For when you are in need of Me and desperate for My help with your personal problems, then you are much more desperate in prayer for others, and you create a good strong vacuum to pull down My seeds for others.

So I use it to keep you humble, needy and yielded, but I do not want you to be unhappy or under condemnation or feel like a failure. I do not see you as a failure, My

love. You are progressing and going forward. That is why the Enemy is fighting and trying to stop you by persuading you that you're failing and going backward. But you aren't; you're fighting and seeking Me and moving with My Spirit, and thus I'm able to give you the answers you seek.

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I have sent you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, but I have not sent you forth without protection. I stand in the midst of you with My great staff, and woe be to that wolf that shall try to touch one of My sheep! I have not taken you out of the world, but I have prayed to the Father to keep you while in the world. Before I set forth My sheep, I go before them, and I have gone before you.

This is the confidence that I wish you to have, that you go forth in the power of My Words, believing in the power and strength of My Words. For My Word goes forth and accomplishes that which I please, and it prospers in the thing whereunto I send it.

Be faithful to My message and to My Words, and I will be faithful to keep you and protect you and provide for you and supply your needs. Only be faithful to broadcast My message! (GN 579)

556

You older ones (YAs and SGAs) must set aside your carnal attitudes toward love and sex. You must set aside your pride and the System hang-ups that have encumbered you. You, too, must lay down your garments of pride with one another. Humble yourself, for you have more to overcome. For you have already built up walls--walls of pride and walls of peer pressure and gossip. But I will bless you as you humble yourself in each other's sight.

It is already humbling enough to be naked in the bed of love with another, but if you will humble yourself but a bit more and seek Me and praise Me and love Me and call unto Me with one another, I will bless your lovemaking in a new way. I will rip down these walls. I will cast them down as rubble! I will sweep them away and I will free you in the spirit of David. You will know the love of David and the spirit of David, and this spirit shall free you!

I will free you from the bondage and from the chains that have bound you--bound you in pride and bound you in peer pressure and bound you in System influence. I will set

you free! Free as the birds! Free as the children of David! But you must humble yourself.
(ML #3032)

557

You long for and desire to have a closer connection with Me, to hear My Words more clearly and to be a channel for My Words to flow forth. Don't be discouraged or frustrated if you feel you don't have a clear connection, for the channel is clear and the faith is strong.

I pour it forth and I speak to you in thoughts, in impressions, in visions, in that still small voice in your heart. If you're faithful to heed them and to listen to them, I will give you counsel and guidance and show you My way and keep you close to Me through those thoughts and witnesses and the voice which you hear in your heart. When I spoke to My servant Elijah, I spoke not in the thunder, the raging fire, the wind or the earthquake, but I spoke to him with a still, small voice, and that was sufficient.

So, My precious children of your Father David, My children who love Me with such great love, I say unto you, I will care for you and love you and lead you all the days of your life. I will strengthen you as you continue to take time with Me under the dome, breathing My fresh air, resting in My bosom, communing with Me. Thus you will do more than just survive and live--you will thrive! You will thrive with the water of My Word, with the nourishment of My love, with the feeding that I give you through your king and your queen. You will grow up as strong, tall, healthy, fruitful trees in My orchard, in My Kingdom.

I love you with a love that is unfathomable, My dear children, My beautiful brides!

558

When you feel the spirit of sensitivity coming upon you, when you feel you're reacting out of sensitivity, that is a good opportunity for you to turn it into a blessing of My Spirit. You can do that by stopping and praying and asking Me how to react. Just stop yourself and ask Me what I think about the situation and how I want you to react. Tune in to Me instead of that sensitive spirit. Turn to Me for the reaction I want you to have; ask Me, and then just do what I say. What a great opportunity this is for you to learn and progress and become more and more like Me, flowing with My Spirit, moving with My Spirit in everything you say and do! What better situation could you possibly have to learn to be more prayerful and in My Spirit?

I have the perfect answer for you, the right answer, the right way to look at things, the right reaction and the right attitude. I promise that I will not fail to direct your steps and set your feet on a plain path, and give you the strength to walk it. You will do so well, My love. You will shine with My light and walk in My love and you will be so happy. It's not too hard; nothing is too hard with My Spirit behind you and all around you. You will find new strength that you know not of, new anointing that you haven't tapped into yet, a new mind that is Mine, and a new love that never stops flowing--My great, endless love. It's all yours, My darling. I have so much to give you, many waters of My love. Just reach out and receive.

559

I have heard your prayers, I have seen your tears, I have felt your longings, your desires and your burdens. My right hand is ever beneath your head to hold you up, to strengthen you, to comfort you, to draw you close to My bosom, that you might find solace, rest, renewing, refilling and comfort.

I love you, dear one! You are near to My heart. I see and I know all that you go through and have gone through. I love your willingness and your thankfulness in spite of the times when things have seemed almost too much for you to bear. Yet I have always brought you through, and I will continue to always bring you through. (ML #3033)

560

My children, My special ones, Satan is desiring you. He is asking, he is begging to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But be encouraged! Hold on! For I pray for you. I am praying for you, that your faith fail not. This is the day of adversity. It is the day of adversity and sifting. A great sifting is going on in the land. But know that I am praying. You must know that I am praying. You must believe, that you may hold on.

I pray for you, that your faith will not fail. It must not fail, and it cannot fail, if you will but hold on. Hold on to My hand, that after this sifting, this trial of your faith, you may go and strengthen your brethren. Be encouraged and keep your heart fixed, trusting in Me. (ML #3088)

561

You must be careful not to fall into the condemnation of the Enemy, because you will never be perfect. You're going to make mistakes for the rest of your life, and you just have to pray and ask Me how to react to them and handle them, and I will show you. Just keep reminding yourself that you're not perfect and that you're going to fail, and be thankful that I'm there to help you and do it through you. Then you won't be tempted to feel bad when you do fall.

Look to Me for the support and strength you need. All you need to do is come to Me for the answers and the help that you need. I have the answers and help and strength you need, so just ask Me and I'll show you. Bring your burdens to Me and I'll carry them for you. Tell me your heartache and I'll make it bright and shiny again. Unburden the condemnation and I'll remove it. Give Me the worries and fears, and I'll give you peace. Bring whatever is a source of condemnation or guilt to Me and tell Me about it, so you don't carry it in your own strength. You must lay all these burdens down at My feet and let Me love you.

If you do not tell Me all about it, then the Enemy twists it and distorts the true picture into his false picture, and pretty soon you're not sure what is true. So the sooner you tell Me and bring each worry, fear or trouble to Me, the sooner you will get the answers and peace from My Spirit. Isn't it wonderful that we can be so close and you can draw so much closer to Me by bringing Me all of your burdens and worries? I promise that I have the answer to each one.

562

Be not weary with the battles, with the trials and the tests that come your way. Be not weary in well doing, for these battles and testings and trials come from My hand. They are not a condemnation, nor a chastisement, nor a demonstration of My displeasure, but they are an honor! I am honoring you with these battles and testings and trials, as I put you through the fire to make you finer, stronger, purer vessels for Me.

Do not compare yourselves with those around you, for each life is unique to Me as My creation. Comparing only makes you say, "Oh Lord, why have You made me thus? Oh Lord, why have You cursed us with these constant battles and ongoing problems from which there is no relief?" This comparing does not bear good fruit; it only bears bitterness and resentment.

Therefore, I say, compare not and be not weary, but look up, for your redemption, your deliverance, is nigh! (GN 649)

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(Dad:) Encouragement is the key with the young ones! Show them that you have faith in them, that you expect them to yield to the Lord and to be open and receptive to His Words, because they are chosen of the Lord. They are His mighty ones, the ones that He has anointed and ordained to be His new bottles of the Endtime army. Show them that you have faith in them, and that even though it may be a struggle or a battle initially, you believe that they will yield because they love Jesus and they love Me and they love you.

Be positive. Expect the best from these kids and they'll give you the best. It's like I used to always say, "Tell a woman she's beautiful, and she'll be beautiful!" It's the same with these kids. Tell them what you expect of them--that they will be yielded and respectful and willing to listen and understand--and they will do their best to be these things for you, because it is the desire of their hearts to please you and to please the Lord.

Even though some of them are young and immature and will struggle with their pride and worry what their friends or their boyfriend or their girlfriend think, nonetheless they will be eager to learn. In their hearts they desire what the Lord wants. So be very positive with these young ones; show your faith in them. Speak of the trust that you have in them. This will help to soften their hearts and break up the ground in their hearts so that the water of His Words will pour in more easily.

564

Be excited about this new adventure, this new challenge in your life. It is a challenge and you must determine in your mind and heart that you're going to go for it and not hold back. If you really want to be a new creature, one who isn't plagued with the Enemy's spirit of sensitivity, then you have to make the choice to accept My answer, follow through and obey. I've given you an answer and solution to your problem, My pure voice of prophecy, and now you must put Me to the test and show your belief and faith by obeying what I have said.

I know you think it will take so much time to ask Me continually, to come to Me in prayer so often when you have many other things to do. You wonder if you'll be able to take the time and really do it. But you will find that if you do, it will soon become more and more automatic in your personal life. You will soon be more and more on My wavelength, and it won't have to be a big deal; it will be just like talking to Me whenever you need an answer. Trust Me. You don't need to set aside a big slot of time; just ask and open your channel and I'll answer. You can do that anytime, anywhere, and I'll speak. When you ask Me for specific solutions, I'll show you.

565

Neglect not to pray for your lawyers, for they are buffeted more than you know. You must bring them before Me in prayer more. The battle is crucial, and the weights indeed are heavy upon them. You know they are tremendous weights, yet these know so little, and they will not reveal to you their sorrows. You must uphold them more in prayer.

You must walk by faith and trust that these who suffer with you are standing up for the Words of David as My Word promises clearly. Pray that they will grow and will stand strong in the time of testing. Neglect not to pray for them! Indeed I will make them stronger and stronger, and bolder and bolder, and they shall astonish you with their wisdom, which is from Me. For I have made them as a sharp cutting instrument that shall pierce through Saul's armor, but you must pray that I will conquer through them! (GN 579)

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I will greatly empower you, for you (YAs) and the young ones (senior teens) are they which I will empower with the embodiment and spirit of David, that you may reach the world with My love and with My message. You shall do great exploits, and be great witnesses unto Me!

But you must learn now to be empowered by My Spirit, empowered through My Word. You must be empowered through My Word and humbled through this love. With the empowerment of My Word and the humility of My love, you will be an irresistible force. For with this love and with these Words you shall win many, and you shall fulfill My will. (ML #3032)

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Nothing happens by accident to you, My children, whom I love. Trials, tribulations, problems and distresses are all ultimately from My hand, for I am Lord over all.

The Devil can do nothing except what I allow, but as I have said, often My hands are tied according to your free will and the choices you make. So although all things come from My hand, My hand and heart are oftentimes moved according to your will and choice. Other times you delay or even prevent a certain answer or the granting of a desire because of your lack of yieldedness and obedience.

Satan walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, and he seeks to trip you up. He puts troubles and problems in your way, then he sits back and points an accusing finger at Me, in the hope that you will curse Me and die. Yet ultimately Satan can do nothing unless I allow it.

As you call on Me for My protection and help, Satan has no power over you. The Devil often acts as My agent or sheepdog, to execute judgment on those who stray, but he cannot touch one hair of your head if you stay close to Me. Therefore all things come from My hand to you, who love Me.

568

I know it is a test for you to take time with Me in the bed of love. I understand that. It is so difficult to stop and get away. I know. I can understand. Remember, I was in all points tempted like as you are. I was in the midst of the throngs of people clamoring for My attention--needing healing, needing help, needing a look of love. Sometimes it was so difficult for Me to get away. Often I would rise early in the morning just to get away from everyone and everything, so I could focus all of My attention on My Heavenly Father.

I will bless whatever time you set aside for Me. It doesn't have to be a long time. I will honor any effort and any sacrifice you make for Me. This honor will come in the form of comfort and strength, and of a greater faith and trust.

Just a few minutes with Me on a regular basis will help renew your faith and trust, soothe your nerves, and heal the wounds. (ML #3033)

569

This is the day of adversity and Satan strikes hard at you, My Endtime children. His main target is you, My children! Satan is loose and he is asking for you. He is begging at the throne of grace that he may have you.

He is accusing you and calling for your defeat. He wants judgment! He is asking the judge to pass the sentence--guilty! He says, "These are guilty of fainting in their minds. They are weary and worn and about to give up. Therefore I am ready to pounce on my prey! Look, look! Some have already fallen! Look there and see! Aha, aha, they are falling! They are weakening!" He says to My face, "I told You so. I told You so!"

But I say to you, My children, it is vanities! Vanities! All are lying vanities. You must call his bluff! Blow it away! Satan tries, but is feeble. He cannot win the case. He

cannot have you! Blow away this puny punk! Take up the white-hot sword of My Spirit and wield it accurately. Pull out your swords and cut him to the heart. Hit him dead center and cast down his evil imaginations. They're lies! Therefore blast them away!

Stand strong, My beloved! Stand strong and fight! For he only shouts hot air! Clouds without rain! He is defeated at the touch of your faith. He is cast down at your very desire. You have but to say the word, give the order! Order his defeat and it is done! He cannot win, if you will but fight on! He cannot win, if you do not give up! But you must wield accurately the sword of My Word, for only My true Word will vaporize his lies. (ML #3088)

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I wish that you would give thanks to Me in all things. For I do not allow anything to happen by accident to you, My children, who know Me and love Me. I would that you give Me thanks in all things so that My power may be manifest in you.

The sufferings, trials, distresses or tribulations that I send from My hand, I allow as catalysts that they might move you into greater awareness of My mighty power, that you may grow into intimate closeness with Me. Many times you miss the blessing because you do not give Me thanks in all things. This causes you to look away from Me, and your eyes become clouded. For when you are able to see My hand in all things, then you are able to have clear vision.

Therefore you must take this first and all-important step of giving Me thanks in all things, acknowledging that all things come of Me, and all things are in My hand. Know in your heart that all things work together for good to My children who love Me, and in this you do well. As you put on the glasses of faith and the voice of praise, then I am able to move you into a greater understanding. Have I not promised that I would reveal the secrets of hidden treasures to you? Know therefore that all things come from My hand to you, who love Me. All power, all glory and majesty are Mine in the Heavens and in the Earth. I, Who have numbered even the very hairs of your head, do all things well concerning you, My children.

571

(To a married couple:) Once upon a time, there were two beautiful, smooth, clear, clean rivers that flowed parallel to one another. But with My hand, I caused these rivers to intersect, to come together and meet, and to become one.

As they flowed together and grew, behold, they came to the edge of a mountain, and these rivers that once were so smooth and beautiful went tumbling over the edge. The river tumbled ever so violently down the mountain, thrashing and beating against the rocks and the boulders. But it was through this very tumbling and thrashing that the water was purified, aerated and cleansed, and it became a beautiful waterfall that many could look upon.

The pain inflicted upon this river was the very thing that made it beautiful. Its willingness to be thrashed about and beat against the boulders was the very thing that made it magnificent and drew people's attention to it, and caused them to marvel at the beauty before their eyes. If it were not for the pain and if it were not for the yieldedness to go through this suffering, then this river would just be ordinary, and no one would care to look upon it. But because of this sacrifice and this death to self, it becomes a beautiful masterpiece in My hand, My creation.

And after this time of suffering and purging and thrashing and purifying, behold what is at the bottom of this beautiful waterfall--a deep and gloriously clear pool of cool, refreshing water! These two rivers that have united and have been purged and broken have become a beautiful pool of water.

Many people come to sit beside the pool. They dip their hands in the cool water and they are refreshed and strengthened and their battles are alleviated. They find strength and encouragement and comfort in this pool that is so deep and cool and clear and precious in My sight. The river has become a vessel, a channel to quench the thirst of many people.

Lift up your eyes and look to the end of the road, for there is a purpose and a plan, and it is this pool that I am forming. This is My goal, to form of these rivers and of this thrashing waterfall a beautiful pool of refreshing water that many will come to and drink from, and there find succor and comfort and encouragement.

Therefore, be not weary in well doing. Be not weary with the battles and with the beating upon you and the discomfort, for there is an end in sight. There is a time of rest and reprieve from the battles. Then you will marvel at My hand and you will appreciate this time of being thrashed about, this time when your yieldedness is being tested.

Therefore be not weary, but hold on! Continue to yield and to allow yourself to be broken and to be purged and to be cleansed, that you might become that which I have designed.

For though the rivers are beautiful, and though the waterfall is magnificent, and many people look at it and marvel, the end of the road, this beautiful pool, will be the

most beautiful! For this is when you shall come to the end of yourselves, and My plan and My purpose shall then be accomplished, which is to feed and refresh and strengthen and succor and comfort many, yea, I say multitudes! (GN 649)

572

Many trials, tribulations and distresses are directly from My hand in answer to your prayers. I do all things in lovingkindness and righteousness. Although the Evil One points his accusing finger, and I often allow him to act as My agent of judgment, even these judgments are in My hand and are executed in love and mercy. Satan cannot touch one hair of your head except I allow it. Remember, when I walked on the Earth and stood before Pilate, I testified that should it be necessary, I had the power to call down the legions of Heaven to come to My defense. All things are possible, but not all things are expedient.

Often I allow Satan to touch you, so your faith may be put to the test, for I would give you great strength through this. What you call suffering and tribulation is often a catalyst sent from My hand to bring about a desired result--that you, My children, might call upon Me. For in your calling upon Me in every instance, for every happening and need in your life, I am able to pour My power, grace and greatness upon you. Through these tribulations, I am able to bestow upon you the might, majesty and power that I hold in My hand. Through these events that you often see as suffering and tribulation, I lead you into a closer walk with Me. Through these events, these blessings in disguise, you are moved into a position where I am able to pour out My grace upon you, that through My grace you may come to know My power and share in My glory.

573

As a child who the parents love and cherish and care for and teach and train grows into a man, the parents must step back and let the child make his own decisions and learn through his own experiences. Though the parents know that some of the decisions are harmful or destructive or hurtful, they can only counsel; they cannot force.

So is this one in My hands, and so will I teach him what I will teach him because of the decisions that he has made. He is in My hands, so trust Me. Do not feel that you failed. Do not feel condemnation. Do not feel hurt, for he must learn the lessons that I have in store for him.

You have poured much into him. You have given him much, as a mother gives unto a child. And that which you have given him has been good, pure and truthful. But these decisions that he makes are his decisions, not yours. They don't reflect upon you nor upon the training that you have given him, nor on the love and sacrifice that you have poured forth.

Do not feel betrayed, for he is as a young one that has come of age and feels the need to spread his wings. Though he flies in a direction that you feel is not best, he has chosen to fly in this direction, and thus he must learn the lessons that await him. As a mother whose child has left home to venture out on his own, so must you pray for him, and so must you be there to comfort him in his time of need.

I know the heart of mothers as their children grow. I understand the hurt in your heart, for you have poured much into this one and have received little, and he goes forth seemingly ungrateful. He seems to be casting you aside for another. Again, it is as a young man who has left home in pursuit of other interests and thus seems to be abandoning his mother. But as time goes on, he begins to understand the value of that which he had. The love which he has in his heart never fades away, but it changes to a different, more mature love.

So do not be hurt, but trust; for a mother can have other children, others to pour into, others who need her love, attention, training and care. Look around you. Are there not young ones who need training--who need you, who need the care and the comfort that you can give? Take these under your wing and raise them up. Pour into them, for they need much. As this one whom you trained came to you weak, needing constant feeding, teaching, training and strengthening, and in time grew so that you could lean on him, so will these. At first they will need much counsel, prayer and training, but they will grow and be a strength to you and to My work.

So look not at that which is lost. Look at that which is gained. Though one child has stepped out, grown, and must bear the responsibility of being an adult in spirit, there are others who now need the comfort of the mother--your comfort, love and training.

The children of this world are wiser than the children of light. I have anointed these [lawyers] to fight for you in the arena where man's wisdom prevails, but you children of light are much wiser than the children of this world in the arena of the Spirit where the true battles rage. You are the lawyers of the Spirit and these are the lawyers of the flesh. They will defend you in the courts of the flesh, but you must defend them in the

courts of the Spirit. The arguments that you use in the courts of the Spirit are your prayers, and the arguments that they will give in the courts of the flesh will be the answers to your prayers.

As you fight for them, so are they strengthened to fight for you, for there is no way that they can win these battles in the arm of the flesh, without the strength of the Spirit.

Therefore fail not to seek My face for these who fight for you, that they may have a clear channel for the ideas and the wisdom of God. I can and will anoint them, but their anointing depends much upon your prayers and your battling for them in the Spirit. They are but babes in the realm of the Spirit, but you are giants! Whereas you are but babes in the realm of the flesh, but they are giants. You need them and they need you, and together you will win the battles of the Lord! (GN 579)

575

All power and all might are given into My hand, and yet many see not what this means. If you knew, if you could fathom even an infinitesimal speck of what this is, you would not doubt My workings in your life for one moment. All power, glory, might and majesty are in My hand, and all that is Mine is yours if you would but avail yourselves of it. So awesome, so mighty, so glorious, so magnificent is My might! If you could only see, you would not look upon suffering and trials and tribulations as something to be dreaded, but you would look upon these with eyes of gladness and the voice of thanksgiving and find strength, that through these you might come to know the great glory and power and might of the universe.

My children, do not question Me when I say, "In all things give thanks unto Me." For in your trials and sufferings I would that you be cleansed and purified, as I was cleansed and purified through the things which I suffered. That in this, My beloved, you may come to know Me in a greater way than in times past. That through these, My power and might may rest upon you--the glory of God, the splendor of the Heavens, the victory that overcomes the world. All this in My hand is yours if you will but reach out and receive.

576

I call to all of you and I say, Come! Come! Come! Be My love to one another. Come, come! Come and love Me! Love Me together! Come! Come! Come! Humble yourselves. Humble yourselves before the mighty hand of God. Come, come, come! Let

Me empower you with My love. Come, come, come! Let Me empower you with My Words and the power of the Words of David, the power of the Words of God, that you may be empowered with the power of My Word and empowered with the wonderment of My love.

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

Thus look at one another as My love and look at one another as Me. Love one another, for by this shall all men know that you are My chosen ones, My called-out Church. For you are the children of David! (ML #3032)

577

Don't fall for Satan's attacks. Fear not for his doubts that he would try to fire at you. Receive help from Me, as I did from My Father when I passed through the valley of doubt. Receive, and be renewed in your mind, in your heart, and in your soul. I see your plight. I see these attacks, and I plead your cause. Hold out and hold on and do not give up. You must not give up!

Think not that you fight this battle all alone, for as the Father was with Me, so I am with you. I know and I see, and I pray for your strength, that you may be able to stand strong and reject the doubts, the discouragement and the utter despair that you are passing through. I know, because I, too, went through the same thing. But I made it, and I'm here to tell you about it. I am your High Priest, your Defense Attorney, and as Satan accuses you at the throne of grace, I launch the counterattack on him. For it is I Who will defend you!

Don't worry, for the defense is strong! Hold out and hold on--that is your part! Know that you can make it, because I will make it for you. But you must see these doubts for what they really are--an attack on your very life. Satan is attacking you, just as he did Me. He seeks to entrap you in the wilderness of doubts. But I didn't give up, I didn't give in, and because I got the victory over the doubts, so can you! (ML #3088)

578

Man sees not as I see. Therefore I send and allow sufferings and trials, disappointments and tribulations, so your eyes may be opened.

For those who do not know Me, I would that these trials and tribulations would bring them to repentance that they might be saved. And to those who would not be drawn to My bosom, who choose to be blind in understanding, hardened in heart and of a stiff neck, who would curse Me, trials and tribulations serve only to prove them all the more deserving of My righteous judgments.

Satan pleads daily at My throne, asking to execute trials and sufferings upon the children of men, for he hopes that men will curse Me and die.

579

My dear youth, these born and raised in the Family, must make choices in every area. First of all, they must make a choice in their heart that they want to give their lives to Me 100% and be fully dedicated, as the first generation did.

You cannot force anyone to love Me, to serve Me, to give their life for Me. Even if they are born in the Family, the time will come when they must also choose. Some of these who are born in the Family do make that decision to serve Me, and they continue on. Then there are others born in the Family who grow up with problems and rebelliousness, acting more like children of the System. But they come to an age, a turning point, where they decide in their hearts that serving Me is what they want to do, and they change, for they are converted and they become My 100%, sold-out second generation. Then they serve Me not just because they are born in the Family, or because there is no way out of the Family until they are older, or because they have no choice, but they serve Me because they have chosen in their heart to give their all to Me.

The second generation has no guarantees. Those born into the Family must choose to make that decision and to answer the call, just the same as those of the first generation. They must make their own personal choices out of love and not force. (ML #3124)

580

Know this, that if you would but glorify Me in all things and in all things give thanks, then suffering, trials and disappointments would melt away. For I do not afflict willingly, and I have designed the safety valve of My grace as a way of escape. All things that happen to you, My children, I send with a purpose. I also send all things with a way of escape, that through Me you may obtain victory and the glories of Heaven. Trials and

distresses from My hand are only stepping stones. They are only the gateway, the passageway to glory. I do not allow troubles so you will be cast down into a deep pit with no way out. I do not send disappointment so you will shut yourselves within high walls of sorrow and grief. I do not build walls; I only build bridges. What you call problems and disappointments, when sent from My hand are only designed to build bridges to paradise, that you might come to know My power and strength, and that My glory may rest upon you.

All things come of My hand to you who love Me. All things I allow in your life are only to bring you into closer communion with My love and glory. I long to give you treasures from the darkness, and reveal to you hidden riches from the secret places.

Therefore hear what I say in truth: What you call disappointment is but My appointment to the vast riches, boundless glory and splendor of My Holy mountain. All that I hold in My strong hand is yours if you will but reach out. Therefore see your disappointments as My holy appointments, and glorify Me in all things. I do all things well toward you, My beloved, in lovingkindness and in righteousness. In the day when righteousness is poured down and will cover the Earth, I would that you rule and reign with Me in might and great power. All that I have I would give to you. Only praise Me and thank Me in all things.

581

Sing the songs of praise and songs of love and songs of rejoicing that you sing in your heart as you love Me! It is a joy to My ears to hear your song, to hear your singing, to feel your love and your desire for Me. And so is My love great for you, My children.

So sing a song! Sing a song of love unto Me! Sing a song of rejoicing! Sing a song of praise! And I will sing a song for you, a song of the showers of My blessing. (ML #3032)

582

Freedom in the flesh only comes through freedom in the Spirit. For if a man is not free in the Spirit, trying to be free in the flesh will not free him, but will only put him into further bondage. These young ones test you and push you to the limit to see if you are really going to let them operate according to their faith and burn the way they feel led to burn. But once they know that you trust them, they, like Aries the ram*, desperately want your shepherding and your help, your direction, your guidance, your fatherly advice, your

chidings, your corrections, and your instructions. For they have learned during these many years of growing up in My Family that reproofs and instruction are a way of life, and they feel secure with these things. **(See ML #302B.)*

But first they must know that you love them and you trust them, and that you're not looking down on them for their long hair or even their dress, but you're looking at their hearts to see if they really love My sheep, and if they really mean business about going out and strengthening the brethren, and going out to reach My lost and needy sheep. So show them that it is okay to have their independence and their freedom, but that it will only bear fruit if it is done in My Spirit and in love, and if it is not done out of rebellion, or to hurt, or to cause division or dissension, or to be a bad sample to the younger ones.

Open your arms to them and accept them as they are, and they will love you for it, and they will be good samples to help lead their peers to victory and over the rugged mountains. But they must have this freedom. They must have this opportunity and this outlet to express their individuality, their independence, their difference from the older generation. So let them burn free, but guide them in spirit and guide them in love and they will bear much fruit for Me. (ML #3124)

583

Do not confuse My purpose in allowing disappointments with the results that come about by your own free will and choice. It is often the results of such problems and disappointments that I get the blame for, but the results are determined by your own decisions and choices. Satan lies as he points with accusing finger and says, "Look at these results. Look at that loved one who is bitter, or at him who is grieved and cannot find relief. How can so great a God allow such torment?" Be not confused in this. For those who turn to Me and see My purpose, who give thanks to Me in all things and look to Me to carry them through, I give relief and bring about a greater purpose in life. But those who refuse to glorify Me in all things cut themselves off from My grace and strength to carry them through.

I send disappointments and trials with a purpose, that out of ashes you may come to know My beauties and glory. In these distresses I bring you to the point of decision. Each person through each suffering or disappointment is brought to the line of decision.--That is, to look to Me and give Me thanks in all things, that through the voice of praise and thanksgiving you may continue on over the bridge into the light of a brighter and more glorious day; or to fall to the lies and trickery of Satan and place the blame on Me or on others, and thereby stunt your growth and progress.

My desired results are many times delayed according to your own decisions, through a lack of acknowledging Me, praising Me and thanking Me in all things, a lack of seeing all things as from My hand, a lack of looking to Me and seeing through My perspective. This is when the ugly results of hardness of heart and roots of bitterness spring up. This is a dangerous position to take. For in failing to praise Me, acknowledge Me and give Me thanks in all things, those who make this choice must search for someone else to blame for sorrows, trials and tests. If not others, then Me. This is the deception of Satan.

To you, My children, who know Me and love Me, all things work together for good. Nothing happens by accident. Fall not for the temptations of Satan when he tempts you to question your Maker. Be not as the clay that says to the potter, "Why have you fashioned me thus?" Question not My ways that are higher than your ways, for I do all things well concerning My children.

584

Because of the great obedience of the children of David, their great love for Me, their great sacrifice, and their years of faithfulness, I will pour forth upon them in great measure!--Greater than I have ever poured forth upon this Earth and upon My children in any times past. For now is the time that the power is needed, and the strength is needed, and the light is needed.

As My children learn to love Me, to draw upon My strength, to put Me first, to call unto Me and to desire Me, so shall I pour forth unto them in great abundance all that they need, for I shall care for them as a king cares for his bride, his queen. I will pour forth great love and great anointing and great provision and great protection, for you shall need all of these things.

You shall know that you are the delight of your King and your Savior and your Lover and your Strength. And for this delight that you bestow upon Me, so shall I delight to give you all the desires of your heart, all the power that you need and all the strength that you seek.

I will bestow much, much love upon you for your humility, for your willingness, for your yieldedness, for your faith, and for your love, for I know that you truly love Me, and I am well pleased in you. (ML #3032)

585

The time has come to arm everyone with the secret weapon of prophecy!--Not just the soldiers who have already been outfitted for some time with [*spiritual*] weaponry, but the time has come to supply every man, woman and child with their own weapon, their own handheld firearm.

There is no discharge in this war. All are soldiers, and the time has come that all need to be equipped! In every army there are not only front-line soldiers, but there are many others that help to make up an army so it can function--from the commander in chief, the generals, and the complete chain of command, down to those who work as clerks, typists, cooks, dishwashers, maintenance men, mechanics, technicians and support crew. All must know how to use their weapon and be able to shoot, no matter what role they play, and the same is true in My army.

I am now passing out to each and every one, from the commander in chief down to every able-bodied person, your secret weapon, your personal firearm, that each one may be equipped to fight the Enemy and be prepared for whenever you may happen to engage in warfare, either as a group or individually. For you never know when you will be called upon to charge, or to lead an attack, or when you may be ambushed or taken by surprise even when you are alone, either on patrol, maneuvers, or even relaxing.

I will teach you how to use your weapons. I will give you your instructions and help you in your firing practice to learn to be a sharpshooter and use your weapon effectively and with skill, to be able to hit your target in the bull's-eye time after time, becoming expert marksmen and sharpshooters!

So learn about your weapon, study it, read the manual about it, practice using it. Keep it clean, keep it handy, keep it by your side at all times. Sleep with it, eat with it, never be found without it day or night. For the time is approaching when all will be drafted for the warfare that is coming. Your Enemy is no respecter of persons and cares not if you are man or woman, child or old person; all are targets. He is pulling out his guns and preparing for battle, but I have promised that he will not be able to do anything except I reveal his plans to My servants. So prepare today for the battles tomorrow and learn to shoot! (ML #3134)

586

The fragrance of roses rises to Me and I welcome it as a beloved gift. It comes with pain and is garnished with tears, but in every dewdrop that falls from the rose sparkles the glory of the rainbow. Every dewdrop is raised to immortal life on high, and so will your dewdrops be. They will melt and become part of the rose, to enhance and fulfill its beauty.

And that rose will sparkle like a diamond. Those dewdrops of pain, suffering and loneliness will glow as costly gems of great price that set this rose apart from the ordinary.

My little rose, how I love you! How I would hold you close to My bosom! But you would not have Me dry away those dewdrops, would you? I would wipe those tears in an instant, but the diamonds would be lost. So cherish those dewdrops for Me. Every twinge of pain, every heartbreak or lonely moment is but another diamond being formed to decorate My rose. Delight in those dewy moments, for I form each of them with My Own hand--their length, breadth and type. Look not at people, for they move only at My bidding. I love you too much to let somebody tamper with your life! I carefully plan and engineer every aspect of your life.

But your morning will come when all the dewdrops will have melted away, and the sun will shine warm upon you! You must wait for the morning. Watch for the sunrise, as it creeps over the mountains. For when it seems it will not come, all of a sudden it is there! Your morning will dawn, glorious and bright, when all the tears of night will be gone--gone, yet cherished as a sweet and beautiful dream, the pearl collection of dewdrops which tell the tale of those lonely times when you found Me, and when our special bond was formed.

587

My children shall shine brightly with My love! They shall be beacons in all the land--beacons of My love in the time of darkness, when the world is so dark. My beacons shall be a bright, shining light that many shall see. Many shall come unto them, and they shall be enlightened, and they shall be filled with the warmth of the light. They shall put forth their candles to the light, and they too shall be lightened, and they shall go forth with their light. And though their light may not be as strong as the beacons of light, yet it shall lighten the hearts of many, and many shall rejoice!

But My beacons shall be deep wells of love, deep wells of light, deep wells of encouragement, for they shall be filled with Me because they have loved Me and they have lain in the bed of love and they have been empowered by My seeds.

This world shall see a new thing! They shall see the Christians that I have made, the Christians that have the true love of God, that share My love, and that give My love to one another. And by this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another, and if you have love for Me. For how can you love one another unless you love Me above all? For it is My love that I will pour forth to you for one another.

It is My love that will do this thing in this new day, and people shall see it and shall rejoice! They shall see that you are unlearned and ignorant men, but they will know that you love Me. You shall glow! Your eyes shall be enlightened. Your hands shall hold the elixir of My love to heal their broken hearts. (ML #3032)

588

When you come to Me to hear My voice, always remind yourself that I am eager to speak to you. I want to speak to you. I want to make it easy for you to receive prophecies and to hear from Me, your Father David, and the departed spirits that help you. I am doing everything I can to help your faith to grow, and to make it easy for you to exercise your gift.

In these Last Days, I will give the gift of prophecy to anyone who asks Me and has the faith to step out and receive it. I could not tell you this so directly earlier, because I knew that many of you were weak in faith and you would not believe. Plus, you would not even see the full value of having the gift of prophecy, and you would not be so hungry to reach out and to ask. So I let you, the Family, My precious children of David, experiment with this new garment of prophecy, and many stepped out by faith, received, and gave My Words. Gradually, as the months passed, you became more comfortable with using the gift of prophecy, and you began to understand the great value of it and need for it.

Now that you feel more comfortable and most of you have seen good examples of reliable, faithful channels, and now that you feel it is not so strange to come to Me daily to receive My instruction, confirmation and guidance, I am able to tell you that this gift is for everyone. I have it in My hand to give freely to all who will ask. Ask and you shall receive. (ML #3134)

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