

wonderful, fantastic and I couldn't agree more totally with every one of your suggestions in that Letter. As I just wrote in a note to Deborah: "I am thankful for these changes in the "RNR" Revolution, even if one of those changes is me." I want you to know that I want to cooperate and to help see them done in whatever manner I can be a blessing and a help.

Love, Jethro.

From Lydia, former KQC of Pacific & North America:

Dear David & Maria, 22 Nov. 77
I love you so very much and want to thank you for your counsel and what you received from the Lord. I hardly know how to express how I feel, especially as I am still going through these changes and getting my spiritual eyes and heart back into focus, cleansed by the Word and faith restored and strengthened.

I hadn't realised that Josh had had that much influence on me and I am still seeing these things. After reading "Bewitched", I saw how things have happened to me. As Deborah was in the Letter, I too was "fascinated" with Josh, since coming back to the Pacific from visiting you, and it's something too I guess I have always done, since before he was my over-shepherd always. I have no excuse, I know, because of the time I was with you and all you had to share, but like Deb, I wasn't in tune with you and the checks you were giving and had given.

I've been seeing these things for a long time, but I haven't had the strength, faith and conviction to

stand on the things the Lord gave me and to really deal with the situation. I feel that I've also had a fear of man more than of the Lord. I have had in the past a real fear of Josh. I see I try to be too nice and friendly when you can't when it comes to disobedience and leadership.

When I was reading the latest Spirit Letters, it made me realise how much depends on who you yield to. Although I don't understand it all, I know I just fell back into being yielded to their spirit and I see Caleb did too with Josh. Having fear of man and of the law has influenced me instead of having faith in the Lord and His Word. I was more in tune with Josh's and Caleb's spirit and the Law than the Lord's Spirit upon my life.

When Faithy prayed for me, she prayed that I would have faith in your love and prayed for faith for me. I knew and still know that I had to really get desperate and to the depths of my heart if the Lord was going to really be able to change me. It's like I need to open up, as you said, and break down and confess so the Lord can make me anew.

I pray for your prayers and am so thankful to you for the Lord's Love and help. I want the Lord's will and His Spirit and to surrender my all. I ask for your forgiveness and the Lord's and for help to start over. I love you so and want all these things gone and completely forsaken so I can love you with a new, real and complete love like never before.

Love always,
Lydia.

From Martha & Imrah, former P.M.'s of N. Europe:

Dearest Dad & Maria,

Well, we have at last all arrived in Athens, Greece and the weather is just beautiful! It is quite a radical change from northern Europe, but we are all learning to adjust ourselves. It's such a refreshing change to be out from under the weight of so much administration. We even refused to be the Home Servants of our little Home here, but chose another married couple instead.

We have more than enough to do with caring for our four children, witnessing daily, FF'ing three nights a week and learning a new language. Imrah and I are just trying to get

our little Home together and do what God wants us to do. We are learning some Greek songs that we can teach the children to take them cafe singing. The Greeks just love children, so we're going to major on these little blessings. I think they'll be some of our greatest tools.

The "RNR" has changed all of our lives for the better and we wouldn't have it any other way. It's such a blessing to be in a new field, pioneering once again. We wanted to let you know how much we love and appreciate you. I miss you so very much but I'll stay close through the words. Love and kisses from your little birdie,

—Martha (& Imrah too)

LATIN AMERICA:

What FF'ing was like before the 'RNR'!

—A Report from Shaul & Abiah, KQ's of Latin America!

Dearest Dad & Maria, 4 Feb. 78

I just finished reading Deb and Isaiah's report on her big Peruvian fish, and I wanted to write my reactions and a few observations on FF'ing in general in Latin America.

We ourselves, sad to say, did not have any real heavy FF experience in Latin America and can blame no one but ourselves, as we believe the counsel in the Letters is as plain as day, so that we and others like us are without excuse. Although a few things were done that discouraged FF'ing, it only proves to me that we were looking too much to man and his inspiration (or lack of it) rather than to the Lord and the

heavenly counsel already written down.

Many on the field waited on us, but the ones who did meet the most success were those who ventured out on their own, encouraged only by the Lord and His Letters. So Lord forgive us and those like us who didn't trust you and the Letters over our overseers enough to venture out. Even if it meant disapproval or losing a title, our obedience to the Letters must come first!

Deb's report, though showing that she is meeting some success in FF'ing, also shows a few examples of the type of spiritualising of the Letters and technique of FF'ing

I underlined in yellow on her report three simple examples that stuck out to me, to show how FF'ing has been treated in Latin America:

(1) Deb mentions about sex and manners: He's "not European...he's almost animal-like". But he sounds like most men I know, like in "Male or Female".

(2) Isaiah says: "That's a mistake I think a lot of these girls are making, like Rosa" (Juan Carlos' wife) and Deb says, "Really making love with their bodies" (therefore saying they're using the flesh too much). It seems to me that they try to separate body from spirit, instead of seeing that men do have an almost uncontrollable hunger for sex and physical love and that when they know you love them enough to give them physical love, they trust that you also love their spirit and soul. So I believe that there is a tendency to spiritualise the physical side of FF'ing.

For instance, Isaiah said five or six times in my presence and others: "People have this fleshy idea of FF'ing, so let's not call it FF'ing.—Let's call it witnessing." But they don't see what an important part the bait plays.

Deborah and Isaiah always stressed that the most important person was the fisherman. It seems to us that in most instances, the fisherman is scarcely needed until the fish is hooked, as you can't reel in a fish that isn't hooked on the line. Ruthie, Luis Manuel's wife, (Emanuele's Peruvian cousin) wrote Rachel yesterday about her first FF experience, where she chased a

the fish see her ask her fisherman" (to be a bigger testimony). Ruth wrote: "We now see that was our mistake" (paraphrased).

When we were in Lima, Deborah and Isaiah would tell us to go to clubs but "don't worry if you don't meet anyone. Just relax, have a few drinks and go home." So even if people have been going to clubs in Peru, it's no wonder it hasn't borne a whole lot of fruit, as no one was encouraged to go after them.

(3) Isaiah says: "I think sometimes when we go out to try to FF, those are...like in our own works...we went out and met those people." In other words, don't go to clubs to get them, but make them come to you. This seems to us to typify the attitude about FF'ing. They give them flesh if it's some important official, but they don't go to the attack and meet them in clubs and love them, even if they aren't quite such big fish.

So overall, I think the attitude has been to emphasise the fish's spiritual need (which of course does exist) and de-emphasise their physical needs. Deb would emphasise over and over again how sex was "the absolute last resort" and bragged of how she got men interested without sex (prior to her first FF'ing in Ecuador) and how she had seen one fish three times and had gotten away with only kissing him once and nothing more. I agree that it's good to feed their spirits and that sex is a last resort, but over-emphasising it seems to be an unbalanced view of the subject.

When I first came here and Maria

to share something heavy and spiritual, but when we shared physical love, I knew not only that she was concerned about my spiritual needs but also my physical needs, and it was also a very spiritual experience, that heart-to-heart sharing without walls or barriers, that we had sorely missed in Latin America.

What Ebed and Leah shared about Deborah's FF'ing in Ecuador threw a lot of light on the situation. For instance, Deborah told us that all of these men flipped over her, whereas Ebed and Leah said that she hustled her way in and pushed the other girls out of the way in order to FF these big fish.

In Lima, Deb was quite upset with Rosa, Juan Carlos' wife, for not "stepping enough out of the way" with Rosa's fish, R., the son of a high government official, to enable Deb to hook him, although Rosa had met him and FF'ed him and he was very interested in her. He showed little interest in Deb, so Deb returned furious at Rosa for not pushing the fish on Deb, who showed little concern for what was best for R.

Ebed and Leah stated she had only been interested in the big shots and each time pushed one of the girls out of the way to get them. Then they would talk about how "fleshy" Rosa and nearly all the other girls are. Even this report on her big fish seems aimed at pointing out how flipped he was over Deb rather than giving any insight into him, his character or needs.

We went to clubs with Deb and Isaiah three or four times. Mostly,

we danced together and little effort was made to meet men. Deb met one man, but I think he was the only man we really met in three or four nights between six of us (Zadok and Pal also). At one point, one girl met several single men in their 30's, but Deb and Isaiah thought she didn't know how to control him (he had had a little to drink) and therefore suggested she not go to clubs but be more or less restricted to ministering to friends, etc.

It's such a testimony of trust that you not only let the girls act on their own faith and leadings, but encourage them to step out and get on the attack. In Mexico, I went to a club several times with Zadok, but he also did little more than have a drink and talk. After an hour-and-a-half, I went to the bar with Tekoa, our secretary, and we immediately met four hungry men. I went back to our table and dragged Katrina, the only remaining girl, back to the bar and we met three more men, leaving Zadok and Watchman to mostly talk and do little more.

So, even when people do go to clubs, they aren't being encouraged to really work at it, but it's treated as more of a "social event". There is a real lack of trust of the girls to follow their own leadings, and the fisherman's initial role is overemphasised.

Isaiah stated: "I don't see how single girls can FF", as their connection with the fisherman needed to be so strong. Deb and Jeth sent out an advisory suggesting that people FF, but stating something like: