

1. "YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE YOUR LIFE, FOR GOD HAS ALREADY TAKEN IT!" When you yielded on His altar of sacrifice so long ago & asked Him to take it, He did, & He's been trying to use it for His glory ever since, as much as you will let Him! Meanwhile, 'Despise not the day of small things' or whatever humble tasks the Lord may call you to perform. The less responsibility you have, the less you will be held responsible for, but if you are faithful in the small things, the Lord will commit greater things to your care when you have proven that you can be trusted with them. (Mt. No. 325:12,21.)

2. LIVING WITH DEB & JETH I LEARNED TO BE A SERVANT! It was a very valuable part of my missionary training. Especially learning to take care of Little Joy, which I took quite seriously, & was almost totally responsible for her & her training both before & after Deb had her second baby, Junior, during the months that I stayed with them in California.

3. I HAD ALWAYS LOVED TO TAKE CARE OF LITTLE BABIES, EVER SINCE I HAD TAKEN CARE OF MY COUSIN DOTTIE'S BABY when she & her husband lived with us in Florida. When you tried to get them to serve the Lord with us & help them too!--Even let-



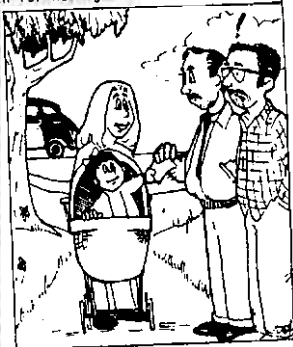
Little Joy

ting them live right with us at the hotel that we had rented on Miami Beach to minister to people. This you did faithfully night after night with Bible studies & your inspiring, faith-building lectures



John & Deb with Little Joy & John Jr.

There was no one else to go witnessing with so I would just take her out with me in her little stroller for a ride down to the store or to the park, & we would have a great time! She was only about 18 months old, but acted quite grown up even then for her age!



14. WHEN I ARRIVED IN CALIFORNIA AT THEIR HOUSE & DISCOVERED SHE WASN'T POTTY-TRAINED & THERE WAS ANOTHER BABY ON THE WAY, I ASKED DEB IF I COULD POTTY-TRAIN JOY so that I wouldn't have to wash diapers for two babies, which I felt was too much! She agreed & gave me Dr. Spock's Baby Book & said to look up what it said on potty-training, which I did. At first I didn't realize myself what it took to do it, but I soon found it took real discipline & a firm hand!--Which his book didn't advocate, & in fact, said just about the opposite of what I learned it took just by my own experience!

15. I COULD TELL DR. SPOCK DIDN'T BELIEVE THE WAY WE DID, & I GOT SO UPSET WITH HIS BOOK & ITS FALSE TEACHINGS one day that I came & told Deb I just didn't like this book & I didn't think he was right, especially about not disciplining children. I showed her some passages that were absolutely contrary to the way you raised us, so together we decided we'd have to really examine closely his advice & sift through it to find what we could use instead of just swallowing everything he said "hook, line & sinker"!

16. SO EXCEPT FOR A LITTLE TECHNICAL ADVICE, I FOUND OUT THAT THE BEST MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO POTTY-TRAIN LITTLE JOY WAS JUST FOLLOWING COMMON SENSE & THE LEADING OF THE LORD! And in disciplining her, to have a good balance between firmness & spankings, love & encouragement. There is no shortcut as far as I know! It just took diligence on my part to be sure that what was begun was carried through to complete victory.--And when she did good we would both rejoice over her progress which encouraged her to do good again.--And letting her see her "accomplishment" in the potty really helped!

17. SOMETIMES SHE COULDN'T WAIT TO GET DONE SO SHE COULD STAND UP & LOOK IN THE POTTY TO SEE WHAT SHE HAD DONE, & then would excitedly point to it to show me what she had done, to which I would exclaim what a good girl she was! But in between she had her rebellious times which had to be dealt with with a firm hand. Then there would be some cryings & breakings between us until she got the victory, & then we'd really love each other, & then start again in sweet victory, which would usually end in a victory on the potty!



18. I ALWAYS GAVE HER SOMETHING TO DO OR SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH WHILE SITTING THERE SO SHE WOULDN'T GET BORED. Especially if she had to sit there alone for a little while because I had to do something important & couldn't stand right there the whole time. It was important to do what I could to keep her in the victory & cheerful about it.

4. --EVEN HELPING A LOT OF OLD PEOPLE & OTHERS, whom we took care of in our little hotel. They had rooms there, & you told us to invite them to our evening get-togethers in the lobby. Some were even workers who had probably never had anyone teach them the Bible before, & of course, there were even a few old Jews who would listen to your Old Testament lectures.--Lectured like they had never heard them before!

5. WE HAD ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE AT THAT LITTLE OLD HOTEL, even some retired missionaries, or maybe they were just there for a rest with us. Anyway, I'm sure they learned some things they never knew before! And us kids!--We had other kids living with us, too, even then, that we were trying to help or that just loved to come for the exciting way you taught the Bible!--To learn that it was possible to live it today!--Just the way the disciples did it, which was really revolutionary in those those days because hardly anybody believed it was possible, much less were doing it.

6. WELL, DOTTIE & HER HUSBAND, POOR GUY, TRIED IT FOR A WHILE BUT HE FINALLY FOLLOWS HIS WIFE INSTEAD OF THE LORD!--Much to their loss, as they've never really done much for the Lord since, & have even turned against those who loved them & tried to help them the most because of pride & jealousy. They found some excuse not to follow God & His ordained leader & as so many have done, they failed God & went their own way.

7. I GUESS THE LORD LETS THESE FLESH & BLOOD MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY TURN AGAINST YOU so that you'll know that His Word is true where it says, "And a man's foes shall be they of his own household"--That you would have to follow God with or without them, & by faith claim the promise given to Abraham, that his seed would cover the Earth, & believe He would give you much more, which He certainly has & is, in spiritual seed & spiritual children which are now covering the Earth! Because of your obedience to His Word, He has given you a new Family, His Family! Hallelujah!

8. THE EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT ARE A GOOD WARNING TO US OTHERS OF YOUR OWN FLESH & BLOOD FAMILY, that if we don't follow God & be obedient to His Word, we too can have the same fate! Because as Jesus said, "Who are My brothers & My sisters & My mother?--Those who do

the will of God, these are My mother, & my sisters & My brothers!" (Mark 3:33-35.)

9. JESUS HAD TO DECLARE HIS FAITH & TOTAL ALLEGIANCE TO THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY, TOO!--TO SHOW THAT SALVATION IS BY FAITH & NOT FLESH, & everyone has to come through that door, even His own family of flesh & blood, because "Flesh & blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God!"--And that "Everyone that hath forsaken houses or brethren, sisters or mother, wife & children, or lands, for My name's sake shall receive an hundredfold & shall inherit everlasting life, with persecutions!" (Mt. 19:29)

10. YOU ALWAYS TREATED THE "ADOPTED" MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY AS YOUR VERY OWN CHILDREN, WHICH REALLY TAUGHT US THE LOVE GOD HAS FOR EVERYONE. And that He didn't even spare His own Son, but gave Him up to save us, & let Him become sin, even for us, "that we may have the righteousness of God in Him!" If God even forsook all, why shouldn't everyone that believes in Him, 'cause He's not asking more than He Himself gave to save others! But that is just the question many Church people really hate you for!

11. --BECAUSE YOU PROVED IT CAN BE DONE BY DOING IT, & they don't want to do it because they are selfish! But those who did believe followed you, & you showed them the way to really follow & serve God & dare to be different!--To even stand alone for the truth if we have to, even when no one else will follow! God help me to be an obedient servant & truly lay down my life for others as Jesus did, & you are doing for all your Children! I love you!

Chapter 9: "Housekeeper!--Baby Sitter!--& "Potty Trainer!"

12. SO GETTING BACK TO WHAT I WAS STARTING TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING WITH LITTLE JOY, who is not so little now & about grown up! She & I were pretty close when she was a baby until she was a couple of years old, & then we weren't together very much after that. But in the time we did spend together I really learned a lot!

13. WE EVEN USED TO GO WITNESSING TOGETHER AROUND MACARTHUR PARK, & she was so good that she was a real testimony & won people's hearts! It seems a little child can sometimes touch the hardest heart, as I saw it happen again & again.

When she was all white again & avoid her fury! Sometimes it worked, & sometimes it didn't & she would find out about my dreadful mistake & reprimand me & show me the error of my ways, to which I would apologise & tell her I wouldn't let it happen again.



24. BUT SUCH IS LIFE & TRAINING UNDER BIG SISTER! I really had to learn to be careful not to let it happen again, although try as hard as I would, it sometimes did, probably to teach me humility how to take a rebuke.

Chapter 10: "Have Books! Will Travel!"

25. I ALSO REALLY HAD TO LEARN HOW TO DISCIPLINE MY TIME. For not only was I housekeeper, babysitter & potty-trainer, but I was also a student of the Bible & other books!--Schoolbooks, of course! I was taking the American School Correspondence Course to finish my Junior High & High School.

26. THE SCHOOL, WHICH WAS BASED IN CHICAGO, CLAIMED THAT I WAS ONE OF THEIR YOUNGEST STUDENTS TO START STUDYING WITH THEM! I started this course when I was only 12 after dropping out of school completely in the seventh grade. You "hit the road" with all of the family, & took us all on your missionary journeys around the United States, Canada, & even Mexico in the "Cruiser", which became my school-room where I would faithfully study every day, as we travelled.

27. THIS COURSE WAS EVEN TAKEN BY MIS-SONARIES! KIDS OVERSEAS, & OTHER CHILDREN WHO HAD TO TRAVEL BECAUSE THAT WAS THEIR PARENTS' WORK. As it was a "school through the mail"! A real "paper power" school! Everything is done on paper including any conversation or questions you may have for your teacher.--It must be written down & sent in & then you must wait for an answer from the teacher

19. WHEN SHE HAD DONE SOMETHING SHE WOULD YELL, "DONE!"--which she learned from me because I always said that when she had finished on the potty, then she could get off. So she would sometimes announce it herself like it was the magic word & would bring me running in to see what she had done! There were a few false alarms, of course, but she soon learned they didn't work! She'd sometimes have to sit there twice as long after a false alarm & she soon learned her lesson, that only the truth brought instant release from the potty!

20. ONE OF THE FIRST WORDS I TAUGHT HER WAS "PLEASE!"--MEANING "PLEASE!" She couldn't pronounce it perfectly but she at least knew what it meant & would always use it in a very sweet little high-pitched voice, very pleadingly, which almost always touched my heart, & she knew it! So that sometimes when I would be angry with her she would start saying her little "Please!" to try & appease me, & would also use it to call me because she didn't yet know my name or couldn't say it! I must admit it worked sometimes as she was a good little actress!

21. I GUESS THAT'S ONE GOOD THING THAT LITTLE SISTERS ARE FOR, & THAT'S TO HELP BIG SISTERS WHEN THEY NEED IT! It seemed to work out perfectly to have me take care of Joy while Deb was learning to take care of the new baby which was really a full-time job for her. She was never very strong & it was all she could do for a while. Before she went to the hospital to have Junior she had taught me how to clean her house & cook for Jethro, do the laundry & all the various other things which needed to be done, including setting up the nursery for the new baby--which was actually mine & Joy's room too--& we got to paint the furniture white.

22. DEB WAS VERY PARTICULAR ABOUT EVERYTHING! Especially after moving to the little house in Monterey Park, a suburb of Los Angeles, really their first house to have to furnish, & I helped them. I made a multitude of mistakes though, under Deb's perfectionist training!--And really felt scared when a sock came out pink instead of white in the wash, because I must have accidentally left something red in with the whites! This was one of her pet peeves, & I would never hear the end of it! the end of it!

23. SOMETIMES I WOULD EVEN TRY TO WASH THEM ALL OVER AGAIN before she found out