

tilent fellow & mover of sedition!" Tertullus' "witnesses" were the top religious figures of the land who agreed "that these things were so".

What could Paul do? To defend himself, he got the very best lawyer he could find. No one had a more brilliant legal mind than Paul himself, so he defended himself.—Something you probably should not do unless you really know the laws, know your rights, & are a literal lawyer like Paul was. Paul gave a powerful & eloquent defense which you can read in Acts 24:10-22.

If it had not been for strong political reasons, that he was afraid of stirring up a hornets' nest of Jewish opposition, the Governor would have released Paul there & then. But even though (like Herod with John) he didn't, he did allow him great personal liberty & to continue witnessing & teaching.—Vs.22,23.

God bless you with the conviction to stand up & fight for your legal rights!—Even in a court of law, if need be! And may He bless you with good lawyers & favourable public figures & officials who will go to bat for you!—And He will, if you'll win them now! "Contend earnestly for the faith!"—Jude 3. Amen? PTL!

For more selected reading on this subject, please see: 143A (Contend for the Faith), 210 (Office of a Bishop), 1548 (Attack—Fight for Your Rights!), 1718 (Fight Back!) & 1889 (Constant Vigilance is the Price of Security).

"PURSUE, FOR THOU SHALT SURELY RECOVER ALL!"—1Sam.30:8

—Excerpts of Barz' Reaction to "It's Time to Fight!—For Your Children!"

I first of all want to say I agree 100% with every word & believe with all my heart that my ex-wife, Vivian, is demon-possessed! What you mentioned about me feeling guilty about having the kids & being so deceived by her spirit is so true! Lord forgive me! The more I read your counsel, the more furious I get at myself for being such a weak, sickening pushover! Lord forgive me! She is a witch & from your first comments, Dad, I've been praying desperately against her & the spell she has had over me! Re-reading my own report I couldn't help but think, "This guy is blind to her horrible spirit!" I've had to deal with problems in others & expose these things in them—how could I be so blind?! Dad, you were so right about her! I've been under her evil God-damned condemning spirit all these years, such a horrible bondage! So I was completely deceived into thinking that I

"could talk to her" when they drove the kids & I into Bangkok. LHM!

Vivian was always a thorn in my side & a constant hindrance in my service for the Lord! She always fought against us getting in closer fellowship with other Family members. As I think back, she was always very cleverly trying to undermine my faith in you, Dad, & pointing out my sins & trying to keep me subject to her way of seeing things! (So sorry! Thank God for the victory!)

She never spoke faith about the children & their training! That God-damned witch, I'm so mad at her! She is there now holding these precious children captive & trying to destroy their faith in the Word & in the Family! (Give God a chance & time. Work on it!—Only He can help you do it.)

I was deceived into thinking she wasn't that bad & maybe she just wanted to see the kids & we could work it out! How blind & weak I was! I'm so desperate at this point to get those kids back & I'm so thankful for your Words! Your rebuke in speaking the truth to me is really showing me how I failed to be a good father, as I see you fighting & not letting this just "happen", & it really makes me so ashamed at myself for my apathetic attitude & lack of fight! (GBY!—He'll give you another chance.—Don't muff it!)

Dad, I want to say that I'm very thankful for all of these things: Your love for the kids, for all of the kids in the Family, & the vision of going back & fighting & winning them. It is so overwhelming that it has taken away any sting that spankings may bring. I guess having had the kids ripped off like that & kidnapped, the future prospect of going & getting them back by far outweighs any feelings I would have of humiliation or being exposed. I'm so very thankful that we can learn from this. And if anyone in the Family can benefit from it, I'm very very thankful. (Amen! GBY!—They are!)

God forgive me for not having more conviction before! But I want to say that since I've read these things, these things have been brought out & exposed, I'm so thankful! (PTL! Thank the Lord! GBY!—Whom I love, I chasten!)

I just feel so heartbroken as I read your comment that I've caused you agony, that I've caused problems for the Family by not having a more militant attitude, for not having really stood up against her. I could never explain to you or put into words how this has grieved my heart. I want you to know, Dad, that I want to be one of your children. I want to stand with you.

I want to fight! God forgive me for having ever caused any problems. (Amen! We live & learn!—He'll make you a better soldier through it all!)

I claim a mighty victory out of this, a mighty victory for the Kingdom! I stand on the many examples in the Family of those who have been exposed & dealt with for different weaknesses & problems, & those weaknesses became their strengths. (Amen!)

I want to really attack on these three major points: 1) Really standing up for my convictions & not tolerating this influence that Vivian has had on my life. 2) To really fight & not let anyone in this World take or touch or hinder or harm God's children in any way whatsoever. 3) To not be independent & trying to be my own boss & not yielding to leadership. God forgive me, I want to work on these areas & really fight with all of my heart to get victories & make them my strong points & never slip in any of those things again. (Amen! GBY!—He will!—He gets great victories out of seeming defeat!)

I'm so very thankful for all of your counsel, your rebuke, correction & words of encouragement. It's all been such a blessing to me, Dad, & I know it is going to be a real blessing to the Family because I know this is something that is really really needed in the Family. (Amen!—We're going to put "20/20" to shame!) From different situations & encounters I've come up against, it seems to be a general attitude I've had about the System, a fear of the System, & God forgive me for having yielded to it! In the past I've had this wishy-washy attitude. One of your comments on my letter where you wrote, "Yes, He will, with your help!" really spoke to me. God forgive me. I want to get in there & show God that I am willing to do my part, I'm willing to get in there & fight! (Hallelujah! GBY!)

It's kind of like the spirit of manpleasing, thinking that it is more important to just go on "business as usual." But when things like this happen it is no longer business as usual, it is an all-out attack & I've got to get in there & fight. (Amen!) And I don't know why in the Hell I haven't been, God forgive me. Dad, thank you so much for stirring me up. This letter & your comments on my report did not get me discouraged & looking at my sins, but mad at the Devil, & mad at myself! I feel just furious, like I've got to get in there & fight!—Like something so dear has been stolen away from me & it's my job to get in there & claim it back. God help me, in Jesus' name! (Amen!—Do it!)

The Lord gave me some very comforting &

encouraging Word to stand on out of the Good Thots. (GT1, Pg.215, "A Gallant Rescue") David had returned from battle & found out that all of the wives & children of his men, as well as his own, had been kidnapped. It said they wept "until they had no more power to weep ...But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God...& said, "In God have I put my trust!" (Amen!—He won't fail His Own!) "I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."

This story actually put my heartcry & my question in words here, Dad!—"Shall I pursue after this troop?...And God said to him, "Pursue, for thou shalt surely overtake them & without fail recover all."—What a promise, what encouragement from Heaven!

After this coming to pass, the story goes on to say, "How the children must have shouted for joy when they saw their fathers coming to save them, crying, 'Look, there's Daddy coming to rescue us!'...David recovered all—just as God had promised." (Hallelujah! Perfect!—You've got His promise!)

I just believe with all my heart that God is going to bring about a major victory. (Amen!) Actually, Dad, I feel very liberated at this moment—like you rescued me, & you're rescuing my children & you rescued our whole Family from the clutches of the God-damned Devil! And that's what we're in this business for, rescuing people that have been taken captive. (Amen! Read Isaiah 61:1-3!—TYJ!) And I've been so blind to ever think their being taken could be God's Will. I don't know how I was so deceived!

I'm going to stay in touch with the Family & share the victories the Lord is going to get through all of this. And I know there are going to be many, & I claim that the Lord is going to see to it that it gets put on public television with wide coverage to show the World that we are not going to let this happen. Just like you said, we've got to fight, & I'm with you 100%. (—Amen!—A testimony against them!)

Dad, please forgive me, & keep socking it to me with the Truth! I love you so much! This spanking is surely deserved & I will promise I will get those kids or die trying! (Amen!) I really love them & I'm heartbroken over having let them get ripped off. (God bless you!—He never fails!—He'll help you!) I really am so very thankful for all you've done for me & for the kids. (TTL! GBY!—Now do it!—Thanks! Save those kids! God bless'm! They're real fighters! God bless & keep'm!—And He will!—With your help!—In Jesus' name, amen!—ILY!—Dad.)