

8. In bed with her one night I wanted to make love—she'd been away, off & on, always running around—& she almost cursed me! She began to berate me, "Oh, you're so carnal, why do you always have to have so much sex & be so fleshly? You're never walking in the Spirit, you're not in the Spirit, you're just always nothing but in the flesh" etc. etc.

9. I believe the Spirit of God rose up & I slapped her face again! I said, "I don't care what you say, the Bible says 'Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands as unto the Lord' (Eph.5:22), & if I want sex you're not supposed to deny it or refuse it or argue about it or condemn me for it & call me all kinds of names & carnal & fleshly & everything else, but you're supposed to submit!"—Amen?—That's Bible!—1Pet.3:1a.

10. She went through all those years with all the suffering & all the privation & paid all the price & another woman got the prize! Why? All because of her lack of faith & her lack of love. She had no love for me, she had no faith in me; therefore she had to take the loss.

11. Just as I was about to launch into the greatest part of our ministry she lost me! God had to send me somebody who had faith in me, who trusted me & really loved me no matter what I was—and even helped me to believe both in God & His Will for me, & that He could do something with me. She restored my faith in myself that God could still use me & that God wasn't finished with me.

12. Along came Maria with her love for me! God gave her the faith for me that I could still be used of the Lord and still do something for God. And she made me, in a way, like a little child forcing me to exercise that faith and my gifts from the Lord, because I just didn't dare disappoint her. Like a little child, how could you disappoint him by not being or doing what he expects?

13. I had to do it, I had to! I had to meet the level of her faith! She was a babe & I couldn't disappoint her, I had to deliver, so I got desperate with God & asked God to help me deliver, & I delivered! (Maria: Babes are good for some of our leaders, to get them on the ball!) Amen! PTL! GBY & give you someone with faith in you!

## DECEIVERS, YET TRUE!

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1. The Lord & His Prophets frequently used deceit & sometimes outright lies, believe it or not, to accomplish God's purpose. The Law is the standard, but there are always exceptions to the rules, particularly if God's the One Who makes the exceptions! The Lord Himself says that if they reject the Truth, "I will send them strong delusion that they might believe a lie, that they might all be damned who received not the love of the Truth." (2Th.2:10-12.)—He'll send a lie!

2. God Himself is going to lie to them & deceive them because they refused the Truth & they were wicked & deserve to believe a lie because they didn't want to believe the Truth! So God lied to them & deceived them & deluded them & damned them! What better proof can you have than that?—God sometimes uses lies!

3. (Maria: "Deceivers yet true!"—2Cor.6:8.) Yes, I remember Josh always used to like to use that Scripture, being that we are deceivers yet true. (Maria: So you have to find a proper balance. Some people get off too much on the other side, lying about every little thing.) Yes, some people get in a habit of lying about every little thing!

4. I hate to lie & very rarely in my life have done it! It hurts me, it bothers me, but if I have to do it to save my life, I might do it! And in a few instances, although I have not outright lied, I have deceived or I have said something that I knew they would believe I meant one thing when I really meant another, deliberately, in order to save some situation or spare someone or in order to escape some situation or whatever. It's very serious. (Maria: But normally you don't make it a habit.)—Amen! I hate it!

5. If you have to lie to save a life, I think it's worth it! And I think the people who would strain at a gnat of a little lie at a time like that & swallow a camel of costing someone's life are just hypocritically self-righteous!—And let somebody go to prison or torture or death just because they weren't willing to tell one little falsehood to save them! But I certainly don't recommend it & it would be in the absolute extreme emergency, just like it was with our folks in Malta. (See No.797!)—Amen? GHU!