

"DEAR DAD!"--"MY LIFE STORY!"--By Faith David
Chapter 12: "My First Love Affair!" & "A Child Bride!"

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1. HOSEA & AARON MET JOSHUA IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, NEW YORK DURING THE WORLD'S FAIR! He was in New York a year after we left & he wrote & asked us if he could come to our Ranch in Texas. And it was such a miracle how he joined our Family! His mother didn't want him to join at first, but later on she didn't mind.

2. SO HE CAME TO TEXAS! AND THE FIRST DAY JOSH MET ME, I HAD JUST DRIVEN THE CAR INTO A DITCH! And I was quite embarrassed because this New Yorker had just come in, & it was an extraordinary thing for him to have come to live with us.--I was driving the car down the hill at the Ranch & the horn was hanging loose & started honking so that I got all frustrated & drove it into a ditch.

3. I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO & I WAS QUITE UPSET! Because I knew that if Aaron saw the car in the ditch he'd be quite upset. It was very early & no one else was up & I was trying to figure out how to get the car out of the ditch before anyone woke up because I knew Aaron would be mad, because it was his car! And I looked over the road to the house & saw this great big guy looking over at me. So Josh walked up & picked up the end of the car & set it on the road! He was huge! He weighed 250 pounds, all muscle, & he was very strong! And I was quite embarrassed! It was a small ditch!

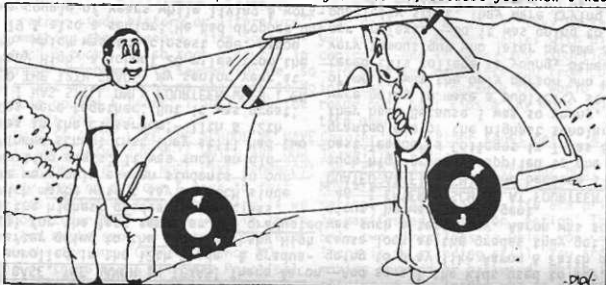
4. I WAS BETROTHED TO JOSH WHEN I WAS FIFTEEN BUT I WAITED TILL MY SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY TO MARRY HIM. I waited because I wanted to put the Lord first & I didn't feel that Joshua was ready. I was a little concerned about our relationship because

it was my first love affair & I'd fallen head over heels in love since he started travelling with us! He was 25.

5. BEFORE BETROTHING I WOULDN'T EVEN LET HIM KISS ME! I was very prudish. I never kissed anybody till I kissed Joshua, & that was the night we were betrothed. He'd try to kiss me all the time & I wouldn't let him. He'd come up behind me when I was washing the dishes in the "Cruiser" & grab me & I'd really rebuke him, saying to myself, "Get behind me, Satan!"



6. BUT THE LORD KNEW I WAS QUITE YOUNG & NEEDED A CARETAKER FOR A FEW YEARS.--We went to such dangerous places all the time that I needed someone to watch over me! I think that's one of the main reasons you agreed to it, because you knew I was real-



ly crazy about winning souls & witnessing. I'd stay out till 4:00 in the morning on the street, because I was overcome with the desire to win the hippies! And if the others didn't want to go witnessing but wanted to stay back & study their Bibles, I'd get fed up & go out anyway. They were being theological, but I wanted to be on the streets with the hippies! You got a small revelation about us from the Lord too!

7. YOU USED TO GIVE US BIBLE CLASSES EVERY DAY WHICH WAS REALLY OUR WHOLE FOUNDATION. When Josh joined the team he gave the first big "forsake all" which helped our Family get started in full-time service. He gave all the money he had!--But it took him awhile to forsake all! I didn't like him much at first as I thought he was quite proud.--And I used to tell him, "God's going to humble you!" We used to have big arguments & you would say, "You sound like you're having a lover's quarrel!" It used to make me furious! He was in the Family for nine months when we got married.

8. JOSH HAD SOME TERRIBLE MARRIAGE BATTLES & I COULDN'T SEEM TO FIGURE HIM OUT! He used to take me out under the moon & say that we were supposed to have a little time together, & I would start praying.--He wanted to get down to business but I wanted to have a prayer meeting with him!



9. JOSH WAS HAVING BATTLES ABOUT FORSAKING ALL & BECOMING A PART OF THE FAMILY & DURING THIS TIME I DECIDED TO DROP THE WHOLE THING! So he stayed in New York & I had to forsake him after all that because he couldn't make up his mind about whether he wanted to obey & be part of the team & do what you said or be his

own "flaming evangelist"! Obedience was real hard for him. He was usually obedient, but when he wanted to be rebellious he could be really rebellious!

10. SO I WENT TO HIM & SAID, "ARE YOU STAYING IN NEW YORK?" He said yes, so I said, "Well, I'm going with the Family! God bless you!" I never expected to see him again & it was finished as far as I was concerned unless he was willing to come & put himself under the yoke of discipline with Dad, & the Family! Finally though, Joshua got lonely & decided he couldn't do it his own way so he decided that I was right.--I was in Florida witnessing with some of the Family & I was feeling sorry for him & felt like the Lord wanted me to call him just to see how he was doing.--But I didn't want to speak to him unless he wanted to do God's will.

11. WHEN I WAS FIFTEEN I WAS SUCH A HARD-LINER I believed he had to do God's will 100% or I wouldn't even speak to him! We had already been betrothed--but I wouldn't give him a second look if he didn't want to be under Dad & do God's will! He had to see he couldn't make it without the Spirit & without the Family. So he came back! PT! And he's been with us ever since! GBH! I was testifying in a lot of churches



& ministering to the hippies on the streets so I really didn't care about getting married--I only cared about God's will. But I married Josh because it was the Lord's will.

12. I REALLY TREATED HIM ROUGH AT FIRST! I told him he had to do this & this & this, to make up for where he missed out.--And I had told him when he left the Family & me & stayed in New York, I wouldn't marry him unless he did! But God did it, & gave him a new humility. I was 15 & he was 25 so it took a lot of love!--But with the Spirit of God, age doesn't matter & we had a very good relationship right from the start & were very happy together!

13. THE LORD SAID I WAS THE "LITTLE PEARL" & JOSH WAS THE CASE, (in something He gave you at our betrothal!)-Like he was supposed to protect me & take care of me.--I was very sober & serious for my age. Leadership was really hard for him, & it was hard for him to take it from me. I always smiled but I was also quite serious. They used to say, "Faith takes the whole World on her shoulders"! But God gave me a burden for souls, & other things didn't matter.

14. EVEN AFTER WE WERE MARRIED HE STILL WANTED TO TRY TO DO IT ON HIS OWN SO WE BOTH TOOK OFF FOR NEW YORK WHICH WAS ANOTHER MISTAKE. Marriage was new to me & I thought that the husband was the head of the house. I didn't yet realise what marriage was in the Family! I didn't want to go & always felt bad about it, but we thought we could open up a work there because he had all kinds of contacts & we could "pioneer". You finally let us go with great reservations, saying, "Well, you'll have to learn the hard way". But I was very unhappy because I knew we were out of God's will.--I always took things so hard when I knew I was out of God's will.

15. FINALLY THE FAMILY CALLED US & ASKED US TO COME BACK SAYING THAT GRANDMOTHER WAS AT THE RANCH & WAS READY TO MAKE A TRIP OUT TO CALIFORNIA. The Lord really humbled Joshua then. He lost so much weight, & nothing he tried succeeded, & that really broke him. So then I flew to Texas without Joshua, & left him in New York because I felt that God wanted me to see Grandmother before she left. I felt I needed to hear from God on my life because I felt so spiritually dry & kept thinking, "What in the world is the matter with us?" I knew that I was out of God's will!

16. THAT WAS IN 1967 WHEN GRANDMOTHER GOT THE VISION OF US ALL TRAVELLING TOGETHER! She went on to California & said for us not to leave one person behind. So I went back to New York with Mother & got Joshua & brought him to Texas, & then we all went to California! That was the year that you had a falling out with Fred Jordan, because the Lord showed you that the television show had to go colour, & when you tried to get Fred to use colour he really stood against you on this.--So you decided to quit him, & you parted ways. His programme could have been the biggest religion show on nationwide TV, but because it didn't go colour it had no future.



17. THREE MONTHS BEFORE GRANDMOTHER DIED, GOD REALLY USED HER! Grandmother prophesied things about you & you had some visions that you didn't even want to believe! You always left things up to Grandmother because she was the one with the vision, but when she died God began to really work through you. And you were faithful with a few things so God made you ruler over many.

Chapter 13: "The Revolution Begins!"

18. THAT'S WHEN GOD USED YOU DAD, TO START THE REVOLUTION FOR JESUS! All you wanted was God's will. You could have gotten a job with any television station & made us a fortune--because you were so good--but you only wanted to do God's will. Once we dropped out we just wanted God's will. Got just put in us the determination that we had to make it, & find His will!

19. THAT WAS WHEN WE FINISHED WITH THE CHURCHES!--THE CHURCHES LEFT US BROKE & IT WAS THE HIPPIES THAT STARTED SHARING WITH US, helping us to live! When we all started sharing together we never did without, but when we worked with the churches the year before we almost starved! We'd sing our hearts out & preach our hearts out & they didn't do a damned thing for us! But as we took in the hippies & shared with them what God had given us, they shared with us!--So

God took & used the nothings!

20. JOSH'S BROTHER, CALEB, HAD JOINED US!--THEN LYDIA JOINED & THEY GOT MARRIED! Then we started working with the hippies in Huntington Beach & Shadrach & his wife joined. Miguel went back & forth a few times then he finally moved in, & Becky joined the Family then too! You started giving classes in Huntington Beach every night, preaching against the churches & really socking it to them! You declared "war" on the System! Josh was in the Army when the Revolution started. The army taught him to appreciate you because he found out there were harder taskmasters! But I went right on with the Revolution & took Miguel to pioneer our first Colony in Tucson--& our first Colony outside of California!--Mom was also on that first team.

21. THE ARMY WAS A DRAG--WITH THE MOST TERRIBLE ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT! They treated Joshua terribly, especially during the first two months of the basic training. I brought Josh home from Ft. Ord to Huntington Beach to his first meeting with you after his basic Army training for a five day visit, & that's when I decided to stay & not go back up with Josh to Ft. Ord & the Army! I'd gone to the military hospital there every day to sing, during the six weeks that I was living there. We wanted him to get a discharge from the army & he should have fought for it in the courts. All the other boys in the Family got ministerial deferments but Josh didn't have the faith for it--because he thought God wanted him to go into the service--where he did learn some lessons.

22. MEANWHILE, THE REVOLUTION FOR JESUS IN HUNTINGTON BEACH CARRIED ON! Our first converts were kids like surfers & hippies, David Z. joined there--also Rachel & her sister Carmel. Joel had just come out of jail when he met us--he'd been a thief. He really loved MO's Bible teaching & got all his first classes from the notes he took from MO's teachings. I won Maria to the team in Arizona. She was a Christian but I talked to her about forsaking all at a Full Gospel Businessmen's Convention! --In the Ladies Room! Ha! Later she joined in Tucson, at the first Colony we pioneered outside of California, & went back to California for training with the Family in Huntington Beach.

23. JOSH & I KNEW THE ARMY WASN'T THE WAY AFTER WHAT HE'D BEEN THROUGH. The Army just made me sick, & I became a real rebel after seeing all those boys in the



hospital who had come back from Viet Nam, broken in body & spirit & so confused or bitter! I had complete run of the hospital & could go in almost any ward I wanted. I was there every day & they liked me to sing & talk to them. I would have them memorising Bible Scriptures & I'd give them tests. But most of those guys were really bitter, & I couldn't get too far with them. It was like we had our own little ministry there, but we were getting off the track.

24. THEN I WENT TO VISIT YOU, & YOU REALLY TOLD ME OFF!--You told Josh & I both off! About what compromisers we both were. You were furious & said we were missing God's whole plan!--The plan of reaching drop-outs & hippies who would follow Jesus & us! This lecture lasted about 5 hours & I was crying. It was really hard & I thought my heart would break, because I loved our little ministry so much. But it was my own thing, & God was asking me to forsake it to join the Revolution that was going to change the World!--Your Revolution for Jesus for Love!

25. BUT THE HARDEST THING WAS HAVING TO LEAVE JOSHUA--BECAUSE HE HAD TO GO BACK TO THE ARMY, & I HAD TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING AGAIN. I always knew it was better to do God's will so I forsook all again. --Even though souls were getting saved, I really felt I had compromised. Souls could get saved anywhere, but we weren't giving out the Warning Message at the same time & therefore we would never have