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KEY PROMISE: CALL ON THE KEYS AND CLAIM WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY YOURS ACCORDING TO MY WILL. THE KEYS WILL BE TURNED TO SWORDS, AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN WHAT YOU ASK.

(KEY PROMISES: LEGAL / BUSINESS / VISAS)

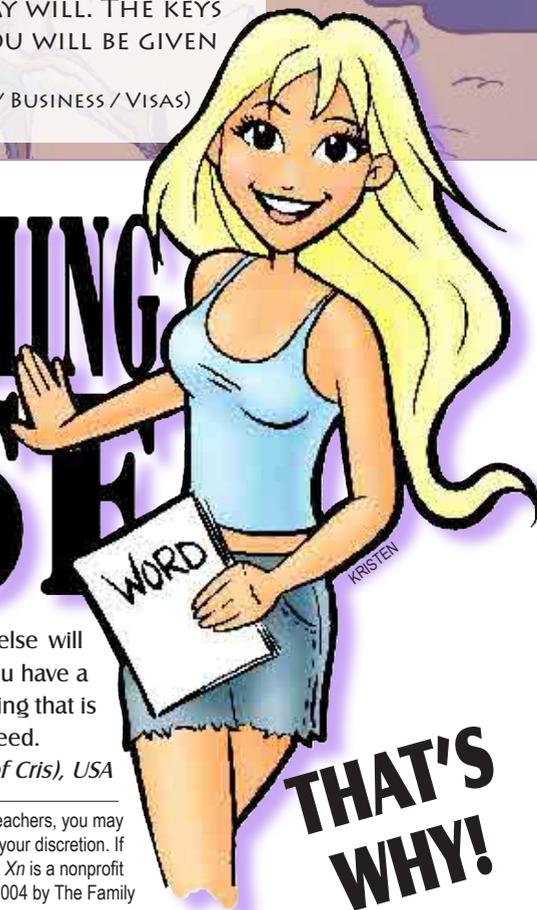
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EVERYTHING ELSE

If you have been called to this life, nothing else will completely satisfy you again. You may think you have a new "angle" to "improve" on things, but anything that is not *from* the Word and *for* the Word will not succeed.

—Sharon (of Cris), USA

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**THAT'S
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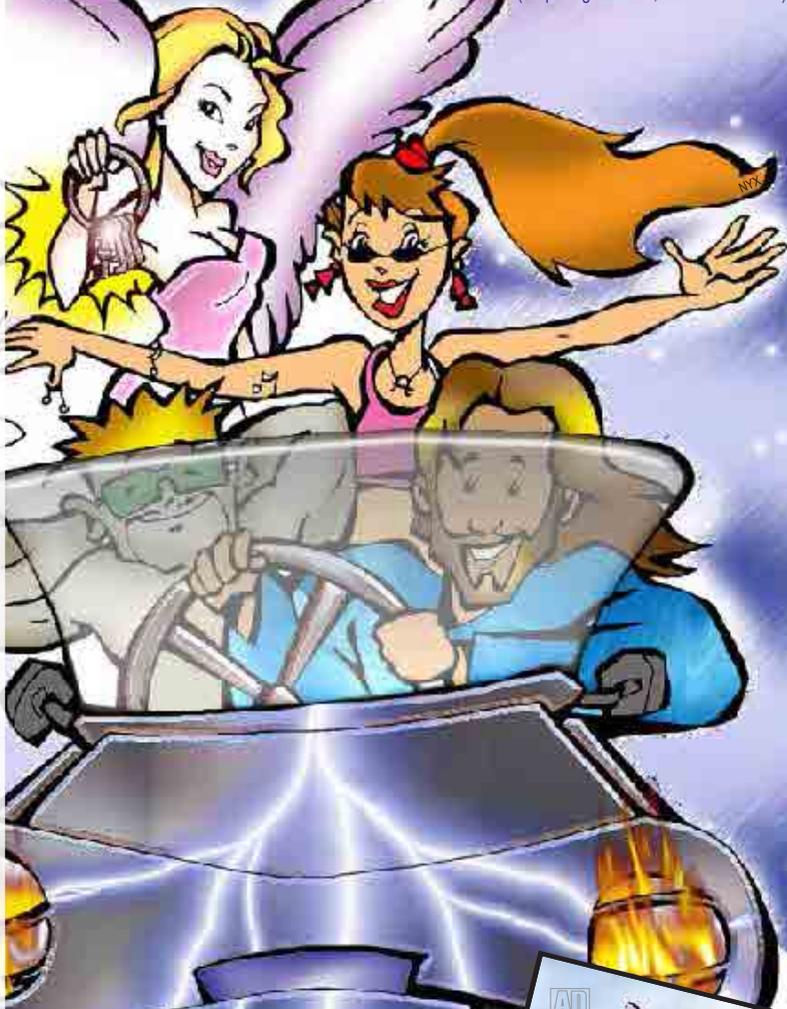
(JESUS:) BACCHUS SEEKS TO OVERTHROW YOU THROUGH ADDICTION TO THE ARM OF THE FLESH AND CARNAL WORKS. IT'S THE ADDICTION TO DRIVE YOURSELF, TO GET THAT RUSH THAT COMES FROM PUSHING YOURSELF HARD IN WORK AND LIFE, FROM GETTING A LOT ACCOMPLISHED, FROM DOING THINGS IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH.

SO MANY PEOPLE STRUGGLE WITH HEARING FROM ME AND LETTING GO AND LETTING GOD BECAUSE BACCHUS SEEKS TO GIVE THEM A PHYSICAL THRILL AND SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND FULFILLMENT. HE MAGNIFIES THE NATURAL SENSE OF SATISFACTION FOR THOSE THAT HE IS TRYING TO OVERTHROW, TO SEPARATE THEM FROM ME, TO CAUSE THEM TO LEAN TO THEIR OWN ARM OF THE FLESH, AND TO LOSE DEPENDENCE AND FAITH IN ME.

YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL TO HEAR FROM ME, TO BRING THINGS TO ME, SO HIS POWER HAS BEEN KEPT AT BAY AND THWARTED. HOWEVER, YOU MUST REALIZE THAT HE SEEKS THIS AREA OF YOUR LIFE, TO KEEP YOU PUSHING IN THE FLESH AND FOR PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND BECAUSE THAT IS YOUR NATURAL TENDENCY, YOU MUST FIGHT TO KEEP YOUR GUARD HIGH IN THIS AREA. YOU MUST ASK ME FOR MY HELP AND PRAISE ME FOR HELPING YOU TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR WORK, IN ORDER TO KEEP HIM FROM ENTERING YOUR LIFE IN THIS WAY.

THE CARNAL WORKS ADDICTION

("Exposing Bacchus," ML #3402:55-57)



KEY PROMISE: THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM WERE CREATED TO BRING CHANGE, AND I HAVE PUT THEM IN YOUR HANDS TO HELP YOU CHANGE. CALL ON THE KEYS WHEN YOU NEED TO OVERCOME A BAD HABIT. THE KEYS WILL CREATE NEW THOUGHT PATTERNS WITHIN YOU; THEY WILL GUIDE YOUR ACTIONS TO DO THE RIGHT THING. (KEY PROMISES: CHANGE / SPIRITUAL PROGRESS)



Value

MY LABELS AND MY CALLING

B (JESUS:) YOU'RE A MEMBER OF MY ELITE TROOPS, A PART OF THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD. YOU ARE PRINCES AND PRINCESSES BECAUSE YOU'RE CHILDREN OF THE KING OF KINGS.

VALUE THESE HONORS I BESTOW UPON YOU, AND DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR BIRTHRIGHT. DON'T LET THE ENEMY TEMPT YOU TO TRASH THESE SPECIAL LABELS I'VE GIVEN TO YOU, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T VALUE WHAT I'VE CALLED YOU, THEN YOU WON'T VALUE MY CALLING EITHER, OR TAKE TO HEART THE SPECIAL PROMISES I'VE ATTACHED TO THESE PLACES OF HONOR IN MY ENDTIME ARMY.

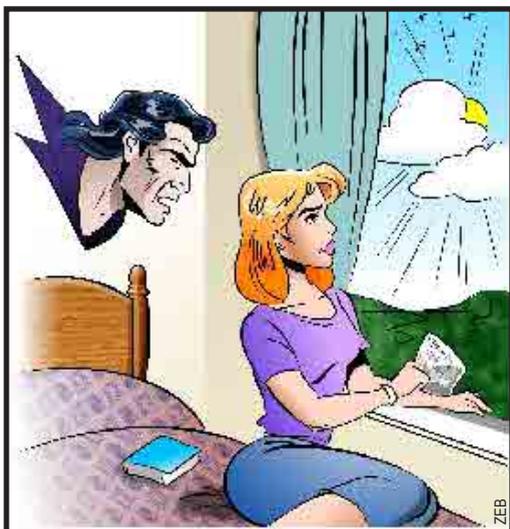


IT'S LIKE THE ENEMY'S TACTIC ON YOU TODAY. HE TRIES TO GET YOU TO BELIEVE YOU'RE "BASTARDS," THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ROYAL HERITAGE, AND THAT YOU'RE NOT DESTINED TO RULE AND REIGN WITH ME. HE TRIES TO CONVINCE YOU THAT YOU AREN'T A PART OF THE ELITE TROOPS, THAT THERE ARE NO ELITE TROOPS, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL THROW DOWN THE WEAPONS YOU'RE TRAINING WITH AND GO AND PLAY.

BUT YOU CANNOT FORGET WHO YOU ARE, WHAT I HAVE CALLED YOU. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE BY MY SIDE IN THIS ENDTIME ARMY, AN HONOR THAT THE DEVIL IS JEALOUS OF BECAUSE HE HAS NO SUCH HONOR, SINCE HE REJECTED HIS OWN CALLING AND PLACE OF SERVICE WAY BACK.



WHEN THE FRENCH REVOLUTION TOOK PLACE, AND THE DAUPHIN WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE AND PLACED IN THE PRISON, THE STORY IS TOLD THAT ONE OF THEIR MAIN PROGRAMS WAS TO TRY TO GET THE DAUPHIN TO STOP THINKING LIKE THE PRINCE HE WAS. THEY TRIED TO GET HIM TO SAY TERRIBLE THINGS ABOUT HIS MOTHER AND FATHER, THE KING AND QUEEN, AND ABOUT HIMSELF.



SO REMIND YOURSELF OF YOUR PLACE, AND TREASURE IT. TREASURE BEING A PART OF MY ELITE TROOPS, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH IT MEANS SACRIFICE, HARD TRAINING, AND HEAVY PREPARATION, IT ALSO MEANS BEING AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE ACTION AND SEEING MY MIRACLE-WORKING POWER WHEN THINGS REALLY HEAT UP. IT MEANS KNOWING THE ANSWERS AND HAVING PEACE WHEN THE WORLD IS THRUST INTO THE GREAT CONFUSION. IT MEANS BEING A CONDUIT AND VESSEL OF MY MIRACLE-WORKING POWER IN THE LAST DAYS, AND HAVING THE HONOR OF PROCLAIMING MY NAME FAR AND WIDE.

NOBODY CAN TAKE THESE PRICELESS THINGS AWAY FROM YOU, IF YOU'RE DETERMINED TO HANG ON TO THEM. SO HANG ON TO THEM, TREASURE THEM, AND RESIST THE ENEMY AND SEND HIM BACK TO HELL WHERE HE BELONGS, WITH THE REST OF THE "IGNOBLES"—ALL THE OTHER FALLEN ANGELS—WHO REJECTED THEIR HIGHER CALLING AND ARE REAPING THE RESULTS OF THEIR CHOICES.



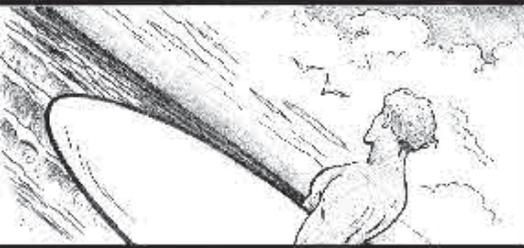
NOTABLE QUOTE: (JESUS:) I WANT TO TELL MY CHILDREN TO STAND UP TO THE ENEMY. CALL HIS BLUFF WHEN HE SPEWS HIS LIES AND DECEIT AT YOU, TRYING TO PREVENT YOU FROM FOLLOWING ME AND SAYING YES TO WHAT I ASK YOU TO DO. I ONLY ASK THESE THINGS OF YOU THAT "YOU MAY BE SAVED." I WANT TO SAVE YOUR LIFE, YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE, SO THAT IT WILL BRING FORTH MUCH FRUIT. ("TIMOTHY'S TESTIMONY," ML #3444:143)

Serious About Surfing

Art by Philippe

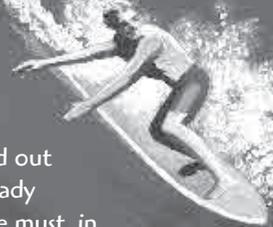


B (Jesus:) You once saw a bumper sticker on a surfer's car that said, "Surfing is not a hobby. It's a way of life." Well, that should be your outlook on the waves that you encounter in life.



A surfer would never gain experience and skill in surfing if he just paddled out and sat on his board, and when a wave approached he just let it pass by. What would he gain by that? Nothing, absolutely nothing.

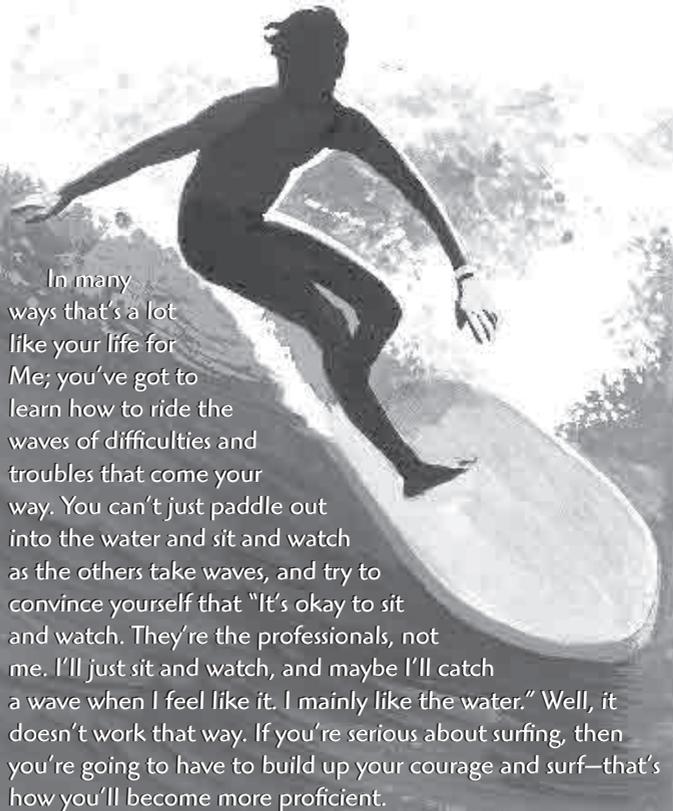
A hard-core surfer will tune in to the Weather Channel to find out what the waves are like. He'll be out waxing his board to get it ready for his next surf. He'll get up early and hit the beach at dawn if he must, in order to catch the best waves. He heads for the best surfing territory, and he focuses all his concentration on the waves. He learns how to read the waves, so that he knows when is just the right time to catch one. He is serious about it!



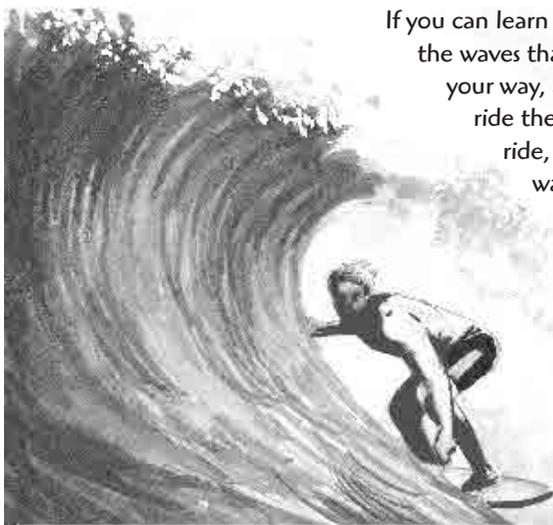
There are times when he misreads a wave or when it's more powerful than expected, and he ends up being tossed about and crashed underneath the waves. You can get pretty roughed up and shook up by some of those waves.



But if that's the profession he's chosen, and if he's serious about getting his surfing skill down as an art—if he's serious about making it a way of life—then once his initial shock is over and once his injuries are healed, you can be sure that he'll be out there at the first possible opportunity to catch another wave. That is the mentality of the surfer: He lives for the waves.



In many ways that's a lot like your life for Me; you've got to learn how to ride the waves of difficulties and troubles that come your way. You can't just paddle out into the water and sit and watch as the others take waves, and try to convince yourself that "It's okay to sit and watch. They're the professionals, not me. I'll just sit and watch, and maybe I'll catch a wave when I feel like it. I mainly like the water." Well, it doesn't work that way. If you're serious about surfing, then you're going to have to build up your courage and surf—that's how you'll become more proficient.

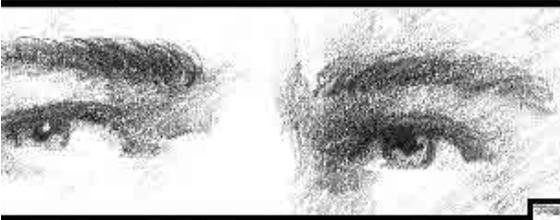


If you can learn to ride the waves that come your way, and not just ride them but *love* the ride, you will see every wave that comes your way as an opportunity to gain experience, learn new moves, and be a better surfer.

Ultimately, isn't that what you want in your life? Don't you want to make progress? Don't you want to become more efficient and skilled in your life and service for Me? Well, if that's what you want, then you're going to have to expect the waves. You're going to have to accept that I will bring about opportunities for you to be forced to move forward.

Yes, you can choose to pass up the wave and opt to catch the next one, but you won't progress as quickly by choosing that route.

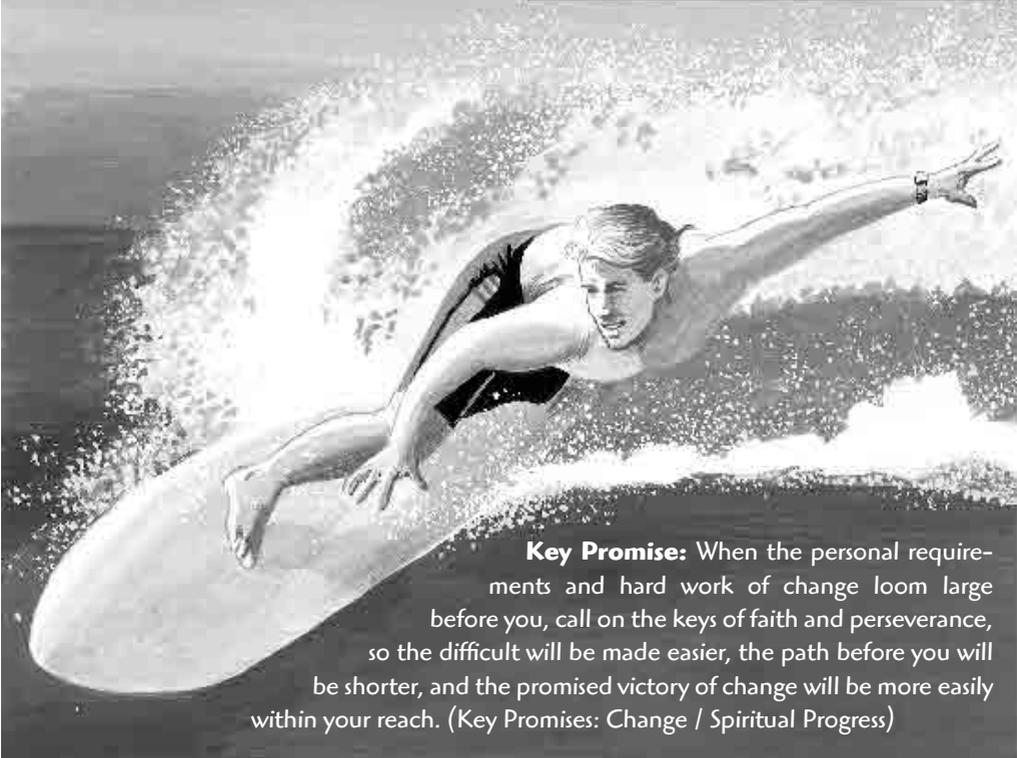
Learn to catch the waves as I send them, no matter how big, or quick, or seemingly treacherous they are. Unlike the ocean, these opportunities of growth and change that I send your way are not sporadic and uncertain—they are all designed and planned by Me.



Key Promise: Every challenge to change is your helper; it moves you to depend on the keys. Nothing is too hard if you call on the keys. The secret to change is calling on the keys. (Key Promises: Change / Spiritual Progress)

I know what to send your way. I know you can take it and ride it with thrill and exuberance as you take it on with the board of faith, letting the power of the wave teach you skill in what you do.

You'll grow in skill and in usefulness for Me as you face what comes your way in faith, and trust that I have brought it about for a reason, with a purpose and with a plan. Things come to pass to teach you to rely on Me and to gain experience and efficiency, and best of all to challenge you to stretch yourself to be useful to Me and to My work.



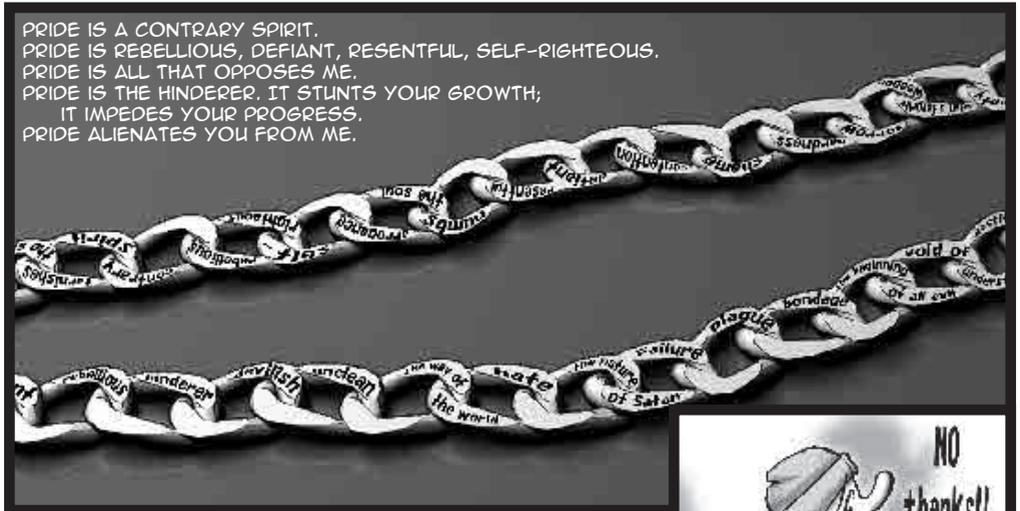
Key Promise: When the personal requirements and hard work of change loom large before you, call on the keys of faith and perseverance, so the difficult will be made easier, the path before you will be shorter, and the promised victory of change will be more easily within your reach. (Key Promises: Change / Spiritual Progress)

PRIDE DEFINED

(MAMA:) ONE TIME THE LORD
GAVE SOMETHING ON PRIDE
THAT I WAS ESPECIALLY
IMPRESSED WITH; HE DEFINED
[PRIDE] AND GAVE US SOME
WORDS AND PHRASES THAT
HAD QUITE A HEAVY IMPACT
ON ME. THE LORD SAID:

PRIDE IS DEVILISH.
PRIDE IS UNCLEAN.
PRIDE IS THE WAY OF THE WORLD.
PRIDE IS HATE.
PRIDE IS THE NATURE OF SATAN.
PRIDE ASSURES FAILURE.
PRIDE IS A PLAGUE TO BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS.
PRIDE IS BONDAGE.
PRIDE IS THE BEGINNING OF ALL EVIL.
PRIDE WILL LEAVE YOU VOID OF UNDERSTANDING, DESTITUTE, AND EMPTY.
PRIDE IS SATAN'S FAVORITE WEAPON.
PRIDE IS COMPLEXITY.
PRIDE SPAWNS ARROGANCE, CONTENTION, SHAME, HARDNESS, AND SORROW.
PRIDE NUMBS THE SOUL AND TARNISHES THE SPIRIT.

PRIDE IS A CONTRARY SPIRIT.
PRIDE IS REBELLIOUS, DEFIANT, RESENTFUL, SELF-RIGHTEOUS.
PRIDE IS ALL THAT OPPOSES ME.
PRIDE IS THE HINDERER. IT STUNTS YOUR GROWTH;
IT IMPEDES YOUR PROGRESS.
PRIDE ALIENATES YOU FROM ME.



(MAMA:) WE HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST OUR PRIDE. EVEN
A LITTLE PRIDE IS SERIOUS. YOU JUST DON'T DARE LET PRIDE
COME IN AT ALL. YOU DON'T DARE GIVE PRIDE ANY ENTRANCE,
EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF PRIDE. WHEN IT DOES, YOU HAVE TO
FIGHT IT, REBUKE IT, GET RID OF IT, AND BE CONSCIOUS THAT
YOU'VE GOT TO BE MILITANTLY ON GUARD NOT TO LET IT
COME IN AGAIN. ("WOE!" ML #34448:159-161)

KEY PROMISE: TO STAY ON THE ROAD OF HUMILITY,
CALL ON THE POWER OF THE KEYS DAILY TO KEEP YOUR
PRIDE IN CHECK. (KEY PROMISES: PRIDE)



WHEN YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN

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(JESUS:) THERE'S THAT "SPECIAL" PERSON IN YOUR HOME

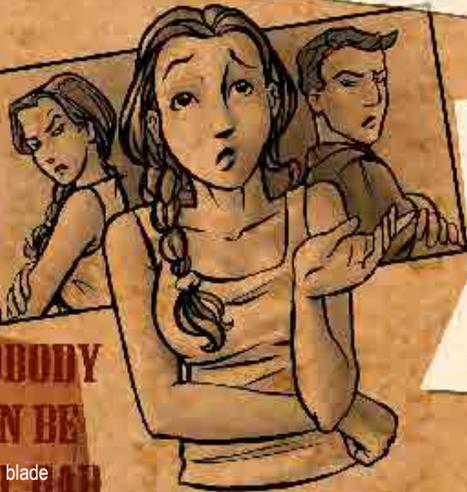
THAT SEEMS TO KNOW JUST HOW TO MAKE YOUR LIFE MISERABLE AT ANY GIVEN TIME. YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORNING JUST HOPING YOU CAN AVOID HIM. YOU CRINGE WHEN HE'S AROUND. YOU PRACTICALLY FEEL SICK IF YOU HAVE TO TALK TO HIM OR BE INVOLVED IN ANY KIND OF DECISION OR DISCUSSION THAT INVOLVES HIM. HE JUST BUGS THE HELL OUT OF YOU. HE'S CONTRADICTIONARY AND ARGUMENTATIVE—AND NOT IN A FRIENDLY OR BANTERING WAY. HE JUST SEEMS TO HAVE IT IN FOR YOU.



SEEMS TO HAVE IT IN FOR YOU

YOU IN TURN HAVE IT IN FOR HIM, AND ARE MORE THAN HAPPY MOST OF THE TIME TO GIVE HIM A PIECE OF YOUR MIND IN EXCHANGE WHEN HE GIVES YOU A DOSE OF HIS OPINION. OF COURSE, YOU NEVER AGREE ON ANYTHING. THEN WORST OF ALL, SOMETIMES HE'LL LATER TELL OTHERS THAT SOME GOOD IDEA YOU HAD, THAT HE ARGUED WITH YOU ABOUT OR TOLD YOU WAS STUPID AT THE TIME, WAS HIS IDEA! THAT JUST ABOUT DOES IT!

IT'S HARD TO REMEMBER WHEN THIS STARTED. IT SEEMS IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN "AT WAR," AND DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE FRIENDLY WITH THIS PERSON. YOU ASSUME HE MUST HAVE A NICE SIDE TO HIM, BUT YOU SURE HAVEN'T SEEN IT. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'D ACTUALLY LIKE TO SEE HIS NICE SIDE. YOU KNOW NOBODY CAN BE ALL BAD, NOT EVEN HIM.



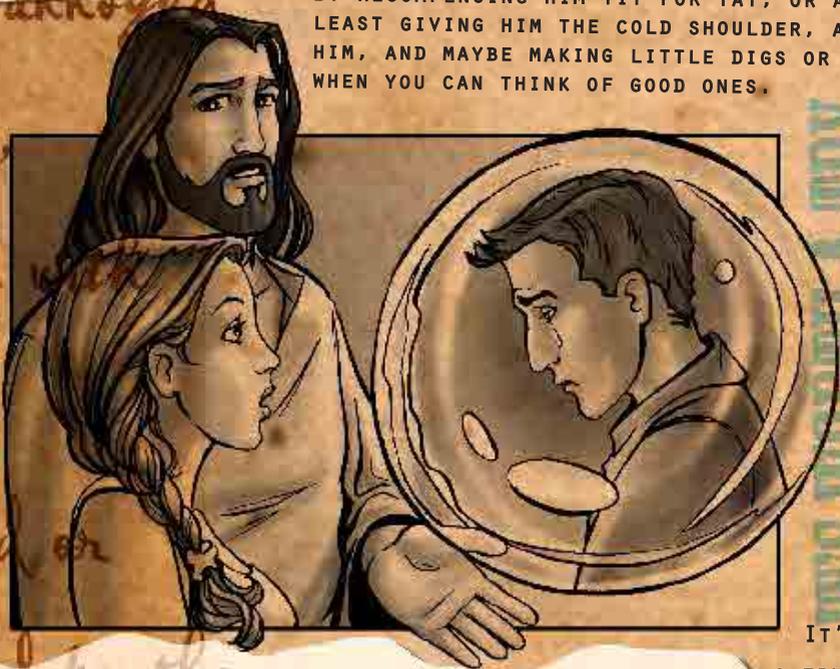
NOBODY CAN BE ALL BAD

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But there's a problem here.

YOU'RE SO USED TO BEING MAD AT THIS PERSON, ANNOYED BY HIM, FIGHTING WITH HIM, BEING BOTHERED OR OFFENDED BY THE THINGS HE DOES, OR RESENTFUL OF WHAT HE'S DONE IN THE PAST, THAT YOU CAN'T

IMAGINE TREATING HIM ANY OTHER WAY. YOU DON'T EVEN REALLY WANT TO BE NICE TO HIM, BECAUSE YOU DON'T FEEL HE DESERVES IT. AFTER ALL, HE'S SURE HASN'T BEEN CONSIDERATE OF YOU. HE'S GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO BUG YOU, TO PUT YOU DOWN IN PRIVATE AND IN PUBLIC, SO HOW CAN YOU FEEL ANYTHING BUT ANGER, AND HOW CAN YOU NOT TRY TO GET BACK AT HIM IN WHATEVER WAY IS WITHIN YOUR POWER?—WHETHER BY RECOMPENSING HIM TIT FOR TAT, OR AT THE LEAST GIVING HIM THE COLD SHOULDER, AVOIDING HIM, AND MAYBE MAKING LITTLE DIGS OR JABS WHEN YOU CAN THINK OF GOOD ONES.



WHAT IF, JUST WHAT IF, ONE DAY YOU DECIDED TO TRY TO SEE HIM DIFFERENTLY? IMAGINE THAT MAYBE HE ACTS THAT WAY BECAUSE HE'S BEEN HURT, OR BECAUSE HE'S SCARED OF SOMETHING, OR BECAUSE HE FEELS INFERIOR TO OTHERS—MAYBE TO YOU? WHAT IF HE ARGUES WITH YOU BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY WAY HE CAN THINK OF TO INTERACT WITH YOU, AND HE WANTS YOUR ATTENTION? WHAT IF HE STEALS YOUR IDEAS BECAUSE HE FEELS BAD THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY GOOD ONES OF HIS OWN? WHAT IF HE ACTS IRRITABLE AND CRANKY BECAUSE HE'S LONELY AND DOESN'T HAVE A FRIEND? OR WHAT IF MAYBE HE REALLY IS OUT OF IT, BUT YOU ACTING NICE TO HIM ALL OF A SUDDEN WOULD SHOCK HIM SO MUCH HE WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IT? THAT'D BE ONE WAY TO SET HIM BACK AND RENDER HIM SPEECHLESS.

IT'S WORTH A TRY, YOU KNOW? THAT GRUMPY, BOTHERSOME PERSON COULD TURN OUT TO BE NICE DEEP DOWN INSIDE IF YOU GIVE HIM A CHANCE.

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IT STARTS IN YOUR MIND.—AND HOPEFULLY IT DOESN'T END THERE. THINK OF HIM AS HAVING GOOD QUALITIES, AND FIND ONE. IT MIGHT NOT BE EASY—IT PROBABLY WON'T BE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN AT ODDS FOR SO LONG—BUT I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING GOOD.



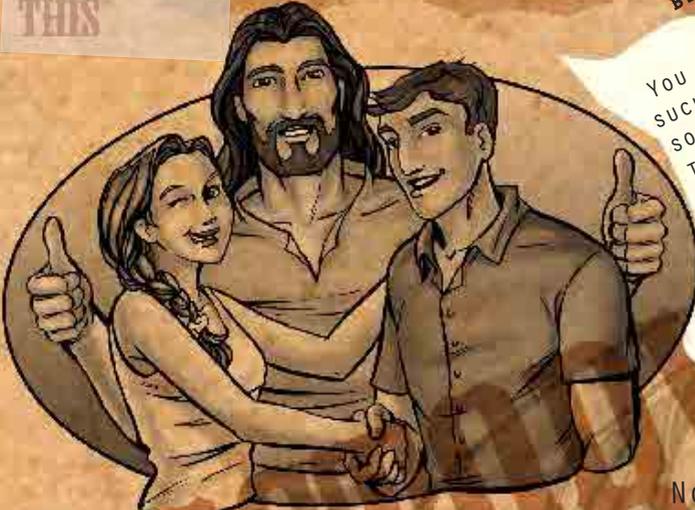
MAYBE ALL THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN YOU REALLY ARE HIS FAULT, BUT MAYBE HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SNAP OUT OF IT, AND MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S

MEANT TO BE THE PEACEMAKER. IT MIGHT SEEM PRETTY UNFAIR, I KNOW, BUT IF YOU TRY THIS, AND IT WORKS, JUST THINK, YOU CAN TAKE THE CREDIT FOR BEING THE ONE TO MAKE THE FIRST

MOVE. OF COURSE, YOU WON'T WANT TO FLAUNT THAT IN HIS FACE—THAT MIGHT JUST BRING UP MORE FOR YOU TO ARGUE ABOUT. BUT BETWEEN YOU AND ME, YOU CAN ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT YOU TRIED TO SEE

THIS PERSON DIFFERENTLY AND TO GET RID OF THE BAD VIBES BETWEEN YOU, AND IT WORKED.

YOU MIGHT MEET MORE THAN ONE SUCH PERSON IN YOUR LIFE, SO THE SOONER YOU CAN LEARN TO HANDLE THEM AND LIVE AT PEACE WITH THEM, THE BETTER. YOU MAY NEVER BE BEST FRIENDS, BUT IT'LL LIKELY TAKE A LOT OF MISERY AND FRUSTRATION OUT OF YOUR LIFE IF YOU CAN AT LEAST LEARN TO TREAT EACH OTHER WITH A CIVIL AMOUNT OF RESPECT AND COURTESY.



NOTABLE QUOTE:

There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer, no door that enough love will not open, no gulf that enough love will not bridge. No wall that enough love will not throw down, no sin that enough love will not redeem. It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble, how hopeless the outlook, how muddled the tangle, how great the mistake. Sufficient love will dissolve it all. (LOVE:32, MOP2)

A FIGHTER PILOT'S TRAINING PROGRAM



"JETT" EQUALS "JUNIOR
END-TIME TEENS" SO WHY ALL
THE FUSS ABOUT US NOT BEING
ON THE SAME LEVEL AS
JUNIOR TEENS?



I JUST WISH I
COULD GROW UP
FASTER, LORD CAN YOU
GIVE ME SOMETHING
ABOUT MY COMPARING
BATTLES?



ART BY JEREMY

(JESUS:)

PILOT TRAINING SCHOOL TAKES YEARS TO COMPLETE.

YOU DON'T JUMP INTO THE COURSE AND SUDDENLY FIND YOURSELF AN EXPERT FIGHTER PILOT, READY TO FLY INTO THE THICK OF THE ACTION.



THE ACTUAL PROCESS IS CONSIDERABLY SLOWER, REQUIRING EFFORT AND STUDY, AND SIMULATOR INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU EVER GET TO FLY A PLANE,



AND A GOOD AMOUNT OF HANDS-ON TRAINING FROM AN INSTRUCTOR.



YOU MAY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP KNOWING ALL ABOUT FIGHTER PILOTS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOUR PARENTS WERE,



THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE IN A MORE ADVANCED CLASS THAN YOU BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN DOING IT LONGER, BUT THEY ALSO ARE STILL LEARNING THE INS AND OUTS OF THIS PROFESSION.

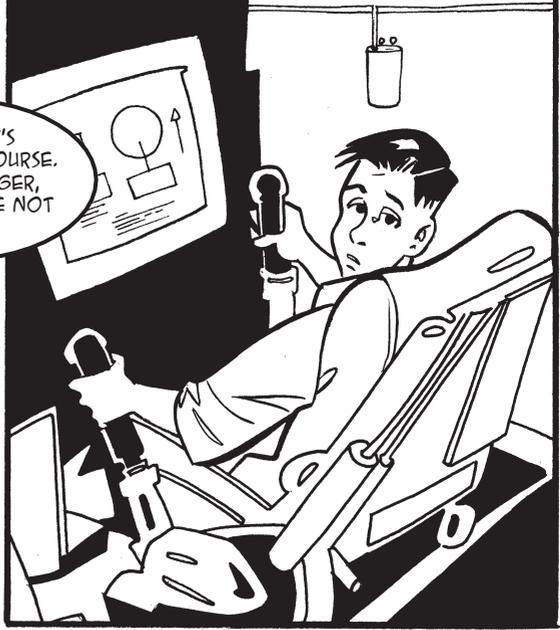


AS A PILOT IN TRAINING YOU CAN LOOK AT ANOTHER PILOT IN TRAINING AND WONDER WHY HE IS GETTING TO HAVE A REAL, LIVE, TEST FLIGHT WITH AN INSTRUCTOR,



WHILE YOU'RE STUCK WITH THE SIMULATOR.

WELL, THAT'S PART OF THE COURSE. YOU'RE YOUNGER, THOUGH MAYBE NOT BY MUCH.



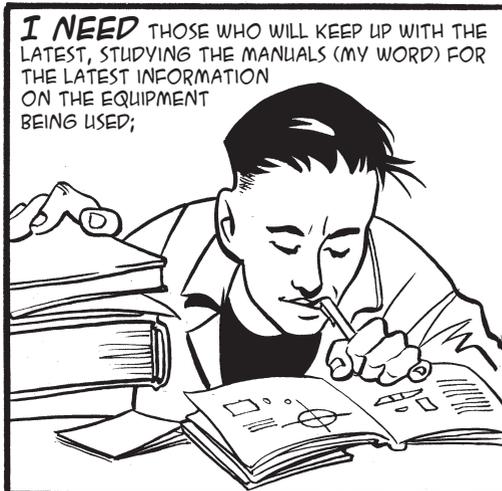
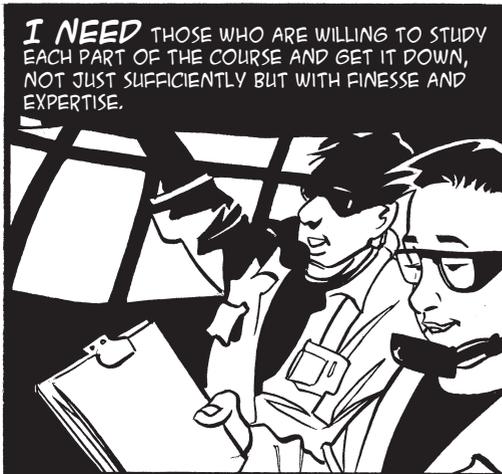
YOU STARTED THE COURSE AFTER YOUR OLDER SIBLING OR FRIEND, SO MAYBE THERE ARE STILL THINGS YOU HAVE TO LEARN BEFORE YOU ADVANCE FROM SIMULATIONS TO ACTUAL FLIGHT TRAINING.



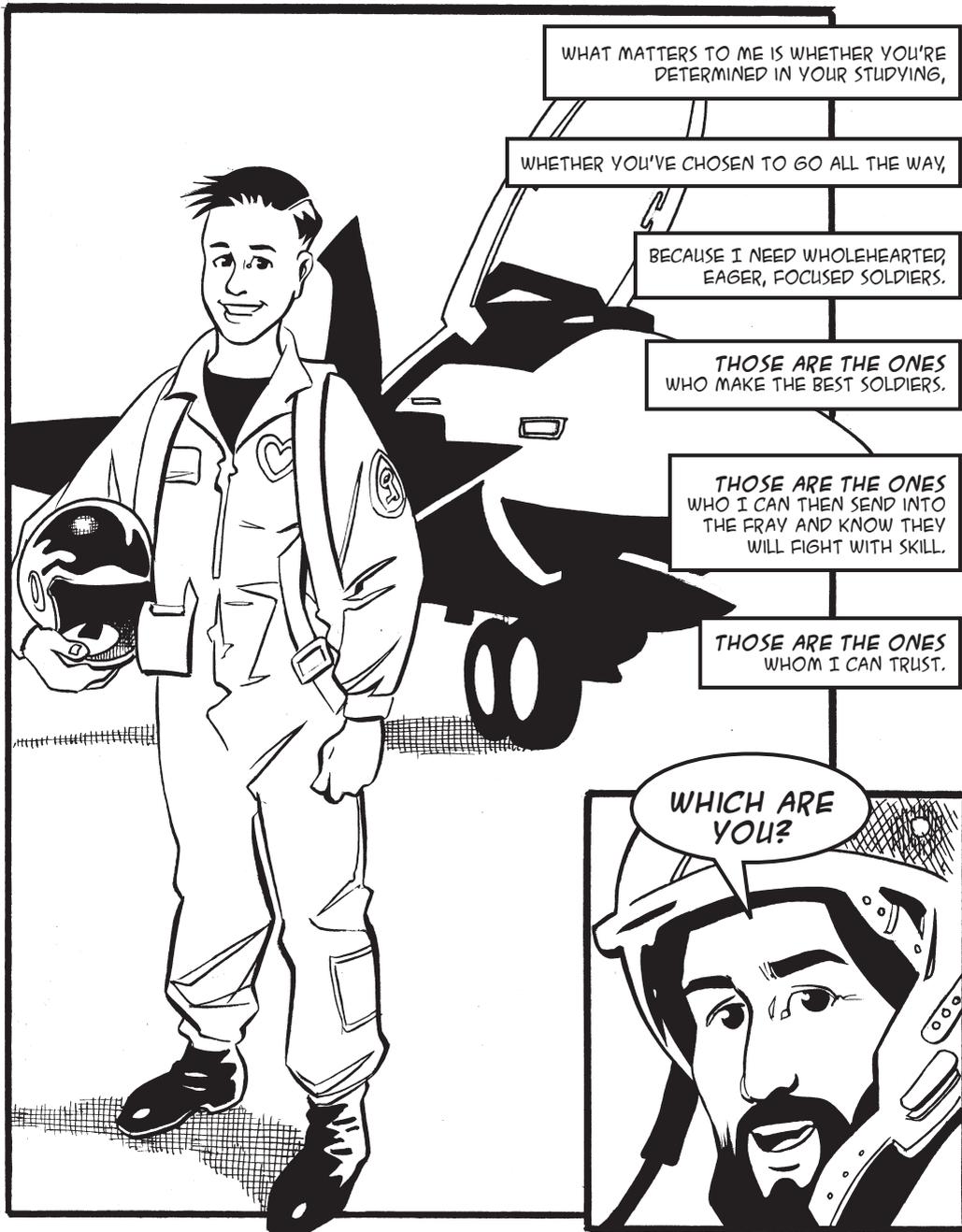
I MEASURE YOUR WORTH AS A SOLDIER, BY HOW DILIGENT YOU ARE IN THE STUDIES YOU HAVE AT HAND,



I NEED FIGHTER PILOTS WHO ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR CALLING,



IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE YOUNGER OR ARE STILL LEARNING SOME OF THE BASICS.



BEYOND THE NEXT DOOR



B

(Jesus:) To grow and progress in spirit as I want you to, take one step at a time—to day—to do the simple things I ask of you.

I never put the doorknob too high. However, when you approach one door, you have to do what I say in order to reach the doorknob. Then you go through that door and enter a new level.

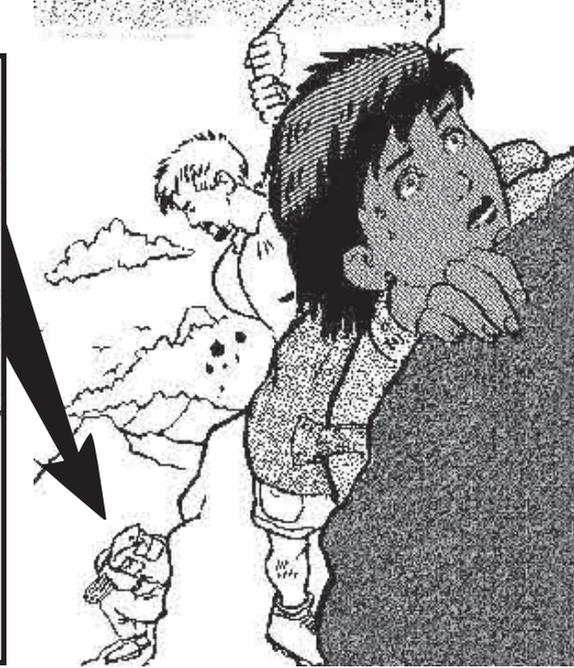
When you approach the next door, the doorknob is higher, yes, but because you've obeyed, you've also grown a little taller in spirit.

It's only when you go through a door, barely reaching the doorknob, and you walk through without fully obeying My instructions, that you approach the next door and feel like you can't quite reach the doorknob. It's not because the doorknob is too high, but it's because you have not grown as tall in spirit as you should have, through lack of obedience to My Words.



Sometimes when My children consistently refuse to be obedient so they can grow in spirit, I have to loop them back around to lower levels, to lower doorknobs. Only the

obedient can progress to higher levels, because only the obedient grow enough in spirit to be able to reach the new challenges and standards that I have for My children, to reach the doorknob that will open the door into new wonders and exciting revelations of My Spirit for them.



So keep this little word picture in mind when you're tempted to think that all the battles, all the tests, all the correction, and all My instruction for you is just so much of an empty cycle, a useless exercise. It *could* be empty and useless if you don't obey, because then you won't see the great and grand purpose that I have for you, as you continue through the next doors in your life. But if you are faithful to obey and trust Me, and believe that I only bring that which is good for your life and growth, and the challenges that are necessary to make you grow taller in spirit, you will find yourself able to reach the glowing doorknob of the next door that opens to the next level of your walk with Me. ▶

STEPPING UP THE PACE



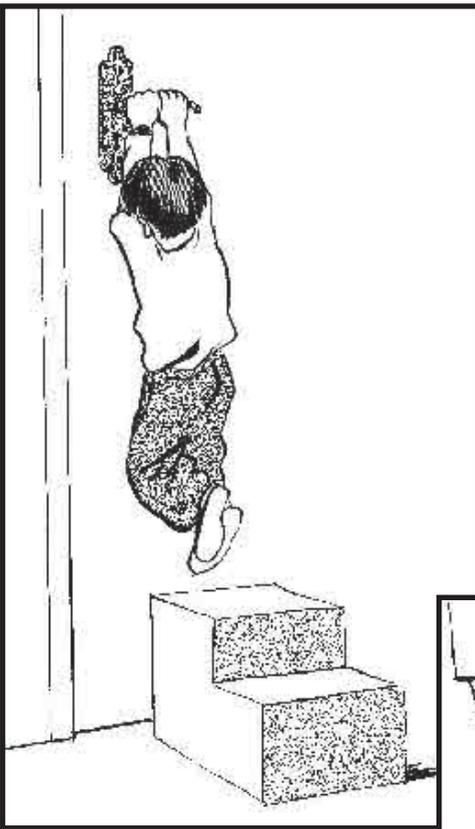
(Jesus:) That's always what I do with My Words—I give them, but it's up to each of you how much you believe, obey, and strive to make that Word part of your life.

I am no longer calling repeatedly. Rewards are given instantly to those who obey instantly. And by the same token, the loss will be felt instantly by those who hesitate. In the spirit world, things are moving faster. You have less time. The time for great and obvious demonstrations of My Spirit is right around the corner. In order for each person to be ready for those days, I'm stepping up the pace, and I don't have time to

wait around for those who are hesitant or unsure.

Yet this is My mercy. If I did not pick up the pace, no one would be ready for the more difficult, intense, fast-paced days of action you will face in the future. I have patiently trained and instructed. I have pulled the Family along as fast as they would let Me. I have nudged and pleaded and given second chances. All of that has been part of your training and of teaching you to obey. I have let you feel the results of your actions. Now the results will come much more quickly—instantly, in some cases.

(“Focus on the Power!” ML #3374:5–7, October 2001)

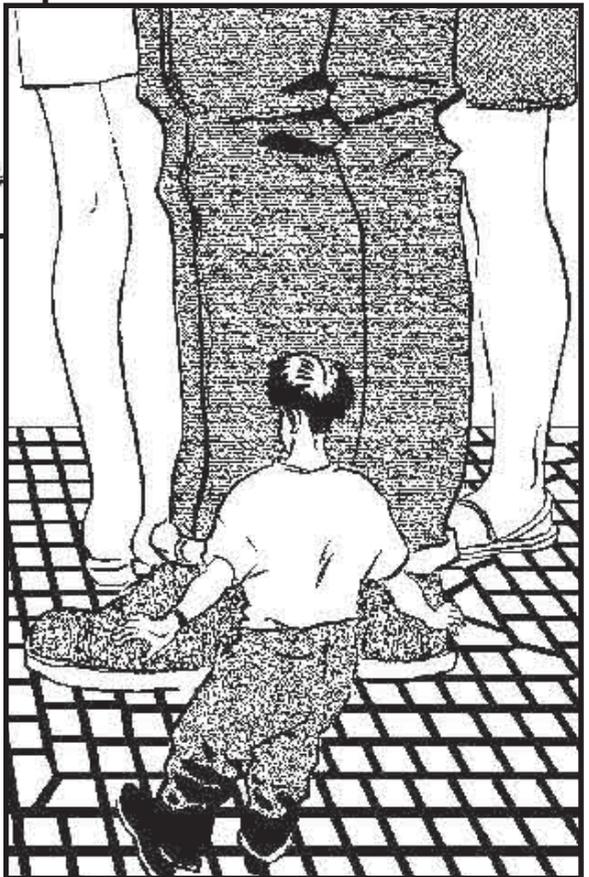


► I can't just let people slide through those doors if they haven't grown through obedience, step by step, because if they tried to put a stepstool up against the doorknob in order to reach the door handle, they might find themselves passing through that door, but completely unprepared for the new mysteries and challenges and stages of growth I have prepared.

It's like people passing through a new revolution in the Family, with all its promises and conditions, and deciding that rather than acting on My instructions and striving to grow in it, they will just watch those around them and try to coast along on the coattails of the obedient and faithful, skipping the tests and challenges of obedience, grabbing the stepstool of mere outward obedience, and passing along with My brides into the next level of growth.

But alas and alack, they are not prepared for the next level, and in their delusion and pride they begin to think that something is wrong with the way I am leading, with the truths I am giving. But they must face the reality that they did not obey fully, and they must loop back around to the more basic levels, study My instructions again, and diligently seek to obey each and every one.

I do not bring My children along faster than they are able to go. I bring My children along at the perfect pace—but it's only the perfect pace if they are obedient children.



Seek to grow in spirit, for this is a time of testing and growth for you, a time that will make or break your future and determine whether you will grow tall enough in spirit to reach the next door-knob I present to you in your life.



I know you want to grow, to be tall enough, to be counted as one of My obedient brides.

And you will, if you simply obey Me, and love Me with all your heart, your soul, and your mind.

Those who love Me desperately seek for every bit of counsel, every possible opportunity for growth and forsaking, that they might leave behind a few more weights and sins, and accept a few more weapons and gifts of My Spirit.

The next doorknob will be higher.—Life is not an endless cycle of monotony. Beyond the doors ahead of you, which you must pass through one by one, are wonders and miracles beyond your wildest imagination.



Beyond those doors is a closer relationship with Me than you ever thought possible.

Beyond those doors is the power to overcome the fury of the Evil One in the Last Days.

Beyond those doors are more and more blessings and revelations of My Spirit for the few who continue to cleave to Me desperately, with a sincere desire to be My vibrant brides, ever moving, ever growing, ever seeking, ever changing.

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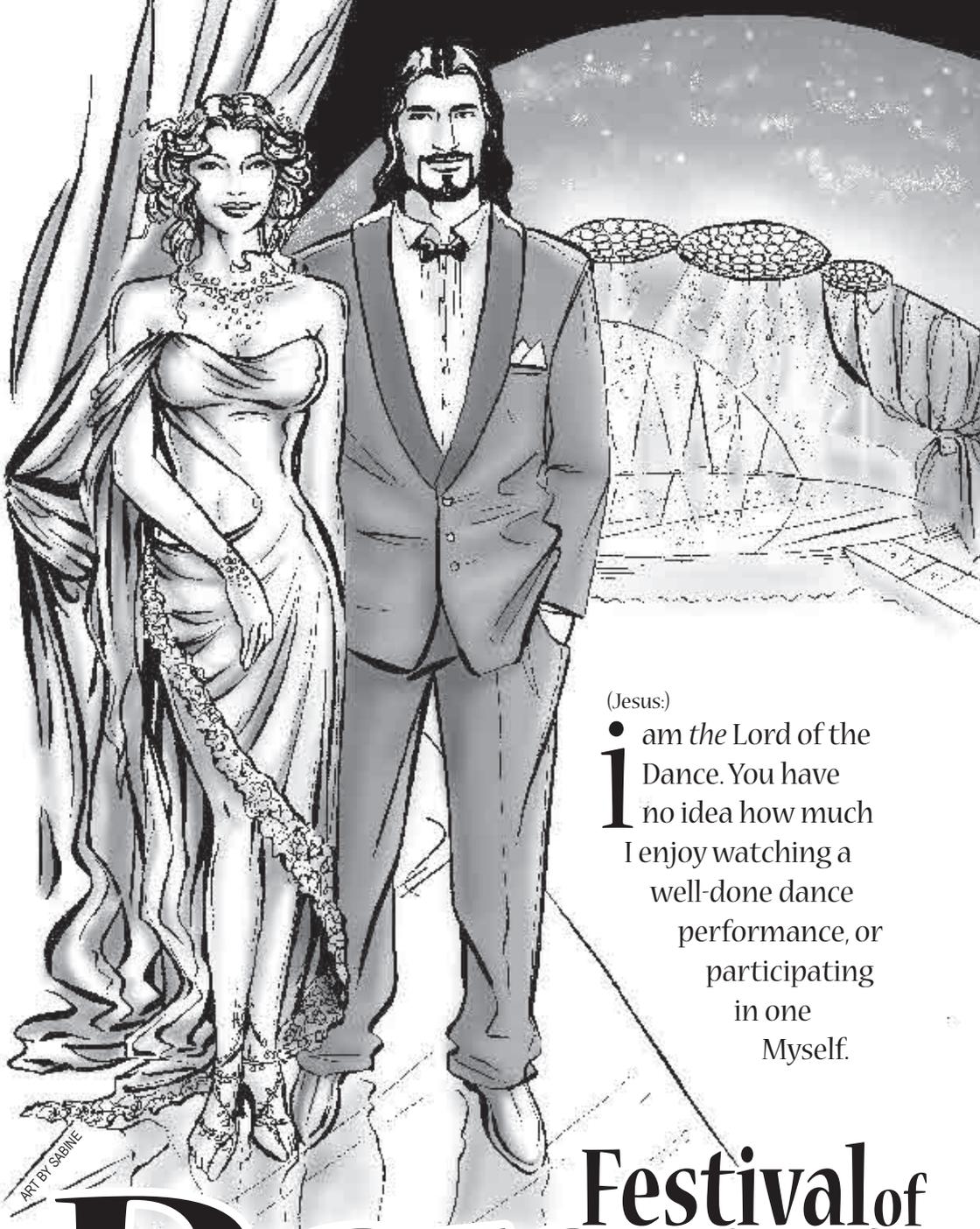
(Jesus:) The time for “sliding by” is over. Those who don’t live in the Word will suffer more outstanding consequences and the results of their disobedience will be more shocking. And those who appear to want the Word, yet carelessly allow it to be crowded out of their daily lives, will also suffer greater consequences than in the past. The effects of their neglect will be seen; it will be more obvious.

In contrast, for those who fight to take the Word in, who live in the Word, feed on the Word, and truly absorb the Word and apply it to their lives, the fruits will be more visible. Their power will be more outstanding and the results will be indisputably noticeable. These will go from strength to strength, and they will perform exploits.

I implore you, My Family, this must be a time of change! It’s not a time for short-lived resolutions that quickly lose steam; it must be a time to *revolute*, a time to declare war on all that stops you from sufficiently *taking in, absorbing,* and *applying* the Word in your lives!

(“What Is Jesus Worth to You?”
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(Jesus:)

I am *the* Lord of the Dance. You have no idea how much I enjoy watching a well-done dance performance, or participating in one *Myself*.

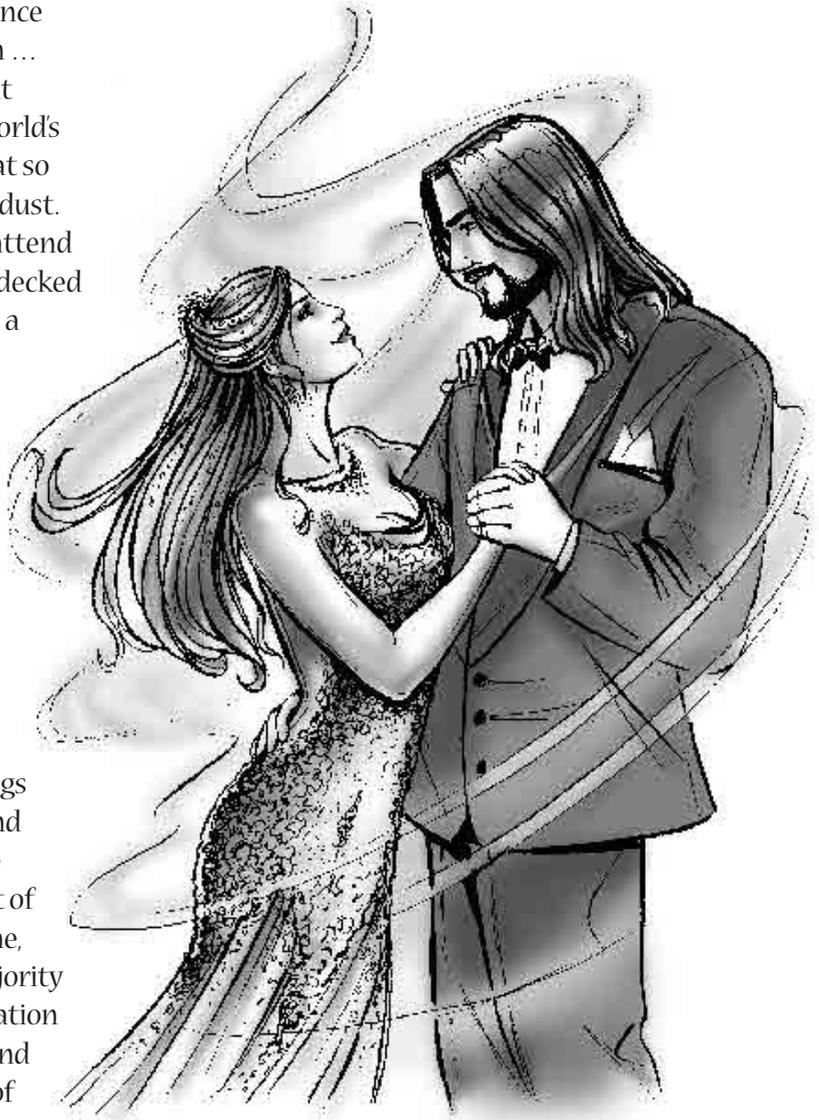
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Festival of Dance

The annual dance festival of Heaven ... ah, it's a gala event that leaves the world's Oscars and all that so far behind in the dust. The people who attend this event are all decked out to the full. It's a very top-notch, high-class thing, and we really do it in style. We always look great up here, but still, there are times when we really look our best.

There are all sorts of happenings that take place, and this festival is one that takes up a lot of space. Just imagine, we get a good majority of Heaven's population up and dancing, and that means a lot of floor space! But space we have.

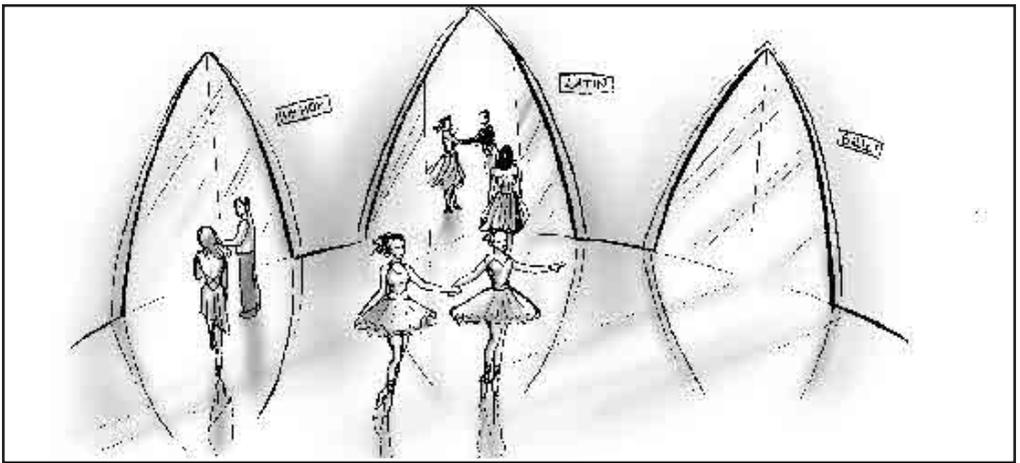
We start with a grand opening performance. This is not just a performance by one or two artists, but anywhere from 10 to 1,000—some



singles, some with partners, and some in groups of anywhere from 10 to 50. We have eternal stamina, so sitting and watching a performance for hours is not at all a problem.

It's entirely relaxing. You don't get tired or hungry. You can just sit back and enjoy, and enjoy, and keep enjoying.

Then after that, there are the participation programs.



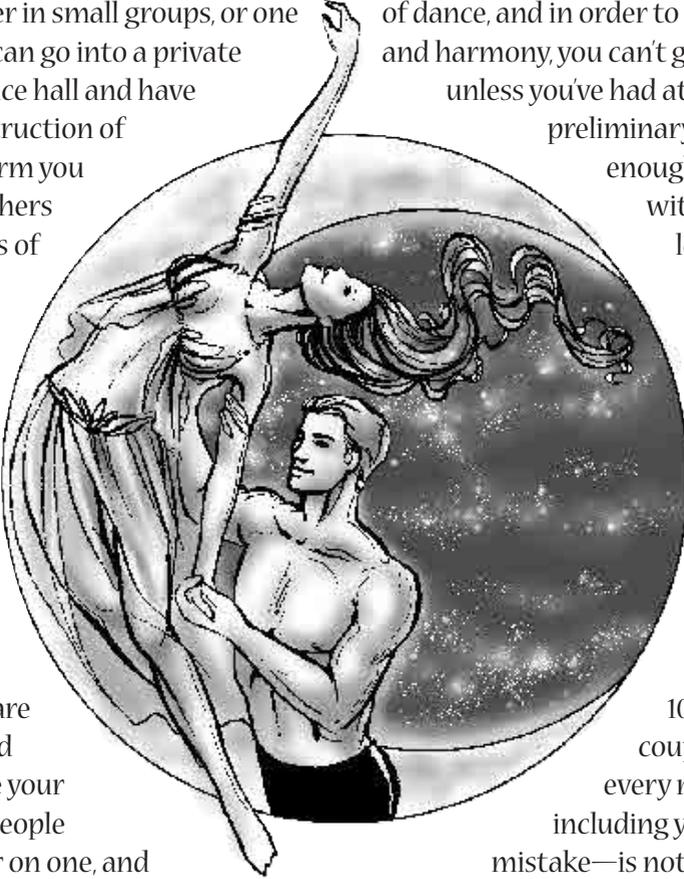
The “professionals” gather together on stages or in halls, and each takes an “amateur” partner to join them and become part of the performance, while others look on. The new partner is usually someone who has some knowledge of that particular form of dance, and a little experience, but who wants an opportunity to perform, as it were, with one of the “masters of the art,” and improve their skill. What a thrilling moment it is for so many. I get in on the act and make the rounds from floor to floor, making many a girl’s day—or year—with a special dance in public.

We’re able to read each other’s minds, as well as each other’s bodies, so even without a lot of practice, these dances appear beautifully choreographed, because the leader is able to lead the follower not only with his body movements, but with mental signals. It’s amazing!



Each stage or hall is reserved for a particular form of dance, and anyone who wants to either lead or follow that dance finds a partner and takes to the floor.

Then there are the workshops and classes. Either in small groups, or one on one, you can go into a private room or dance hall and have dancing instruction of whatever form you choose. Teachers who are tops of every dance form—all those you have on Earth and also so many more that you have never seen, heard of or imagined—are available, and you can take your pick. Some people like to major on one, and just spend the day with a certain teacher, once they've seen the opening performances and enough of the mixed performances. Other people like to hop from hall to hall, learning a bit of this and a bit of that. Sometimes, after a little bit of time on their private lesson, people will get bold enough to go into one of the public halls or even



up on a stage, to be a partner with one of the pros.

There's a certain amount of "quality control," if you will, as to who joins in on these mixed performances, because each stage is presenting a specific type of dance, and in order to keep the flow and harmony, you can't go up there

unless you've had at least a little preliminary preparation, enough to keep up with the one leading you.

But you don't need that much.

You learn quickly up here for one, and for two, you are amongst a crowd of 10 to 20 other couples, so your every move—

including your every mistake—is not so sure to be seen. That helps people have the courage to jump in.

We have a lot of fun, and we literally dance all day and all night. No time limits, no boundaries, no tiredness. The strength, flexibility, and learning ability of each spirit being or departed mortal would amaze you.—And before long you'll get to partake of the same.