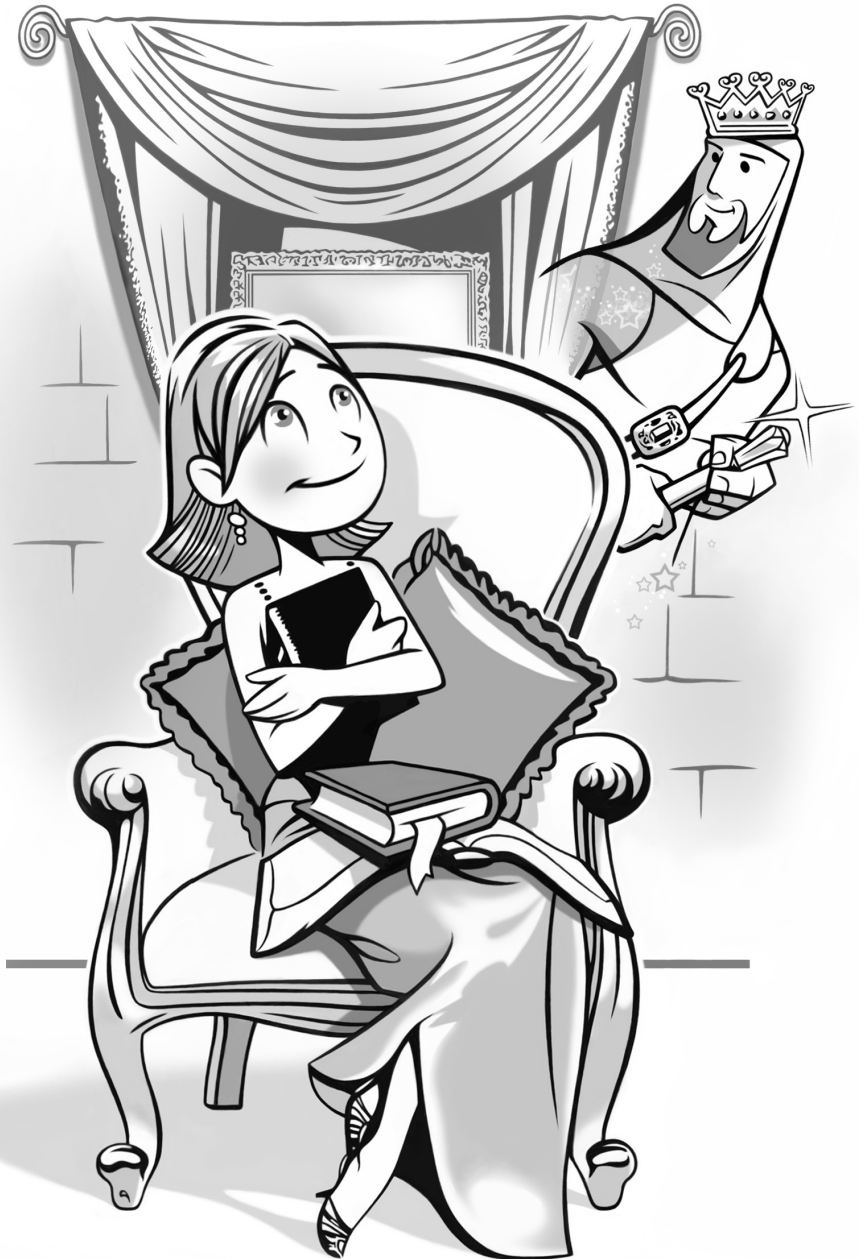


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Dearest Family,

This Letter is on an inspiring, comforting, liberating topic: There is NOTHING too hard for Jesus. Once you fully realize and believe that, you have such peace, such freedom, such security. I pray that this Letter will be a milestone for many of you in developing and strengthening your faith, your assurance in our Husband, your trust that no matter what happens—now or in the future—He is strong enough and will help us through it. You don't have to be perfect to have His help. You don't have to ace every spiritual weapon. You don't have to have a great track record or be an outstanding fighter. You only have to be dependent on Jesus, to be close to Him—because He is all those things and more.

2. Rest on this truth, dear loves. Think about it. Soak up our Husband's promises. Revel in them and determine that you're never going to let the Enemy convince you otherwise—ever again.

3. There is NOTHING too hard for Jesus. There is no storm of evil that can overwhelm His power. And when you're with Him and in Him, there is nothing too hard for you either. It's a beautiful, irrefutable, unshakable, irreversible truth.

4. This Letter came about because of a question from a dear young man who was going

through some really tough spiritual battles. He was fighting by using the keys, prayer, praise, etc., but his battles didn't seem to go away. So he was asking if the Lord had any counsel for him—or whether the intense spiritual battles that he was going through—and that many of us will probably be faced with in the days ahead—required any different tactics.

5. As I prayed about this question, the Lord encouraged us that the spiritual weapons He's equipped us with are more than powerful enough to meet any battle we might face. Of course, there is often a "key" to victory that you have to discover—through asking the Lord, through studying the Word, through applying it and learning what works. Sometimes the Lord is waiting for you to take a certain step of faith. Sometimes He's testing your faith and endurance. Sometimes He wants to strengthen you in a certain area, or bring you to a certain level of desperation, yieldedness and humility.

6. One thing is for sure, battles aren't easy. They're tough, painful, and often make you feel like you're at the end of your rope. As the Lord says later in one of these excellent messages, "That's why they're called battles!" So "think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. But rejoice, inasmuch as you are partaker of Christ's sufferings! That when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also, with exceeding joy!" (1 Peter 4:12,13.)

7. Be encouraged that while the battles might be hot, the Lord will never let them be too much to bear. Be encouraged that although you're not perfect, and sometimes you might even bring the battles on yourself through sin or disobedience or neglect, the Lord understands and He is faithful, and He will pull you through if you turn to Him. There is NOTHING too hard for Jesus, dear loves! That includes situations

that have come about because of your mistakes, faults, weaknesses, or what have you.

8. This is a very important point to strengthen your faith in, because we're entering a time of great reaping in which you're going to be called on more and more to help some messed-up people who are turning to Jesus—and you as His representative—for the answers. These promises the Lord is giving for you apply to them too, and they apply to your prayers for them and the help you can give them.

9. On top of that, in the future we're going to see the Devil's kingdom set up on Earth. If we think the battles are heavy now, we haven't seen anything yet. We're going to stare into the eyes of evil, face to face and breath to breath. That doesn't sound so inspiring, but what is inspiring is that you're going to have the faith and spiritual strength to do so then because you're making it through today's battles. The battles of today are preparing you for the future.

10. I want you to start looking at every situation as an opportunity to grow in faith. That's the point the Lord wants us to see. He wants us to see every test, every battle, every difficulty, as a perfect opportunity to be strengthened in faith. Learn to appreciate the variety in the tests! Or, if you keep getting the same ones time after time, then thank the Lord for the clarity of showing you which area is weak and needs your attention!

11. Don't be surprised if the Lord sometimes allows the battle to carry on a little longer than you'd like, because He's using it to strengthen you. He's waiting for you to strengthen your faith, to get to the point of "though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him" (Job 13:15).

12. The Lord has been trying to strengthen our faith for years—and we're already much stronger than we were. But take this as a challenge to really grow in faith, to see it as a goal, as the foundation for all that is to come, the foundation that you'll be able to build on as a leader of the End.

13. And the hotter the tests get, the more you can praise for the strengthening! That's

the way it works. If your tests aren't very hard, tell the Lord He can turn up the heat a little when He knows that's best! That's the kind of attitude to have. Get through it and go on to the next strengthening! Amen?

14. I pray that these messages will help to strengthen your faith. Read them, reread them, pull out quotes and memorize them, apply them, live them. Make them a part of you. Examine your faith and see where it can stand to be strengthened. You'll need these promises in the near future, and they will be as ballast in your heart and mind that will keep you steady no matter how the Enemy tries to throw you off balance.

15. (Mama:) If you're ever tempted to start shaking in your boots, just remember that the Enemy knows he has but a short time and then his end will come. No wonder he's pulling out all the stops! If you can hang tight and outlast him, you're the victor. So don't give up! Never give up! It'll be over before you know it and the victory crown will be on your head, and it will be yours to keep for all eternity.

My promises are for YOU

16. (Jesus:) Spiritual battles you have with you always. Why? Because you're at war, and it's a war that won't come to its final glorious victory over evil until the end of time as you know it. There will be some reprieves here and there to give you a chance to catch your breath or regroup, but the spiritual attacks will keep coming.

17. If you can accept that, then it won't be such a big surprise to you when you're hit with a spiritual attack. You won't feel that you've done something wrong or are being punished or are failing in some way. You see, when you succumb to those negative thoughts or impressions about yourself, when you think those faith-killing doubts, you allow the Enemy to take away your

power. It's like that old but still powerful Letter from your David, "The Halloween Wheel" (ML #363, Vol.3). When you voice doubt, when you don't speak faith, when you get discouraged, the Enemy can then come in and take away your "Halloween wheel," which in the case of that particular lesson of old was synonymous with your faith, your power to fight back, and your belief in My Word.

18. I do have the victory in absolutely every single situation, circumstance, or predicament. There's nothing—and I mean nothing—that is greater than My power to resolve. That is a fact, something you can count on regardless of how extreme or outrageous the circumstances or attacks are. If you can believe that there is victory, that I have it ready to give to you or your loved ones, then you'll protect your faith, your "Halloween wheel," and you'll be victorious. It all begins with belief. Faith is both the starting point and the ending point. Faith is the all in all.

19. Yes, you have an arsenal of weapons at your fingertips, as well as detailed instruction in how to make the most of those weapons. You have helpers in the form of great and mighty spirit beings and fighters who have gone on before you. You have tremendous knowledge about the spirit world and My nature. You have so much that serves to enhance your skill and spiritual power.

20. But, My loves, the starting point, before you pick up any weapon or call on any spirit helper, is faith. Faith is the password. Faith is the foundation of power and anointing and victory. That's why I said, "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even your faith" (1 John 5:4). That hasn't changed with time or with increased knowledge and insight. Faith is still the firepower, the spark that makes the connection and ignites the fire of My Spirit to work on your behalf.

21. Faith is rather mysterious. There's a lot on faith in My Word, and you know that it's the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb.11:1). You know it's the "title deed," as explained by David. You know it

comes from the Word, and that it grows. You also know it can shrink if you neglect your spiritual life, or if you develop habits of analyzing and questioning or doubting. Learning the life of faith is a lifelong journey and adventure, and it's something that will thrill you from now until eternity, if you can grasp that faith is the key. Faith—belief, acceptance, action, and expectation. They're all intertwined, they're all part of having faith.

22. This concept might look like a pretty tall order to understand and grasp, depending on how easy it is for you to just believe and accept. Some people do that more easily than others, but it is possible for all the children of David to have great faith. It is possible for every single one of you to be a giant of faith. It's a process, yes, but it's not a difficult one. It's a spiritual progression and it takes time, but you will reach that goal if you keep going.

23. But in order to have the wherewithal to fight these spiritual battles, you must seek to strengthen your faith. That's not complicated. The first thing you need to accept, realize and believe is that there is victory for you. I can bring victory in any situation, I have the victory over any and all problems. Know that there are no exceptions to that promise. You must believe that simple fact if you are ever to have great faith.

24. When you're quite knowledgeable, as you are, about the spirit world, My nature, what I expect of you as a professional disciple, the requirements of obedience in order to receive healing or miracles, the details of spiritual warfare with the new weapons, an "occupational hazard," so to speak, is that you can get so focused on all the details that you actually talk yourself out of faith. You know you're not perfect. You know you don't always "hit it" in the obedience realm; you sometimes sluff off, you sometimes ignore My checks, you sometimes get lazy, you sometimes just plain miss it on the things you know you're supposed to do. And then along with those occasional blow-its, you have the ongoing weaknesses in your personality or work ethic or spiritual makeup, and that discourages you even more.

You feel unworthy because you're jealous or a negative thinker or you battle lethargy regularly or you indulge in the things of the flesh to the neglect of your spiritual needs.

25. Whew! You put that together—your mistakes plus your spiritual or carnal or mental weaknesses—and you feel you just don't deserve the victory. You aren't good enough. You fall short too much or too often or too badly. And even though you generally believe that there is "victory in Jesus" and you don't blatantly doubt the concept or actually disbelieve the doctrine, you don't apply that promise to yourself personally. You think, "Yes, that's right: for others, not for me." This attitude can be subconscious.

26. Perhaps you've never taken the time to really think about how you view God's promises for you, as an individual, and what you can personally expect from Me. You've had more of an academic relationship with the promises in My Word; you've mentally accepted them, but still kept them at a distance. You've held them out, far away from your heart and personal situation, sized them up, admired them, and accepted them, but there's something stopping you from believing them for yourself personally.

27. What you need to do, My love, is not just see My promises of victory as beautiful words on the page, and set them on a table and admire them, and even talk about them with others affectionately, or touch and pet them as you repeat them in reverence. This is all well and good, and it's respectful and I appreciate it, but that approach isn't going to make them work for you. You need to be much more passionate in your approach to My promises. You need to look at them as words given for you, and only you. Just as I died for you, as if you were the only one, likewise I gave My promises for you, as if you were the only one. They are for you, personally, individually, eternally!

28. If you can believe that, then the next step is to grab those promises and clutch them close to your heart. Cherish them, love them, embrace them. Can you see that this goes so much further

than simply acknowledging them or mentally saying, "Oh, that's good, that's beautiful, that's the truth of God"?

29. Grab those promises off the table, clutch them desperately to your chest and guard them with your life, saying, "Hey, these are mine! They were made for me, created for me, they're mine! They're exactly what I personally need, and they fit me like a glove, like a fine handmade suit that was tailored to my specific measurements. They fit every single situation that I'll ever come up against in my life, and no one is going to convince me otherwise!"

30. If you can have this relationship with My promises to you, then things will change for you. The way you look at battles, attacks, spiritual problems, afflictions, and everything you come across in the war will be different. That's because you will have more faith. Then the Word, My promises, will give you faith, and that's the starting point when fighting and defeating the Enemy. Faith is your "biggest and baddest weapon." Yes, all the weapons work together; they're all powerful and all needed, but faith is the secret to using any of them to their full potential.

31. There are so many promises in My Word. When I explain the spiritual warfare, I give you promises as I show you what power you have, what you stand to gain, what you can do to defeat your adversaries. When I talk to you about the spiritual weapons, either those you're more familiar with or those that are recently revealed, I explain what those weapons can do for you and the power they have over the Enemy. When I explain the future and your role as My Endtime prophets, I give promises of power, wisdom, anointing and victory.

32. My Word is full of promises. There are those you're more accustomed to quoting from the Bible, that you've heard for years and years, and there are some quotes from the Letters that have become much-used promises, and there are new ones in the GNs and key promise book—but all these promises have power to give you faith, if you can believe that they're for you personally.

That's how My brides often suffer lack today. They believe, but not personally. They accept, but not personally. They apply the promises, but not personally.

33. What I mean is that you distance yourself from My promises, and therefore you don't think they're for you as an individual, and that takes away your power. So the challenge is to grow in personal applied faith. You can do that through a few simple steps.

34. First, you believe that I have victory over the Enemy in any and all situations, no matter what. There is victory for you, period. No ifs, ands, or buts about it.

35. Second, you accept that the promises in My Word are for you, personally. In spite of your weaknesses, sins or shortcomings, My promises are for you. I died for you, as if you were the only one, and I gave My promises for you, as if you were the only one. These specific promises will give you faith for whatever situation you personally face, because I have given promises to match any and all circumstances.

36. Third, you fight any inclination toward self-righteousness or negativity that would talk you out of having faith to apply those promises to whatever battle or challenge you're facing. Don't make yourself an exception and explain away My power by thinking you're not good enough, that you don't deserve My power, victory or deliverance. Don't let your knowledge of the requirements and the intricacies of how things work in the spirit world take away your faith, because when you do that, you're looking at your lacks instead of My power and awesome greatness.

37. Last of all, protect, nurture and feed your faith. Know that faith is the "meanest and baddest" of your weapons and that's the starting place to great miracles. With faith, you can use all the weapons, and there's plenty there to defeat any demon from Hell, no matter how persistent or powerful he may be. He's not and never will be and never can be as powerful as Me!

38. (Question:) But what about having to fulfill the conditions that are attached to each promise?

39. (Jesus:) My loves, you're usually much harder on yourselves than I am on you. You look at your lacks and allow condemnation and discouragement to steal away your faith. Yes, I set conditions and I tell you what you must do to inherit the promises. But in general, I really take you where you're at. If I see that you're doing your best—even if that involves making mistakes, falling short, and getting up and trying again—you can bet that I'll put all the power of Heaven to work fulfilling My end of the bargain. What really makes Me sad is when I see you sitting there like a child who wants to buy something from the store, counting your change and figuring you'll never be able to afford it, when I've already given you a blank check and asked you to come in and fill your cart!

40. If you make a mistake, ask My forgiveness (and the forgiveness of others, if appropriate), and then proceed in faith. Don't listen to the Devil for even a second. Of course he'll tell you that you "deserve" to suffer through a hard battle or face difficulties, and all you can do is endure them because you deserve the suffering. But he's not your friend, and he doesn't tell you the truth! Realize that I'm not keeping score or measuring your obedience against your faults with a measuring stick. I love you, and I've made so many promises to you, that if you'll only start claiming them in faith, you'll be amazed at how much better your life becomes. Stop living in poverty and start acting like the privileged son or daughter of the King that you are!

41. (Jesus continues:) You will come across some tremendous challenges and spiritual attacks and battles, that I promise you. And things in the world, and the atmosphere around the world, will only get darker and worse with time. So it's not that things will get easier; they won't. The battles will be more violent and bloodier in spirit. So get ready.

42. But I also promise you that if you have faith, if you grab ahold of My promises and truly believe that “this is mine, it's for me,” and you tell the Devil “you can't take it away from me,” then there's nothing he can do to hurt you. He'll try. He'll attack, and he'll huff and puff and try to blow your house down, but you'll stand in the end, with those promises protecting you.

43. Don't let the Devil tiptoe into your life and silently steal My promises right out of your arms through his lies that they're not really for you, that you're not really good enough, that you don't really deserve that kind of power and victory and deliverance. Of course you don't; that's a given. But that's not the point here. Your goodness and worth and success is not what merits the gift of My promises.

44. I gave those promises to you as a gift when I died for you, just you. I custom-made those promises just for you, knowing that you would be imperfect, knowing that you were human and could never “attain” to some state of perfection. And yet I gave them to you as if you were the only one. So don't keep trying to be worthy. You're already worthy because I made you worthy. I gave you My worthiness when I died for you. It's a done deal. All that's left is for you to believe, strengthen your faith, and then let Me do the miracles that I have promised.

45. You have spiritual weapons galore. You have knowledge and skill. You have alertness and awareness of the Enemy's tactics. You have training and insight. You have helpers for every conceivable task. The one thing you lack is faith, because only with faith is all this enough. Without faith, there is a lack and you'll be disappointed. With faith, it's perfect and you have all you need.

46. Please, My darling, don't be sad or suffer or agonize when you can be strong and victorious and glorious in battle. There's so much more awaiting you. There are so many more tremendous attacks and battles on the horizon, which will translate into awesome victories. There are so many more magnificent displays of power. There are worlds of strength, anointing and miracles yet to be discovered. Let Me rekindle your faith, and then the fun will really begin!

Faith versus works

47. (Jesus:) Having faith is a gift from Me. If you have a proclivity toward self-righteousness and constantly being on a works trip and trying to do everything right and be perfect and be good enough, then even this simple message will become a chore and a weight for you. You must see that faith is My gift to you. I want to give you faith and increase your faith—not because you deserve it, not because you keep every jot and tittle of the law, not because you work so hard, but because I love you and I died for you.

48. I already paid the price. I already gave all there is to give. You don't have to add to that sacrifice for it to be enough. I want to give you faith so you can know that I have the victory for you in absolutely every single situation or battle you face, and so you can embrace My promises personally, without having to work to make them good enough.

49. Please, My love, open your hands and let Me place this gift there. You don't even have to bend over and do any work to pick it up. You just have to show a tiny bit of interest and desire and openness toward receiving it, and demonstrate a “sign” that you believe there is something to be received by simply opening your hands. Then I'll give it to you.

50. I know you think this is too easy. There are already scores of requirements to having faith, points of obedience, and reasons why you aren't really in line for this gift because you failed in this and that and you haven't done this and that and you aren't good at this and that, and on it goes. But

looking at your own goodness instead of Mine, and allowing that to keep you from being close to Me and having the faith I want to give you, that's the epitome of self-righteousness. Self-righteousness is works. Faith is a gift. Self-righteousness is of man. Faith is from God.

51. Once you have accepted this gift of faith, and once you have learned to change your attitude and relationship with My promises so that you sincerely believe that they're for you, and once you know that I have victory, deliverance and power over all things, then you can go back to the training and progress in obedience, which will increase your power and spiritual strength. But take first things first. Only then will you have built the foundation that will then empower you for the future, come what may.

52. (Jesus:) For some people, everything is a works trip, and that results in so much pressure, so much comparing, so much introspection. All that is not only a waste of time, but it creates the negative "waste" of sadness, loss of power, and a kind of spiritual impotence, because these people lack faith or they don't really understand that it's all about Me, not them. It's about My goodness, not yours. Don't let My promises become part of a works trip that you try to attain to. Realize that you'll never attain! Do the best you can, and just be humble and realize that you'll fall short, and you just have to keep trying. That's okay! That's life! Amen?

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Defeated, never!**

53. (Jesus:) My loves, all these many years of preparation I have been teaching you, training you, and preparing you for battle against the forces of evil. Do you think that I've armed you inadequately, or may have forgotten important points in your training so that once you meet the real monsters of sin and evil, you'll be overwhelmed?

Not at all. Don't even think such a thing. I have been a faithful Husband and I have armed all of you, My brides, with all that you need. I have given you a link with Me that is strong enough to draw all the power you could need for any victory over any enemy in any circumstance.

54. I have seen the days that are coming and I have prepared you properly. Even the days you're in now are days that were once part of your future, and I have prepared you for them. You're prepared for today, and when you meet tomorrow, you will be prepared for it too if you are obedient. I have given you the spiritual weapons and I have given you Myself. Armed with these things you are guaranteed victory and you can know—without ever doubting—that you have the ability to be victorious in every battle.

55. Some attacks of the Enemy are very powerful and shocking, as he comes in like a flood and seemingly overwhelms your defenses or that of someone you are ministering to or working with. You're taken aback by his evil power and strength, because he seems so strong. Some of you have even been tempted to wonder if the power you possess is enough. You look at your store of weapons and you don't seem to see anything that is powerful enough to stop this mighty attack. You look at Me and you ask if I have anything more for you, anything stronger, anything guaranteed to stop these heavier attacks.

56. But I want you to look at the training and the weapons I've already given you. Within your spiritual weapons are mysteries of the spirit and power that will continue to grow in proportion to the battles you face. I will back up and honor My ancient promises that I will always make a way of escape for you, and that where iniquity doth abound, there will grace much more abound (1 Cor.10:13; Rom.5:20). My power within you will always grow to be larger than the power of the Enemy.

57. I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me? (Jer.32:27.) No! Nothing! I can do everything, I can do anything. I can save you from any battle and bring deliverance in any situation.

58. Your spiritual weapons link you with Me. They harness My power. They connect you to the life-force of the universe. There is nothing the Enemy has that can defeat these things. When you claim My unlimited power through the keys or draw close to Me through loving Me intimately or partake of My very nature through reading the Word—these things are absolute and unstoppable and they will bring you victory.

59. That isn't to say that the battles aren't hard and won't be challenging. That's why they call them battles, My loves.—Because you have to fight and you have to be clever and wily and tenacious and vicious in your combat against the Evil One. You won't always get victory at the first key you claim or the first prayer you pray. There's a different requirement for victory in each battle, and you need to find out what that is by asking Me and by being faithful to hold on and endure until I show you where the victory lies for you.

60. But don't ever doubt that victory is assured, or wonder whether you're going to win if you keep fighting. There is nothing the Enemy has that can touch you or harm you or take you away from My presence and love if you truly wish to remain Mine. The Devil may assault your mind and plant horrible doubts and lack of faith and weakness and temptation and all sorts of other things, but he can't take you out of My hands if you throw yourself completely on Me, acknowledging your fears and your weakness and sins and your inability to defend yourself from the cruel assaults of Hell.

61. I will defend you, My little ones! I am your Good Shepherd and I will lay down My life for you. I will always avenge the righteous, and that right early! (Psa.46:5.) I won't let you get attacked and killed spiritually and stolen away from My presence. What can separate you from My love? Nothing! (Rom.8:38–39.) No battle, no attack, no temptation, no doubt, no fear, no sin, nothing! I am greater than anything the Devil can bring, no matter how it looks to you in your weakened and attacked state.

62. I am your defense, your strong tower. Trust in My love and trust in the preparation I have

given you. Remember that whatever you're going through right now, I knew it would come. I saw the future and I knew that you personally would suffer this attack, and so I have slowly been preparing you over the years, both individually and as a body. I have given you Word and secrets that will unlock success in this battle. I have given you spiritual weapons that are suited to your needs, and they are at your disposal. I have given you personal words that can come to mind in the hottest fights, and I have given you Myself time and again and put Myself entirely at your command.

63. Maybe you haven't always been faithful enough to avail yourself of these things, or to pay attention to the classes and instruction I have given about how to win and how to fully access the power you hold. But it's never too late. That power is there for you, and the weapons I've given you are still at your fingertips. You can pick them up and learn to fight even in the midst of the battle. I love you and I want to see you win. I can whisper in your ear and show you what to do.

64. It might be a long fight and you might seem to be getting pretty beat up, but don't worry or fear. Your armor is good and it will hold. If you continue to call out to Me, I will strengthen you and keep you alive and help you to stand up again each time you get knocked down. And then, as I have promised, I will whisper instruction in your ears and point out the paths to victory. It might not look like there is an opening in Satan's attacks, or a weak spot that you can exploit, but trust Me, there is always a way.

65. I am a better fighter and a more skilled tactician than the Enemy could ever be. He can't outsmart Me. And I'm bigger, stronger, faster, and more powerful than he can ever be, so he can't outmuscle Me either. I can beat him in a contest of brain or brawn, whichever he chooses to bring against you. And I'm on your side, so you're safe and you're guaranteed to win.

66. It doesn't matter how hard the battle seems. That very feeling of helplessness and worry, like you've given it your best shot and it wasn't enough, is part of the attack. That's part of the

battle, and you need to recognize it and resist that fear. You are wrestling against spiritual opponents that are strong and devious, and they will make things rough on you. Maybe they'll dodge some of your blasts, especially if you're wielding your weapons a little inaccurately or weakly. They will tempt you to think that you've used the best of My power and strength and that it wasn't enough to stop them, and you panic.

67. But don't let that get to you. I want each of you to know in your hearts that there is NOTHING too hard for Me, and no battle that I can't help you win. This is a fact, an undeniable, unshakable truth. I am the victor. I am the Lord. I am unbeatable, and My power is available to you, and all around you, and even inside of you. No matter how wounded you feel, no matter how clever and strong your opponent is, no matter how badly you've done in a fight, every battle is winnable, and every obstacle can be overcome.

68. Don't let panic and fear get the best of you and make you doubt that you can win. Know that you can win, that it's simply a fact, and direct your energy instead to finding out how to win and looking diligently for the opening you can exploit so that you can snatch victory back from Satan and his minions.

69. There are so many reasons why battles are ongoing and why you don't always win as quickly as you would like. A lot of these I've talked about before, and I'm not going to repeat them all now. Each battle is different, and it's a whole study in itself finding the reasons why I'm letting any given battle go on, or why the Enemy seems to be winning. It could be many different things, and your desperation in looking for the reasons is crucial to you finding the victory.

70. There may be weaknesses in your fighting style or things you've forgotten about. There may well be parts of your heart that aren't clean enough before Me yet, or aspects of your life that aren't fully captive to My humility. There could be many deficiencies in your strategy. But there will never be weaknesses or deficiencies in Me. Don't ever allow yourself to wonder whether a battle is

actually winnable. I am always enough, and My weapons and power can always pull you through.

71. When you're in the heat of a battle you have to be able to rely on some absolutes, and these are that I love you and that with Me you will always be victorious. No matter what else you question or what seems up in the air and twisted around, those two facts are unchangeable. If God be for you, who can be against you? (Rom.8:31.) Count on Me and I will never disappoint you.

72. The Enemy knows that if he can make you doubt that fundamental truth—whether by condemning you and reminding you of how short you fall, or by making you wonder if the battle will ever end, or bringing up some mistake or sin in your heart, or whatever other tactic he might try—if he can make you actually wonder whether you can be victorious, or whether it's possible to win the battle, then he has taken away your faith, your most powerful weapon. He has effectively disarmed you, and anything you do from that point on, until you regain your knowledge of that basic truth, is just going to wear you out and be so much wasted effort. Because your faith, My loves, is the victory that overcomes the world.

73. I love you, My brave fighters. I know what you're up against now and what you will encounter in the future. There are some hard and heavy battles ahead, but if you walk bravely into the future with Me, these storms will be nothing but little breezes. To your mind they may be hurricanes of battle and disaster, but when you are linked with Me and staying close to Me, they will be nothing but little puffs of air, nothing remotely capable of knocking you down or pulling you away from My arms.

74. That's why it's so important that you walk by faith, not by sight. To your eyes things may look scarier than they've ever looked before. To your carnal senses you might be more beaten and bloodied than you thought was possible for a Christian soldier with the armor of the spirit. To your doubting mind you might wonder if this time is going to be the end of you. But in your spiritual man, which has perfect trust and faith in Me, you will know that you are unbeatable and that I am

going to save you and help you and that nothing I'm allowing you to endure is going to finish you off, because I am in you and I have promised victory.

75. Then you're going to bravely endure the battles and seek Me for the solutions and the keys to victory. You're going to stand up once again, take your weapons in hand again, and charge at the Enemy with renewed courage, knowing that you are going to win because I have said so and because I love you and will give you My power. Then you will win, My loves. You will taste victory and it will strengthen your faith to see that nothing is impossible and NOTHING is too hard for Me.

Take advantage of our beautiful, unbreakable bond—the realm where the Enemy cannot go

76. (Jesus:) As you get closer and closer to My return, you'll more clearly see the truth of the verse that says, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph.6:12). This is the bottom line of what you're up against when it comes to fighting for Me, whether you're fighting a personal spiritual battle, or helping one of your mates or sheep or converts to fight.

77. You're fighting against dark and powerful spiritual entities, because the Enemy knows that it takes a lot more out of you and costs much more to fight these types of heavy spiritual battles than physical ones. Yet in attacking you in the spirit, he also, unwittingly, continually shoots himself in the foot. As humans, you're weak and helpless in the physical. You can't control physical elements or circumstances. But when it comes to spiritual warfare, you are strong and powerful beyond measure, because I am in you, and I am all-powerful. I am in control and I know no defeat. I am always victorious.

78. No matter what the Enemy throws your way, when you fight back with the spiritual weapons, when you lean on Me and look to Me for guidance and counsel, we will prevail. This is a fact. There is nothing the Enemy can

send your way that you and I can't counter and repel together and rise above to ultimate victory. There is no battle that you're destined to lose or to barely scrape through, because I am in you, and I am destined to win. Consequently, it is also your destiny to be winners, to be champions, to be overcomers, to be victors!—And you are!

79. (Jesus:) Battles are usually hard, and sometimes it looks like you're losing. Sometimes even when you're doing all you can, you feel like you've lost. But if you're doing your part and it doesn't seem that things are going very well, that just means that it's not over yet—that there's still a victory coming.

80. I use battles—especially ones that are long or difficult—to humble you, to make you more dependent on Me, and sometimes you do feel pretty defeated. But if you are using the spiritual weapons at your disposal, if you're listening to My instructions and doing what I tell you to do, then you're always destined to win in the end, even if it takes a lot of faith to believe that when you're going through it.

81. You don't feel like a victor most of the time. You don't feel like spiritual superheroes or awesome spiritual warriors, but in reality you are, because I am, and I am in you. I want you to learn to depend more on the intimate connection you have with Me. I don't just mean your connection with Me through prophecy; I mean your connection with Me through My possession of your heart and spirit and life. When you asked Me into your heart, you gave Me leave to possess you and to inhabit every corner of your heart and spirit. I do. We're inseparable. I'm inextricably linked to you, and you're inextricably linked to Me. The connection we share is something the Enemy can't even begin to understand, much less assault. So often you might feel that he does,

but the spiritual plane where our spirits and hearts are merged as one is a plane that he can't even begin to comprehend, much less access.

82. When you feel that he's attacking your link with Me, telling you that you're worthless or that I don't love you, that you've messed up too much, when you feel that your mind and senses are being relentlessly bombarded with his thoughts and lies and fears and pictures, when you feel that you're barely hanging on, or that the life of someone you love or are shepherding is at stake and you don't know what to do, you must go deeper into Me.

83. You must realize that the Enemy is only bluffing, that his attacks are barely scratching the surface of our unbreakable bonds with each other. Your feelings and senses tell you otherwise, that it's the end, that you can't hang on another minute, that you're not strong enough. But this is not true—because the truth is that we are eternally connected in a realm that the Enemy has no access to. He cannot touch the real you, because the real you, your spirit, is somewhere he can't reach, somewhere he can't go to and doesn't even understand or know exists.

84. To overcome these very intense and draining battles, you must go deeper and deeper into Me, letting Me hold you and fight for you and with you, until your spirit is cleansed and can recollect that deeper awareness of the unbreakable bonds we share.

85. This is why I allow the attacks to be so fierce at times. These things are needed in order to cleanse your spirit, to drive you ever closer to Me, to take away all the props of the world, to remind you that there's nothing and no one you can count on but Me. Because deep down at the core of your spirit is that knowledge of the spiritual plane where our union exists in such a pure and exquisite way that you have absolutely no doubts or questions as to My power and strength in you, and the fact that there's absolutely nothing the Enemy can do to touch you or exact upon you, no matter what he tries. It's easy to forget this in the hustle and bustle and clamor of life and the spiritual battles you face, so I sometimes have to

allow things to come up in your or others' lives to strip away all the gloss and props and take you back to the basics of this fundamental truth—that we share a love so powerful and timeless, there's nothing it can't overcome.

86. No matter what happens, no matter what the Enemy sends your way, no matter how fiercely the spiritual warfare rages, we will always be victorious. The truth of My promise that the keys will win every battle you call them to fight is unbreakable. This is the reality of the spirit world. No matter how real the Enemy's attacks and tactics seem to you, no matter how much they seem to hurt your heart and quench your hope, the truth is that the spiritual weapons I've given you are far more powerful and will inflict much, much greater damage and pain on the Enemy than anything he can bring against you.

87. I ask you to believe in things unseen. You can't really see the spiritual weapons in action. You don't see yourself clad in battle gear and engaging the Enemy in combat. You only feel the results of these things. So you have to take it by faith, but this is what makes your weapons all the more powerful. Faith is the power of the spirit world, and when you take things by faith, you put that power into action. The Enemy has no defenses against that.

88. When you launch your spiritual weapons by faith, there's nothing he can do except flee the battleground. He can try to prevent you from exercising your faith by barraging you with doubts, lies, fears, and worries, but once your faith missiles are in motion, he's completely helpless. So of course he'll do everything he can to keep you from believing that you can win, that you will overcome, that you are a winner!

89. Once you're in the ring and attacking, he knows that he'll eventually lose. So he tries to keep you from entering the ring at all. That's his only hope of defeating you. But once you're in the ring, once you're launching your weapons at him, then it's just a matter of time before you defeat him.

90. You must keep this knowledge at the forefront of your mind when the Enemy attacks you. You have to know for a fact that if you fight, if you do what I show you to do, if you use the spiritual weapons, if you go deeper into Me, you will win. There's no question about it. It's guaranteed. Even the Enemy knows this. He knows that he has "but a short time," that his time is limited, and he'll try to use every moment he has to discourage you, distract you, and attack you. And he's persistent and relentless, because he's trying to wear you out in the time that he has.

91. But just remember that every battle will pass and that you will win. There will always be a way out. There will always be a victory. The times that I have ordained for the battles you face and the tests of endurance you undergo are different in each case, but there is not one battle that will last longer or be more difficult than you or those you love will be able to bear.

92. Don't you know how much I love you? As your Husband, do you think I just stand by while the Enemy is attacking you? Would you just stand by if someone was attacking your husband or wife or friend or child? Of course not! I'm right in there with you. I'm fighting with you, fighting beside you. I'm holding your hand and lifting up your arms. I'm reminding you of your weapons and offering them to you, sometimes even putting them in your hands and encouraging you to use them.

93. I take the Enemy's blows for you to prove My promise that I care for My Own. I hallow you about and send other warriors and powerful helpers into the fray. I direct My fury and wrath at the Enemy and give him and his minions a good walloping. I tell you how much I love you, and I give you comfort and reprieve from the battle when that's what you need. I can't keep you from the battles altogether, because I know they're what you need, but I fight them with you. They're My battles just as much as they are yours, and that's why you're going to win every time—because the battle is Mine, and I never lose!

94. The spiritual weapons are an extension of My power and Spirit, and when you wield them,

you never lose, because they never lose, because I never lose. We are connected, and when you wield the spiritual weapons, you are wielding Me. You are channeling the power and energy that created the universe, and the Enemy can't stand against it.

95. He'll never win, because I've already beaten him. He was defeated by My death on the cross. He's the eternal loser. The attacks he sends your way now, fierce as they may seem, are in actual fact pathetic bluffs, because he's already lost. He can't win, no matter what he does and how hard he tries. Just by accepting My gift of salvation and love for you, you've already won the victory.

96. You're already the winner and the champion, and there's nothing the Enemy can do about that. He'll try to dissuade you, try to get you to doubt and despair, but as long as you cling to My love and use the weapons I've given you, you'll always, always beat him.—And I say, tough for him! If he's such an idiot to think that he can get at My wife, that he can get at Me, when you and I have already won, well, that's his loss, that's his problem.

97. His attacks against you strengthen you, as you fight and do My will. But he's never strengthened by your attacks against him, only weakened. Every blow you give him sends him reeling, whereas every blow he aims at you only strengthens you and enhances your skills, if you choose to fight. So, as you can see, this is really a pretty "unfair" fight, in that you've already won and are strengthened every time he tries some new trick against you; whereas he's just left beaten and bloody and further behind in the dust every time!

98. When I say that there's nothing in this world that can stand against Me, My love, the keys and the spiritual weapons—and consequently, that nothing can stand against you, because you are part of Me, and My Spirit is in you—those aren't just empty words. They are real, they have real power, they are the reality of the spiritual life you lead, and you must accept and believe this truth. This is your key to victory. Eternity has already been written in that you already know that you and I will win and the Enemy will

be defeated, so what can he do to you? He can only cause you to fear, but he can't win. You're destined to win, and he's destined to lose. That's the fate he's chosen for himself, and he will reap what he's sown. Whereas you will rise above in victory every time. That's your future and destiny.

99. The Enemy has been given permission to test and try your faith now, but only so that it can be made whiter, more pure and precious, and thus be more rewarded. What he's really doing is adding to your ever growing and grand reward. He can't take anything away from you. Even his attacks only bring you more glory, more honor, more strength, more love, more reward. What can he do to you?

100. Why do you fear his attacks, when you know that he can't touch you, that he will never win, that even the pain he causes you now will be swallowed up in My love for you, that all things work together for your good, that I am in control, that I will never fail you or leave you, that I will come through for you, that I've already conquered him through My death on the cross, that I will bear the burdens for you, that My spiritual weapons and warriors are all-powerful and know no defeat, that the end of the story is already written, and that there is a permanent happy ending for you and Me and pain and destruction for him?

101. Time is a dimension of Earth, but there is no time in the realm of the spirit. The battles that seem so long now are barely even a fraction of a second long in the realm of the spirit. Your spirit can partake now of your heavenly rewards and the heavenly life, even though in Earth time, you're still fighting the good fight of faith.

102. What provides the link that transcends the bounds of time on Earth and lets you experience the eternal bliss of Heaven? It comes back to that deep and unshakable bond we share, My possession of your heart and spirit, the love we share, the spiritual plane on which our love is nurtured and strengthened, where the real you dwells and knows Me in a way that is so passionate and intimate and personal that it doesn't even occur to you to wonder if I love you, or if you'll win, or if things are going

to be okay. You just know, because you know Me so deeply and intimately, you know that I love you in a way that surpasses the feelings of all your senses. My love is at the very core of your being, and you just know that there's absolutely nothing that you can't do, no battle you can't win, no test you can't endure, no obstacle you can't hurdle, because I'm part of you, I am in you, and I can do all these things in the blink of an eye.

103. In the deep inner recesses of your spirit there is great strength and endurance, because that is where we are intimately connected. Your deep spirit is capable of great things, capable of doing those things that Hebrews 11 speaks of—subdue kingdoms, work righteousness, obtain promises, stop the mouths of lions, quench the violence of fire, escape the edge of the sword, out of weakness be made strong, wax valiant in fight, and turn to flight the armies of the aliens! These men and women were great in faith and accomplished great things, unnatural feats, supernatural things, because they did not settle for what their eyes could see and what their bodies and hearts could feel. They did not accept their feelings as reality. They endured, and persisted in “seeing Him Who is invisible”; they believed in things unseen.

104. They counted the unseen realities of the spirit as more real than what they could see, and thus they were strong and conquered and overcame despite incredible “odds.” They were not looking at the “odds” the way the world would; rather they looked at the real “odds”—My Words, My promises to them of reward, the fact that the Enemy was already beaten before he even started, the fact that they had the upper hand and would prevail, because I was in them. With those kind of odds on your side, the knowledge of victory, unlimited strength and power at your disposal, why wouldn't you be raring to knock the Enemy for a loop?

105. And so I ask you, My loves, to not settle for surface strength and surface endurance when the hard times hit, whether you're fighting for yourself or for another. You must take time to go deeper, to where the reservoir of strength and power and endurance lies, in our relationship and love for

each other. If you don't go deep into the spirit and let Me deeply make love to you and fill you with My all-powerful Spirit and presence, then you will falter and the battle will seem to be too much. If you don't go deep into the spirit and use the spiritual weapons I've given you, believing that they are invincible, then you will only be operating within the confines of the Enemy's façades, where he can get you down, rather than in the reality of the spirit realm, where he knows that he's defeated as soon as you fight him with the spiritual weapons.

106. Never turn your back on the Enemy. Never flinch, or concede defeat, or wonder what the outcome will be or fear how long the battle will last. Fear will be your defeat. Faith and trust in My promises to you, in My love for you, and in the unsurpassed weapons of the spirit, is your victory. Believe and hold on, and the victory will be yours.

107. Don't seek to be rescued prematurely or to rescue others prematurely. Your times are in My hands, and as I've told you, every minute of every test and battle is carefully and precisely measured so that they will ultimately result only in that which is good for you, for your very best. Victory is guaranteed, so long as you keep fighting and keep trusting. There are no disappointments with Me, and you will never be disappointed that you held on and kept fighting, even when you feel you're taking your very last breath—because I promise you that I'm always there for you and that you will win.

108. I will give you the energy to get up again, to breathe in the air of My Spirit and find renewed vigor and life. I will give you faith as you hang on to My promises and put them into action. I'll engage the Enemy for you and knock the stuffing out of him. You just hold up your spiritual weapons and keep firing, and I'll take care of the details of inflicting damage and pain on him where I know it will hurt him most. Most of all, I will tenderly love you and sustain you. Even when you don't feel Me, I'm always there. I'll never fail you. It's impossible for Me to fail, especially to fail you whom I love so dearly.

109. (Jesus:) I can never tell you enough times or in enough words how much I love you and how I'm always there for you and will fight all your battles for you. This is an unending message and theme, because My love for you is unending, and this is ultimately what the substance of this message comes down to—the fact that I love you and care for you and will never leave you and never allow anything to happen in your life that isn't for your good and part of My plan.

110. Even when battles seem to go on and on, and when you feel that you're terrible at fighting and not making any progress and even being defeated, My hand is on your life, My love is in your heart, and I won't fail you. I will bring the battle to an end in My good time. I will bring victory.

111. Battles are tough. That's just the way they are. Sometimes My children feel that they're failing when the battles are difficult and when they feel pain, but this isn't necessarily the case. Even when you are using all the spiritual weapons, there will be times when you feel weary and hurt or like you can't take another step. This doesn't necessarily mean that you aren't fighting. If you're doing what I've told you to do, then you can trust Me.

112. The life of a warrior isn't easy, but the rewards are thrilling, and you will win in the end. That's what I want you to hold on to.

Never, never, never give up!

113. (Jesus:) My loves, I know that in the time of fiercest battle, when you are in the throes of it, you can be tempted to feel that you are never going to get the victory, that things are never going to let up, and that you are destined to have to fight this battle until the day you die. This is especially

true if you feel you're doing all you can to fight by calling on Me and using the spiritual weapons at your disposal, and you still find the battle does not cease or let up.

114. I had personal experience with that feeling during the 40 days I spent in the wilderness battling the Devil (Mat.4:1–11; Luk.4:1–13). I didn't know how long I was going to be there. I was given no time frame, nor was I told, "You will only be there 40 days, and at the very end of that time, when You are at Your weakest and faint from hunger, the Devil is really going to lay into You and try You and tempt You in order to test Your limits and completely break You. But don't worry, if You can withstand at that point, You will come out the victor." Had I known that, My desert sojourn would not have been the test My Father intended it to be. It would not have succeeded in testing Me to My limits and breaking Me to the point that I was totally and utterly desperate and at the end of My rope, and the victory would not have been as triumphant.

115. Every moment of every day that I spent there in that desert place I was badgered and hounded by the Enemy. He was relentless and he didn't give up taunting Me. It seemed as if it'd never end. I knew in My heart that eventually it had to, because I knew My destiny was not to die in the desert. But nevertheless, the time I spent there felt like an eternity, because I didn't know when it would be up and I would be delivered.

116. Had I known exactly when and how it would end, I would not have been as desperate. I would have been counting the days until My deliverance and biding My time, waiting for it all to end. I probably wouldn't have been as relentless in My counterattacks on the Devil. I needed that time of testing to develop a perfect hatred for him, and to learn his tactics. I needed to know how it felt as a human to be badgered by the Enemy. As you see, My Father, in His wisdom, hid the details from Me, as it was My final preparation before My ministry started in earnest. That experience is what I needed for My preparation.

117. So it is with any battle you go through. Tests, trials, and battles are all for a purpose. I intend for them to teach you, to strengthen you, to make you a better fighter, just as My time in the desert did for Me.

118. Put yourself in My shoes for a moment, and imagine that you are where I was. Imagine being in the desert for 40 days, fasting. Imagine relentless harassment by the Enemy that does not cease, day or night. Imagine continually counter-attacking the Devil's lies and propaganda and seeing him return again and again for another round. Imagine the hopelessness I was tempted with and the feelings of discouragement and despair when at the dawn of every new day I was faced with another round with the Tempter. I used everything I had and the Enemy still came back for more. I felt forsaken and forgotten. I felt frustrated that no matter what I did, no matter what tack I took, no matter what weapon of My arsenal I used, the Devil came back to dish out more.

119. And then it happened: The final day when I was completely spent, the Devil took Me to a high mountain and tried his greatest temptation. And what turned the tide of the battle were five simple words: "Get thee behind Me, Satan."

120. This wasn't the first time I rebuked him, nor was it the first time I used Scripture on him. In fact, I had just told him that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, and that "thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

121. What made the difference? What turned the tide of battle? It was because it was time. It was finished. It was over. The victory was won. My Father had proven His point to the Devil, and I was ready to start My ministry. He could have delivered Me at any point during those 40 days, because as I said, I was using all My weapons against the Enemy, but My time for deliverance was not at hand.

122. I share this with you to encourage you that number one, I have been through what you go through when faced with a relentless battle that never seems to cease. It will eventu-

ally cease, My loves. It will eventually stop, just as My 40 days in the wilderness ended.

123. Number two, never underestimate the effect you are having on the Enemy in a battle. No matter how strong he seems, each blow you give him does render him a bit weaker. It may not appear that way at first, but trust Me, it does weaken him, until finally he will give up and leave. That is what happened with Me in the wilderness: All throughout those 40 days that we duked it out, he was getting pummeled—he just didn't let on.

124. This is what can be deceptive about the Enemy. Remember, he is a deceiver and a liar (John 8:44), and just because he seems to keep coming back at you doesn't mean you aren't landing some blows that really hurt him. I found that out at the very end, when as I said, I only uttered five words and he'd had it and quit. It was then that I realized that all along I had been having an effect on him; he just wasn't going to give Me the satisfaction of knowing that My weapons were breaking him down and defeating him.

125. Number three, because I have been touched with the feelings of your infirmities, know that I understand what you are going through and will be with you each step of the way. I have been where you are, through the darkest nights and the most discouraging days. I have felt weak and helpless against the Enemy's attacks. I have hit him with all that I was worth, and still felt no progress was made. I have been in your shoes, through the most trying of circumstances, and yet I was delivered, as you will be.

126. So next time you find yourself in the thick of the battle, when it seems it will never end, and you are doing all you can to fight the Enemy and still feel progress is not made, think of Me and My time in the wilderness when I fought the Devil for 40 days. Even as My Father was with Me during that time, so will I be with you. Even though it felt as though My time in the wilderness was never going to end, it eventually did. And even though I felt that I wasn't making progress in dealing the Enemy a blow that would

knock him out, he was weakening, and eventually was defeated and the battle was over.

127. Encourage your heart with these thoughts, My loves, and they will be a great comfort to you in your time of need. They will give you hope and courage to fight on, as I did, and eventually be delivered.

The tremendous value of your spiritual riches

128. (Jesus:) There is nothing too great or too horrible that you could face which I have not already overcome. Remember, I already overcame the world (John 16:33). I rose above all the evils of Earth. I conquered every sin. I triumphed over the world. I am the Victor! And when you are faced with grave difficulties, heart-wrenching situations, or intense spiritual battles, it is through holding My hand, depending on Me, and commanding My power that you too will overcome.

129. I am overcoming power. When you tap into Me by commanding Me, availing yourself of Me, you have become one with the source of overcoming, and this power will cause you to overcome anything that you are facing. My power is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb.13:8).

130. You, My loves, will face darkness such as the world has never felt before. The spiritual battles will increase and intensify because Satan's demons will be let loose upon the Earth in much greater force. There will be oppression, heaviness, gross darkness. And while you will not be lost in that darkness or caught in that oppression, you will be ministering to those who are. You will be fighting to reach the souls of those who are caught within the thick blanket of Satan's evils. And it will be a very real struggle to rescue lost souls.

131. You will be called upon to defeat that evil and those spiritual powers time and time again in the quest to save souls. I will need you to be overcomers—not just overcomers in your own battles or for your own sakes—but overcomers for the battles and sakes and lives of others. You will need to overcome for them through your solid faith in Me and your connection with My power.

132. In order for you to be strengthened in the faith to face those days and to accept that calling, I am preparing you today through the spiritual battles I am asking you to overcome in now.

133. Many of you are experiencing something intense in your life in the form of battles. And at some point, try as you might, the victory will seem to elude you. You'll feel that you are fighting, you are holding on, you are trusting, and yet for some reason you cannot obtain victory. Thus, you'll be tempted to feel that perhaps victory is beyond you, to figure that maybe you just don't have the strength or the power to win that victory. You may become discouraged, wondering what the secret is. "Isn't there some other way to win this war, to defeat this foe, to finish this battle?"

134. The beauty of the battles you face, My loves, especially the very difficult ones that don't pass quickly, is that they bring you to the point of learning what I am trying to teach you right now. Through allowing you to face great difficulties, or extreme spiritual battles, or a baffling spiritual opponent, I am providing opportunity for you to learn the secret of the simplicity of My Spirit, the astounding power of My basic spiritual principles, the foundation of your strength.

135. You see, there is no power so great that it could defeat Me. There is no foe so fierce that I would shy away from facing it. There is no battle so intense that it could weaken Me. There is no spiritual evil so dark that it could engulf Me.

136. I am still, just as I have always been, the secret to your survival. In Me you can overcome all things and be the victor every time. Through Me, you can defeat every evil that arises. Through Me you can command and destroy any demon who would oppose you. Through Me you can stand the heat of the hottest battlefield and rise to victory.

137. What has happened, though, My sweet ones, is that you have received so, so much in terms of spiritual weapons, insight, understanding, revelation, and power, that you have become like billionaires in spirit! You have so

much wealth spiritually that you often lose sight of its immense value.

138. In times past, My men and women did not have as much understanding of My spiritual truths, neither did they need or receive the diverse spiritual weapons you have been blessed with. For some of My ancient greats, all they had was Me and My Word. They connected with Me via their prayers and praises, and they received from Me via My Word in the Scriptures or My direct voice to them. This was their wealth, and they treasured it. They realized its value and worth, and when evil arose against them, they put their full faith and trust in those spiritual treasures to deliver them and bring victory; and it always did.

139. Even though these men and women did not receive as much as you have been given, still, what they had in terms of spiritual wealth and power far exceeded and surmounted even the greatest powers of Hell or Earth. Even if you had only one coin of spiritual wealth, you would still be able to conquer all every time.

140. For some who hardly even knew of Me or My power, much less what I had spoken in the Word, when they claimed My name in faith in time of trial or great need, they too found that such astounding power could not be matched by any opposing force.

141. My sweethearts, I have given you so much wealth and so many spiritual treasures because you need it in these Last Days. Satan's power has increased upon Earth, but it is still far less than the power I've released to you. While his power might be more evident or more widespread than before, it hasn't gotten any more capable of withstanding My power. It is still the same weak, puny stuff of the netherworld when compared to Me and My beautiful creative, regenerative power.

142. But you need additional spiritual fire-power because Satan's influence upon Earth is becoming more apparent and he is employing new tactics and methods. So in order to defeat him at every turn, all the while drawing closer to Me and saving lost souls for My Kingdom, you need these diverse spiritual powers and aids to help you

to fulfill your commission. I have given you this spiritual weaponry, these means of accessing My power, to make your jobs easier and completely doable. I've given you these many options to ensure that you face no impossibility or insurmountable problem. What I've given you guarantees victory no matter what, if you will use it.

143. Each avenue of accessing My power is like a “coin” of spiritual power and treasure that adds greater power and strength to you. But even one of those coins—for example, the coin of My Word—contains a stronger power than anything Hell or Earth might throw at you.

144. Sometimes you need to look more closely at your spiritual treasures, when in a time of battle, to really understand the full value of what you have in your possession. When faced with something terrible, trying, spiritually taxing, you need to stop for a moment and take a good look at some of those spiritual coins in your treasure vaults to remind yourself of their inestimable worth.

145. You could consider Me and Me alone—the simple fact of salvation and that I have redeemed you, that I am your Savior. You could look through your Bible to remind yourself of every promise given regarding My power, My presence, and My ability. Remind yourself how great I am, how strong I am, how powerful I am. Remember that I created you and I created that force that is opposing you, or that obstacle that stands in your way. Consider that I love you and I allowed that force or that obstacle so that you would learn to overcome it. Remember that I am on your side and I want you to win. Then, hold on to Me, use Me, command Me in faith, and let Me do battle for you.

146. You must learn to put full stock and faith in your spiritual weapons and in the basic spiritual powers you have been given. You have been given so much that you can lose sight of its value. You can grow familiar with it, or let it devalue in your eyes when you look too much at yourself and your own weaknesses or shortcomings. Instead I want you to gain greater awareness of your wealth and matchless power.

147. I want you to see your spiritual power as heaps of gold and treasure, and whatever is opposing you as a speck of dust in comparison. I want you to realize that you can drown out every attempt of Satan with My power. You can defeat every evil with My power. You can conquer any foe just by saying My Name. That's how powerful you are. That's how much you have in the spirit!

148. You need to learn these lessons now, because in the days to come, the battles will be a lot more intense. You might be faced with one who is completely possessed of Satan, yet is searching for release. You'll stand face to face with this lost soul, and in a moment you'll have to consider whether or not you have the faith that My power is stronger than Satan's hold on this one, and whether or not you will command My power in faith, believing that it will work for you.

149. You will need such definite faith in those days, faith unshakable, knowing that I can and will conquer all. And that faith will be there for you tomorrow, if you are faithful to acquire it and strengthen it today. You must be solid in the belief that you can overcome all things, because I overcame the world and I am in you, and in Me you can do all things.

150. No matter what you are facing right now, you have the spiritual power to face it, defeat it, and come out better for it. No matter what demon is fighting against you, you have greater power fighting for you, because if God be for you, who can be against you?

151. (Jesus:) The basics of My Spirit are this: I am God. I am power. I am in you. In Me, you can do all things. Your spiritual weapons connect you to Me and harness My power. So through Me and through your weapons of the spirit, you can also do all things.

152. My spiritual principles are very simple: Use Me and you will win. Praise and you will have victory. Pray and it will

change things. Call on the keys and it shall be done. Have faith and you will overcome the world. My Words are spirit and life. These quotes that you have heard for years and years are not just pretty promises; they are statements of power. In applying any of these statements, in standing on them in faith, you access greater power than anything of this world or Hell.

153. You must believe that no matter how difficult your spiritual battles become, no matter how wearying or oppressive the spiritual battles that those you are ministering to face, these basics of My Spirit are able to conquer all every time. They will work for you as you use them and believe them. The simplicities of My Spirit hold greater power, wisdom, ability, and strength than the most complex, intense, or amazing attack the Enemy could possibly throw at you.

154. So, when faced with something ferocious and spiritually taxing, look to Me and know that I will overcome—and thus you can overcome. Look at your faith as the coinage of the realm it is. Remind yourself of My promise that faith is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4). Realize that faith in Me makes you one with Me, and when we are one, then all things are possible to you. Make some firm statements of faith that you can quote, hold on to, and remind yourself of. Realize the full power that you are holding in your hands and using in your battle.

155. As you focus on the power, it will create a direct link to Me, to My Spirit, which will channel My power to you—My overcoming power—that will enable you to rise above, overcome, defeat, conquer, and be victorious. I am all power and in Me you can overcome all things. You just have to believe it.

Promises and encouragement to hang on to

(All are from Jesus unless otherwise indicated.)

156. Faith, true faith, is able to quench all the fiery darts of the Enemy (Eph.6:16). That is how powerful I've made your ability to hang on to Me. I've given you the power of your will. The makeup of your will contains potency as strong as steel. When you make the decision to hang on to Me no matter what, that is a very potent conscious decision. It is an act of your will. It is a conscious, deliberate choice in the spirit world that you've made to hang on to Me no matter what.

157. You've decided you aren't going to listen to other thoughts. You are going to reject any thought that attempts to pry you away from your choice. You will consider any thought that tries to remove you from Me as an affront to your personal choice. Your personal choice is inviolable. It is sacred.

158. I have given you the absolute power of freedom of choice. That means that your power or ability to choose what you are going to believe and what you are going to put your faith in and what you are going to hang on to is more powerful than any possible attempt to pry you away from that choice. If your faith in Me is rock solid, then absolutely nothing can change that, without your decision to let it change.

159. So once you choose to hang on to Me, you have cast your anchor into the Rock, and nothing can move you from that point on—not if you choose to not let it. The choice is yours. That's how strong I've made your free will. That's why, in the end, there will be no excuses. Everyone will plainly see that they simply made the choices that resulted in their spiritual state. I let you make your own choices, and I don't override them. The freedom to choose is My gift of love to you.



160. I said that even a tiny mustard seed of faith can move mountains, because faith is just that strong (Mat.17:20). It is powerful, and anything that would try to move your faith against your will meets defeat. On the contrary,

those things that try to move you will instead be moved by the stance of your rock-solid faith.

161. So woe be to anything that attacks your faith, because if you choose to maintain your stand for Me, the attack is doomed to be quenched, to be moved out of its place by your faith, not the opposite. Every thing that rises against you I will curse and debilitate if your choice is to maintain your stand on Me.

162. When you choose to cast your lot in with Me, whether you live or die in doing so, like Job, I will eventually come through for you and make you better off than before; and in the process I will take the attack and break it in two in My hands, for you, My love. Because if you love Me enough to stand by Me no matter what, I consider that stand one of the most precious things in My sight, and when the time is right I will take off My belt and thrash the opponent that so plagued you.

163. I am a jealous God, and although I may allow you to be strengthened through the tests, as long as your eyes continue to gaze into Mine, the time will come when I close the chess board and say, “Game is over! You won, My bride. You lost, Devil.”



164. What’s happening here is that the spiritual battles have intensified, the warfare has increased, and you can be tempted to think that there must be some other way to fight, some way out of the attacks and on to victory. The real problem is that the basics of spiritual warfare are being neglected or disregarded. What is happening is that My Word is being looked on as “too weak to live up to the task”—not exactly in those words, but it isn’t always being looked on in faith, applied in faith, and held on to in faith.

165. The fact of the matter is that no matter how intense spiritual warfare becomes, and no matter what sort or degree of spiritual battle or experiences one goes through, the basics of My Word, the keys, and Me are enough to see you through anything. My power is still the same today as it was yesterday, but the key is that your faith needs to be stronger today than it was yesterday.

166. Some people can begin to feel that because their battles have become so difficult and intense, or even more spiritually felt, there must be some other way to fight, some other form of survival. It’s humiliating to realize that only by throwing yourself completely in My arms will you be able to make it through some unbearable storm, or that by clinging to My keys will you find the power to overcome a spiritual attack.

167. But the basic principles of My Spirit are still the same today as they were yesterday, that through Me you can do all things; through holding onto the keys you can overcome all things; through praise you can be the victor in all things; through loving Me intimately you receive power for all things; through hearing from Me you gain wisdom and grace and strength for all things; through spending time with Me, absorbing Me and My Words, you can rise above all things. My Word fails not; it just takes faith to cling to these simplicities of My Spirit even when you’re bargained with the complexities of spiritual warfare. That’s the bottom line here.

168. My spiritual method for victory and overcoming is too simple for the carnal mind. My methods, though, call for absolute humility. It takes humility to accept that you can’t do it, you can’t change, you can’t get rid of those thoughts, you can’t triumph over that spiritual experience, and must instead lie with Me and kiss Me and throw all things onto Me and trust Me to do it for you.



169. Some battles can be long and painful and persistent, and finding the key to victory in each case is crucial. Sometimes it’s a matter of endurance. Sometimes it’s a matter of a weakness I am strengthening in you. Sometimes it’s a matter of unconfessed sin. Sometimes it’s a matter of teaching you what weapon is best for the job. Sometimes it’s a matter of prayer and fasting; sometimes it’s a matter of humbling yourself and rooting out some flaw of pride in your heart. But in all these matters I will guide you and direct

you with great skill and clarity and patience so that the thorn in your heart can be removed.

170. But that simply means that I am perfecting you in your spirit, so that you will be stronger than ever and be able to fight more than before. The bottom line, regardless of the reason for the battle, or how long I allow it to go on, is that you can't be defeated in spirit—not if you choose Me and hold on to Me.

171. Remember, the name of the Lord is a strong tower, and the righteous run into it and are safe (Pro.18:10). Those words are so, so true. If you continually turn unto Me and gaze into My eyes, if you continually put the battle back into My hands, if you resist and rebuke the Devourer and then cling to Me, I will not fail you.

172. I am a strong tower, and I will put My bricks and mortar and steel around you and close you in so that anyone or anything that wants you has to get past Me first. That's how strong I am and that's how much I love you who throw your arms around Me.

173. You are engraved on the palms of My hands and you are part of Me (Isa.49:16), and I will swat down anything that dares to attack you. Sorrow may endure for a season, but joy comes in the morning (Psa.30:5), meaning that after every severe trial I always, always, rise again on your behalf and give you the victory. I have never failed once; I never will. Cling to Me and let your faith be strong.



174. When you face heavy battles, it is often for the purpose of trying and strengthening your faith. When there is a flaw in your faith, this is often the point that the Enemy is allowed to attack. He wants to attack you there because he wants to weaken you—and he waits to see if he can—but I let him attack you there because I want to strengthen that area. And so I offer you the opportunity to strengthen, repair and fix that crack in your armor. It's all for a good purpose.



175. Do you really believe in Me? Do you believe that I have power over the seemingly

all-powerful attack you are experiencing? Do you believe that I have the power to thrash the Enemy? If you do, then that belief harnesses My power, and My power source is then linked up to you. Don't let the Enemy get you to give up that link, as he tried to do with Job and with Abraham.



176. Look at what King David said in the Psalms: "I am feeble and sore broken.... My heart pants, my strength fails me. ... My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off." But then look at his conclusion: "In Thee, O Lord, do I hope: Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God" (Psa.38). And yes, because he hung on to Me even in the sorest of troubles, I did hear and I brought him to victory. "For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock" (Psa.27:5).

177. Although you experience great and sore troubles, you can always turn to Me regardless of the trouble, and this is the measure of your faith. Where does your faith run out? Is there a point where it will weaken and stop? And if you come to that point, will you then examine it, strengthen it, fortify it, reassert it, and cast it further into the bull's eye of eternity?

178. If that is your aim, then congratulations, My dear. Nothing will be able to stop you.

179. That is the measure of faith; and holding on to Me is faith, even when you think you don't have it. The Devil may try to convince you that you don't, but your holding on to Me proves that you do. I never fail that faith.



180. I have given you power over all the power of the Enemy. I have told you this so many times and in so many ways. I told My disciples this before they went out on a road trip and they came back rejoicing that even the devils were subject unto them! (Luk.10:17.) And that was 2,000 years ago. My power hasn't diminished or abated. It is as alive and as strong as ever.

181. I am the very life of creation. It is Me. I keep the universe running. I cause time to pass moment by moment. I am aware of all thoughts at all times. I am your Creator. I love you. I will not leave you comfortless.

182. But the majesty of choice has been put into your hands by My Father, and so whether you choose to fight or not to fight, that is your choice.



183. You're smack dab in the middle of a battle that just won't go away. No matter what you do, it's still there. Nothing seems to be working for you. You feel like you're using all the spiritual weapons and doing your part, but still, it persists.

184. The fundamental question remains: Will I come through for you personally? Absolutely. This is a definite reality, an irrefutable truth that has already been written.

185. My dear Christian warrior, many such foes shall face you in the darker days to come, but know that I will always come through for you. My spiritual principles are the same as they have always been. My power and its availability is still the same as it has always been. And the great truth that the spiritual weapons I have given you will come through for you if you use them is still the same. I will prevail! My weapons of the spirit will prevail.



186. I gave My life for you, conquering death and Hell by My sacrifice. No foe or fiendish battle of Earth or Hell itself can prevail against My power. You have My power through the spiritual weapons which enhance your connection with Me. Whenever you are tempted to doubt My ability to come through for you, ask yourself, "Do I have Jesus? Do I believe He is all-powerful—that nothing in Heaven or Hell can stand against Him?" Then you have your answer, and you will also have the strength to fight on.



187. You cannot be drowned by the battles. You cannot be washed away by the darkness, no matter what the natural conditions look like.

Nothing can devastate or extinguish your power as long as you are plugged into the mainframe of My power and are using that power. Then the impossible becomes possible for you. Nothing will be too hard for you, because you are linked to My power and nothing is too hard for Me. You may wrestle with Hell itself, but our power link will be victorious. We will prevail!



188. Standing on My promises in faith is something you'll be learning for the rest of your life. In some instances it will come easier than others. In some instances, though it will prove difficult and you'll find yourself tottering, you will still stand strong. Other times you'll find yourself clinging to the Rock for dear life, the waves of the circumstances and conditions crashing relentlessly against you.

189. But in this desperate and resolute clinging you will experience the great truth that I am your Rock, and that I will never fail beneath you. I am sworn to uphold you. I am sworn to preserve you. I am sworn to keep you. And I am sworn to empower you. I am sworn to take you and your great dependence on Me alone to even greater victories and strength of spirit.



190. I am greater. That means that as long as you cling to Me and to My spiritual weapons—even if you're holding on by your fingernails—I promise that My power will come through for you. I cannot fail, and I will not fail you, My darling. This is a spiritual truth that cannot be changed, no matter how severe or protracted the battle.



191. You all know the story of John Paul Jones. His bravery has become one of those hallmark tales. When things were at their worst, when he was badly injured and death and mayhem were all about him, he refused to quit in the face of the enemy. He didn't surrender.

192. Let Me ask you a question: When he yelled back at the enemy, "Hell, no! We haven't even begun to fight yet!" do you think that was because he

had a secret weapon tucked away—another superior cannon maybe—which he knew would turn the tide of victory? Did he have some fancy maneuvers up his sleeve that he was just waiting for the right time to use? Did he have another battalion in a ship somewhere just waiting to ambush the enemy?

193. No, he simply decided to persevere.

There were no other fancy weapons, no contingency plan. He just decided to fight on using whatever weaponry, strength, and manpower he had left. That decision to not give up was what won the battle and made history.

194. You, My brave warriors, will be faced with such moments. Your decision to fight on using the spiritual weaponry I've given you—in spite of the circumstances around you—will be pivotal and will be the decision that will turn the tide of the battle.

195. Great men and women have made history by their decisions to fight on and not give up. Some won the victory through their perseverance and others didn't. But for you, My great warriors of the End, victory is and will always be guaranteed if you fight on—wielding your spiritual weapons in faith!



196. The Devil is cunning, and he plans to hit you with some out-of-the-ordinary battles, and maybe he already has. Maybe you're wondering why the keys you have claimed, the spirit helpers you've called on, don't seem to be working. They are working! Don't let the Devil tell you that they aren't. Of course they're working, because I said so, and you can trust My Word. Even if you can't see the results today, or at least not in the way you're expecting, you can rest firmly on My promises. It might be a long battle and you might be tired of the fight, but if you hang on and keep fighting, you will experience freedom like never before.

197. A fight with the Devil is often the road to that freedom of the spirit. Don't give up just because you're tired and battle-weary. Pick up your sword of the spirit and give the Enemy another mighty whack. This could be the one that cuts his head right off and sets you free.



198. There is NOTHING too hard for Me.

There is nothing on Earth, or in the spirit realm, too hard for your spiritual weapons to overcome. When you're in the middle of an extreme battle with the Devil, it can seem like nothing is defeating him. It can seem like all Hell has broken loose and that there aren't any angels of comfort, or warriors from Heaven, or supernatural key power at your side. It's true that all Hell does break loose sometimes, but whenever I allow Satan to test you in battle, I'm also right there with you. So are your spirit helpers and so are the keys of the Kingdom. You might feel like you're alone, but you never are. You are surrounded by the help from Heaven that you need, even if your flesh can't feel it and your carnal mind can't figure it out. The mighty and demon-defeating power of Heaven is at your side, and you will see the light of victory soon. Don't give up!



199. The departed saints and spirit beings of Heaven applaud and praise. "Who are they praising for?" For you! These are the sounds you will be greeted with one day in Heaven when you have come home to your reward. You will be the center of commendation and praise—not just commendation for a job well done, not just praise for your faithfulness and love for Me, but specific and special praise for your battle wounds. One day I will display before all of Heaven all those battle wounds that you received in hand-to-hand combat with the forces of Hell, and in that day each scar will be as an honor, glory, a mark of dedication and loyalty, a beautiful thing in the spirit.

200. All of My children who have had to fight the deep dark battles of the spirit are great in My eyes. Don't feel ashamed about those battle wounds of spiritual combat, because I'm proud of them. I'm proud of you for fighting a foe that few are willing to take on. Even if it wasn't your choice to enter certain battlefields, I'm proud of you for engaging the Enemy with your spiritual weapons in whatever battle I saw fit to put you in. Maybe you weren't expecting the battle and

suddenly you were in it and just had to pull out the first spiritual weapon at hand. Maybe you didn't even have time to switch weapons, because the Enemy was so close and you had to keep using the same one over and over until you had the Enemy on his knees. I'm so proud of those battle victories. I'm so proud of you for fighting for as long as it took. Your battle wounds are very special to Me.



201. If one key promise is the one that works for you in battle, keep using it. You don't have to feel like you have to use lots of keys. If one is working just fine and giving you the victory and the faith to keep fighting, good! Keep wielding it against the Enemy. It might be a simple promise or a short one, but that's just fine. Don't let the Enemy tell you that you're not doing it right. As long as you're fighting, you're doing it right and you're winning. But you ask, "What if I don't feel like I'm winning?" "What if I hate this battle and can't go on?" Have faith in My Word in spite of how you feel. My Word is truth and it won't fail. Trust My Word. Keep wielding it against the Enemy and you will make progress and have victory. Have patience. Just a little longer and victory will be yours.



202. If you've ever injured your arm or your leg, you know that it takes time to rebuild your muscle strength. If you've had an accident or surgery that affected your bones or your muscles or ligaments, it takes physical exercise to strengthen your body once again. It's not easy. It's usually painful, but it's good pain, because it means you're making progress, you're getting stronger, you're winning. When you're healed, you may still have a scar, but because you fought to do your part to be strengthened, you will be strengthened.

203. Spiritual battles with the Enemy are similar. It hurts to keep fighting, sometimes the progress is slow, and you might even have a battle scar, but you will eventually be strengthened if you keep fighting. There might be a point in your

spiritual battle where it seems useless to keep fighting on some front, similar to the little bit of daily physical therapy someone has to do after surgery, but that daily progress is the thing that strengthens your spiritual muscles to the point where one day you will be able to deal the Enemy a deathblow.



204. Those that endure unto the end will receive a crown of life (Jam.1:12). Call on the keys of endurance when you're in a long-term or very intense battle, and they will give you the patience and ability to keep fighting for as long as it takes. The Enemy wants to frighten you out before you overcome him, but don't let him. Keep believing in My Word. I'm all-powerful and able to deliver you from any attack of the Enemy.

205. That's right. I am able to deliver you from any attack—no matter how intense, how unusual, how deep, how disturbing—and I will bring the victory. The Devil is not more powerful than Me, and you can count on that. He might talk big and act more powerful, but I am the God of all things, including Satan and his evil imps. I will end the battle when I choose, on My terms.

206. So just keep fighting for as long as I ask it of you, and know that the time will come when I will stop the attacks of the Enemy. I have a reason for allowing this battle; trust Me to bring a beautiful victory from it in My time. Trust Me for the full anointing you need to be My warrior.



207. I hear your cry, "It's too hard. I just can't fight this battle one more day." I understand. I know it's hard. I know you wonder how on earth you're going to make it. You even wonder why I'm asking this of you, when you feel like you're doing so badly and being such a wimp in the fight.

208. I'm not worried about your strength or your ability to fight, because it's not your strength that will win the victory. You just have to use your spiritual weapons. I know it's hard to do this, because you're so used to seeing quick

victories, but trust Me that victory is on the way. The weapons of the spirit will succeed, I promise. You will succeed as long as you use them and keep fighting. Just because you don't see a quick victory in a day or a week or even a month, that doesn't mean you're losing the battle. Some victories take more time. Trust in My promises. I will not let the Enemy bring defeat, because I am more powerful. I will bring victory.



209. Within the spiritual weapons you have precisely what you need to face today's battles. The beauty of the spiritual weapons is that they are alive, they are a part of My nature, and as such they are constantly morphing and adapting in order to be the fighting machines that will blast the Enemy and his machinations to bits in the most effective way. There are the basics of each weapon that will help you in any spiritual warfare, but as the battles intensify, you'll find that you need to develop your working knowledge of these spiritual weapons further than just the basics. I want to teach you how to wield this heavenly weaponry in extreme circumstances. In order to meet those challenges, it's expected that you'll have to increase the training you've received thus far.

210. You're going to find yourself not just facing foes, but confronting angry giants who tower over you. If you're primarily viewing your spiritual weaponry as handy, easy-to-use pistols, you're not going to find out all that those weapons are actually capable of doing. Picture yourself as a gunslinger with two pistols. You're pretty skilled at twirling around those pistols and firing accurately and speedily. You're known in these parts as a skilled gunman, and up till now, this much skill has been enough to keep the Enemy's troublemakers at bay. But now Satan and his ilk, knowing your present skills, are looking for ways to outmatch your expertise. They're tired of being the sore losers, and they want to flaunt a little of their power.

211. They've called in the giants and the heavy armaments, hoping that this display of

force will make you cower in fright. Those pistols by your side sure don't seem like they're enough to counter these foes. But wait! Before you figure you're going to have to concede defeat on this one, ask yourself if you've used your weapons to the full. Have they remained simple, standard pistols because that's all the power they have? Or have you not seen their full potential because you've only had the faith to master your skill with the two pistols?

212. The spiritual weapons I've given you, when used accurately and skillfully, have the ability to take down any opponent, even one decked out in armor, toting scary weapons that you're not used to, and with a horde of tanks and demons in tow as backup. You obviously haven't seen the full power of those seemingly simple spiritual weapons you hold in your hands if you think that you're defenseless against the approaching army.

213. Let Me show you what your spiritual weapons are capable of. But it comes down to a matter of your faith. Is your belief strong that through the spiritual weapons, I've equipped you with exactly what you need for any war or rival that confronts you? It should be, because your faith is what opens your eyes to see those weapons for what they truly are—more than just a handy little pistol, they connect you to a whole heavenly arsenal. According to your faith you'll receive more and more power through your obedience. Through exercising your faith and your willingness to rush to this new level of battle, that simple pistol morphs into a shotgun, then to a rocket launcher, then to a tank, and on it goes. As your faith increases, the supremacy of Heaven's power will become more defined and obvious, and your spiritual weapons play a vital role in helping you access that power.

214. Do you think you can handle the true might and power in those spiritual weapons? You may not feel capable now, but you will be as your skill increases in each area of your weaponry, whether it's in the greater desperation you have in how you love Me intimately, the yieldedness

in your praises, the unrelenting fervency of your prayers, the unshakable confidence in the fruit of the Law of Love, the inexplicable desire for total humility and utter dependence on Me, the unswerving commitment to unity and brotherhood, your insatiable hunger for My Word and the things of My Spirit, your absolute reliance on spirit help, your trust in resting fully on Me in the most extreme circumstances, or whatever extent I want to take you to in your use of the new weapons.

215. You can't afford to get comfortable with what you've learned this far. There's more that you can learn, more that you must learn, if you expect to not just cope but reign triumphant over the attacks yet to come. What extreme am I asking you to take in your spiritual weapons? Find out today! I'm not expecting you to become a spiritual superhero today, but I am expecting you to train toward that goal. That will require renewed effort on your part to come up to the next level of the challenge. But you'll thrill to experience the unrivaled power of the spiritual weapons coursing through you as you gain expertise in their use. Why settle for the minimum usage when you can revel in the divine, unfathomable power of God?!



216. (Dad:) You have what it takes to rout the Enemy. You've got it all there in your spiritual weapons. It's never easy to access that full power when you're trying to counter the dominance of your carnal mind, but that's what it takes, if you want to see things from God's perspective. Things are often not as they initially seem to you. You have to fight to believe that there's more to the picture, more that you're not seeing, and which the Lord wants to help you see. He has to work with your faith, what you're willing to reach out and receive. That's sometimes why the battles rage so long and seem unduly hot and furious; He has to turn up the heat in order to get rid of whatever it is that is standing in the way of you receiving His full blessings.

217. It's not about suffering, about making life unnecessarily tough and trying for you. It's

about refining your spirit a little more with each set of battles, so that you're a closer reflection of Jesus. Through the fire you have the opportunity to become a little more like your Lover and Husband. Those tests, as unrelenting and painful as they may seem, are what force you to shed the weights of yourself, that outer shell of carnality, to then release your spirit upward to commune and merge with Jesus.



218. If there is a challenge that you're facing, why not try meeting it with extreme praise? A praiseful reaction usually goes against your natural grain, but it's the refreshing of spirit that you need. It lets you detach from the problem and embrace the solution by faith, even though you may not know what the exact answer may be. When you praise Me, even for the difficulty and the problem, you're telling Me that you have ultimate faith that you believe the answer is on its way.

219. It isn't going to be an overnight change for you to suddenly switch into praising in dire circumstances; it's going to require a daily strengthening of your praise muscles. Sometimes it will be downright hard to do, but you can be sure that the effort you expend in order to get your praises flowing and floating upward to My throne will bring answers of unprecedented magnitude. There are so many answers to your prayers and your praises that I'm longing to send your way, and often the missing ingredient is that you're not availing yourself of those answers by wielding your spiritual weapons accurately and consistently enough.

220. The more you praise, the more you'll reap the benefits of praise. As you learn the art of extreme praise, you'll find that even those things that previously seemed so devastating and difficult for you to deal with or cope with become not just manageable, but beautiful answers to your prayers. They may not initially present themselves in a package that you would consider beautiful and lovely, but as you unwrap these gifts from My hands through your praises, you'll behold the

wonder of how I work, and the wondrous way that your praises can even change something that was ugly into something of inestimable worth.

221. Look at the problems or heartbreaks in your life as a beautiful gift. Though at first something extremely difficult may seem bland, as you use your gift of extreme praise, you'll witness the transformation that takes place. A lifeless, drab piece of rock can be turned into a radiating and pulsating gem of great value. Your praises will have been like the chisel guided by My hand that chips away at the rock, carving and shaping it and polishing it to perfection to reveal a gorgeous, colorful jewel that reflects My light.



222. It's all for love! That's what I want you to remember when you find yourself submerged in the tempestuous ocean of trials. You're there because I love you. You're there because I have faith in you. You're there because you love Me and because you have faith in Me. Don't look at your present circumstance as a punishment; it's not. It's a love gift! Yes, My darling, it's proof that you're worth a great deal to Me! If you were of no value to Me, if I didn't care for you as immensely as I do, would the training I give you through these battles, afflictions, heartbreaks, and hard times be worth it? I know it doesn't seem that way at times, but it's the truth.

223. When you find yourself in dire straits, I want you to remember this: IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE! As you remind yourself about the love factor in your trials and tribulations, peace and comfort will flood your heart. You'll have the fortitude to take on the battle, because you know that My love will sustain you through it. Love will be your motivator.

224. In the midst of your darkest hour, you can experience renewed fight through love. Tell Me that you consider it a privilege to go through the battle to strengthen our love connection. Tell Me that you're holding on because of My love for you. Tell Me, "Jesus, I believe in Your love for me. I am honored to face this ugly mess around me because I know it'll reinforce the love cord

that binds our two hearts together. I'm willing to go to any length—even Hell itself—to prove my love for You. And I know that Your love will carry me through." It will, My precious bride.

225. My love will be the parachute that saves you when you're plummeting from great heights; it'll be the life preserver that keeps you afloat; it'll be your GPS when you are lost; it'll be your water when you are parched. My love will be the bungee cord that never lets you hit bottom; it's the saving power that will keep you alive even in the belly of a whale of disaster. My love is everything; My love will be your life. It's all about love!



226. Are you caught in a seeming avalanche of problems? Did the once serene ski down the slope turn into a dangerous mass of snow that knocked you off your feet and sent you hurtling down the face of the mountain? Tumbling and turning, do you worry that this will be the end of you? It won't be, if you hang in there! Don't give up hope. Hold on in faith. Hold on to the belief that I, as ski patrol, have seen your plight. I know where you were last sighted, I can pinpoint where you were lost under the tons of snow. I'll be there in an instant to rescue you. I will respond.

227. I know your state. I know that though you're buried in snow and have lost sight of day, you have an air pocket that will keep you alive till I can rescue you. You just have to hold on; I'm coming. I'll get you out of the mess. I'll bandage your wounds. I'll transport you down the mountain to safety. I'll nurse you to full health. I won't ever let you down.

228. Once the scare of the experience has faded, I'll help you to see the treasures you gained through the experience. Even what once looked like the worst possible aspect of the disaster can be seen for the goodness that it brought to your spirit, and best of all, the wonderful time of closeness and connection that we gained together, from your point of rescue through to your full recovery. ■