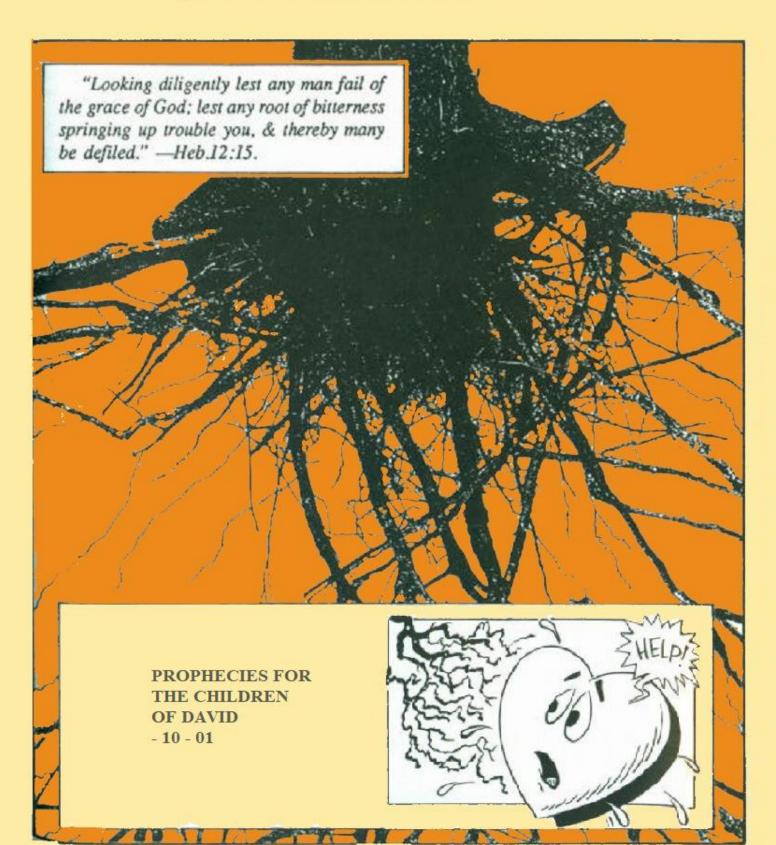


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Bitterness

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Bitterness is a serious problem, because when a person becomes bitter, it cuts that one off from the freedom of the Spirit and from being able to receive the deep things of My Word. It causes their heart to become hard, and the ground that I would want to plant My seeds in becomes dry, hard, and impenetrable. The longer a person is allowed to continue on in their bitterness, the more chance there is of that person becoming hardened and cold and alienated from the life of God.

Many of those who are bitter can't even see the bitterness in their life. They can't see the danger of it or the damage that it's doing to their relationship with Me and others. It's a serious problem that needs to be exposed. It's one of the strongest and most widespread roadblocks to unity, because it's so diverse; people can be affected or afflicted with bitterness through so many avenues and because of so many different circumstances or reasons.

Bitterness is akin to hatred, division and jealousy, and if left to run its course, it can bring about the destruction of My children, their ministries, and their work for Me. Bitterness is a powerful tool of the Enemy, for it is often subtle. Those who suffer the sin of bitterness feel justified, and therefore often do not go on the attack to rid themselves of it. They expect the other person to make the first move. They feel they have been wronged and therefore they deserve an apology; they deserve for the other person to humble themselves first and even to come groveling to seek forgiveness. As long as a bitter person holds on to these ideas and desires, unity is impossible.

The bitterness of the Enemy must be exposed, and the dangers of this sin must again be clearly highlighted, so that when My children are under the fire of the conviction of My Spirit, they will move to rid themselves of this tool of the Enemy, this negative emotion, this sin that is weakening the children of David so. ⁽¹⁾

Bitterness is like a deadly root, and like a root, it is much unseen from the surface. The only parts which are seen are the leaves and branches which grow from it, and the fruit it bears. While it is unseen, it flourishes in the soil of your heart and gains strength, sucking out the very life and nourishment of the earth, and cumbering the ground so that none other of My tender plants may grow in that area. The wise man sees this and recognizes the root of bitterness, and is not ashamed to bring out the shovel and dig it up and rid himself of it. He knows that there's no shame in tending the garden of his heart and getting rid of the weeds; the only shame is in letting them grow and letting the crop spoil.

Because bitterness is hard to detect, and yet I wish for all My children and farmers to root it out of their hearts, I will give you a description to help you in looking for it in your own heart. Bitterness begins small, as a tiny seed. The seeds come in many different forms: when you feel wronged by another; when you make a mistake or think you've made a mistake, and

cannot forgive yourself for it; when you compare with others and feel they have it so much better than you; when you look at the life you're living and feel that if I really loved you, I would have given you something else, or would have taken better care of you. These are all seeds of bitterness.

When you have a root of bitterness growing in your heart, that area of the ground becomes unusable for other plants. The ground becomes contaminated, and that part of your heart often becomes sore or easily irritated. This is one symptom of bitterness--being easily irritated in a certain area, or finding you easily resent certain types of situations. If certain circumstances repeatedly cause you battles, and you've taken the necessary steps to purge the garden of your heart of weeds, to water the flowers, and tend that area of the garden, and yet you still seem to be having problems, that's one symptom that you have a root of bitterness growing there, and you must dig it up and get rid of it.

Other symptoms of bitterness include: when you have sour or negative feelings toward a certain person, circumstance, or even toward yourself; when you're unable to accept others' forgiveness or My forgiveness; when you're unable to accept others' love and help; when you're unable to change as My Spirit blows with the winds of change, and you wish to hang on to the old and do not wish to step out and reach forward; when certain negative events continually play through your mind or you're reminded of them often. These are often symptoms of bitterness.

To truly forgive is to forgive and forget. Even though the memory of something is not gone from your mind immediately, when you do remember it, it's covered with the cloak of forgiveness and doesn't bring up a sour or bitter taste in your mouth. When it does, this is a symptom of bitterness, and you must ask Me to help to root it out, and help you to truly forgive and forget in love.

Other symptoms also include: not wanting to reach out to give love; not wanting to give or share freely for fear that you'll be wronged or hurt; not wanting to open your heart to others; dwelling in the past, or feeling that past times were better.

Murmuring is the voice of bitterness. Discontentment is a symptom of bitterness. Resentment is one of the arms of bitterness, which reaches out to hurt and strangle others.

The symptoms of bitterness are hard to detect. The best way to find out if you have a root of bitterness in your life is to ask Me. Ask Me to search the ground of your heart, and see if I show you or point out to you an area where you should look. Then, if you find something, ask Me what to do about it, how to get rid of it, how to uproot the bitterness in this area of your life, and what caused it.

It's a long and tedious process if you go about looking for bitterness yourself. For your heart is like a garden with many flowers and plants--some for nourishment, some for decoration, some for medicinal purposes, others for spice. All of these plants are like the feelings, the personality traits, the thoughts, the actions, the inner workings of your heart. Some are good, some are bad. Some must be pulled out as weeds and gotten rid of; others must be gently tended, nurtured, and cared for, in order to bring about the full beauty or the full fruit.

There are many other symptoms of bitterness, for it's varied, and it's different in each person's life. These symptoms don't always come from bitterness--sometimes they stem from other problems. So the best way to tell if you have a root of bitterness is to ask the Master Gardener. If you're having a problem in some part of your garden, if the good and loving plants are dying, or your ground is sore and troublesome, ask Him for the answer, for He will give it and will help to correct the problem, whatever it may be. (2)

A root of bitterness is not easily taken care of. You can't kill it or get rid of it by simply covering it over with more dirt, or planting new flowers there, or even placing a slab of marble or concrete over it, or a new bench or garden ornament. You must remove the dirt and dig it up completely, asking the Master Gardener for His help to get out all the traces of the root, to clean and purify the soil of your heart, and then to help you fill in the gap with fresh earth, new plants, flowers and trees to take its place.

Only the Master Gardener is able to perform the operation successfully, and it's often one in which He calls others to help. Getting rid of a root of bitterness in your life often requires asking for prayer from others, confessing and humbling yourself, and thereby letting the Master Gardener and His workers have full access to the area of your garden which needs help.

Again, there's nothing to be ashamed of if you find you have a root of bitterness in your life, but it is something to be taken care of. The only thing to be ashamed of is if you find or suspect you have a root of bitterness and you don't go on the attack to root it out and get rid of it. For it grows quickly and can quickly spoil the garden. The larger it grows, the harder it is to dig it out, and the more upheaval it causes to the rest of the garden.

Though it's an evil and powerful weed with a strong root, yet My love is much stronger! My love is the antidote for bitterness. My love and My forgiveness are able to cover a multitude of sins. My love is stronger, greater, and more powerful than bitterness, and the moment that you cry out to Me for deliverance, I'm there, ready to help you to root out the bitterness from the garden of your heart, and fill the earth again with My love, My peace, My joy, My contentment, the gifts of My Spirit, and the beautiful flowers and fruit trees which could not grow there before.

I'm ready and willing! All of My children must only ask, and I will help, save and deliver them! $^{(3)}$

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

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 unto Me, that I might draw nigh unto you, but instead it has the opposite effect. It causes you to be distant, unbelieving, and it quenches the flow of your love towards Me. It causes you to be closed and hard and resistant toward the flow of My Love toward you.

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 and 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?

Forgive now, that you might find freedom from the Devil's devices! Bitterness is born in pride. For when you are bitter, you feel that you know better than God, that if you had been God, you never would have allowed it. Things would be different, things would be better.

Bitterness is akin to doubt, because those who doubt also feel that they know better-they know better than their shepherds, they know better than their king and queen, they know better than God, and if they could do things differently, they would do them better. So beware of bitterness! ⁽⁴⁾

Let Me ask you this: How important is it to treat an infection on your body? A disagreement is like an injury in your unity, an abrasion, or an open wound. People can create

these wounds by misunderstandings caused by their sharp or insensitive personalities, but generally-and this is by far the greater percentage-these things are caused by the Enemy.

He sneaks into your midst, and when he sees an opening to blame the problem on someone else, he quickly cuts you, then points out how it was the other person's fault. "They're in the wrong; they did this to you." In fact, it was Satan's own emissaries that did it to you. Satan often hides in the shadows and is quick to accuse others of the deeds for which he himself is responsible.

For example, say you've had a clash with someone in your Home. The Enemy sees that as an opportunity to get your eyes on the other person and blame the problem on them. He'll say something like, "The reason you're having this problem is because so-and-so is unloving and hurtful." Then the problem will start to grow as you begin to feel more and more in the right and see the other person more and more in the wrong. He gets you to believe that the other person is responsible for the problem, for the disunity, when he's the one who's created those bad feelings.

It's easy to take the Enemy's viewpoint and say, "Yes, look what so-and-so did to me! How could they be so mean and unloving as to cut me like that?" And the outlook of the Enemy begins to set in and infect the wound with bitterness and disunity. It might have started out as a personal problem with someone in the Home that you could have easily worked out through love and prayer and humility and good communication, but instead the Enemy blows it out of proportion and makes you blame the disunity or problem on the other person, instead of on the real culprit-the Enemy, the one who is trying to use the problem to decapitate your unity.

The Enemy then covers the wound with his hand so that every time you look down at it you don't see the infection growing, spreading, and getting worse. He covers it and tells you, "Oh, it's not that bad; it's fine. You're right to feel the way you do. There's no reason to take care of this sore; it's so-and-so's fault anyway. They're the ones who should be doing something about it; you have no responsibility for it." It seems silly when I lay it out plainly like this for you, doesn't it? But that's what often happens in times of disunity or attacks on your unity.

The problem is that while you're ignoring your part in the situation and your responsibility to take care of the problem, the Enemy is able to pump more infectious germs into the sore. Then it becomes a chink in your armor through which he can get in and begin to poison your spiritual "bloodstream," and problems begin to crop up in other areas of your life too. Other "sores" you have from other abrasions begin to become infected as well, as you slap My hand away when I try to treat them.

If you allow the "sore" of disunity and bitterness to grow, it ends up spreading to other areas of your life. Maybe you start with just being in disunity with one person, but if that grows, then pretty soon the Enemy starts infecting other areas of your life. Maybe you had difficulties with someone else in the past, so you start to remember that and get bitter against that person as well, and it grows and grows until you end up bitter and in disunity with nearly everyone.

It comes down to your choice to either do something about the problem or gloss it over

and pretend it's not there. If you don't do something about it, the infection grows and gets worse till it can make you very, very sick in spirit. If you do something about it immediately, you'll be able to see who the attacker really is, and take action against the Devil, who was the one who sliced away at you and caused the hurt. ⁽⁵⁾

You may call this demon Bitterness, for he carries the most sour, bitter spirit you have ever imagined. He carries this by choice, not by destiny. He works together with Pan and the demon of Rejection to turn the sweet things of life--or things which I intend to bring out the sweetness--into bitter, sour, sad memories.

He cannot make anyone become bitter. He can only come in when pride and resentment are allowed to grow in a person's life, to the point that there is an opening for him, a virtual invitation for his infestation. There he works together with Pan and the demon of Rejection to actually influence or change a person's memories and perspective on life, so that they feel justified in carrying around the weight and poison of bitterness. It's as if he convinces them that they need that poison of the spirit that he feeds them in order to be happy, or that somehow by carrying it around, it will rectify the situation and make things better or at least bring revenge on those whom they feel have done them wrong. Neither is true.

A person's spirit will only become more and more crushed, sick, and sour, if they continue to let bitterness reside in their heart. In saying this, I don't mean the actual demon of Bitterness can inhabit the heart of one who knows Me, for I am in their heart. But he continues to influence their mind and thoughts whenever they give him entrance through pride, and he leaves traces of his poison behind that continue to grow in his absence. It's very sad to see a spirit crushed, sickened, and weakened to the point that they don't even long to recover. Those who really know what bitterness does to you avoid it like a plague--because it is.

Of course, I have the antidote and can help anyone to cleanse their spirit and be made anew. But they must be willing to forsake their pride, forsake their sense of being wronged, and let Me cleanse even their memories of what they think happened. For whenever someone is influenced by the demon of Bitterness, their memories are always distorted.

You can pray against Bitterness, because like any spiritual entity fighting you, he is bound and hindered by your prayers and calling on the keys. You can pray on behalf of your loved ones who are not in the Family. But as long as they yield to pride, resentment will soon follow, and the door is left open for bitterness. So you must also pray for them to humble their spirits before Me, or that they'll receive My humbling and My perspective on things, so that they're not constantly easy prey. ⁽⁶⁾

When you're bitter, I can't offer you full protection. When you're bitter, you can't fully raise a standard against the Enemy and his attacks. When you're 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."

Often those who are bitter do not want to forgive and forget, because they feel that they're right, that they've been wronged, and they deserve to make a case for their bitterness. They feel they deserve to see those who have hurt them suffer. They desire to see those who have hurt them punished.

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Bitterness is the result of lack of faith, lack of trust, thinking you know better, and self-righteously wanting to judge and rule and cause the other person to suffer as you have suffered. But these attitudes of heart and mind don't bring Me closer, and don't cause My Spirit to reign freely in your life. They don't cause you to draw nigh to Me, that I might draw nigh to you, but instead they have the opposite effect. Bitterness causes you to be distant, unbelieving, and it quenches the flow of your love toward Me. It causes you to be closed and hard and resistant to the flow of My love toward you.

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Bitterness is born in pride; for when you're bitter, you feel that you know better than God. You feel that if you had been God, you never would have allowed it, and things would be different; things would be better. Bitterness is akin to doubt, because those who doubt also feel that they know better--that they know better than their shepherds, they know better than their king and queen, they know better than God, and if they could do things differently, they would do them better. So beware of bitterness! ⁽⁷⁾

All Things Work Together For Good

My precious children, how I love you! I have designed the mystery of life for you, My loves, and I have put within the majesty of choice this safeguard of protection for all My children. It's called the promise of Romans 8:28. It's My promise to you that no matter what happens in your life, no matter what the choices of those around you, I can and will perfect My plan in your life and turn all things for your good, as much as you'll let Me. As you love Me and trust Me in yieldedness, so am I able to take even bad situations and turn them to your good.

It's not that I "will" these bad situations--for I wish all men to learn to love and to live in love. But because man is not perfect, and because you have the majesty of choice and you often make selfish choices, I gave you, My children who love Me, that promise as your safeguard, to know that no matter what the choices of those around you, I am able to turn them into good for you.

As I said to My disciples while I was on Earth, "It must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh" (Mat.18:7). In this world there will be injustice, there will be selfishness, and there will be pain and difficulty inflicted on innocent people. But My promise to all My children is that I have the power to overrule the evil, and turn for good any circumstance that you find yourself in.

This is one of the mysteries of My Spirit, how I have a plan so perfect that it cannot fail, and yet I give to you the majesty of choice and the power to change things according to your choices. But no matter what the choices of those around you, I am able to give you what's best for you. Do you believe that? Do you believe that I know what's best for you? That even though those around you make choices which are not according to My will, not according to My laws of love and loving life, I am still able to use them in your life to bring about the best? I am able, and I will--so long as you love Me and trust Me with your life.

I will never cause the mistakes of others to deprive you of My best, My highest. It might be delayed, but I will have My way in your life regardless of the choices of others, if you keep the faith, fight, and don't give up. Sometimes what is "best" to Me is different than what you think of as "best." Sometimes My "best" means more brokenness, more compassion, more understanding of others, more humility. All of these qualities are part of My "best" in your life, and sometimes they come through breakings, and sometimes those breakings come through the wrongdoing of others.

My children, it is not that I desire you to be hurt, or that I engineer hurtful situations or circumstances, but sometimes through the attacks of the Enemy or the mistakes or sins or wrong decisions of others, you do suffer hurt. Nevertheless, I am able to turn it to good for you. And though I may have to correct others or even punish them for their actions, I am able to turn it to good for them too if they will let Me.

Trust in My love, that My plan is perfect, and that even when those around you act outside of the circle of My loving law, yet I am able to shield you and protect you, and only

allow to touch you that which I am able to use for good in your life. Believe in this, My never-failing promise, and be set free! (8)

There are no exceptions to My promise that if you love Me and are called to My service, all things will work together for good in your life. You could think of nasty situations and scenarios all day, yet there isn't a single one you could come up with in your own mind, or any real-life example you can bring up, that I couldn't show you how there is some good that can be brought out of it--for you and for all involved. And finding the good in a bad situation isn't just a "glad game" exercise or a good idea; it's vital to your spiritual health.

If you can't accept that there could be a silver lining to some of the rain clouds of your past, then you'll probably never fully forgive and forget about those things, and that can lead to bitterness, which is a severely crippling spiritual sin.

A lot of people have unpleasant feelings about things that have happened in their past, whether it's something to do with an old Family policy, the way they were treated, something that happened, something that they didn't agree with, someone who hurt them, and on the list goes. A lot of people suffer from the memories of these things because they don't allow Me to show them the good that can be brought out of the situation.

A lot of people find it horrible when it's even suggested that they could find good in such a case, thinking that it minimizes what they went through. Such people tend to be quite self-righteous and blind, refusing to see that although I may not have agreed with what happened to them, all things work together for good to those who love Me and are called according to My purpose, and there just may be something in it for them to learn from. If nothing else, maybe I would use it to make them into a better person with more humility and compassion and empathy for others. But if you're stuck with blinders of bitterness on and all you can see is, "It was wrong!" then you'll never learn from the situation, you'll never forgive and forget, and this will hinder you spiritually.

It's well documented in My Word about the dangers of bitterness and how those things can grow and sour your outlook on life. For this reason it's vital that you do not allow yourself to look back at any situation, no matter how terrible it was, remembering only the bad. It may not be your favorite memory, it may even be painful, and you certainly may not have noticed any good from it so far. But if you'll reject the Enemy's negative spin and ask Me specifically how I would like to use that situation for good in your life, then I can melt that bitterness and can bring beauty out of your ashes.

What greater triumph is there than to bring good out of bad? That's the ultimate way to conquer your past hurts or things you didn't agree with--not by bitterness and thoughts of revenge, but by allowing Me to make you a better person on account of the bad that happened to you. That way the Devil doesn't win in any way. Not only was he unable to stop you via the difficulty, but he actually contributed to making you stronger because you learned and grew and became more humble and loving on account of it, not less so.

But if you refuse to do this, you're doing more than just holding on to anger and resentment and giving room for bitterness to grow. If you cannot let Me bring beauty from your ashes, what you are actually doing is blaming Me, saying that I am to blame because I

allowed a situation in your life that has no good side, no positive benefits, and no way that I can use it in your life. Harboring resentment toward God is a very dangerous thing to do. When you do this, you are much more in the wrong than whatever or whomever caused you your previous hurt or anger.

You cannot discount the possibility that although some things were bad and were mistakes, I could have allowed them because I had a greater purpose in mind. Consider the all-time good example of Joseph and all that he went through--the rejection by his brothers, the misuse, the slavery, the heartache, the false accusations, the imprisonment--all bad things. Yet in the end he was able to clearly see that although those were all terrible things, I intended them for good in the long run. Had he held on to his bitterness and wasted away in prison or slavery blaming all involved for the rest of his days, he never would have risen above those things and fulfilled My purpose for him.

A man cannot be found more righteous than God. You can't sit there and tell Me that if you were Me, you'd have done it differently--which is basically what you do when you self-righteously judge the past and say that I shouldn't have let things happen. You know that I am bound to My Word, therefore you should assume that in all cases, no matter how you feel about what transpired, there is a silver lining for you, and it's your job to find it!

There is such freedom in letting Me show you how sad or bad situations can be used to make you better. Then, although you cannot fully endorse past mistakes as good things, you can see how I worked them into the great tapestry of your life, to make it well-rounded, whole, and beautiful. I'm not going to tell you that no one has ever made a mistake which hurt someone else and was displeasing in My sight, but I can tell you that no matter what the mistake was or how bad it hurt, there is always freedom to be found in seeking Me and rising above.

Don't self-righteously judge the things that you don't even fully understand. If you're not asking Me for the good side, then you're only seeing the bad and are a prejudiced, partial judge who only knows one half of the story. Ask Me to show you all sides, including the good part that you may not have even realized was there. Then you'll be free from these things that could hold you back or give place to bitterness. Your faith will be strengthened because you'll see that once again I always keep My Word, and all things truly do work together for good. ⁽⁹⁾

(Dad speaking:) No matter what people do to you, or what circumstances turn out like, whether you get hurt accidentally or intentionally, you can't harden your heart. You just can't let your heart get hard toward people and their attitudes or actions, and even the hurtful things they might say or do. You can't do that, because if you do, eventually that hardness of heart creeps toward the Lord. It becomes like a bitterness toward the Lord for letting these things happen in your life, and that little root of bitterness or resentment, or that hardness of heart, will keep growing and spreading.

Even if the Lord allowed it, you have to tell yourself that it was for a good reason; that the Bible says "all things work together for good," so even this thing that hurt you is for some good. You might not understand it, you might have questions about it, but you still have to fight to stay soft in heart and loving toward the very people who've hurt you, offended you, or

caused some sort of grounds for resentment.

Naturally you'll have questions about it, and the best thing to do is to ask the Lord to speak to you when things come up, to help you to understand it, to not be hardened in heart, and to cast your cares on Him. Try not to let these things move you. Ask the Lord to toughen you up in spirit a bit rather than getting hardened or calloused in heart. It's difficult to do, because the natural tendency is to justify being a little hardened about it. But that's really the worst thing you can do, because it only causes your spirit to become resentful, bitter, or self-righteous. It works against you if you allow yourself to become hardened to life's hurts, to people's hurts.

As difficult as it is to do--and it really is difficult, it takes the grace of God--the best thing to do is to fight to stay soft-hearted in spite of life's hurts and battles and mistreatment. Things go wrong sometimes, and often you feel the brunt of the hurt. But you have to remember that the Lord allows it for a good reason, and if you can just react humbly and call out to the Lord for His help and anointing to be able to take it, to stay soft and humble and kind no matter what, you'll not only be able to stay soft in heart, but you'll grow.

You'll grow in love, compassion, understanding, and humility--all the good qualities of the Spirit. It'll humble you to have to accept graciously that things aren't working out perfectly for you, that maybe not everyone likes you or enjoys your company all the time, just as you don't always like everyone else or always like their company all the time. That's very humbling and can be hard on your pride, but it's good for you to be humbled. The quicker you learn to be humble and gracious and take these things with love and humility, the more you will grow and be more like Jesus. (10)

I watch over each of My children with great love. I give them what they need. I give it to them at the time that they need it, and in the way they need it, and I make no mistake. I even use the mistakes of man to bring about My perfect will. For I know and understand the thoughts and the intents of the heart of every man. And though two people may never understand each other, and though some may never understand why one acted a certain way, and thus may find it hard in themselves to forgive, yet they can find relief from bitterness and find the strength to forgive by coming to Me and putting all things into My hand.

All things in your life are from Me. Do you think that I could not protect you and keep you from all harm if I wanted to, if that was the big plan of creation? Of course I could. All power is given unto Me. But I allow difficulties, pain, heartache, disappointment, mistreatment, injury, misuse and abuse. What I mean is, by not preventing it, I allow it. Therefore it is from Me, from My hand, because I did not raise My hand to stay it.

This is the foundation principle to getting over hurts of the past: You must believe that all in your life is from Me, in that I allowed it. If you can't receive this and have it strongly and ever in your heart and mind, then the temptation is always there to blame someone. People want to blame others. That's why it costs so much sometimes to forgive and forget.

When you forgive, you are releasing someone of the blame. And if you're holding on to that blame and self-righteously wanting to make others pay and suffer, then there is no forgiveness. The more of these emotions there are, the harder it is to realize that whatever the

experience in question, it was from My hand, allowed by Me, even if not ordained or preferred by Me. To allow something when it is in your power to stop it is to take it as your own. Therefore, when I allow something, the act of not preventing it makes it as good as from My Own hand.

When you truly lay these bitternesses upon My altar, when you truly commit them into My hand and receive and accept all things as from Me, then I'm able to work a miracle in your heart and life. I'm able to pour My healing elixir of love into your heart in full measure. I'm able to soothe and heal and mend. I'm able to bind up the broken heart and make it a more loving, compassionate, tender and giving heart. I'm able to make you a stronger, better person, a more powerful channel and vessel of My love, and a pillar that others may lean on.

For when you lean on Me and when you cast yourself on Me, you're leaning on the greatest and most powerful source of wisdom, strength, help, grace and love. You're tapping into the divine resources, into the power that created the universe; and with this power, nothing can defeat you or discourage you or stop you. With Me, you are mighty in spirit, and no attack of the Enemy, no trial or tribulation, no act by another person, can move you. For I am the Rock, and My way is perfect. My Words are tried and proven, and I have never forsaken those that have put their trust in Me and cast their cares upon Me. (11)

The extent to which I am able to use circumstances in your life, and even perfect My will, depends upon you and how much you let Me have full sway in your life. My promise is true and unfailing--that I do all things well, that I will perfect that which concerns you, that all things will work together for good to those who love Me and are called according to My purpose. But the extent to which I'm able to work is up to you.

Even as I've promised that I answer prayer--the power of the prayer, and thus the power of the answer--depends upon you. My promise of Romans 8:28--that I will work all things together for your good--is dependent upon the condition of Romans 8:28, that you love Me, and that you're called according to My purpose. If you're not heeding My call and thus not obeying My will, giving your life to Me and letting Me work, then I'm not only unable to turn bad situations for your good, but I'm also unable to bless and reward you, for you're out of My will.

But the beauty of the promise is that the moment you come to Me, the moment you fulfill your part of the conditions--loving Me and yielding to Me--I begin to work, and use not only the present circumstances, but also all those of the past for your good. I am able to bring good out of all that has gone before, and all that happens presently, and all that will happen in the future, as long as you continue to fulfill the conditions of the promise.

Thus is the beauty and mystery of My promise fulfilled, that no matter what mess you find yourself in, no matter what wrongs you've committed or what wrongs have been committed against you, when you're loving Me and yielded to My will, My purpose in your life, I am able to turn all things for your good.

This doesn't mean that whenever something bad happens it's because you're out of My will. There are many times when I allow something specifically for the purpose of teaching a lesson, or to bring about a greater good, and it's through no fault of your own. But there are

other times when you bring the difficulty upon yourself through your own foolishness or unyieldedness, or by straying from the path of My will. Other times it's through the wrong choices of those around you, or through your own wrong choices.

But in any case, no matter what the cause of the wrong, as you love Me and yield to My will, My plan, and trust Me for the victory, I am able to use any and all circumstances to perfect My will in your life, and to bring about the victory. The only conditions to this promise are there in the promise--"to those who love Me, and are called according to My purpose." What does that mean, "to be called according to My purpose?" It means simply being in My will, fulfilling My purpose for you.

It is not for you to judge My purpose, for sometimes My plan is simply waiting, simply trusting, simply yielding in patience and faith to what's coming next. Sometimes it's passing through the "Valley of Baca" (Psa.84:6) and learning there the lessons I have for you. Sometimes it's heeding My call to a great mission. Other times it's forsaking what's dear to you in order to fulfill My greater plan. Yet other times it's humbly serving in the small place I've given you. But no matter what the circumstance, as you fulfill My purpose for you, I will turn all things--even seemingly bad, difficult, wrongful circumstances--for your good! This is My promise to you, and it will never fail!

If you feel that things have happened in your life that you've not yet seen good come out of, check your heart to see if you're fulfilling My purpose. If you are, then simply wait, and you'll see My promise fulfilled in My time. This is part of being called to My purpose--fulfilling the part I've given you to play in My great plan. Some things you'll not see fulfilled immediately, but the reward of the promise will come. It will come, I say. (12)

Accepting What I've Done in Your Life

Where does bitterness come from? Why does one person have bitterness about things, and the next person, who might even appear to have more reasons or circumstances to be bitter about, not have bitterness? It comes from not accepting something that I've done in your life, or not accepting something that I've allowed to happen in your life, or not accepting even your own choices in life, which ultimately I allowed you to make.

Why is it that you see the man in the wheelchair or the woman with a handicapped child, and instead of their life being clouded and soured with bitterness, they're happy, giving, and loving? It's because they've accepted not only what I've done in their life, but also who they are. And who they are includes everything that's happened in their life, all the things that worked together to make them into who they are—the lessons they've learned, the mistakes they've made, the choices they've made, their experiences, all of it, the good and the bad. They accept that I love them, and they accept that they can not only be happy with their circumstances, but can even help others.

You might feel that your bitterness and resentment is not directed toward Me because you think it was your mistake in the first place, your fault, or your misjudgment of the situation that is the source of your bitterness. You might reason that I gave you a choice, so you feel it's

your fault, you're the one to blame, and you continue to take out your frustrations on yourself by harboring this bitterness.

You not only have to accept the choice you made at the time, and stop punishing yourself for what you today think was the wrong choice, but you have to accept that I, the great God of the universe, Who has all power, allowed it to happen. I could have changed your mind for you. I could have intervened in some way and easily arranged a change in circumstances. I could have caused events to happen to help you make a different choice, because I know all things and I am all-powerful. (13)

Accepting, believing and receiving--these are three of My keys to victory! These are all part of yieldedness. Saying, "Yes, Lord, I accept what You're doing, or have done, in My life. I believe that all that I'm experiencing at present, or have experienced in the past, is from Your hand, and I yield to You completely and wholeheartedly. Do with me as You will." This is yieldedness. This is one of the surest preventions of bitterness, and one of the surest cures to overcoming bitterness--to accept, believe, and receive My will, My love, and My truth in your life.

You must accept what's happening, or has happened, around you, and believe that My promise is true--that I'm in control, and have been in control. Nothing happens and not a hair of your head perishes but I know. Even seemingly bad, difficult or trying circumstances I am able to turn and use for your good. You must receive what I bring, or have brought, into your life. You must open your life to Me and receive, if I am to work in your heart as I would wish.

Pride, Resentment, and Bitterness

Pride keeps you from seeing things as I see them. Pride opens the door for resentment, because you automatically feel you deserve better. It keeps you from humbling yourself when I allow things in your life to break you or soften you or teach you things, and instead it causes resentment. That's why I say that when you yield to pride, resentment will often follow. Everyone goes through situations in life that they wish hadn't happened, or that had happened differently, or situations when they are wronged.

If a person is humble, and can accept things from My hand, and learn to see things the way I see them, those negative circumstances are steppingstones for good, and don't derail them in any way. But when a person yields to pride, it's not long before something comes up that they can't get over, that they can't understand, or that they assume the worst about--and then resentment begins to build in their heart.

It's the natural, sinful, rebellious nature of man to think that he knows better than Me. That's why you have to constantly pray for My humility, because it's not something that comes naturally. It's something you have to want, cultivate, and fight for. But along with that humility comes grace, peace, understanding, acceptance, and many gifts that make life pleasant and a

wonderful learning experience, rather than a journey of pain, unhappiness, resentment and bitterness. (15)

Resentment can be the forerunner to bitterness, or a symptom of bitterness. Harboring resentment can lead to bitterness. Resentment doesn't always lead to bitterness, but many times it does, especially when resentment is allowed to build up, one resentment on top of another. It just gets worse and worse.

When you resent something that someone has done, it's like a crack is opened in the door, and the Enemy's poisonous gas and lies can seep in through that crack. Or it's like a wedge that starts out small, but gets bigger and bigger, because it allows the Enemy to come in more and more with resentment and his poisonous thoughts. So even though resentment isn't bitterness in the beginning, it can lead to it, because it's a crack in the armor, that first little seed being planted.

But feeling resentment in your heart doesn't necessarily mean you're bitter, as long as you turn around, cast your burdens on Me, and forsake the resentment you feel. When you lift up your hands to Me and say, "Lord, please wash me clean," then I am able to take the resentment and give you peace in its place, and I prevent it from turning to bitterness.

However, when you hold on to these resentments, they fester and become bitterness, which is a much more serious and long-term problem. So forsaking the resentments as they come up, much like shedding the weights, is the key to staying free of bitterness. (16)

(Dad speaking:) When you have bitterness or resentment 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 just 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 giving it to the Lord. Keep coming to the Lord and loving Him and committing all to Him, and He never fails. Even if people fail, or situations fail, or you feel like the Family has failed in some way, or 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. So if you can trust in that and believe that, you'll be a lot happier. (17)

Believe in My love, and you will find rest. You'll find the peace and the comfort needed to let go of that which you have stored in your heart. You'll find the strength you need by looking to Me to sweep out the dark corners of your heart, and to let go of the pain, hurt and bitterness that you've allowed to grow and accumulate in your heart. This will be such a release! You have but to call on the power of Heaven to cleanse and wash you. Confess your faults to Me, and I will heal you.

The key to all of this is found in one simple word--trust. Trust that I will hold you as you let go of these things you've been holding on to for such a long time. Trust Me to clean out your heart, and to give you a new life. Trust Me to hold your heart gently as you give it to Me

for cleaning and mending. I'll return it to you pure and perfect--perfect in My love, mercy, tenderness, and humility. For in humility will you find the perfection of My Spirit.

As you put forth the effort of trusting Me, then I will take over and do the work. I'll clean out your heart if you will but say yes to Me. If you'll but acknowledge that you wish to rid the chambers of your heart of the old, of the musty, of the dark and damp clutter, and that you wish to start anew, to be swept clean, washed afresh, and rejuvenated by the power of My Spirit, I will answer you. I've heard your prayer and your cries, and I'll give you life once more-the life of My Spirit and the joy of My love. Trust, accept, believe and receive! (18)

Ask for Prayer Against Bitterness

The Enemy will try to tell you that there's no way you can ask for prayer against bitternes. He'll tell you it's impossible; it'll be too humbling, and it's just going to cost too much to do it. Plus, he'll tell you that it's not even necessary. He'll tell you any and all of the lies that he can possibly tell you!

This is a golden opportunity for you to have prayer and be delivered completely by faith. It's not an easy thing to do, but it's so much easier than dragging bitterness around with you for years and years to come. You can have great deliverance and freedom from its terrible bondage by humbling yourself momentarily and having prayer, and then you'll reap the wonderful freedom and blessings of prayer for eternity!

Holding on to your bitterness will hold you back from making progress, or believing in My Words, or accepting My gifts and blessings in your life. If you're willing to let go of this bitterness, then your whole life can change! You can be even happier, and more fulfilled and used and challenged.

There are so many advantages to asking for prayer and taking the step of faith to forsake your bitterness. You'll be free of the terrible burden and weight you feel. You'll be free of the negative thoughts and feelings that are always going through your mind as you mull over the ways things worked out and how bad you feel about it all. You'll be free of the ill effects on your spirit and even your health. You'll be more easygoing, full of faith, and find it so much easier to accept the things that happen from day to day with a spirit of faith and positiveness. You won't be looking at everything through the thick, dark cloud of bitterness and selfishness. This can all be replaced with a spirit of meekness and greater acceptance, which will make you happy.

The Devil is so happy when people choose to stay bitter, because basically they're operating at half potential--even less than half potential in many cases, because they're slowly dying more and more in the spirit. The bitterness is continuing to poison their whole outlook and attitude, rendering them practically powerless.

It's very hard for you who are afflicted with bitterness to see anything clearly through the eyes of My Spirit, because you're blinded by bitterness. So you have to take a very big plunge of faith to ask for prayer and deliverance, and it's to your credit when you do. It shows a very desperate spirit when you humble yourself to ask for prayer, and that very desperation of spirit draws the power of Heaven to be released and come to your aid.

There's no hesitation in Heaven! It's not just a puny little answer to your prayer, but rather there's a great thrust of help from the spirit world, a great and powerful and mighty anointing of My Spirit in answer to your prayers.

At your faintest cry for help, all the power of Heaven is released. Even a faint cry resounds in My courts when it is powered by your desperation and desire for help and change. My ear is not heavy, that it cannot hear the pleas of My children. Though the cry be faint, if it is sincere and wholehearted, then My promises hold true.

The mighty force of My hand is raised to break the chains of bitterness and free you, My darling child. I only wait for your step of faith--and it need not be great. You need not feel that you must be eloquent or worthy or have great faith--you only need to ask for My help, and it will be given to you. Then believe in your complete deliverance by faith. (19)

My Words are true, and just as I've promised, when you pray for My help and for deliverance from the problem of bitterness and the grasp it had on your mind and spirit and life, you really are delivered from its grip! This weak area is no longer a tool in the Enemy's hand. Where he previously had free rein to do as he wished, a standard has been raised against the spiritual inroad of the Enemy.

But it doesn't mean that you won't have to continue to fight against the attempts of the Enemy to still try to discourage you and weaken your faith in the victory. This will now be the Enemy's main target of attack--he will try to cause you to not believe in the victory, to doubt your deliverance, to criticize your own progress, to belittle your faith in My power and in the power of the prayers of your loved ones, to cause you to doubt My Words of prophecy, to get you to look at how you feel and to walk by your feelings instead of faith in Me, to look at your circumstances and the condition of your vessel instead of fixing your eyes on Me and My Words.

You must continue to fight and have faith, and simply trust that I'm able to perform all that I've promised and spoken. In doing this, you'll allow the victory to blossom. You'll continue to receive and accept and manifest your faith in My Word, in My power to help you, and you'll keep your victory and continue to make progress. (20)

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Giving the Gift of Forgiveness

Why must you forgive another when you have been so horribly hurt and wronged by their actions? Why do you have to give that painful offering of yourself, that forgiveness that seems to as good as absolve them from the harm they've done to you? Why do you have to let them off the hook like that?

Why is it even in your court at all? Shouldn't they be on the spot, the one having to make things right and do everything they can to somehow try--maybe over years, or maybe forever--to make amends for what they've done? Why, on top of everything else that's happened to you, do you have to be the one to force out these most difficult of words: "I forgive you"?

Have these questions been on your heart? Can you relate to these feelings? I know you can, because these feelings are common to everyone who has suffered deep hurts or wrongs. You feel hurt, cheated, and devastated. And you feel that if it weren't for the actions of others, you would be fine, even happy now. You're being told to forgive, and as much as you know it is a good idea in theory, in reality you are having such a hard time bringing yourself to agree, much less say those words. I want you to know that I understand.

Forgiveness is one of the hardest things to do. It is not only bearing the pain, but going beyond that to say that you won't harbor ill feelings toward those who caused the pain in your life. But no matter how hard it seems at the moment, I promise that you will feel better and your situation will improve after you take this step.

The most important thing to understand is that this isn't about the other person or party; this is about you. The reason I ask you to forgive, no matter what the hurt, is not only because the other person needs your forgiveness, but because you need to forgive.

You also need to understand that forgiveness isn't a comment on the past; it's a preparation for the future. It's true that "sorry doesn't fix it" if you're talking about the hurt that happened to you, and neither does forgiveness undo what was done. Forgiveness won't change the past, but if you can extend forgiveness, it does fix the future.

The reason is simply that two wrongs can never make a right. Although evil or wrong has been done to you, you have no part in that evil unless you refuse to forgive, and thus allow the negative event, whatever it may be, to make you an accomplice of sin by harboring hate, bitterness, anger, or revenge in your heart.

One wrong can grow into another if it is not stopped. Though you might feel justified for how you feel, and though you might have every "right" to feel as you feel, it doesn't change the fact that anger, resentment, and hate are works of the Devil and, no matter how justified they may seem, they will cause sin and evil in your heart if allowed to continue there. To allow

these sins to flourish in your heart because harm has been done to you is to allow this negative event to harm your spirit and eventually ruin your life, if it is not stopped.

Forgiveness is a vital antidote to the spread of poison in your spirit as a result of some wrong or evil that is done to you. Only forgiveness stops the advance of sorrow, sin and negativity through your life. Forgiveness immediately begins to work as an agent of positive change--one which can, in time, reverse all the damage and set everything right again. Forgiveness is the key that helps the wrong of another not to become your wrong as well, and that saves your heart and spirit from damage, regardless of what other damage you have sustained.

If harm touches everything in your life--but your spirit chooses to forgive, and thus remains pure and strong--any damage done to you can be reversed, driven back, and in time you can rise above anything. But if you choose not to forgive, it is as if the harm touches your spirit as well, and the hurt you've experienced begins to poison your soul. (1)

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's the nature of man to want to retaliate, to want revenge, to fight against forsaking and forgiving and putting these things completely behind you. For 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 this is My Spirit--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 one to another. For 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'm here for you, waiting to lift this load of bitterness, anger, and deep sorrow--this burden that you've 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 anymore. 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'm 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'll 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'll make you whole again.

Just reach out for Me. I'm here, and I love you, and I want nothing more than for you and I to be able to fully and deeply rejoice in each other's love and fond embrace. That's what I live for and breathe for. That's what I want and desire, and that's 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 might enjoy wonderful, blissful love together, now and forever. (2)

Make the Choice

No amount of analyzing, no sorting through right and wrong, no attempts to tally up and apportion blame, nor the anguish of heart, the anger, or the bewilderment, will ever bring the answers your mind and heart seek. It will never be "right" enough; it will never be "fair" enough to bring the healing you need.

Healing comes through making the choice to forgive, for when you forgive, you are choosing to open your life to the miracle of My love. Then I can come in and wash away the confusion, anger, grief, and anguish of heart, mind or spirit. As you choose to forgive, you are inviting Me in to begin the healing process in your heart, mind, and spirit.

This place of forgiveness is not a place you reach through reasoning, trying to work things out in your own mind, or waiting for time to work it out. In fact, time can work against you, as the longer your mind remains in a troubled, confused state, and the longer you harbor any resentment or anger toward another, the deeper are the grooves in your spirit, and the more difficult it is to choose to forgive.

Start by putting in My hands each and every troubled thought and emotion, any resentment, anger, anguish, confusion and hopelessness. Call on the keys of Heaven to help you to take each thought and feeling that you are experiencing and to leave them in My hands--knowing that I will take care of them, that I will make all wrongs right, and that I will use every circumstance that touches your life as an instrument of good.

I've promised that they which love My Word would have great peace, and nothing would offend or stumble them (Psalm 119:165). Claim that promise for your own, for it is your right to have great peace, no matter what circumstances come your way, no matter what hurts you experience.

Ask Me to help you to forgive. Tell Me that you want to forgive, you choose to forgive. Don't wait for a big feeling of relief or supernatural strength to come over you before you make the decision. Make the decision by faith. Choose to forgive, knowing that no matter how much you feel the opposite, once you make the choice to forgive, then I can come in and make it reality for you. I can begin to heal your spirit, and the gift of forgiveness can begin its miracle in your life. ⁽³⁾

"As God, for Christ's Sake, Has Forgiven us ..."

Remember that as you forgive others, I also forgive you. You are human and you err, and you need forgiveness. When you are faced with the choice to forgive someone, it's your turn to give others a little of what I have given you. You have certainly needed forgiveness in the past, and you no doubt will need to be forgiven again in the future.

Don't compare someone else's "bigger offense" with what you perceive as your minor ones, and therefore feel, "Well, I never did something that bad." I don't look at things that way. My forgiveness and My love know no boundaries with you. Remember that as you make the decision to forgive others.

Whether big hurts or small ones, the key is to not hold on to the past, to the hurt, or to the wrongs that were done to you, but rather to forgive. By forgiving you are not saying that what was done was okay or all right, but just that you are not going to carry the burden of anger and bitterness with you. You trust Me enough to put it in My hands and then to let it go.

Forgiveness is for you

What if the person who hurt you has never apologized or shown signs of being sorry for what he did? I think you know the answer. Forgiveness is for you and for your heart and spirit, and the same principles apply whether the other person has sought to make amends or not. If you don't allow My forgiveness to bring healing and closure, then your spirit will be wounded, your mind will remain troubled and confused, and your heart will not be whole. You will become a victim of your circumstances, rather than rising above through My miracle-working power.

Although it may not seem possible to reconcile forgiving those who do not seek forgiveness, remember that the ability to forgive is for you, so that you can find healing, closure, and peace in your life, regardless of the choices that others make or don't make.

Your ability to forgive and rise above is a great testimony of My love. If you make the choice to forgive, you will find that this "cross" carries you to new heights never before reached, where you will be able to touch the lives of others and be a living testimony of My power. (5)

Even the Worst of Wrongs

I know how difficult it can be to forgive someone who seems undeserving. You're only human and it is so tough to extend forgiveness to someone who seems ungrateful and unapologetic. But even under the worst of circumstances, with the worst of people and the worst of attitudes, forgiveness can still be given--especially if it is given in My Name--because there is no sin that I can't forgive, and there is no sin that you can't forgive if you forgive in My love. Of course, if there is no repentance and no remorse on their part, they may not find My mercy and My forgiveness. But it is still there for them should they choose to accept it.

It is the same with your forgiveness. Even if those involved are the most unapologetic, diabolically evil individuals alive, it is still a sin for you to choose to withhold forgiveness toward them. It's as if you tie yourself to a sinking stone, saying that you won't be rescued until the stone is. It's foolishness!

Save yourself through extending forgiveness, and thereby unchain your heart from the sins of others. If they accept that forgiveness and if they repent, then they too can be saved and restored to fellowship with Me, and eventually with you. If they choose to continue in unrepentant wickedness, then they will continue sinking in sin, but at least you haven't sunk there along with them.

That is why I implore you to offer forgiveness even to those who have purposely and knowingly hurt you--even to those who aren't sorry for what they have done. It's to save your own life and heart and sanity and happiness, and also to preserve your communication with Me.

Do not worry that you are absolving others of their crimes when you forgive. They stand before Me, and I know and try the hearts. Your forgiveness will not save them from My judgments or chastisements or retribution, whether on Earth or in the afterlife. That is between them and Me.

But you can forgive even those who are not repentant. You can free yourself from all the burdens of sin and the past through the act of loving forgiveness. Forgiveness immediately frees you, wipes your slate clean, protects your heart, and restores you to the fullness of My presence. Regardless of what the other party does, you have saved yourself. You have preserved your own heart and happiness and you have made it possible for My Spirit to work with you to restore your life to a good condition, to give you back what you have lost, or to compensate for the losses and work all things together for good. ⁽⁶⁾

Fair Judgment and Recompense

There is the matter of retribution and just recompense, and let Me state for the record that while I forgive, I also mete out just recompense. One does not negate the other in My realm and in My jurisdiction. Yet it does in yours. You as a human do not have the capacity to both forgive and judge. But I can. In the end, everyone is rewarded for their deeds, whether good or evil. I forgive sin, and I grant salvation to anyone who will accept it. But as you know, I also judge according to one's works.

If you have been wronged by another, you can trust that I know the intentions of their heart, and they will be judged accordingly--whether in this life or in the life to come. If you trust Me, if you believe in Me, then you can fully leave any and all thoughts of retribution or recompense, of judgment and fairness, in My capable hands.

I will be the judge, and you can be assured that there is fair judgment in the end. And, furthermore, just as those who harm and hurt others will be judged, likewise those who endure hurt or harm at the hands of another will be recompensed by Me, whether in this life or in the life to come or both.

So, again, forgiveness is primarily for your benefit. When you forgive one who has injured or damaged you, you gain healing, and you stack up reward and recompense for yourself at the same time. (7)

Forgive, that You May Be Forgiven

A danger in not forgiving, a loss that you stand to incur, is the loss of My Own mercy toward you, My forgiveness for the wrongs in your life. In order to be forgiven, you must also forgive (Matthew 6:15). Because I have forgiven you, you now owe that same forgiveness to others.

Even if the wrongs done against you can never be justified, can your wrongs be justified, if not for My mercy? Though you may feel as though what has been done to you exceeds any sin you have committed yourself, can you meet the perfection of the law on its terms without My salvation? Haven't you sinned--and will sin in the future--and haven't you needed, sought, and accepted My unconditional forgiveness? (Romans 3:10, 23.)

No matter what someone owes you because of what they have done to you, the fact remains that you owe Me more than anyone else could ever owe you. Only I have forgiven enough and atoned enough to save not just your temporary body or earthly happiness, but your immortal soul from eternal condemnation and separation from God. I gained this right through My sacrifice for you. What I have forgiven you for is greater than any forgiveness that could ever be demanded of you--and I won't go back on that forgiveness. You are Mine forever, saved and redeemed. But the debts you incur from this point on--and you will, for none are without sin--will be treated like you treat those who are indebted to you. Thus, if you want My continued forgiveness, you must give forgiveness.

Vengeance is Mine, and I will repay (Romans 12:19). The one who has harmed you will stand before Me and My justice. Your forgiveness will not absolve him in My eyes--only his own repentance and efforts at restoration can do that. And neither will your withholding of forgiveness cause Me to punish him more harshly if he has truly repented and sought the mercy which is his right as well as yours through My death on the cross. What I want to impress on you is that whether you choose to forgive or not will not affect My treatment of the other person, but it does affect you. ⁽⁸⁾

To forgive the unforgivable, forgive right away. Forgiveness becomes harder once you have let yourself become hardened or resentful toward a person or a situation. The more you hold on to it and let resentment and anger linger, the harder your heart will become and the more inflexible your wall of defense will be. Learn how to say, "I forgive you" just as easily and quickly as you feel you could say, "How could you?"

Be ready to forgive. There will always be something to forgive or someone who needs forgiveness. That is what I came to Earth to do, to forgive those who had hurt or who had sinned. Once I died on that cross, forgiveness was a free gift.

There will be things done to you in your life that you will feel will be unforgivable. How can you forgive someone who has intentionally hurt you? It's not easy, but there is a way: You ask Me to put enough love in your heart for that situation; you ask Me to fill your heart with understanding and compassion, and you remember the day that I died for you so that your sins, or anything wrong you do in this life, could be forgiven. Then you turn around and say, "I forgive you."

The secret is to do it right away when your heart is still soft from the punch or the hurt. It may seem cruel of Me to expect that of you, but I know you can do it. I have made enough grace available to you. I have it right here to give to you. All you have to do is open your heart to it. ⁽⁹⁾

It's About You and Me

You ask if, when you forgive, you're saying that you're okay with what happened, even though with all your heart and soul you disagree with what took place, you hate it, you can't stand it, and you would get even with the one who caused it if it was in your power. And what if the individual is not repentant? What if they're not sorry or haven't shown any signs of remorse or wanting to make things right? What if they are continuing to hurt others? Must you still forgive?

The first step to take is to forget about the other person, to try to forget about the loss, and look to Me. Remember that I reign in your life, that I love you, that I died for you, and that you are in My care. No matter what has happened to you or hurt you, you are Mine, and I can make things right again. Remember that this life is only a vapor, only for a little while, and that the suffering of this present time isn't worthy to be compared with the glories of the world beyond (James 4:14; Romans 8:18).

Fix your thoughts on Me and meditate on My power, greatness, and love, until you are confident of My love and care for you despite what does or doesn't happen to you on Earth. Remember that although I would love to make your life a paradise of only good, that is not the point of your life, and that "in the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). Remember this, so that you don't become angry at Me for how I have or haven't intervened in your life. If you feel angry at Me, tell Me so. That's okay. I want to hear from your heart, even if it is a confused jumble of sorrow and anger. I'm here for you, even if you feel angry at Me.

It really helps if you are secure in the knowledge that I love you and can work all things together for good in your life, that I do all things well. You'll find extreme praise and extreme faith very helpful. Adopt the attitude of "though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him" (Job 13:15). You don't have to know why, you don't have to understand My actions or seeming lack of actions; you only have to believe that I am love, that I do all things well, and that I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

If all you can do is repeat "God is Love" over and over until you come to believe it, then that is a start. Remember that this is a matter of faith, not proof. The knowledge that I am here, that I love you, and that I care for you isn't something you will be able to prove through

circumstances or carnal means. It's a matter of pure faith, a knowledge somewhere in your heart that I am the God of the Universe, and that I am love, and that My love will never fail.

If you believe in My goodness and My ability to make all things right, it will give you faith to forgive. Before you think about forgiving the one who has wronged you, make your peace with Me. You must come to know, like Job, that you can't hold Me to an accounting and ask Me to explain Myself to you, for as the heavens are high above the earth, so are My ways above your ways, and My thoughts above your thoughts (Isaiah 55:8,9).

My promises are there for you--promises of encouragement, comfort, rest, faith, and My eternal, unconditional love. Strengthen yourself in these things until you are fully able to believe in My love and My goodness. Then, while still putting the person and their actions aside, remind yourself of your desire for a pure heart, a heart free from hate, negativity, bitterness, anger, revenge, coldness, or anything else that would separate you from Me.

Tell Me that you want a heart full of My light and My purity. Tell Me that you want a heart full of love. Think on how you desire and will need My mercy in your future, how you will need My forgiveness time and again, and that you don't want to be denied that. Contemplate how you don't want to be separated from Me in any way, or have any dark or closed-off portions of your heart. Remind yourself that you desire nothing but full oneness and communication with Me, with no part of your life given to the Enemy or his works.

Once you have decided this and you truly desire it, then forgiveness comes into focus. It's not about telling anyone that you're okay with what they did. It's simply a sacred act between you and Me, an acknowledgment of My love and goodness, and a desire to have nothing in your heart that isn't of Me. It's giving someone else what I have already given you.

Then you can genuinely express from the heart that you forgive what has happened. You express--in words or in your heart--that something has happened to you, something sad or difficult or even terrible, and although you don't like it, agree with it, or want it, you choose to forgive the person who caused it, to forsake any anger toward them, and to act as though they owe you nothing, because you are erasing the debt they have to you.

Although you may remember for some time, you will not resent. Although you will still feel pain for a while, you will not retaliate. Although you may be crushed and it will take time for your spirit to mend, you are surrendering to My love, and thus for God's sake, and for your own sake, you extend them forgiveness in the Name of Christ, Who also forgave you.

This is an act of superhuman proportions. It is one of the hardest things you will ever do. But once you make this decision to forgive, even in the quietness of your own heart, the liberating power of this act will immediately become apparent to you. You will be free, you will be right with Me. Although you will still be in pain, the evil of the action will no longer have a hold on you. You will have risen above and opened the door to restoration.

When you see it this way, it doesn't matter whether the other person is sorry, or whether they meant to do it or not, or whether they have made appropriate reparations or not. It's not about them. It's about you and Me. $^{(10)}$

A Life-Giving Miracle

Forgiveness is humanly impossible, unreasonable, illogical, and in diametric opposition to the carnal mind and human nature. For this reason, it is one of the highest manifestations of supernatural love, and in the heavenly realm is considered a greater miracle than physical healing, supply, or turning water into wine. Forgiveness takes reaching out for supernatural love and perspective and allowing it to course through your being and do the humanly impossible.

What was the most powerful testimony of the first Christians that brought converts in by droves? It was their forgiveness, their ability to face cruel and unjust deaths, to even watch their children die at the hands of their persecutors, and yet to forgive. The more cruelly their oppressors treated them, persecuted them, and harmed them, the stronger their faith and forgiveness blazed forth and set fires in the hearts of others. This was a miracle of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, sent to heal their hearts and allow them to touch the supernatural. Forgiveness and love are so much greater and more powerful than anything that can hurt or harm.

Forgiveness is so rare in this world. And especially when it's coming from someone who knows Me and loves Me and is filled with My Spirit and able to witness of it, it is an overpowering testimony of My love.

Forgiveness has little to do with the circumstances, the gravity of the offense, or the attitude of the offender. When you are faced with the unforgivable, I know how hard it can be to believe that forgiveness is the miracle needed in the situation. If you have suffered a terrible tragedy, or someone dear to you has undergone the unthinkable, forgiveness is likely not the answer your mind is searching for, nor will you feel that it will be the solution, bringing healing and closure and understanding.

Your heart is heavy and feels that it may never be light and joyful again, and it's so hard to find hope or to understand why something so painful occurred. It's hard to envision ever being whole again. Circumstances have been permanently altered, and the damage or hurt can't be undone. A child that has died due to a drunken driver will not be in your arms again until you come Home to be with Me; a loved one that was handicapped due to the mistake of another will never be physically whole in this life; even a lost opportunity, a financial mess, lies or slander spread around that has permanently affected your life and opportunities--all of these are things that "sorry doesn't fix."

I know how difficult it is in these circumstances to see forgiveness as the miracle needed to heal the situation, because you know it won't change the circumstances or turn back time. It won't bring back a lost loved one; it won't rewind the film of your life and undo what has happened, or take away the suffering and possible long-term consequences.

Looking at it from that angle, forgiveness can seem to be nothing more than an exercise in obedience, something you do because you know that it is your duty. I even instructed you to love those that hate you, to do good to those that persecute you (Matthew 5:43-48). And yet,

while you may start with a simple act of obedience, as you take that step you will find that forgiveness is a miracle, a life-giving miracle that not only works in your heart to heal it from every hurt, wound, or burden, but that also restores life, hope, and joy to the one who forgives.

Forgiveness will take the hurt, the tragedy, the harm, and the burden in your heart, and cover it with My healing balm. Your heart will not be the same as it was before the hurt, but it will become whole again, a stronger heart, filled with the secret joys and depth that forgiveness will bring. (11)

It's Not Easy to Forgive, But It Strengthens You

I know how hard it is to forgive. Taking the step to forgive is a sign of great strength-strength in Me, and strength of character. You're choosing to give even when you feel you have nothing to give. But it is in forgiving that you find all things restored to you--your happiness, your joy in life, your healing, and the renewal of your spirit and the fading of the hurt.

The ability to forgive is a sign of strength of character. It's not easy. It's a conscious decision of your heart. It requires mustering all the strength you have, and leaning hard on Me for the strength you cannot find in yourself. In fact, if you look at the situation logically before you make that choice, it probably seems impossible--that's how hard it is.

But it's not impossible, because I'm here to help you, and I have limitless love and strength to give you. I want you to forgive because I want you to heal, I want you to be happy again, and I want you to grow stronger through the experience.

Isn't that the case with everything in life that makes you stronger? A hallmark of strengthening is that it's not easy to go through. It pushes you to new limits. Forgiveness is no exception.

When you are hurt, you have to choose what you'll do with that hurt. You can forgive and go on stronger than ever, or you can hold on to it and try to maintain, and eventually you'll grow weaker. When you choose to forgive, you find that I repay all that you have lost. When you choose not to forgive, you find that the strength and good in your life slowly slips away from you.

Know that I look with great love and compassion upon you when you face a situation where you must choose to forgive. I know how hard it is. But I also know how beautiful your life will be and what strength of character will result when you come through it. So lean hard on Me, and find Me very present to help you. (12)

Do It for Yourself

Forgiveness is not necessarily something that you do for the other person. Yes, most people are happy to know that you have forgiven them. But something that holds many people back from forgiving is that other people have not sought forgiveness, or perhaps don't feel that they need it, or don't realize how badly they've hurt you. So you feel that they don't deserve your forgiveness, which of course keeps you from giving it.

However, that's not how forgiveness works. Forgiveness is for you too. Forgiving the other person helps you. Forgiveness is the biggest step you can make in leaving the past behind.

If you don't forgive someone, then you are stuck. You are held back. You are the one suffering, and you are the one feeling angry, bitter, and in some cases, even hateful. These feelings can eat you up. They don't help you. They make you miserable, and in some cases these feelings will even alter your personality and the way you relate to others. So holding on to anger, bitterness and resentment hurts you.

Forgiveness helps you, for it allows you to let go of all that and to move on. There is often not a whole lot that can be done about the past and past hurts, but if you carry those burdens and that bitterness with you, then you not only have a bad past, but your present becomes soiled, unhappy, and terrible as well. (13)

A Healing Potion

The greatest benefit and blessing of forgiveness is upon the person who forgives. When you are wronged or harmed by another person or group of people, your spirit suffers damage and needs restoration. Whether the pain or abuse was physical or emotional or both, when you are the object of another person's ill will or wrong or even evil actions, there is harm done to your spirit. That is due to the simple fact that I made humans to love and be loved, and I made it so that positive or negative forces between people have an effect. Love is creative, whereas malice and hatred and lack of love are destructive.

That also applies to the effect your forgiveness has on those whom you are forgiving. When you forgive someone, you make it that much easier for them to repent and receive My forgiveness and make things right in their own life and heart. They can still do that whether or not you forgive them, but by forgiving them, you make it easier for them to come to Me.

It is human nature, and a spiritual law, that an injury that is done to you hurts you--not just on the surface, but deep down. It affects your spirit. And the solution, the healing potion, is forgiveness. There are other factors that will speed your healing--such as My love, My Word, My comfort. But you cannot find full healing until you forgive. It's not something that can be quantified in terms of logic, but it is something that can be proven--and has been many a time. It is a spiritual law, a spiritual power. The main role of the spiritual power of forgiveness is as a healing agent. Love creates. Salvation redeems. Forgiveness heals and restores.

There are a thousand questions that come to mind when you are dealing with wrong or injury that was done to you. But when you find yourself in a position where you have been harmed by the wrongs or mistakes of others--whether in a small or large way, whether by intention or mishap, and no matter what the complexities and nuances--the solution remains wrapped within the package of forgiveness. There is simply no other way to fully heal the wounds of the spirit and to restore it and make it whole.

This is not an oversimplification. There are often other factors, needs, and decisions that an individual will have to face. There can be many steps toward healing, and some may involve communication and understanding in the form of finding out what happened, or enlightening other parties as to what happened, dialogue and discussion and reconciliation to various degrees. There are also times when the greatest manifestation of forgiveness is silence. The steps to be taken are a very personal matter and are something that each of My brides must find through communing with Me.

But the choice and act of forgiveness is the vital ingredient. The rest of the things you can do play a minor part in comparison. They are supporting agents, or ways to enact the forgiveness, or to assist in the healing. Forgiveness itself, however, is a choice of the heart. It is a conscious act of the spirit. It is a channeling of divine power. (14)

Forgiveness Stops the Hurt

The fact is that the act of harm that you have suffered isn't truly over and you can't start to heal until you have granted forgiveness to the one who caused the harm. Until that time, the harmful act is continuing to strike at you, like a dagger slowly pushing deeper into your body. Forgiveness stops this hurt.

Forgiveness, no matter how painful, rescues your soul and saves your spiritual life. It says, "My body and emotions may be hurt, but I choose to forgive so that I can heal--and in so doing I will protect my spirit." Forgiveness allows the hurt to end, for it to damage you no further, and gives you space to heal and reverse the damage.

Although your hurt is great, forgive anyway. The act of the one who hurt you will continue to hurt you, and will always go on hurting you, until you have forgiven them. Don't you want to stop the damage?

I know that the call of "fairness," anger, hate, and revenge is strong. I know that it seems so easy to slip into the poisonous life of retribution and "an eye for an eye." It seems the easier thing to do is to believe that the responsibility is not on you to forgive, but to instead enjoy each blissful thought of retribution, and to never let that person have the relief of your forgiveness. But this is not the answer. This is hurt that will go on hurting, a knife that will only plunge deeper.

The more you resent someone, the more what they did to you will hurt you and damage your spirit. This wound will never close, and its poison will someday ruin your life. So much has already been taken from you; don't be tricked into losing what you have left. So much wrong has already been done; don't compound it. Take back your life and reclaim your happiness.

Reclaim Your Joy!

Forgiveness? Oh, how that thought stings. Forgive the hurt? Yes, My love. I am not saying that the person was right or wrong, I'm just asking you to forgive. This is the very first and possibly the hardest step to healing. Forgiveness doesn't take away the pain immediately, but it brings Me into your life and leads Me to the hurt and opens the way for Me to begin healing you.

Forgive. Forgive, even if it hurts like the very fires of Hades! I will close the doors of Hell and seal the breach so that Satan may have no more sway within your heart. A hurt kept within you is a flame of Hell that burns deeper with time. A concealed and unforgiven hurt never grows better on its own; it requires the soothing balm of forgiveness to quench the fires of Hell and to bring deep healing and peace.

If you'll let Me pour the balm of forgiveness on the fires, you'll find that they are lessened each time you say, "I choose to forgive." This does not mean that there isn't a very painful wound, but it does say, "I choose to treat this wound and to let it heal so that I can be strengthened."

Forgiveness isn't passive retreat; it's an aggressive move forward in the battle for your joy. Forgiveness is harder than just burying it deep inside, but it is the braver and nobler thing to do, and it will allow Me to start healing you.

Don't try to close the wound without forgiveness, for the longer you wait, the deeper it will burn, and the harder it becomes to heal. The longer you harbor hurt, the more chance there is for resentment or bitterness to set in, further injuring your spirit and making your life more difficult.

Sometimes you look at the wounds and hurts you've received and you think that bearing them bravely is just part of living for Me. But I want to help you heal! And to heal, you must forgive. Please let Me heal you. I wish to bring you great joy so that your heart is overflowing with the joy of being Mine. To be Mine is to be happy. I wish for all My children to be overwhelmed by joy in being Mine. (16)

Forgiveness will Make Things Right

Talking about forgiveness when you have been hurt or wronged is difficult and painful for most people; thinking about it can make your stomach knot and your skin crawl. That's because you are associating the pain, the wrong, and the injury with the forgiveness. You are putting them both into the same equation--but it's not really an equation. You can't compare a beautiful, wonderful and loving gift with an unkind, unloving and hurtful act, nor should you try.

In order to free yourself to forgive, it helps to pull yourself away from this perspective. Don't even associate the forgiveness with the deed. Don't put one on one side of the scale and

the other on the other. It's not a scale. The two sides won't ever balance. It will never be "fair." That's not really the point. The forgiving is for you. The forgiveness is how you will be healed.

The balancing and the restoration of equity and fairness, the retribution and judgment, is Mine to mete out--and I will. Leave that with Me. Don't allow yourself to think on it, for it will only retard and delay the healing that you could have. If someone has made you suffer, why should you add to your suffering? When you brood on harm and injury, when you stall on forgiving, you are prolonging and adding to your own suffering. When you forgive, you are expediting your own healing.

This is the bottom line of what's in it for you. This is a spiritual law and a spiritual truth: Forgiveness brings healing. It's something you can't fully understand until you do it. You don't have to understand it before you do it. It only requires that you make the decision. It is an act of the will, a positioning of your heart.

Forgiveness is by faith. It is a choice that you make. When you make the choice to receive Me into your life, to accept salvation, you don't work it up; instead, you say, "I believe. I accept. I receive." The choice to forgive is very much the same. You are faced with an awareness and you make a choice. And in making that choice, you are choosing to open yourself up to receive a supernatural and miraculous gift from the heavenly realm, for which there is no complete carnal explanation.

Forgiveness is not mind over matter; it is heart over matter--and not your heart, but My heart. Forgiveness is the opening of a portal to Heaven, through which flows love, redemption, cleansing, healing, restoration, and renewal. (17)

Forgiveness is Not an Emotion

Forgiveness is not an emotion. It's not something you do because someone is deserving, sorry, or has changed. That's what makes it so special and so powerful.

To forgive is a choice. It's an act that is a step toward happiness, a step toward freedom from the weight of resentment that hurts you and those you love. When you carry around hurts that you haven't forgiven, that weight will crush you. It will destroy your emotional health and eventually control your life. Letting go of the hurt is the most difficult thing you can do, but you are the one who benefits the most from it.

I can set things straight, work in others' lives, and change them--and that will help them, but it won't help you. I want to help you too, and that is why I call you to forgive. I want to relieve you of the pain. I want to help you to let go of the memories that bring sadness or anger. I want you to forgive, because I know that forgiveness is the only way to freedom, happiness, and growth.

When I was tortured and killed, it was unfair. I brought love, kindness, health, life and freedom. I didn't feel like forgiving My disciples for abandoning and denying Me, or the crowd for humiliating Me and mocking Me, or those in power for condemning an innocent man, or the soldiers for making a sport of the execution and putting Me through the pain of torture before death.

I had committed no sin. My human emotion seared through Me and I felt that they should feel what they were putting Me through. "Father, forgive them" were some of the most difficult words I ever said in My life on Earth (Luke 23:34). That moment of forgiveness was not because I felt like it. It was an act of will, followed by a moment of relief, for I had passed that test.

So I do understand, but I can also see the future and the happiness and freedom that will be restored to you once you make the choice to forgive. Save yourself from the continued pain and grief and crippling that comes from holding on to hurtful experiences, and leave them with Me to take care of in the way that I know is best.

Trust that I am with you and really do love you. Know that the best way that I can help you is by encouraging you to leave the past behind and to look with faith to the future. Let the memories make you more understanding of others, a better friend, a better parent, a better partner, a stronger disciple, and I will bring the healing that you so desire. I will make your heart better. (18)

Finding the Beauty for Ashes

When you choose to forgive, it helps you to more quickly reach the realization and peace of knowing that everything that comes your way in life is for a purpose, even the bad things. Your experiences in life, and the choices you make through them, make you into what you are now and what you are to be in the future. When you experience loss, sadness, and difficulty, it can make you a better person, someone with more depth, more love, and more understanding. You understand the hard things in life, you understand pain, and it enables you to empathize with others and their pain. You understand, and you feel for people. You also realize that these times of pain and difficulty, while hard, are not something to be avoided at all costs, for they shape you and make you what you are.

However, if you refuse to forgive when you are hurt, and thereby entertain resentment and possibly bitterness, then you aren't able to benefit and to receive the beauty for ashes (Isaiah 61:3). The effects instead are the opposite; they are negative, and they don't have the same healthy effect on your life.

When you have forgiven someone, you are not saying that you have forgotten the bad, but you are saying that you are not holding it against them or against Me. You are saying that you are willing to walk on to the brighter future that I have for you, that you are letting go of the past and its pain. You are saying that you trust My love and My hand in your life, and that you believe that there must be a purpose and a reason. You acknowledge that it may be difficult to forgive, but you know that through forgiving I can perform the healing in your life, and you want that healing.

Don't feel bad if you don't feel like forgiving. That's human; that's normal. And even if you feel that initially you are just doing "lip service" by saying that you forgive, that's okay. That's the first step. You have to start somewhere, and by saying that you are willing to forgive, even if you haven't yet sorted everything out in your heart and mind, you are saying

that you are willing to let Me begin My work in your life of making you the person that I want you to be.

Another key to being able to forgive, or at least to make that first step of deciding that you will forgive, is not dwelling on the past and on the bad. Don't repeatedly relive the details and how the situation hurt you. Ask Me to help you put it behind you and to supernaturally transcend the physical, the human, and the natural reaction to keep reviewing it. By putting it behind you, you will benefit from that divine gift: forgiveness. Then, as you forgive others, I help you, and I heal the wounds, and I soothe the pain. I truly do make things all better. (19)

Healing Takes Time

Making the choice of forgiveness is often only the first step in the healing process. The pain isn't automatically washed away. You wish for it to go away, and you want to go forward and leave the past behind, but the pain continues to haunt you. One reason this happens is that you are prone to reexamine the situation to find a way it could have been avoided. Or if the situation is continuing, you are tempted to reexamine it to see how you can bring it to an end. Or random things remind you of it even when you're trying not to think about it, and it keeps bringing up the hurt you feel. There are many reasons why the hurt could keep popping up for some time.

Don't let your mind wonder why I allowed it to happen to you. "Why me?" Don't let the Enemy throw accusations at you about how you should have done things differently, and then you wouldn't have suffered the hurt from others. Close the door on trying to figure everything out and take the high ground by saying, "I forgive you."

If it helps you to take a stronger stand, say it out loud. When it hurts, say, "I forgive you," or, "I forgive so-and-so," naming the person you forgive. Don't feel ashamed if you must say this over and over. If you continue with this exercise, the time will come when you will no longer be tempted to mull over the situation and wonder how things could have been handled better. You will only remember to forgive. Forgiving the person or persons who wronged you will become your new habit, which will replace the habit of mulling over the painful occurrence.

I promise that as you do, My love will pour in with such power that you will one day be able to look at that painful situation as the catapult that propelled you to unknown heights of faith, love and peace.

But it takes action. Forgiveness is not a passive act. Be militant. And don't be afraid to say it out loud--not necessarily directly to the one that is hurting you, but out loud in a way that it confirms to yourself that you are taking that stand. "I forgive you. It hurts, and I don't like it, but I forgive you." As you choose to forgive, you will be delivered from the worst part of the pain, the corrosion that comes from mulling over a situation. And soon, the act will no longer be able to reach your heart, and you will be filled with heavenly love that fully heals the wound.

Such is the power of active, militant forgiveness. (20)

I watch over each of My children with great love. I give them what they need. I give it to them at the time that they need it, and in the way they need it, and I make no mistake. I even use the mistakes of man to bring about My perfect will. For I know and understand the thoughts and the intents of the heart of every man. And though two people may never understand each other, and though some may never understand why one acted a certain way, and thus may find it hard in themselves to forgive, yet they can find relief from bitterness and find the strength to forgive by coming to Me and putting all things into My hand.

All things in your life are from Me. Do you think that I could not protect you and keep you from all harm if I wanted to, if that was the big plan of creation? Of course I could. All power is given unto Me. But I allow difficulties, pain, heartache, disappointment, mistreatment, injury, misuse and abuse. What I mean is, by not preventing it, I allow it. Therefore it is from Me, from My hand, because I did not raise My hand to stay it.

This is the foundation principle to getting over hurts of the past: You must believe that all in your life is from Me, in that I allowed it. If you can't receive this and have it strongly and ever in your heart and mind, then the temptation is always there to blame someone. People want to blame others. That's why it costs so much sometimes to forgive and forget.

When you forgive, you are releasing someone of the blame. And if you're holding on to that blame and self-righteously wanting to make others pay and suffer, then there is no forgiveness. The more of these emotions there are, the harder it is to realize that whatever the experience in question, it was from My hand, allowed by Me, even if not ordained or preferred by Me. To allow something when it is in your power to stop it is to take it as your own. Therefore, when I allow something, the act of not preventing it makes it as good as from My Own hand.

When you truly lay these bitternesses upon My altar, when you truly commit them into My hand and receive and accept all things as from Me, then I'm able to work a miracle in your heart and life. I'm able to pour My healing elixir of love into your heart in full measure. I'm able to soothe and heal and mend. I'm able to bind up the broken heart and make it a more loving, compassionate, tender and giving heart. I'm able to make you a stronger, better person, a more powerful channel and vessel of My love, and a pillar that others may lean on.

For when you lean on Me and when you cast yourself on Me, you're leaning on the greatest and most powerful source of wisdom, strength, help, grace and love. You're tapping into the divine resources, into the power that created the universe; and with this power, nothing can defeat you or discourage you or stop you. With Me, you are mighty in spirit, and no attack of the Enemy, no trial or tribulation, no act by another person, can move you. For I am the Rock, and My way is perfect. My Words are tried and proven, and I have never forsaken those that have put their trust in Me and cast their cares upon Me. (21)

As has been said, and rightly so, "to forgive is divine." It is truly a supernatural thing to be able to grant forgiveness when you have suffered harm and when severe pain has been inflicted upon you by another. It is difficult enough when the wrong or injury done to you is the result of another person's mistake or negligence; it is all the more difficult when it is the

result of outright malice and evil.

I know what it's like to be wrongfully hurt. I know abuse. I know suffering. You know the story of My life on Earth. You know what evil men did to Me, at the instigation of yet other evil men. You've read the Bible. Most of you have seen the movies and gotten a good idea of the extreme agony and torture I endured. You've thought and meditated on the sacrifice I made in dying for you. My example of forgiving those who tortured and killed Me, of the pardon I granted them, is often referred to. But think about it for a minute; meditate on it, and on what it means to you.

You know that I came to Earth to save you, to take your sins on Myself, to redeem you so that you could be reunited with Me and My Father, to die so that you might have eternal life. My coming to Earth, My suffering for you, My atonement for your sins was the ultimate act of forgiveness. My act of suffering and dying in your place was a choice made out of lovelove for each individual that makes up humanity.

That love was not limited or selective. That love was for all. That love even included a love for those who tortured and executed Me, and a love for those who loved Me but fled in My hour of need. I forgave them all. And throughout history, I have accepted and forgiven anyone who has come to Me to receive My salvation.

Forgiveness, while not easy, is simple. Salvation and forgiveness are both a part of My divine nature, and a part of My nature that you can share in. Salvation is a miracle. Love is a miracle. Forgiveness is a miracle. And in many ways, all are one. When you accept salvation, you accept My love, and you accept My forgiveness; and you also receive divine power to help you to love and forgive others. (22)

My Love Supersedes All Else

The beauty of My love is that it holds absolutely no grudges, no bitterness. When I wipe the slate clean, it really is perfectly clean, white as snow. And while this might sound illogical to your carnal mind, because you know that I've set rules in place that make you responsible for your actions and that sometimes require that you face consequences, yet My love is heavenly and magical and transcends earthly logic.

I do have balance, in that I do judge and reward according to your actions on Earth, but My love supersedes all else. I would never make you feel guilty or unloved for some past mistake, no matter how great. Any tears you shed when we meet face to face won't be because I'm putting condemnation in your heart.

It is written that love is patient. Love is kind. Love doesn't boast or put herself above others. Love is not easily provoked, thinks no evil. Love rejoices only in the happiness of others, never the pain (1 Corinthians 13:4-6).

One more thing is that My love is a miracle. It truly is! Human love is not strong enough to forgive and forget, no matter how hard one tries. Getting past hurt and moving on is a wonderful thing, but to truly forgive takes a miracle of supernatural love. So reach out for it and receive it. My love is one of the most beautiful and life-changing gifts you can receive, but

one that is asked for far too rarely.

So many want to hold on to their hurts. Some feel that holding on to and reminding themselves and others of their hurts somehow makes them more worthy of My love. They gather the memories of these hurts around them and use them as a wall to buffer them from further hurts, or from growing closer to others.

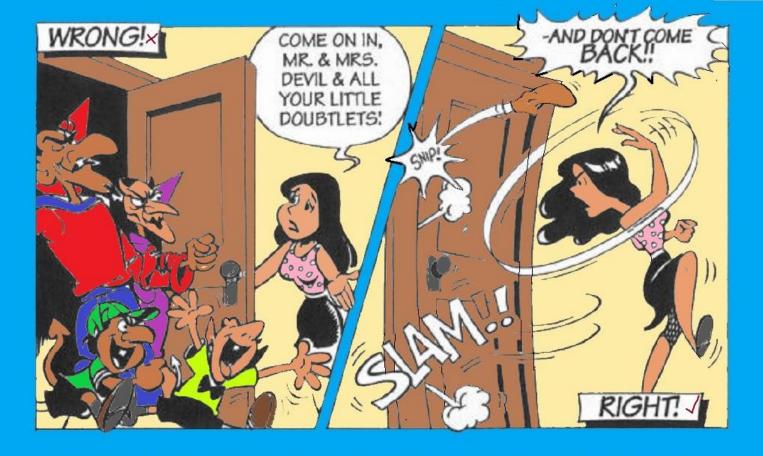
My loves, bringing these hurts into your bosom will not bring you comfort, but only pain in the long run. They will eat at you and eventually bring you down, and destroy the beautiful person that you are. You don't need these things in your heart and life. I love you for yourself, and I don't need a reason to love you as truly and wholly as I do!

Won't you ask for My love and forgiveness to fill your life too? It's humbling to receive it, because it means letting go of anything from the past that you've been holding on to. When you receive the gift of My love and forgiveness wholly, you might find yourself naked and stripped of your trips and any walls that you've put up around yourself.

That infusion of My love might have you walking around feeling a little intoxicated because of all the love you feel for others, and all the happiness in your heart that's just bubbling over. Gone will be the negative things in the past that used to have a bearing on your future, which shaped your thought patterns and reactions. You'll be ready to move forward to new and better things.

You'll have a fresh start and a new outlook, one that might seem so ridiculously positive and happy and full of love, that to the carnal mind it'll seem almost silly. But My love is so far beyond the natural and the normal! It's crazy and it's outrageous and it's daring and it's beautiful! You can experience it if you want to. I love you! (23)

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PROPHECY VITAMINS ON BITTERNESS



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- 1. (Jesus speaking:) Beware lest any root of bitterness spring up in you, and it grow and flourish and cause great pain and great sorrow.
- 2. You have to forsake the resentment which you've allowed to build up. Resentment leads to bitterness.
- 3. You allow yourselves to become weakened when you allow bitterness, resentment, and strong pride to hinder you.
- 4. Whatever is not good, whatever causes you to feel discontent, bitter, dissatisfied or unhappy is not of Me.
- 5. You've sinned against Me and one another by committing fornication with the spirit of the world, in your pride, bitterness, and bickering.
- 6. Are you harboring bitterness in your heart toward someone? Forgive him.
- 7. Negativity that has not been replaced by My Word and rebuked turns into resentment, and resentment that has not been rooted out turns into deep and long-standing bitterness.
- 8. Lots of things hitchhike on the back of negativity--such as criticalness, bitterness, jealousy, discouragement and depression.
- 9. Comparing does not bear good fruit; it only bears bitterness and resentment.
- 10. Do not allow pride into your life, My children, for it leads to jealousy, envy, resentment and bitterness, and these things can destroy your usefulness and make you ineffective in the battle.
- 11. If you harbor sensitivity, it leads to resentment, and resentment to bitterness, and bitterness will destroy your usefulness for Me.
- 12. The end result of sensitivity is uselessness and lack of change, bitterness and resentment.

- 13. You can be afraid to express your doubts for fear of being labeled a doubter, or for fear of getting in trouble. Then the doubts and questions fester and poison and cause you to grow bitter and angry toward things.
- 14. The longer you harbor hurt, the more chance there is for resentment or bitterness to set in, further injuring your spirit and making your life more difficult.
- 15. (Dad speaking:) 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.
- 16. (Jesus speaking:) Bitterness turns into hatred, and hatred lies at the very heart of the Devil's kingdom.
- 17. The Devil brings his people into bondage through fear and worry and contention and bitterness and murmuring. But I long to bring My children into freedom through praise and thanksgiving!
- 18. If it's a fear or worry or bitterness you're holding on to, I can show you how to be released from it.
- 19. When someone is bitter, they are closed to My love, and rarely experience it in the way that I would like.
- 20. Where is your spirit at? Does it dwell with Me in your praises, or does it sink to the level of the Devil in complaints, murmuring, bitterness, jealousy, gossip, envy, hatred, anger, and disunity?
- 21. You can't allow bitterness, disunity, and grudges to build up in your hearts and in your Homes.
- 22. One of the main benefits of forgiving others is that it helps the one who is doing the forgiving to let go of their own anger, bitterness, and resentment. This is healing.
- 23. Unity sows love instead of hatred; it sows forgiveness instead of bitterness.
- 24. The keys of the Kingdom bring freedom from bitterness. Claim them, and you will find the liberty of My Spirit and renewed faith.
- 25. Bitterness, negativity, discouragement, and condemnation should have no place in your life. Refuse to live with them, because they will only hurt you.

- 26. Pray desperately for the keys to rip out bitterness by the root, so there is nothing left but submissive and fertile soil that I can fill with forgiveness and understanding.
- 27. If you are being besieged by bitterness or resentment, you would call upon the key of forgiveness or freedom.
- 28. Ask Me to deliver you from bitterness, resentment, or whatever else is holding you back, and get moving!
- 29. 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.
- 30. I am good. I am peace. I am happiness. I am love. I am freedom! The Devil is pride, hate, frustration, coldness, bitterness, loneliness and bondage.
- 31. No one has to be bitter and unhappy about the past. You can get over it. There is deliverance from bitterness in Me, but it's up to the individual to reach out for it and accept forgiveness.
- 32. I long to blow away every cloud of confusion and to soothe your ruffled nerves. I long to melt away the bitterness and turn every deep longing into marvelous fulfillment and true satisfaction.
- 33. No one can hold on to bitterness, resentment, hatred, or even dislike for another Family member.
- 34. Will you let Me wash your heart and free you from the imprisonment of resentment and anger, and any pain that comes from not letting go?
- 35. You need to humbly accept their apology, be able to forgive them, and not hold it against them in any way, so that you can work together in love and unity, and that there will be no hurt feelings or bitternesses between you.
- 36. Chase the Wild Wind of Love and be willing to put forth the effort to pursue true unity with one another. Break down the pride of life and the obstacles to love. Break down bitterness and resentment and let the Wild Wind clear away the hurts of the past.
- 37. It's not worth holding grudges, or carrying around resentment or bitterness, especially about something you may have misunderstood or misjudged.
- 38. The beauty of My love is that it holds absolutely no grudges, no bitterness. When I wipe the slate clean, it really is perfectly clean, white as snow.

- 39. Let go of the past, and move on with Me to the bright and brilliant future! Get out of the mud pits of the past, the quagmire of bitterness, of complaints, and let Me heal the wounds, mend the hurts, and wash you clean with My love and My promising future!
- 40. 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.
- 41. Don't allow the Enemy's seeds of bitterness, resentment, criticalness, and hate to be planted. Rather yield to Me and let Me break your heart. Out of the ashes of this seeming defeat can grow the beautiful lilies of victory.
- 42. You must not allow resentment, bitterness or anger to enter into your heart, as these are inroads which the Enemy can get in through, which then lead to him causing you to feel burned out and unable to do your job. They render you ineffective, and they paralyze your movements and your service for Me.
- 43. Do you have the understanding of the Spirit to realize that anything that causes you to get upset or bitter, critical of others and gossipy is not of Me, even if to all your senses it seems true? Are you that strong in My Spirit, so assured of Me and convinced of the righteousness of staying positive, that you can make that stand?
- 44. Forgiveness becomes harder once you have let yourself become hardened or resentful toward a person or a situation. The more you hold on to it and let resentment and anger linger, the harder your heart will become and the more inflexible your wall of defense will be.
- 45. To forgive is a choice. It's an act that is a step toward happiness, a step toward freedom from the weight of resentment that hurts you and those you love. When you carry around hurts that you haven't forgiven, that weight will crush you. It will destroy your emotional health and eventually control your life. Letting go of the hurt is the most difficult thing you can do, but you are the one who benefits the most from it.
- 46. I offer you freedom from all the negative influences of the Enemy through comparing, bitterness, jealousy, and negative thinking. I have had these gifts of deliverance and these rewards for your faith prepared for you for some time now, and I only await the cry of your voice lifted up to Me, beseeching Me for the complete victory. According to your faith be it unto you.

- 47. Those who hold grudges, gripes, and bitterness toward others are walking away from Me in heart and spirit. How can you be close to Me and drawing ever closer if you are pulling away from My true Law of Love through harboring bitterness and resentment toward your fellow laborers and brothers and sisters?
- 48. Bitterness is a serious problem, and if people don't come to grips with their bitterness, they're going to miss what I'm doing in their lives, and they're going to be left behind. Bitterness is a serious, serious spiritual problem that is causing many to miss the spiritual progress that I want them to make in their lives.
- 49. By forgiving you are not saying that what was done was okay or all right, but just that you are not going to carry the burden of anger and bitterness with you. You trust Me enough to put it in My hands and then to let it go.
- 50. You must forsake all bitterness, forgiving those whom you feel have wronged you, and asking forgiveness of those whom you have wronged. It's time for a clean sweep. It's time to put all the past behind you and to begin afresh, with great humility and repentance.
- 51. If you refuse to forgive when you are hurt, and thereby entertain resentment and possibly bitterness, then you aren't able to benefit and to receive the beauty for ashes (Isaiah 61:3). The effects instead are the opposite; they are negative, and they don't have the same healthy effect on your life.
- 52. As long as you fight against the spirit of the Enemy, his spirit of discouragement, his fears of the future, his spirit of bitterness over events in your life--whether about relationships with others, your ministry, your circumstances, your love life, or whatever-you'll be able to keep the Enemy's lies out of your mind and function more in faith and in My Spirit.
- 53. (Dad speaking:) Some people are negative because they've yielded to anger, bitterness, or doubts. So who can see anything good through that set of eyeglasses? That's why the Lord and His keys and positive light are needed to wipe the slate clean, so to speak, so that positive, upbeat, happy thoughts can take precedence in the person's life.
- 54. (Jesus speaking:) If you're not living the Law of Love and are not a sample of Christian love and kindness, then this will eventually cause Me to pull back My hand of generosity. If you allow sin in your life in the form of bitterness, unkind words, strife, arguments, disinterest, coldness to your neighbor, or hardness of heart, then I cannot give to you as I would, for you are not representing My love to those you meet and live with.

- 55. (Dad speaking:) Bitterness is a horrible thing. It's like a cancer that eats away slowly but surely. So please forsake that bitterness and forgive. Just forgive. Take it by faith that somehow it had a purpose.

 God has a greater plan than we can ever understand. Sometimes He shows us His purposes, sometimes He doesn't, and we have to take it by faith. But if you just give your all to Jesus, He'll right every wrong and bless you with love and happiness and joy.
- 56. (Jesus speaking:) It's impossible to be united when there is resentment or bitterness. Unity is born of love, and resentment and especially bitterness are born of pride, jealousy, and hatred. And those who hate their brothers or sisters cannot truly love Me, for their sins separate them not only from their brethren but from Me. So for unity to thrive, it is necessary to root out bitterness.
- 57. (Dad speaking:) 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.
- 58. (Jesus speaking:) You can ask for prayer against anything that might be keeping you from being positive--whether it be bitterness, a spirit of murmuring, comparing, or negative thinking. Once your house is clean, make room for Me through the Word and through fighting in the spirit, and I will deliver you. Your old habits will be washed away, and new ones will form in their place.
- 59. Unite and fight, My loves. Let not your good be evil spoken of. Let all men know you are of Me because of your love for one another. Come together in love. Commit to yourselves and to each other that you will not allow the Deactivation Demons of bitterness, division, pride and disobedience to break your cords of unity and love.
- 60. All men have faults and failings. Don't expect more of others than you do of yourself. Don't allow self-righteousness to come in and eat away at your meek, humble spirit, because it will destroy you by making you unhappy, unfulfilled, dissatisfied, discontent and disgruntled, which is the way of bitterness. You do well to stay meek and simple and humble and trusting. Continue to do so, and you'll find joy and satisfaction and fulfillment.
- 61. I long for all My children to live in unity with one another, for that is one of the greatest samples of Christianity--the love, brotherhood, and camaraderie that those who believe in Me can demonstrate to the world. So often, though, the seeds of disunity and of bitterness prevent you from being able to live My vision and plan to the full, and these limitations you place on what I can be through you sadden Me.

- 62. Yet even though you cannot fully understand the full power of love right now, you can have a measure of this love. You can have enough of My love that it will defy all "logic," surpass all ill will, and lift you far above the bad feelings, negativity, resentment, bitterness, and hatred the Enemy would love to bind you with. This love will overcome all pain, all hurt, and all animosity, no matter how great. It is yours for the asking. You have but to ask and I will give it to you. It's not about feelings or logic; it is simply a spiritual gift that you can receive.
- 63. The mind is the great battlefield where ruthless war is waged--the war for possession! The sins that bring you down all filter through the mind: pride, the root sin of all; jealousy; lust; selfishness; lethargy; bitterness; disunity; comparing; discontent and murmuring; negative thinking; worldliness; disobedience; doubt; putting other gods before Me; self-righteousness, etc. It all begins in the mind, takes root in the mind, and festers in the mind--all through carnal thinking, through putting on the mind of man and the mind of the world.
- 64. I know you look at this as a major upheaval in your lives, and you wonder how things could possibly work together for good out of this unexpected and even unwanted turn of events, but you must trust Me. You must resist bitterness and you must not question how I can work in this way, thinking it's too hard, that I've put you in circumstances that are more than you can bear. I can still take the new situation and cause it to work together for your good. I can bring happiness, fruitfulness and unity out of this seemingly complicated, mixed-up, tangled mess of emotion and confusion. You must trust Me. Know that I love you and I do all things well. I will lead and guide and supply, so trust Me.
- 65. One wrong can grow into another if it is not stopped. Though you might feel justified for how you feel, and though you might have every "right" to feel as you feel, it doesn't change the fact that anger, resentment, and hate are works of the Devil and, no matter how justified they may seem, they will cause sin and evil in your heart if allowed to continue there. To allow these sins to flourish in your heart because harm has been done to you is to allow this negative event to harm your spirit and eventually ruin your life, if it is not stopped.
- 66. You must choose to cast your care upon Me, to trust Me with all your heart. You must choose to shed the weights of bitterness and despair. You must choose to let your heartaches and pain make you better, and they will. If you choose to trust Me with your heart, I will make you better, not bitter.

 I know it's difficult. I know it seems hard. But if you will only make the choice that you
 - I know it's difficult. I know it seems hard. But if you will only make the choice that you want to be better, then I promise that My loving arms will uphold you and complete the

process. I am able to turn things around and use all these experiences--no matter how dark they seem--to make you better and help others in the process.

- 67. Everyone thinks bad things about other people at times. Everyone is envious at times, or a little resentful, and a bit bitter. But I'm talking about taking an aggressive stance against these thoughts so that they don't take hold on you. They're as a flood coming in around your ankles and attempting to pull your feet out from under you. So what you must do in these instances is move higher in the spirit, using more praise, more attacking initiative, giving more love to your brothers and sisters even if you don't feel like it or feel as if you even like them that much. That's the weapon of brotherhood.
- 68. Watch out for that dark cloak of secrecy that the Devil is constantly trying to cast over you through holding things in and not getting'm out! Those things that you hold in your heart can affect you spiritually just as much, if not more, than any ailment of your flesh! Being open and honest is the Lord's Own way, His Own safeguard, the mechanism He has provided by which you can stay clean and well groomed and healthy, so that you can grow and mature and prosper! It's His way of keeping you free from all sorts of sickness brought on by misunderstandings and misinterpretations that can grow and fester into strong roots of hurt feelings, criticalness, discontent, resentment, bitterness, and so on. If you want to grow, you have to open up to Him and to others.
- 69. You can use praise to fight and wound the Enemy when you are confronting a murmuring spirit, or a fearful spirit, or a bitter spirit, or any of a number of unpleasant or negative attitudes that you confront or encounter or are feeling attacked by. You can literally destroy the hold that any of these attitudes or spirits have in the spiritual atmosphere that surrounds you at any given moment by wielding the weapon of praise. You can also use praise as a proactive force field to wrap around yourself to prevent the entrance of any of these attitudes of the Enemy and to keep him at bay.
- 70. It should make you hate the Enemy with more of a vengeance than ever before, seeing how he harms and injures those who give in to his ways, and harms others through them. His offers often sound tempting, but his goal is always death-spiritual death, or physical death, or both. His aim is always to harm and hurt. He starts off slow, but once he has a hold on his prey, he strangles and suffocates the very life out of them through his darkness and evil and sin. He blackens the heart until there is no love left therein, but only hatred, bitterness, anger, and revenge. When Satan has control of a soul through these dark emotions, it always leads to evil of some sort.
- 71. It's no surprise that the Enemy would attack My faithful ones with disunity, discord, lack of love, frustration, discouragement, lack of communication, bitterness, strife, negative thinking, talking behind one another's backs, gossip, cliques, and a self-righteous pointing-of-the-finger and blaming the other person.

All of these sins are like the little foxes that spoil the vines, for they slowly but surely weaken My Church. They slowly but surely eat away at the foundation of love and unity. They slowly but surely spoil the sample that My children would be to outsiders. They slowly but surely steal the joy and satisfaction that My missionaries could have if they were working hand in hand, and were united in heart, mind and spirit.

- 72. You do not just become weak overnight. You are not once strong and then all of a sudden weak; it's a gradual process, a slow weakening through many different avenues. Pride is a key factor in the weakening process, because you must be humble enough to accept that you have been wrong. You must be humble enough to turn around and have a complete metanoia. You must have the humility to call out for My help and for the help of others when you are in a weakened state.

 Pray that all of My children will be able to seek Me to take away the resentment and the bitterness. Pray that they will let go of their strong pride and let Me humble and break them, that I may bring them the happiness and joy that they seek. Pray that they will let Me lead them into a place of service, usefulness and fulfillment.
- 73. The Selvegion come into your mind and eat your heart out from the inside. They devour and destroy. They've been allowed entrance through your negative and critical thoughts. You let them in by allowing yourself the luxury of thinking that you're justified in being bitter against someone for something they said or did. They're empowered when you're frustrated and you take it out on someone that you feel is the cause of your frustration--even if you don't take it out on them in words, but you take it out on them in your thoughts. You rebut, retaliate, and carry on a little war with them in your heart and mind by thinking of all the things you could have said or should have said to make them see how frustrated you are.
- 74. In the future, the Family is going to witness catastrophic events. They will see and some will even experience extremely traumatic times. You must learn to see the difficulties, have compassion, and do all you can to help and pray for each other and the lost. But because you, My Family, are needed for a special calling of leading and shepherding others through these days, you must also have the strength, the faith and trust in Me to keep bringing those who are suffering back to My arms. Many times you will not be enduring the same suffering, but your hearts will break for those who are. You have to feel their pain to be desperate in prayer for them, but you must also be filled with faith that I'm using it for a purpose and to help them.

 If you, My Family, don't learn these lessons and prepare your heart in this way now,
 - trust in Me when faced with these very difficult times.

many of you will sink into despair and bitterness through a lack of understanding and

75. I know that the call of "fairness," anger, hate, and revenge is strong. I know that it seems so easy to slip into the poisonous life of retribution and "an eye for an eye." It

seems the easier thing to do is to believe that the responsibility is not on you to forgive, but to instead enjoy each blissful thought of retribution, and to never let that person have the relief of your forgiveness. But this is not the answer. This is hurt that will go on hurting, a knife that will only plunge deeper.

The more you resent someone, the more what they did to you will hurt you and damage your spirit. This wound will never close, and its poison will someday ruin your life. So much has already been taken from you; don't be tricked into losing what you have left. So much wrong has already been done; don't compound it. Take back your life and reclaim your happiness. You do this by choosing to forgive.

- 76. If you don't forgive someone, then you are stuck. You are held back. You are the one suffering, and you are the one feeling angry, bitter, and in some cases, even hateful. These feelings can eat you up. They don't help you. They make you miserable, and in some cases these feelings will even alter your personality and the way you relate to others. So holding on to anger, bitterness and resentment hurts you. Forgiveness helps you, for it allows you to let go of all that and to move on. There is often not a whole lot that can be done about the past and past hurts, but if you carry those burdens and that bitterness with you, then you not only have a bad past, but your present becomes soiled, unhappy, and terrible as well.
- 77. Remember, everyone on Earth is yielding to spirits, to attitudes, and when you encounter murmuring, foul-mouthedness, complaining, hatred, bitterness, backbiting, jealousy, criticalness, or any of a number of foul spirits, what you need to do is start yielding to praise in your heart, in your mind, and in your body if you can. This will displace these spirits and they will have to flee and let go of their hold in the face of praise, if you plant your feet and make your stand there.

 They cannot exist there. Why? Because praise dwells in Heaven-and not only in Heaven but in the heights of Heaven-and these spirits do not. So when you bring the heights of Heaven to your very spirit, attitude, heart and mind, and from thence into the atmosphere around you, these evil spirits have to leave. They have to take their Hell and get out of there, because you have claimed the land and staked it out for Me.
- 78. Let go of past hurts, of past injustices. Get your eyes off your hurts, your wounds and your problems, and focus on the battle in front of you. In order to grow and be strengthened, you must set aside your hurts, your bitterness, your murmurings, your feelings of failure. You must set these things aside, for whether they are true or not, they hold you back and restrict you.
 - These are the things that hold people back: doubt, fear, bitterness, murmuring and discontentment. That's what destroyed the children of Israel in the desert. So forsake the things of the past; lay those things aside.
 - Those who truly long for a new day, a new start, and a new life, will latch on to this vision. They'll grab hold of it; they'll readily forsake those things, and go on. Those who

love to hold on to the past, who cherish those feelings of hurt and self-pity, will fall by the wayside.

79. When you hold things in, the detrimental results are often a slow, grinding process. It's more often a subtle process, one that by outward appearances is more easily controlled in the beginning, and therefore, to the carnal mind, more seemingly harmless, or the easier way. This is a false notion.

When people smolder inside, when they're holding things in, those things are festering and growing into bitterness. You can sometimes sense the bad fruits of this, yet because it's often unspoken and more undercover, it's less upfront and in your face. So for a time this seems the easier path, the path of least resistance or of less confrontation. This is not always so, however, for when bitterness and resentment take hold, they're as giant ferocious monsters, and the end result of a grapple with these can be far more dangerous and deadly! By the time the fruit of these hidden growths becomes apparent, it's much worse, poses a greater threat, and can be far more lethal.

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- 1. I am a God of love and mercy, and of forgiveness and longsuffering.
- 2. Love is saying you're sorry. Love is forgiving every day.
- 3. I am calling you to forgive those who've wronged you, and seek forgiveness of those you've wronged.
- 4. Forgiveness is the act that helps another's wrong to not become your wrong as well.
- 5. Through the keys of the Kingdom you can forgive anything.
- 6. Just because you make the decision to forgive, it doesn't mean that all the hurt is gone. But once you have decided that you will forgive, then you allow Me to work in your heart.
- 7. If you are able to forgive and renew a healthy relationship with those whom you feel have wronged you, this encourages Me and makes Me very happy.
- 8. Let every morning be a fresh start. As you forgive others and ask for the Lord's forgiveness yourself, He wipes the slate clean, and brings with each day a new beginning.
- 9. Learn to forgive and forget.
- 10. Forgive and forget as often as you need to. Even if you have to forgive the same person for the same blunders over and over again, do it. That's what I would do.
- 11. Have you forgiven all hurts and truly forgotten them?
- 12. One of the best birthday gifts you can give Me is to forgive someone who has wronged you.—Jesus
- 13. If you can't accept that there could be a silver lining to some of the rain clouds of your past, then you'll probably never fully forgive and forget about those things, and that can lead to bitterness, which is a severely crippling spiritual sin.
- 14. You can rest assured that even that which has happened that seemed difficult, painful,

- or harmful for those involved, can bring about good in their lives and the lives of those around them, if they will be humble, yielded, accepting, and forgiving. This is such a hard lesson for many, for it goes so contrary to the mind of man and carnal reasoning.
- 15. Everyone makes mistakes and has problems, and you'll need to learn to forgive and forget, accepting the fact that others have faults and failings and bad moments and bad days, just as you do.
- 16. If you make a mistake, ask My forgiveness (and the forgiveness of others, if appropriate), and then proceed in faith.
- 17. I have bestowed great, great love upon you, and you have this day felt My love and My forgiveness. So go forth in the same love and in the same forgiveness for others.
- 18. When the bond is close, then there will be an abundance of forgiveness, mercy, humility, and the ability to let love cover a multitude of sins.
- 19. "Love covers a multitude of sins." In this verse, love means forgiveness.
- 20. "Love suffereth long and is kind." That means when you've suffered, when others have maligned you and spoken ill of you, you're still kind and willing to forgive.
- 21. I love you and want to heal your wounds, and I want you to help heal others' wounds. There's healing for everyone, now and forever, through Me, and through humility, love, and forgiveness.
- 22. Who is a just man or woman among you who does not fall? And yet I will pick them up time and time again. Will you therefore do less and not open your arms of forgiveness.
- 23. (Dad speaking:) I know it's hard on your pride to ask for forgiveness if you've been guilty of being critical and negative to your co-worker, but it's sure worth it.
- 24. (Jesus speaking:) Freedom to love and communicate and share your heart and forgive is all part of the freedom of the spirit.
- 25. I ask you now to humble yourselves and to receive their apologies, their repentance, and to forgive them for anything that they've done to hurt you. Reach out your arms, admit to them that you've also made mistakes, that you're not perfect. Accept them, love them.
- 26. It's never too late to say "I'm sorry" or to forgive.

- 27. (Dad speaking:) You need to understand that everyone makes mistakes. I dare say you've made a number yourself, no matter who you are, and you need to remember that you'll be forgiven for your sins and mistakes the way you forgive others for their sins and mistakes.
- 28. (Jesus speaking:) My way is the humble way, the yielding way, the trusting way. There are those who say, "He has done evil, but let us not be like him by seeking to harm him as he harmed us." These are those who follow My way, who have partaken of My spirit of forgiveness, and who will find happiness.
- 29. Make it a habit to ask for forgiveness. If you've made a mistake or blown it in some way, even if it was a very minor "sin," confess and ask for forgiveness. Or even if you're unsure if you made a mistake or not, and don't know if you're in the wrong or not, ask for forgiveness nevertheless. It never hurts to take the humble seat, and often defuses situations and eradicates any possibility of disunity taking root.
- 30. There is power in forgiveness, and do you know why that is? It's for the simple reason that forgiveness is divine! When you forgive, you have tapped into My divine power, and you have opened yourself up to My perspective, which allows you to share My power. When you forgive, you are a better person. You are someone after My heart, for My heart always forgives.
- 31. All have failed in some way; all have been hurt or suffered loss in one way or another in this war. But all that needs to be set behind by every member of this army. Just as the rains of cleansing and healing in the Gap vision purged away the filth and soot, so the rains of forgiveness and oneness in Me must purge away the filth and ashes of past mistakes, failures, and wrongs. This is the healing that can now give each person the power to finish the battle.
- 32. Ask for the humility to realize that you've made your fair share of mistakes as well, and that I haven't given up on you because of it. Ask Me for a key-powered boost of love to help you look at and treat others the way you want to be looked at and treated--fairly and lovingly and with eyes of faith, seeing the potential and the growth and progress. Ask Me to help you realize the dangers and consequences of not forgiving and loving and moving forward.
- 33. Forgiveness is a key to victory! Without it, you can't make the progress that you wish to make in these Endtime days. You must have a forgiving heart, and this must come from Me. I give My children forgiving hearts by allowing them to err and be forgiven so that they may learn the art of forgiving others.
 - To forgive takes not only humility, but exercise. It's a muscle, like many other spiritual muscles, that must be exercised. Practice the art of forgiving, and then see My love pour

through you more.

- 34. If you've wronged someone or said something sharp or unfeeling, instead of waiting for the other person to come up to you, you should be the first one to ask them for forgiveness. You should go to the one you've wronged in humility and meekness, even though it's hard on your pride. If you try to do this as often as possible, you'll receive more and more of My humility and love. Even if you think the other person has wronged you, take the humble seat and ask for forgiveness for anything you may have done to offend, even if you don't see what you could have possibly done.
- 35. I'm not excusing anyone for being unloving, or for breaking the rules and doing things that were ungodly or uncalled for. They will receive their just deserts, you don't have to worry about that. But for those of you who were on the receiving end of unloving and wrong behavior or treatment, you have to ask Me to help you see the good, to help you draw from it what good you can. If that is expecting too much, then a good first step is to ask Me to help you forgive, to put it in the past, and to go on for Me.
- 36. Forgiveness, at its core, is not about what someone did to you; neither do the issues of why, how, when or where need to have any bearing on it. Forgiveness is about Me and you. It's about Me having the power to heal and restore your spirit, and you making the choice to use the healing agent that I make available to you. Forgiveness is for you. Forgiveness is the potion that restores a wounded and broken heart, spirit, and even body. There are other spiritual and emotional supplements that can help one whose life has been harmed by the wrong or evil of another; but there is no substitute for forgiveness, and there is nothing else that brings that same level of absolute spiritual cleansing and healing into a life.
- 37. My love is without end. It is boundless, and I do not turn My back upon those who repent. My Family must likewise forgive. They must understand that it is never too late for people to repent, to change, to undo the damage that they have done. Though they may have to suffer for their mistakes, yet they are never too late for My forgiveness. If they do not outright reject it, they are never too late. My Family must be more understanding, more loving. They must be willing to forgive those who fall, those who are weaker, even those who hurt others because of wrong decisions that they make, but who then have a great repentance once they see the error of their ways. Even more so, they must forgive all those who commit small faults and errors, not out of malice, but out of the sinfulness of man's heart.
- 38. Those who are forgiven much love much. One to whom the greater debt has been forgiven and relieved, has the greater love and appreciation. But you must know the heart before you can extend such mercy time and time again, and the only way you can truly know the heart is by asking Me to reveal to you the things hidden from outward

appearance. How oft shall you forgive your brother or sister? Seventy times 7 times in a day, if they turn again and ask.

Sometimes they will not ask if they don't feel that there will be forgiveness. They feel, "What's the point? Why should I confess and ask forgiveness and admit my fault if I won't be forgiven and will only get in trouble? If I will be labeled and never be able to overcome that label, then why bother to humble myself before these who will not forgive me anyway?" They must be convinced of your love for them and your willingness to forgive and forget and start anew.

- 39. All things work together for good to them that love Me, who are called according to My purpose. Why do you think that verse is there to begin with? It's because bad things happen! Bad things happen, but I work even those bad things together for good to those who love Me, and to those who are called according to My purpose. There are no exceptions to this. All things work together for good. It doesn't matter where the bad things came from, who "did" them to you, or why they were caused, they can and will work together for good because you are My children whom I love. But you do have to do your part--you have to let go of the past; you have to be willing to forgive; you have to be willing to let go.
- 40. Forgiveness is the ultimate antidote to the poison of loss, harm, sin and sorrow. Drink it fully, even though it looks like the most bitter of cures. It will end your pain more quickly than anything else, and those who drink this healing potion will find their wounds healing, and their life and joy returning much faster than those who go without it. In fact, without forgiveness there is no healing. For your own sake I implore you not to deny yourself another instant. You have suffered enough, you have lost enough, and there has been enough pain. Take forgiveness, give forgiveness, and let Me heal you.
- 41. The essence of forgiveness is a reflection of My love. If someone is accepting of My love, then that love will easily flow out to others. That person will find it easier to forgive. If someone has been shutting out My love for them--either through condemnation or not feeling worthy enough to receive it--then they will find it difficult to forgive. This is why the Enemy is so strong on condemnation and making people feel unworthy of Me, because he knows that My love within them yields strength, understanding, and forgiveness. My love within a person's soul will yield love in return.
- 42. The next time you feel pain from something that was done to you, I want you to grab ahold of it, and in your mind's eye, watch yourself give it to Me. You may need to mentally do this action a few times, but however long it takes, learn how to give it to Me. I will take this pain and use it to make you into someone who is sweeter and better and who can understand beyond the pain. I can fill your heart with an understanding that overrides your hurt.

You have a choice. You can either let your pain make you sink further into an abyss of

despair and hurt, or you can let Me bring you up to higher ground where you can learn how to let go, heal, and receive a deeper understanding that can only be produced through these hurts.

Won't you let Me use your pain to transform you into something more beautiful and stronger, and have it release to your life riches of wisdom that would have otherwise been unknown to you?

- 43. If you're having a hard time forgiving someone for something, even if it was just a little inconsiderate comment or an unloving deed, or something they said about you that you didn't like, bring it to Me and ask Me to remove the burden. If you need to talk with the person to straighten things out, come to Me first to clear your head of any emotional reaction you might have or negative feelings about the situation, so that you can resolve things nicely and the forgiveness that you need will be pure and from Me. Whenever possible, avoid making any mention of the negative happening or hurt to someone else, as that will reinforce the negative in your mind, and if said in the wrong spirit or to the wrong person, can also be gossip. Forgive and forget--or if you can't forget immediately, at least don't talk about it to anyone else. Putting it into words will only plant it more firmly in your memory and make it harder for you to get over it.
- 44. You feel hurt because of what someone did to you, and you think that no one could truly understand what you've been through. But I understand, My love, for I was with you through the experience. "Why didn't You do anything about it then?" you ask. I cannot protect you from all wrong, for I have given mankind free will. But My love, understanding, and compassion are always there for those who need it. I saw what you had to go through and I understand the way it has hurt you. I am not past understanding, because I lived on Earth and had to go through what you are going through now.

Will you accept My love? Will you let Me wash your heart and free you from the imprisonment of resentment and anger, and any pain that comes from not letting go? I wish to help you to move on and to find love and forgiveness through acceptance. I will do this by showing you how much I love you and that I am there for you no matter what. Will you let Me show you? Please open your heart and let My love and light come in. It may mean that you will need to become happy and forget what was done to you, but that's part of the reward of accepting My love deep in your heart. Won't you give it a try?

45. True forgiveness has nothing to do with fairness, justice, or righteousness. It is a matter of love--divine love. The love that empowered Me to come to Earth, to suffer and die for you, to grant the forgiveness of sins--all sins--is the same love that can empower you to forgive.

Forgiveness has creative power. Forgiveness can change the life of the forgiver, as well as the one being forgiven. That has been demonstrated in a hundred classic accounts.

When one is given the gift of forgiveness, it often has the effect of an undefeatable weapon--a laser beam that pierces the shield that nothing else could--for it is proof of unconditional, supernatural love. In some cases it is enough to bring a person to the place of acceptance of My love and salvation.

The power to change lives could in itself be seen as a strong reason for a Christian to forgive--because it's possible that your forgiveness will be what is needed to bring a person to salvation, to eternal life, to a knowledge of My love, to a complete change in life. And if the person you are forgiving already knows Me, it could lead to a complete change of life and attitude.

The creative and changing power of forgiveness can come to life in a number of situations, from the moderate to the extreme. Forgiveness from a captive could change the life of a persecutor or torturer. Forgiveness from a spouse or significant other to a party who has caused emotional harm can completely change the attitude and behavior of that party. And there are any number of situations in between where forgiveness-being a part of the miracle of love and salvation--can completely change a life, a person, and as a result, change other people or situations.

46. I know it is difficult to understand the full depth of forgiveness, especially when you're dealing with forgiveness of such heinous sins as murder. It's hard for the carnal mind to fully comprehend, and it's not always easy for human hearts, feelings, and emotions to forgive. I understand this, because My carnal mind and My human heart had to pass the forgiveness test as well.

My faith was greatly tested at Gethsemane, where I made the final decision to follow through and die for you, to take the sins of the world on My shoulders. I could have run. I could have escaped before the guards arrived. But I passed that test and won that victory, only to face another great test.

Next I faced Golgotha, where I had to make one of the most difficult decisions of My life, to forgive My Own murderers. I was still in human flesh, still subject to human thoughts, feelings, and emotions. I was tempted to curse those who nailed Me to the cross, and to instead yield to revenge. My flesh was tempted to get even. I wanted to call down armies from Heaven to wipe out the whole lot of those who mocked and persecuted Me and cast lots at My feet. I had the power within Me to do so. I was tempted, but I didn't give in to the temptation. I called out to My Father in desperation, and His voice spoke so clearly to My heart and said, "My Son, You must forgive."

I was torn between wanting to handle it My Own way or do as My Father willed. But when I heard His voice speak so clearly to My heart, I chose to forgive. It was at that very moment that peace flooded My heart and I received the power to forgive. First I had to choose, then the power was given Me.

I forgave the criminal who hung beside Me. I promised that he would be with Me in Paradise. I asked My Father to forgive those who put Me to death, as I also forgave them. I forgave My Own murderers, just as I forgive others who commit such crimes. This was My mission on Earth-to not only bring you My love and save you from your

47. Take a minute and think about forgiveness. What is its purpose? One of the main benefits of forgiving others is that it helps the one who is doing the forgiving to let go of their own anger, bitterness, and resentment. This is healing. Another benefit, as My Word clearly teaches, is that you cannot receive forgiveness yourself unless you forgive. And another benefit, and one which is most often overlooked and is one of the fundamental purposes of forgiveness, is that forgiveness equals redemption. When I forgive you your sins, I am also redeeming you from the clutches of Satan. When the Scribes and Pharisees brought the woman who was caught in the act of adultery before Me, I did not condemn her. I forgave her, and with that forgiveness I also gave her a command to go and not sin again. There was a purpose for that woman's life, and as I forgave her, that purpose was regained.

Those who are forgiven much, love much. And this great love moves them to accomplish a great deal for Me. Naturally, all of this ties in with repentance.

There are countless examples in the Bible and throughout history of how those who were forgiven went on to accomplish a great work for Me. It was after Moses killed the Egyptian that he went on to lead My people. David and Saul (Paul) were both responsible for taking the lives of others. Yet I forgave, and they were transformed and mightily used of Me to bring many to righteousness. Many missionaries have set out to evangelize savage people, those who have committed horrendous crimes, and have won converts who, when redeemed, became strong witnesses for Me.

To forgive is divine love, and through forgiveness I redeem My Own. I rescue them from darkness so that they can accomplish My will.

48. Start today, this minute, by looking at your world and those around you with kindness and treating them with forgiveness. Often the best way to show forgiveness and put it into action is to start with something small: like a smile instead of a grim look on your face; a kind word in place of embittered remarks; or an unexpected kiss when your mind ponders retaliation.

These are the things that I love to see you do, when you rise above your human nature and turn error into love and goodwill. I know you will fail at times, and there will be days when mistakes happen. But then you will see mercy, because of the mercy you have shown. And you can look at it as giving to Me, because though I'm not present on Earth in the flesh, "Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these, My brethren, you have done it to Me" (Matthew 25:40)

Give Me the gift of forgiveness. Forgive someone who has wronged you, whether intentionally or unintentionally. Whether the wound runs deep in your heart or it is a smaller scratch, Christmas is a wonderful time of year to make things right. And making things right often starts with you taking the step to forgive someone, even if you feel that person is the one who should be seeking forgiveness. Has someone said or done something that has hurt you? Forgive him. Are you harboring bitterness in your heart

toward someone? Forgive him.

Forgiveness is a beautiful gift, and one that I treasure very much. You can picture yourself coming before Me with a gift in your hand. Maybe it costs you a lot to take the step to forgive, and when it does, the gift is even more precious to Me. Tell Me you want to give Me something that's on your heart, and then tell Me what the situation is, and tell Me that you forgive this person or persons. I will take this gift, carefully unwrap it, and hold it with tender care. I will then take My hands, place them on your heart, and heal the hurt that you feel, making the forgiveness complete.

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- 1. Let's forgive one another, as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us!
- 2. If we forgive others their trespasses as we want to be forgiven, that means we forgive them their debts to us. If you sin against anybody you owe him something, you're a debtor.
- 3. I tell you, when you need a lot of forgiveness and you need a lot of mercy it sure helps you to extend it to others, amen?
- 4. Help us to be forgiving and patient and to have mercy as we want mercy, and to treat them in their errors as we want You to treat us in ours!
- 5. Your mercy is a sacrifice! To forgive someone is a sacrifice, to be sorry is a sacrifice.
- 6. I want to forgive you as you have forgiven me and as God has forgiven all of us.
- 7. How can we all help but forgive you when we all need forgiveness ourselves for our own many sins, shortcomings, failures and mistakes!
- 8. If people really love you and believe in you, they'll forgive you!
- 9. May God give you great love, patience and wisdom and also the mercy to forgive when necessary or advisable!--Or deserved because of great repentance and Godly sorrow!
- 10. You must forgive those who've wronged you, and seek forgiveness of those you have wronged, and take them by the hand back into your circle of love and fellowship in happy joyful labours and pleasures together, especially your own brothers and sisters and fathers and mothers and children and loving companions!
- 11. Help us to forgive others the way we ourselves want to be forgiven. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." (Lk.11:4.) May we pray that sincerely today, Lord, regarding these and all of those who offend and all of those who fail us and those who make mistakes.

Lord, help us to forgive. Help us, Lord, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, in Jesus' precious name. Help us, Lord, to forgive them. Thank You Jesus! Praise You Lord! Hallelujah Lord! Amen, amen!

- 12. When you're travelling along in a car, how do you know when you're moving? You know you're moving because you're passing things! You know you're making progress because you're passing things. Maybe in your spiritual life the same is true, when you start letting it pass. You don't worry about it, you don't hold it against somebody for some idle remark or something foolish that they did, something they said, you don't get hypersensitive and all upset about it and hold it against them, you just let it pass, you forgive them. You're passing things.
- 13. To say you cannot forgive is to say you cannot have the love of God! You cannot love as God loves, because that's all God does all the time--forgive!

 The divine supernatural miraculous infinite marvelous love of god is love enough to forgive! If you don't have love enough to forgive, you don't have love--because forgiveness is love! Jesus Himself said following the Lord's Prayer: "If you cannot forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you your trespasses!" (Mt.6:15.)
- 14. I have a hard time bawling other people put for the same things I'm guilty of myself, and of which most of us are guilty, even worse, so about all I can do is give them hell for it momentarily, confess what a hell of a mess I made along the same line, weep a little, cry a little, sympathize a little, and take each other in each other's arms, forgive each other, and try again.
 - "For if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father in heaven forgive you your trespasses"--And you've got plenty of them! Let's face it.
- 15. The twenty-third psalm and the lord's prayer have always been a great comfort to me also in time of need, to know that the Lord would never leave nor forsake me nor leave me comfortless. And I am always convicted by that part: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us", and where Jesus said we know that "If we forgive not others their trespasses, neither will our Father in Heaven forgive us." So we must ask him in all humility to help us have mercy on others, knowing that we ourselves must also be forgiven for many sins. Remembering continually what sinners we are and how many mistakes we've made helps greatly to keep us humble and to avoid that spirit of self-righteous pride which causes us to criticise and condemn others. It helps to always remember we're all sinners and that we all make mistakes and that we must "forgive one another even as God for Christ sake hath forgiven us".
- 16. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us!" If we're only going to be forgiven the way we forgive others and be shown the mercy that we show

others, some people are going to be in a pretty bad fix, especially the churches and churchy Christians, who are almost the most unforgiving people I know of!

Even the publicans and the sinners and drunks and the harlots are more understanding and more forgiving, because they know they're that way and they can't help it and they're more merciful, more forgiving because they'd like to be forgiven themselves! But some people are so self-righteous they think they never make a mistake! They're always right, so why should they ever have to be forgiven, why should they have to forgive others?

If you can't forgive, you cannot possibly have real love or real humility! You haven't got mercy, because love is forgiveness and mercy! Which kind of person are you!--The just, unforgiving, unloving, unbending, unmerciful proud self-righteous?--Or the merciful, loving, yielding, forgiving, humble, unrighteous sinner saved only by the grace of God!--The latter are going to Heaven, the former to Hell!--Jesus said so!--Which are you!

- 17. There are some things which were allowed by Moses' Law which are not allowed by the Law of Love given by Jesus! We are to love the Lord and love our neighbours as ourselves, and even this was not enforced under the Mosaic Law. But it was indicated that this was God's ideal through the laws which He gave, the Ten Commandments, etc., that you were not to hurt your neighbour or do anything to harm him or steal from him his cattle or his wife or whatever.
 - So the law of love in many ways is even more strict, we are to be even more kind and more forgiving. In the Mosaic Law there was virtually no forgiving and it was "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth!" But Jesus said, and this is all in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, 6 & 7, "Ye say that so-and-so, well what did the Law say?"--And He would then tell them how His Law of Love was even stricter.
 - He said, "you say an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but we should forgive our brother even if he offends us 70 times 7! If he still comes and is sorry and asks for forgiveness we're to forgive." (Mt.5:38,39; 18:22.) That's the Law of Love, which is even therefore more strict than the strict Law of Moses. It's a more loving law and a much fairer law and way of enforcement.
- 18. You older brothers and sisters may have a few lessons to learn along the lines of love and mercy and forgiveness and patience and tolerance and longsuffering, as well as loyalty and faithfulness and hard work and righteousness. Because let me tell you, that younger brother is here to stay, whether here or there or gone again! He is a part of God's Family forever! He is saved forever, and whether you will tolerate him or not, God will, and God will follow him up, even if you don't.
 - The good shepherd will follow him out into the hills, into the night and the storm and try to save him and try to save his life and his ministry, even if you undershepherds are not willing to leave the comfort and warmth and ease of that home and the luxury of that country and go out to a foreign field to try to find the lost sheep that was straying. The

Lord left the 99 in the fold and went out on the mountainside in the storm to find the lost sheep, the stray one, so He proved His love for even the stray sheep, even one! These backsliders are your stray sheep, they're the prodigal sons and God still loves them and you'd better love them too! You'd better get that through your thick skull that God's electrode of His Holy Spirit is forever embedded in their thick skull and they'll never be able to get away with it or doff that helmet of salvation, whether you forgive them or not!

So you'd better open your arms of love and humble forgiveness, and you'd better ask those younger brethren to forgive you for your impatience and your hardness of heart, your intolerance, your unloving critical spirit, and take them back in with wide open arms and ask them to forgive you for being so self-righteous and critical and hard of heart, unloving and impatient, which may have driven them out of that Home, out of the Father's house.

- 19. But we must be sure that it's in the right spirit with the meekness and the quietness of a tender and gentle and loving and contrite heart in all humility.--To be sure that we're in the right spirit as we correct those around us for their mistakes and their errors and their sins, even as God does us and as we would want others to do unto us for ours: Loving and forgiving one another for Christ's sake, even as He hath forgiven us for our sins. As Jesus taught us to pray, forgive us for our iniquities as we forgive others for theirs (Eph.4:32; Mt.6:12, 14, 15).
- 20. I like to sing the Lord's prayer because it makes it simpler, it says "forgive us our debts." In other words, we owe other people love, don't we? We owe them forgiveness, we owe them love, and if we don't give them love and preach them the Gospel, we'll have to be forgiven. "As we forgive our debtors." In other words, we should forgive others as they forgive us, right?
- 21. Help us to be more loving, more forgiving, more patient, more kind to each other, in Jesus' name we ask for Thy glory.
- 22. It's hard for you to see anything good in someone you don't love, but if your really love someone, it's much easier to overlook and forgive their faults.

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- 2. The Ultimate Religion! #0986:16
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