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I am calling you to step out of the shadows and shelter of self and come into the open air, where you'll be free to dance again in the sunshine of My Spirit and liberty!

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Dearest Family,

UNITED PRAYER is such a powerful weapon; it's no wonder the Enemy fights so hard to keep us from asking for it!

2. I want to share with you a few of the requests and prayers of some of the members of WS, and also some of the prayers that our dear COs prayed at the summit when they had the opportunity to ask for united prayer. I didn't pick these because they're better or more outstanding than any others. I just took the most recent ones from our Home and other units, from those who asked for prayer in the weeks before I prepared this GN for you, and the ones that the COs prayed. I tried to pick a variety, but each prayer was beautiful, heartfelt, and outstanding in its own way!

3. Each of the dear ones who came before the body with their requests humbled themselves to share these intimate details with all those present. I'm sure they'd also be willing to share their lessons with you with their names on them, but to keep things simple, I've chosen to publish them without names. Please concentrate on asking the Lord to speak to you through these prayers and messages, rather than trying to figure out who it is, or trying to figure out the personal details, or allowing the Enemy to come in with critical thoughts.

4. It would be easy for the Enemy to try to convince you that, seeing how human and fallible those in WS and your COs are, maybe you

shouldn't really trust them or pour your heart out to them. He'll tell you that maybe you should be more careful or scrutinize their motives more. The Enemy would love to attack the Word and tell you that maybe the proph-

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ecies in the GNs are tainted because those who receive them aren't perfect.

5. If you get hit with thoughts like that, recognize them for what they are—an attack on the Word and your leadership. Of course your shepherds make mistakes! Of course the ones in WS make mistakes too! They need help and prayer and shepherding and Word time and all the rest-just like you do. If anything, hearing their beautiful, honest and open confessions and prayers should make you love and admire and pray for them all the more, knowing that they don't just accept problems in their life, but they're desperate and humble enough to confess them and get prayer, and they're on the attack to change! So please don't allow the Enemy to come in and detract from the beautiful sample and benefit that this can be to you personally by making vou critical or self-righteous about the mistakes and weaknesses of others. Instead, admire them and respect them for having the humility and desperation to ask for prayer, and thus be delivered and strengthened!

6. If you haven't had united prayer in a while, it might be good to pray personally and ask the Lord what areas <u>you</u> need to be strengthened in, and then request prayer for them from your Home. Our folks often ask the Lord to give their prayer request in prophecy, and then they just read it before all, sometimes with added explanation. That makes it real easy. (For more encouragement about asking for prayer, and the promises and benefits of united prayer, please see "Freedom Through United Prayer," ML #3172, GN 776; "New Year's Prayers and Goals," ML #3177, GN 782; "Leaping the Hurdles, Part 2," ML #3341:98–108, 132–135, GN 935.)

7. Whenever someone asks for united prayer, we try to take time right then to hear from the Lord for them, for their encouragement. Usually one or two people will give their messages publicly, and if others also receive something, they'll type it up later and send it to the person. In some cases I've included those messages for you here. It's always wonderful to hear the Lord's confirmation that the victory has been won, and He always has something special to encourage the dear one who asked for prayer. Often He'll give promises, or specific instruction and counsel for the future. You might find it helpful to take time to hear from the Lord unitedly for those who ask for prayer in your Home as well.

8. Here now are the most recent prayer requests from folks in WS, followed by some of the prayers of your COs while at the summit. [Note: These prayer requests were all given within about a two-month period, in the first months of 2001, and that is when we originally prepared this GN for you. We weren't able to get this to you sooner due to all the other important material that we needed to send you, but we pray it's still a blessing to you.] Please note that at the time most of these requests were given, we weren't yet using the keys and calling on their power, which is why they aren't mentioned very much in these requests. Please do remember to call on the power of the keys for deliverance and change in your personal life! Our wonderful Husband has granted you the power of the keys, which can help you to change when nothing else can! Praise the Lord!

Prayer Against Pride

(One of our young computer programmers, who is very gifted in his ministry:)

9. I'd like to come before everyone and ask for prayer against pride. Before you say, "Yeah, right, everyone has pride," let me explain. This is a lot different, because about a year and a half ago, my pride almost took me out of the Family. The Lord has helped me to make changes in my life, but it's an ongoing struggle, and each time it's a big fight. So that's why I want to humble myself and ask for united prayer.

10. My pride is manifested in wanting to take the credit for things that I do or accomplish, or different things that I'm capable of. I really do know in my heart that it's not me; it's all the Lord, and the Lord has told me so many times that it's all Him. The Lord said that He hasn't even made me naturally capable of doing this work or given me the <u>physical</u> gifts to do it, but He gave me the connection with Him that allows me to pray about and get answers and the spirit helpers to help with what I need, and every little detail is just the Lord. And it's so true! I definitely know it, because if I try to do something without first getting really desperate with the Lord or really asking for His help, it just doesn't work.

11. It's not like I have to be convinced that it's the Lord, but the Enemy attacks me at every given opportunity because I was so deeply entrenched in pride before. He tries to get me to think, "Hey, you're pretty cool." For me it's kind of a paradox, actually, because I'm a very negative person about myself and I have been for a long time. I guess I try to prove to others that there's actually something that I can do well, and the Enemy likes to play on that.

12. I also compare a lot with others because I'm not as witty or charming, or I don't have a wonderful personality—there are hundreds of things. I'm very clumsy both mentally and physically. It's actually incredible that I can do the stuff I do. When it comes to other things, I just sort of flop around when I try to figure things out. So I try to compensate by showing that, "Hey, I can do such-and-such," and I try to take credit for things.

13. So I'd like to ask for prayer against wanting to take the credit and wanting to compare myself with others; that I will fight very actively to give the Lord the credit, and actively fight to humble myself. There are always choices that come up, and I always have a choice in each little instance to do the proud thing or the humble thing. It's so difficult for me sometimes, incredibly difficult. That's why I need prayer, so that I can make the right choices, because each of those little things sort of map out your climb and your descent.

14. I'd also like to ask for prayer against negativity—to not worry about what others think of me, but to just be what the Lord wants me to be.

15. Another prayer request, and another way that I need to humble myself, is that a lot of times I really get into my work on a rush program or whatever, and switch into a different mindset and everything becomes distant. It's very difficult for me to reach out to others when I'm like that, but the Lord said that it's part of my humbling and I have to humble myself to be outgoing and to reach out to others and not be self-centered, especially during times when I'm like that. So that's a prayer request, to humble myself. I have a prayer that I'd like to pray:

16. (Prays:) Dear Jesus, my dearest Sweetheart, I love You. I need You. Without You I'd be nothing, nothing at all. I know I can't make it without You. You're marvelous and incredible. Thank You for Your many gifts. Thank You for Your gift of change, and thank You for the power that You give us through united prayer. Thank You for making a fighter out of me and giving me this honored place of service. I'm humbled by all that You pour out on me and how You bless me.

17. I know the battle is too difficult for me. I know that I'd fall under the strain. The Enemy's attacks are relentless, and without You I'd barely be crawling along; I'd collapse with every blow. But I know I don't need to fight this alone. I have You by my side, as well as spirit helpers and a host of angels who can fight alongside me. I just have to yield and give my all to You and do my part, and You'll do the rest.

18. I ask that I won't tire in this battle against pride. The Enemy won't tire. He won't give up, and he's going to keep hammering his advantage. So help me to do the same. I have an incredible advantage in You. Help me to use it.

19. Help me to actively seek to do things that would humble me. Each time I do, it strikes such a blow at the Enemy's plans and schemes. The Devil comes around and tempts me to take the credit, to get into myself. Help me not just to resist it, but to actively take concrete steps to blow him out of the water.

20. Specifically I need You to help me to find ways to give credit to You and others, to humble myself before others and to glorify You rather than this old shell. I also want to reach out more, no matter how difficult or humbling it is, or how much I don't feel like it at any particular instant. *(End of prayer.)*

(*Prophecy received after the Home prayed for him:*)

21. (*Jesus speaking:*) I will honor him who honors Me. As you have humbled yourself in My sight, so will I lift you up, My dear love, and grant you the desires of your heart because you are delighting yourself in Me. You have put your will on My side. You have submitted yourself to Me. You have yielded your all, so I will not fail you, but will give you the strength and the power. As you continue to humble yourself in My sight, I will continue to honor you and grant you the requests that you have asked of Me.

22. My precious son, there is nothing that delights Me more than when you humble yourself before Me, for in humility there is great power. Humility is the power of My love, and it brings about change, just as pride is not of Me and doesn't bring change but destruction. You have taken the right step and you're on the right path, and I am well pleased. I will not fail to grant you your requests. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Prayer for a Doctor Visit

(One of our FGA members who suffers from many afflictions and who helps to shepherd our Home shared this prayer request:)

23. I learned an important lesson through my recent chest pains, which the Lord asked me to share with you. I hadn't really been praying and asking the Lord enough about the pains I've been experiencing. I hadn't even asked the Lord if what I had was something serious or not, or if I should see a doctor. I basically just assumed, "Oh, it's just another affliction. I'll get over it. I'm asking for prayer and doing my part, so the Lord will take these pains away like He always does." Even when it felt like I was having a heart attack, I basically just let it pass, and figured that what I'm experiencing is just gas.

24. The Lord pretty much pushed me into going to see a doctor, and I ended up getting an appointment before I had even been willing to ask Him about it. Lord help me. Once I already had the appointment and I saw how seriously the clinic was taking my symptoms, that they wanted to see me right away, then I realized I'd better stop and take things more seriously, and (duuuuh!) ask the Lord to speak to me about it. The Lord gave me a good correction about my attitude, which I'll share excerpts of here:

25. (Jesus speaking:) I've allowed you to be touched with the feelings of infirmity and weaknesses of the flesh once again, and I would like to speak to you about how you can be a better sample.

26. It's nothing new to you to have a few aches and pains and afflictions, so you don't tend to be as concerned about it as someone

else might be if they were in your shoes. In fact, you find it hard to even be concerned enough about it to come to Me as often as you should. ... In some ways, you've become so familiar with having one physical battle after another that you don't come to Me as soon as you should, asking Me to speak to you about it or to give you My counsel. This isn't good.

27. Please don't become so familiar with your physical state that it keeps you from staying desperate and coming to Me about what you're feeling. One of the great blessings of problems, suffering, and pain is that they help to get people desperate and more stirred up in prayer. At least that's normally the case. But if you've become so accustomed to having afflictions that you fail to get stirred up about them, then you're missing out on much of the blessings that are meant to be coming your way through those afflictions.

28. I don't allow afflictions just for the sake of afflicting. It's not that I have any pleasure in seeing My children suffer. I only allow suffering and problems because I know that they will accomplish many things in your life as you draw closer to Me and become more desperate in prayer.

29. If you're <u>not</u> getting desperate in prayer when I allow you to suffer or be afflicted, then, as I said, you're really missing out, and a lot of what you're going through will be in vain, because it won't be accomplishing all that it could be accomplishing in your life and spirit. I don't want you to worry or fear or fret, but I do expect you to come to Me regularly about your afflictions and to hear from Me about them. So please remember that. If you don't get stirred up about these kinds of things, and fervent in prayer about them, then I might have to let them become more serious so that you <u>will</u> take things more seriously....

30. When something is potentially serious, it's not good to keep putting things off. That's not a sample of faith or dependence on Me, and that's not the sample I would have you to be. It's a sample of negligence, not of faith. There's a big difference.

31. Next time something like this happens, something that feels like you could be having a heart attack, don't lean on your own understanding. If your condition doesn't change soon, you should ask Me whether it's serious or not. If I encourage you that everything is okay and that it's nothing serious, and that you should just keep asking for prayer and trusting Me to deliver you, then share that with the Home. That's a good sample.

32. If I instruct you that because it could be serious, you should get it checked and get the advice of a doctor, as I'm doing in this case, then share that explanation with those who are praying for you. That's a sample of dependence on Me and following the path I lead. In that way, you will be a better sample, the right sample.

33. So, please, next time something like this happens, don't put it off for such a long time. Don't expect that it's just going to go away by itself. In this case, I didn't let it go away by itself, in spite of all the prayers that were prayed for you, because I want you to learn this lesson. Take these things more seriously—not by worrying, not by fearing or running off to a doctor every time something is wrong, but by taking the steps I've explained to you here.

34. Having said all that, yes, it is My will, as I've already shown you, to see this doctor, and it was I who opened the door for him to see you today. I'm not saying that your condition is anything serious. No, you don't have anything to worry about. But I do want you to show that you're willing to stop and hear from Me about it and to follow My counsel and guidance, regardless of what I ask you to do, even if to you it seems like it will be a bother and take up your precious time.

35. Explain this to the Home and ask for prayer, and I will anoint your visit and help him to give you good, sound advice. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

36. (Mama:) You'll be happy to hear that, as the Lord said, it wasn't anything life-threatening, and he wasn't experiencing a heart attack. The pains were a result of gas getting trapped around his heart, as he had originally suspected. Although he had been experiencing severe chest pains for over a month, once he stopped to hear specifically from the Lord about it and followed the Lord's counsel by going to the doctor, the Lord delivered him and took away the pains, even though the doctors themselves couldn't necessarily do anything to help him.

Prayer Against an Eating Disorder And Seeking Perfection

(One of our young pubs workers:)

37. I decided to write everything down, so in case I completely lost it in front of everyone I could at least read everything I wanted to say. This is a rather difficult request to ask prayer for, as it's been one of those dark, hidden secrets that I haven't told anyone about since the onset of it several years ago. The Enemy has been fighting me quite intensely over the past week, since my decision to come before the Home and ask for prayer. Least of all have been my head-aches, and I've also had nausea, stomachaches, dizziness, fatigue, and difficulty breathing at times.

38. To put it plainly, I've been fighting off and on with a kind of eating disorder for the last three years. It's hard to know exactly where to begin this confession, as it's been one of those problems that I've tried so hard to cover up, that to suddenly have to start digging in the recesses of my heart in order to find the root of this problem—which the Lord says has been a spirit of pride in wanting perfection (I'll explain that further), as well as unyieldedness in my life —has been a real struggle for me.

39. To give a little history, over a year before I came to WS, I lived in a field Home with several bulimics, one who was in fact a very **close friend of mine.** At the time I was going through many personal struggles and difficulties that made me quite weak, and I can't say that I was doing everything I could to be strengthened again. So although I didn't fall prey to bulimia completely, the spirit of it definitely latched onto me. I began struggling with many mind battles, hearing horribly negative voices in my head and extreme criticism of self, so much so that I hated everything about myself.

40. The actual manifestations of this in my eating habits have varied. At certain times I was eating compulsively and excessive amounts, and at other times going to the opposite extreme and not eating at all. In a lot of ways I was like a bulimic in the sense that I would overeat at times, and then counter it with a bout of undereating. There have been times as well when I've had to fight the urge to go the full extent of bulimia.

41. Sometimes I've done very well and it's been almost normal, but whenever I battled intensely, the first thing to take the hit was usually my eating, resulting in me skipping meals, serving myself a plate and going off to eat somewhere else, but not really eating and throwing my food away instead. Or I may eat a large amount of food for one meal, and then skip the next couple of meals in order to "balance it out." It's hard to fully describe this, but everything isn't normal with me, that's for sure!

42. Since I've come here my eating problems have worsened. I'm sure many of you have noticed that I wasn't showing up for meals; I was probably skipping more meals than I was eating. There have been stretches where it hurt me to eat food of any kind, and so I wouldn't eat. Naturally this weakened me and I started feeling very fatigued. My sleep lessened, my headaches increased, and my coordination was noticeably worse by the day; but I never really told anyone about it unless it got very bad.

43. As you all know, I don't sleep well, sometimes existing on 3-4 hours of sleep a night for weeks at a time. This is in fact something I've only battled with for the last three years. The times when I did try to sleep longer often resulted in me waking up to very bad headaches. But no matter how bad I felt physically or how little I slept, the voices in my head said that I had to keep working harder; that if I didn't work till I nearly dropped dead, that I was not doing my job properly. So that's exactly what I did. I pushed myself harder and forced myself to make every living hour a work endeavor.

44. For these last three years I've lived with a constant feeling of guilt about everything good that has ever taken place. I've felt so worthless at times that I've come to believe that I don't deserve friends, and have shied away from many friendships. Things that have not turned out right over these years have often served to convince me that I'm being punished, reiterating my contempt and hate of self. Through this I've become obsessed with working to the point that it has cancelled out a lot of my time with others, and more importantly my Word time, because as I saw it I never had the "time" to fit it in.

45. When we had our meeting the other night to pray for Kristen, I felt like a war had begun inside of me. After the meeting, Mama asked that I write up a reaction, seeing as I'd be going to the Home where Kristen is. I nearly panicked. That began the confession of a problem that I've tried so hard to hide. Mama was the first person I ever told about it, and though there was liberation in finally telling someone, it's hasn't been without its struggles.

46. Because of the way that this makes me feel, I've been willing to go to whatever length to cover it up, even lying or not being completely honest when people have broached the subject. When I last had prayer a couple of months ago, I mentioned that I had been struggling to eat, but I didn't bother to go further into it, because I wasn't prepared to do anything about it at the time. Not only that, but over time I've convinced myself that I don't <u>really</u> have a problem, that I can stop it whenever I feel like it. But these last months have started to make me realize that as much as I'd like to believe that, it's not the case.

47. Because I haven't really been honest, it's been very difficult for me to make progress in my life. This has been standing in my way, and stops me from going forward. In one prophecy the Lord said that up until now I've only dabbled in the eating problem, but that my mind has been facing constant battles because of this weakness, and that if I don't do something about it now, I'm at risk of not only getting weaker myself but endangering other people as well.

48. This last week has been a constant struggle for me, and my one salvation has been the numerous personal P&P assignments I've been given, because each time the Lord said that if I was prepared to fight, then the victory could be mine.

49. Here are a few excerpts from personal prophecies that help to further explain my need to be rid of this problem.

Acknowledge the problem and fight for victory

50. (*Jesus speaking:*) It is time to uproot what has been laid to rest and bring it out in the light. It is time to display what you have refused to acknowledge in your life. You've come to a standstill for some time. You make little steps of progress, but never ones that are big enough to leave your old man behind and become a new vessel. Things of the past hold you down. Battles that you face but you never tell about are as balls and chains about your feet; no matter how strong you are, they will hold you back and limit your progress.

51. I wish to remove those chains that bind you and watch you spread the wings of freedom that I have given you, so that you may soar high above the battles that restrict you. But if you will not have this victory, if you don't want with all your heart to be released from those chains, then there's little in My power to do; I can only wait and hope that in time you will allow Me to rescue you. **52. It is because you ignore this battle,** in the hope that it will go away, or rather that it does not exist at all, that you grow weaker.

53. You live in the battle of your mind, but you refuse to acknowledge the power that it has over you. You don't want it to exist, therefore you refuse to believe that it's there. You can't get the victory, My love, unless you're willing to first acknowledge that all is not well within you, and second, desire to do something about it.

54. You're as a little child who, when she doesn't want to hear the words another is saying, will plug her ears and refuse to acknowledge that she is being addressed. You do that exact thing when you put aside the urge to fight this very obvious battle that rages in you. You've tried to mute it with work, and with keeping yourself so busy that nothing else is allowed entrance, but that doesn't cause the battle to cease. Doing that is like putting a blanket over a fire; it may seem to extinguish the light and heat, but before long the flames lick through the blanket, and the very thing you tried to use to cover up the fire becomes fuel to the fire, and it blazes hotter and fiercer than it did before!

55. You have been on the borderline for so long now, crossing over a little more to My side for a time, but then without noticing it, you slip back to the borderline, where you tiptoe ever so carefully on it. That is not a safe place to be, no matter how much balance and self-control you feel you have. The longer you stay on that borderline, the less aware you become of the danger, and the greater target you are.

56. For now it's only a battle within you, but if you're not prepared to take the stand now, to fight this unseen foe—or rather this foe that you have refused to face—then you will grow weaker and weaker.

57. I call you to stand up and fight, to counter this lax attitude that has crept into your life. I want you to lift your eyes to the realities of the battle that you're surrounded by. I plead with you to stop shrugging off the urgency of fighting this battle.

58. Don't let the Enemy take control of your mind. Already he has skillfully found his way in, in some areas, but this is only because you've refused to admit that his haunting presence was there; you refused to admit your need for help. And if you place your hands over your eyes or plug your ears, then the Enemy doesn't have to fight you to enter, he's in a sense invited. Don't let it be said that your usefulness came to an end because you refused to take note of the Enemy's attacks. (End of message from Jesus.)

■ Your destiny is in your hands 59. In another prophecy the Lord said: 60. (Jesus speaking:) It is a war over your mind and your heart, your usefulness and your destiny. I'm prepared to fight for you. If you desire this victory and take a determined stand, I will call in My warriors to stand guard over your mind and heart. They will war against the minions of Satan on your behalf; they're prepared to give their all to ensure your spiritual survival.

61. The choice now rests with you; your destiny is in your hands. The time has come when you must decide the course you will take. Will you take My side, or will you allow the Enemy to continue his game of control in your life? (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Pride manifested in wanting perfection

62. When I asked the Lord what the root of the problem was, this is what He said:

63. (*Jesus speaking:*) The core of this problem has been pride all along—pride in wanting perfection. Not just perfection in physical appearance, but perfection in everything you've put your hands to do. Perfection that has pushed you to the point where, if failure of any sort came about because of an imperfection on your part, you started severely berating and degrading yourself. You find it hard to accept mistakes no matter how big or small. It makes you so angry inside to fail in any way—kicking the whole cycle

of self-hate into motion. It has been perfection to the point of despising My handiwork in how I created you.

64. It all started with pride in feeling that you were strong enough, that you were capable on your own. Pride in this one area of wanting perfection has flourished. You had come to know it as an identification as to who you were. (End of message from Jesus.)

You are what you think

65. In a message someone else got for me, Dad gave the following explanation as well:

66. (*Dad speaking:*) You see, it all comes down to yieldedness. [This dear girl] has yielded her thoughts to these negative thoughts. Whatever you yield your thoughts to is what you are. You are what you think. What you think has power over your spirit. ...

67. I'll bet if you ask her how much time she spends feeding on the Word, memorizing the Word, studying the Word, you will find that it's not that much in comparison to all the other things she does. She may do a lot of helpful and good works, but your works aren't going to save you. It's only the Word. (*End of message from Dad.*)

It's time to be freed

68. Because so much of this is a result of **pride**, the Lord said that a good place to begin fighting this problem is through united prayer.

69. (*Jesus speaking:*) Going before the Home with this confession is the last thing you feel like doing. In a sense it evokes all those horrible things you feel about yourself and brings them to the fore. But those are just the Enemy's attempts at having you not make the changes you desperately need in your life right now.

70. So even if you feel ready to quit, and you don't think you have the fight in you to take the next step, take that step regardless. Even if it's just a little step, it's a step forward. Asking for prayer is the best thing you can do right now, because you are countering the spirit of pride that has taken hold on you by choosing to do the humble thing through this prayer request. You're yielding to My will in your life. You're saying yes to Me. You're turning over an area of your life that you've tenaciously held onto these past years.

71. The time has now come to be freed from this sickness, this horrible oppression of the Enemy that has taken away your joy of living and your happiness of service. It has stolen so much from you. You don't need to suffer any longer. I want to heal you, and I will heal you if you will let Me. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

72. So that's my confession and my prayer request as well, that I can be rid of this spirit of pride in wanting perfection. I don't want to continue on in this way. I've tried it for long enough and I know it hasn't served to make my life any better; in fact, every day that I've had to deal with it has become harder and harder. The voices in my head get louder each time, and each sleepless night becomes a torment to my body and my spirit. I don't want these things anymore.

A prayer to claim the victory

73. I asked the Lord for a prayer to pray, as at this point I don't even have the words to say, I feel so helpless and so lost. I really do appreciate you all taking your time to pray for me. I don't feel that I deserve it, so thank you all the more for it.

74. (*Prayer:*) My dearest Jesus, I come before You now to ask for Your help in my life. At this point I don't feel worthy of asking for Your help, but I know that I can't fight this battle on my own. I can't win this battle without Your help, Jesus.

75. At this time the Enemy is telling me that I cannot change; that I cannot have victory. But at the same time You are here holding me in Your arms and telling me that if I will just keep fighting, I will gain the victory.

76. I've tried countless times on my own, but each time I've landed with my face in the mud. I now realize how futile these self-attempts have been. I am nothing without You, Jesus, nothing at all.

77. I have come to the end of myself; I don't want to attempt this battle on my own anymore. I'm tired of being disillusioned. I'm tired of the lies that I have come to believe; I hate the way in which they've been able to control me. I'm tired of the mental torment that has been plaguing me for so long. I'm tired of the voices in my head the voices that right now tell me I'm not worthy of this victory and that I shouldn't even attempt it.

78. But You are also there telling me of the victory that I can have. You say that I can be made perfectly whole, that I no longer have to believe these voices, that I can find freedom once again.

79. I want freedom so badly! I'm so desperate for a change in my life that I'm willing to do whatever it takes to gain that victory. Whatever it is that You have to do, Jesus, in order for me to be rid of these constant attacks of the Enemy, have Your way. Do whatever it takes in order for me to gain this victory.

80. Remove this pride of perfection that has stood in my way for so long. Help me not to fear doing the humble thing. This pride has stood in the way for long enough; I don't want it anymore. I want to be free from its clutches. I want to know the simplicity of Your Spirit again. I don't want my life to be gauged any more by this pride of perfection. I don't want it to have any place in my life, in my mind, or in my heart. I want it out of my life completely, never to return again. Whatever You deem necessary to bring that to pass, so be it. I want it out for good.

81. Please help me to stand strong, even though I know the Enemy will fight to get me to revert to this weakness, to again be a victim of this trap he's had me in. But I'm saying yes to You now. I'm prepared to go the distance no matter where it takes me or what it requires of

me. No matter what the cost, I want this victory; I must have it!

82. Help me to keep my eyes focused on You—to know that You will be there to see me through every step of this battle. You promised me victory, so I'm standing on that promise. I'm willing to do whatever it takes to secure that victory, and so I pray that <u>You</u> will do whatever it takes as well.

83. Thank You for the promise of victory, dear Love. Help me now as I step forward to claim it. I want it, and by Your grace I will have it. Amen. (*End of prayer.*)

(*Prophecies received after the Home prayed for her:*)

Bearing each other's burdens and battles

84. (Jesus speaking:) Oh, how the angels rejoice! How they of the spirit world clap their hands and sing for joy for this one's liberty. She has been bound. She has been fighting. She has been struggling for so long in this destruction of the Enemy, this dark hole that the Enemy has fought to keep her in.

85. She has been battling and at times has climbed back out, but has been pulled back in. Now it is time for deliverance. I have come and saved her. I have delivered her out of this plague, and I have set her upon a rock. I have given her the grace to stand against the Enemy. I have given her strong brothers and sisters to bear the battle with her. I've taken this battle from her hands and delivered her.

86. It will be a fight. Every moment of the day will be a fight for her, but you, her brothers and sisters, My mates, My lovers, stand beside her, bearing her before Me, lifting up her hands before Me, asking when she is too weak to ask, defending when she is too weak to stand, protecting her from the Enemy's attacks. You have now become her wall and her shield. As she struggles to gain these victories, as she begins to stand on her feet again, you will be there to help her. She has nothing to fear, for she can rely

on those around her to hold her up before Me.

87. And for you, dear, I love you so much. I take you now into My arms and I embrace you. I kiss away these hurts. I stroke your hair and tell you that it's going to be okay, that things will work out, that this victory can be obtained, that there is nothing to fear, that though this has been painful and though it has been difficult for you to come before the body to explain these battles, I will now stand on your behalf, I will give you victory. This will not be a small victory. It will be a great victory, a steppingstone in your life for Me.

88. You will look back on these days and hardly recognize the person that sits here today, because I will change you so much. So you are not alone in this battle. Know that there are many now that do pray for you and they are your intercessors, those who plead before Me for your healing. The victory is yours. (End of message from Jesus.)

Removing the cover-ups

89. (*Jesus speaking:*) Do you know what I see when I look at you now? I see the woman I love, the bride of My heart, bare and stripped of all that once lay between us. What a beautiful sight is before Me! You had tried to hide yourself in wraps and robes and shawls—so many layers of clothing—to cover up what you felt was the ugliness within. But My love, the ugliness was in fact caused by all these cover-ups—all these things that you had let come between you and Me.

90. You felt unworthy of My love and tried to hide yourself from the powerful light of My Spirit that would reveal all that was within you, leaving nothing hidden. Yet the only unworthiness in you was through that very act of hiding, of running, of shielding yourself from the light that would have freed you. Now you have let it in. Now you are a free woman. Now I can look at you and enjoy your beauty. Now your eyes need not lower and pull away from Me when I want you, but can look up to My face with joy and expectation, knowing that I want you, that I enjoy you!

91. I want you, just you. I don't want your good deeds, your overtime hours, your technical perfection, your self-denial, your excellence at your job or your multiple talents and capabilities. These things have their place and their use, but their place is not in our bed of love. Some things are sacred, hallowed, destined to be set apart and above all else. Such is our love. How it brings My heart joy to see you understanding this, reaching for this, desiring this.

92. I know, My love, that it is not easy. I know the temptation to fear that what I speak of, what I promise, cannot be reality. I also know the discomfort of new and different surroundings and lifestyle. I know the cravings that will come to revert to the old, to retreat into the protective shell that you had carved out for yourself, to lapse back into patterns of striving and pushing and pursuing in your own strength. The Enemy is out to deceive you, to cause you to look back on these things you have forsaken and feel a sense of loss, to feel as if you have left behind good things that you need, that you want, that do you and others good. So arm yourself to fight him, My love. Arm yourself with understanding and awareness, with belief and faith in the things that I show you.

93. Brainwash yourself with the truth of My Word and the light of My love. Tell yourself and let Me tell you over and over and over again what it is that I really want from you. Fight to make My priorities your priorities. Fight to stay within the stream of light that I shine down upon you. I know you feel exposed and naked within this light, and I know that the comfort of the shadows is appealing, and there will be times when you will want nothing more than to retreat to the shadows of wrong habits and attitudes, to want to hide within the cave of your mind or wrap yourself in a blanket of busy-ness and hide yourself from Me. But please, My love, don't ever hide from Me again. Don't run away from Me. I'm not a threat to you. I would never do

anything to hurt you. All I want to do is help you, love you, fulfill you and satisfy you.

94. Don't misunderstand. I'm not saying I want you to enter into a life of rest and meditation, of introspection or ongoing self-improvement. No, My service is active and alive, and I love how you have a passion for life and want to live it to the full and fit all you can into it. Yet the only way to completely fulfill this desire is to do it My way. If you will move at My pace, you will find more movement, excitement, thrills and passion in your life than ever. This will not be the mere passion of the flesh, nor even the deeper passions of the mind. This will be the complete passion of the heart, the spirit, the center of your very self and soul. This will be the overwhelming love that causes you to rise in the morning with joy at the thought of experiencing another day filled with this love.

95. This is the joy of your salvation. This is what I mean to restore to you now in full. This is the victory that I promise you. This is the reward for your fighting, for your yielding, for your willingness to forsake that which I ask you to forsake, and to embrace that which I ask you to embrace. Embrace Me above all, and all My goodness, fullness, richness, blessing and bounty will embrace you. Above all, My arms of love will embrace you, causing you to rise to new heights, and causing each chamber of your heart to be filled with a light and a freshness, a purpose, a contentment, that will make every moment of your life truly worth the living. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Jesus the medic

96. (*Vision:*) I had two pictures. In one, she was a soldier in battle. She was heavily armed, carrying a big, heavy machine gun. She had on soldier gear, a helmet, and green fatigues. It was a war scene, a battle scene. She was kind of plodding through mud and grime and swamp and having to really struggle to make each step. She was being fired at from all sides, and the Enemy was actually able to hit and wound her. That was the first scene.

97. In the next scene she was in a field hospital on a cot and next to her was the medic, and the medic was Jesus. He had a big smile and wore a doctor's outfit. He was healing up her wounds while she was lying there at peace and at rest, protected. She wore a big smile, was so happy, and she was looking in the doctor's eyes. She was obviously really in love with the doctor and happy to be there in His presence.

A new garment of light

98. (Vision:) I also saw a picture while she was giving her prayer requests. I saw her in a very tight black dress. She was fighting to get it off. It was almost like a dress that the Enemy had put on her, but she didn't really want it, so she was trying to take it off to be free.

99. She couldn't get the dress off, but as soon as she had given her prayer requests, there was Jesus. There was a hidden zipper in the back, and He just zipped it right down and she was free. Then He put this new, gorgeous, beautiful white dress on her. It really showed the contrast, like a new robe of light, a new garment.

Prayer for Priorities, Prayerful Speech, Word Time and Humility

(Our SGA network manager/computer technician:)

100. I'm basically going to read my prayer request, because that's what everyone else has been doing recently. This first part is excerpts of some messages the Lord gave for me, and then it goes into my prayer requests. There are only four. They're really general—my whole spiritual life!

101. (Jesus speaking:) It is a time of purging and strengthening for many, as I prepare to do new and wonderful things in WS, and it is your time of strengthening too. In order to strengthen, I must sometimes purge.

102. You need to hear the truth, My love, so

we're laying all the cards out on the table. The bottom line is this: I need and want more of you. I want to be your priority. Because that's not the case right now; you're not being the strength to the Home that you can be and that I need you to be. I know you often brush that off, feeling that it would be better for others to carry the responsibility. But, no, I'm calling you. And if you don't accept that responsibility, you will not grow in the ways that you need to in order to be complete in your happiness and fruitfulness for Me. Right now you're being a negative influence in the Home because you're not being a positive influence.

103. Yes, you need to start moving forward. Your spiritual life needs to be strengthened. You need to be more desperate with Me, more willing to do the right thing, more unselfish, more humble. You need to regain the joy of your salvation. All these things that you love to do so much—playing sports, staying up with technical advances, and excelling in your work—are not bad, but right now they're taking My place. They take up the majority of your thoughts and focus, to the point where there's very little room left for Me, very little room left for the spirit. This is manifested in your actions, your conversations, your words, and your reactions.

104. Those other things are not the problem; in their place, they're fine. Even your comments and actions are not what I'm most concerned about. Everyone slips up; everyone has some wrong attitudes. The problem is that those things are taking over your life, because you're not staying full of Me and full of My Spirit. Your spirit is not desirous of My Spirit, so there is very little of My Spirit in your life.

105. You are privileged to live in the center of the production of My Word. Because of this, your actions affect others, which in chain reaction has an effect on the work which is done here, the Words which are processed and sent out. Because of this, I can only afford to have those here who are willing to dedicate themselves to the spirit. That doesn't mean becoming so spiritual that you no longer live on Earth and enjoy the things of Earth, but it means putting the spiritual first, having your priorities straight, and consequently having enough of My Spirit in your life that you stay on track, that your actions and words and conversations reflect that.

106. There are other changes that you will need to make on the outside too—such as being more positive in your speech and conversation, watching what you talk about, encouraging others, learning to counsel and check in with your shepherds, etc. But the change I'm most concerned about is the change in your priorities, getting back to the basics of loving Me. This is a change that you will have to be desperate for, but I'm ready to give it to you, if you want it.

107. You don't see how you can change; you think it's just the way you are. But I know you better than anyone, and if I say you can change, it's because I know you can. And in this case, I not only know you <u>can</u> change, but I believe you <u>want</u> to change, and that you <u>will</u> change, because I know how much you love Me. All you have to do is get back to loving Me, putting Me first, and letting Me help you and change you, and I will. Then you'll find the great happiness and fruitfulness that you seek. (*End* of excerpt.)

108. The things I would like to ask prayer for are:

109. 1) That the Lord can help me to get my priorities straight. As the prophecy above said, right now the things of the spirit are not the priority in my life that they should be. And since I'm not very spiritual by nature, it's a fight for me to keep things in their proper place. I tend to also be extreme in things I get into, so something will end up taking all my thoughts and time. I need to learn to balance things better, but most of all put the Lord, the Word, and things of the spirit above the things of the flesh.

110. 2) That I can be more wise and prayerful about what I say; that I can learn to say things at the right time to the right people, and not just argue issues for no reason. I have a tendency to take opposite sides of issues that are being discussed even if it's not something I personally believe or think. At times it is, but mostly I just do it because I like to debate or argue about things. I also say a lot of things in public that I either shouldn't say at all or should say to the right people. For example, if something gets announced that I don't really agree with, I'll say something right then contradicting it, rather than going to the shepherds afterwards. Or if I don't say something right then, a lot of times I'll say things to others later about how I don't like the idea or don't agree, which is even worse. Here is an excerpt of a message Dad gave on this issue.

111. (*Dad speaking:*) This habit of bringing up the opposing side or opinion to whatever is being discussed is a serious habit that he needs to break. You know why? It causes dissension, and dissension is one of the seven abominations that the Lord hates. (Proverbs 6:16–19).

112. Dissension relates to discord, but in a way it's worse. Dissension is defined as having a disagreement or difference of opinion that can lead to open conflict. Discord is when you don't agree with people or things or situations. Either way, the Lord hates it. That's pretty strong language when you think about it. And that's a pretty strong reason to be sure you avoid doing any of the seven things the Lord lists as an abomination in His sight.

113. He may not intend to be doing any harm by bringing up the other side, but what he needs to realize is that that doesn't justify his behavior. You can judge whether something is good or harmful by its fruit. Jesus said, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." What kind of fruit does his bringing up the opposing view bear? Unity? Love? Peace? Joy? Longsuffering? Gentleness? Meekness? Temperance? Faith? *(End of excerpt.)* **114. I would like to take this time to apologize to anyone and everyone** who has either heard me saying something publicly that I don't agree with or who I have debated or argued with, especially if the side I was taking was promoting something non-Word-based, which I know I've done a lot.

115.3) To be fed more by the Word and that I can use all the new weapons more often, including being more of a prayer warrior. This is a constant struggle for me. Sometimes I do better than others, but it's not something that comes naturally. I really have to fight to get fed from my Word time and to get my P&Ps, etc. Mama has helped me with the P&P part by assigning me two P&Ps a day that I send to her, so that in time should help the P&P situation to get easier-at least I hope so. I've been doing better at taking my Word time daily, but I still really need to work on getting fed by it and letting it change me, because that's really the key to everything. I want to actively live the Word and keep that as a priority in my life, to be following the New Wine and majoring on whatever the Lord is showing us. I want to stay stirred up and continue making spiritual progress and learn to use the keys to the Kingdom. Here's an excerpt from a P&P on the subject:

116. (Jesus speaking:) What you need to understand is that I want and need your love above all. Above your work, above your accomplishments, above anything else, I want and need your love. When you're distracted from our loving, when you're preoccupied by the things of the world, when you neglect Me, not only does your spiritual life suffer, but our communication breaks down, I'm not able to help you, and I'm not able to use you. It's as simple as that. (End of excerpt.)

117.4) That I can do the humble thing, and against my pride. I guess asking for prayer like this is a good start, but normally when the opportunities arise, I rarely do the humble thing.

I'm proud in nature, so that's always my first reaction. But the Lord has promised that as long as I yield, He can change me. Even if I don't have the faith for total change now, all I have to do is yield step by step to His plan for me. I'm going to be praying about what practical things I can do to actively do the humble thing, and I'd like to pray that the Lord will help me to follow through on whatever He shows me.

118. Here is a prayer the Lord gave me: 119. Dear sweet Jesus, thank You so much for the privilege of being here, and the job You've given me. Thank You for all my sweet mates who are so wonderful, and for this time I can come before the body and ask for prayer. You have promised that prayer can do mighty things, and that's what I need, so I thank You, sweet Love, for this opportunity.

120. I want to pray that You can help me to get my priorities straight, that I can put You, Your Word, and the things of the Spirit in first place in my life. Please help me to put aside anything that would take me away from You, and give me a desire for the things of the Spirit. Please help me to have a better balance in my life, and to be able to keep things in check that start crowding out my time with You, as I know that without that there is no hope whatsoever.

121. Please forgive me for all the times when I publicly voiced an opinion opposite to what You were showing our shepherds or leading us to do, or when I debated with others, bringing up an opposite side to something in the Word. Please help me to be able to put a watch over my mouth. Help me to ask You before I say things so that I will be speaking things that You want me to say and not my own thoughts. Please help me in this, as I can't do it on my own. I'm too much of a mess and totally incapable, so it will have to be You. Please, Jesus, help me to be open to Your Words and to be a clear channel so You can help check me in these things.

122. Please help me to put Your Word into action in my life. Help me to not just read it and

let it pass over me. Please help me to be willing to let it fill me totally, to let it change me and make me a new creature.

123. You said that if we're yielded and willing, You could totally change us. Even things that are completely natural to us and have become a part of the way we are, You can change in us. So I pray that You help me to be yielded. Help me to be willing to give up whatever is standing in the way of the changes I need. Help me not to yield to pride, which is the enemy of everything that I want, but so hard to get rid of. Help me to do the humble thing when given the opportunity. Help me to reach out to others and not give in to pride.

124. Please help me to hang on to this change that You've promised, and not let it slip away through getting lethargic in spirit or by giving up. Help me to start each day by reminding myself of the commitment I made to let You change the way I am, and help me to be yielded to that change. Help me to be open to my shepherds and peers when they point out things that I should or shouldn't be doing. And most of all, help me to hear Your voice that will check me and help me.

125. I thank You for the victory that You've promised if I will yield, and for always being there for us and helping us through these times in our lives. Thank You for all these here who are willing to pray for me and help me, and for this wonderful Family that I have the privilege of being a part of. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world, so I thank You for letting me serve You here. I love You so much.

Relating to each other in a new way

126. (*Home shepherd:*) One last prayer request. You know when we're taking steps to grow and change our habits and the things we say and do, it's really tough. Even when the Lord does the miracle of changing our spirits, those habits are hard to change. One thing that makes it really hard is when you're surrounded by a

bunch of people who are used to you reacting a certain way.

127. We often set the stage for people to react in a certain way, because when we're with each other we all have familiarity, and sometimes some bad habits or attitudes that aren't really Word-based. So when someone is striving to change, to be a new person, to not react like they formerly reacted, it helps if all of us have prayer at the same time that the Lord helps us to help that person and to change our attitudes and speech habits.

128. So could we have prayer for ourselves too—that we'll all be able to grow, and not just [the person who asked for prayer]? It will be really tough for him if he's trying to do his part and we don't help him by also growing and changing.

129. (Staff member prays:) Lord, please help us all to strive in the area of letting You take over more of our lives and to seek to have more of Your Spirit in our lives in order to get away from the carnal things that are hindering us. Help us all to make strides, just like [this dear one] is trying to make, to put away the things that are keeping us from You and to allow You to come more into our lives. Please help us to do that. Help us to want to do that. Help us to desire to do that, Jesus. And please do come in, and wipe out anything that is keeping us from You.

130. (*Staff member prays:*) Lord, we ask that You help each of us to choose to do the humble thing every time we're faced with a decision. We ask that You help us to choose Your way rather than our old habits or proud ways.

131. (Staff member prays:) Jesus, please help us to guard the words that come out of our mouths, to realize that out of the abundance of the heart we speak, and to take that seriously. Help us to be on guard to support each other in the spirit—not speaking things even in jest that are ungodly, that promote the System and worldly attitudes, or that are unedifying spiritually. Please help us to realize that our words can either lift up or cast down, but they always have an effect in some way.

(*Prophecies received after the Home prayed for him:*)

Clearing away the things of the world

132. (Jesus speaking:) To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Thank you, My children, for allowing My Spirit to clear away the rubble and the chaff and the ways of this world that I might replace it with the things of My Spirit. I wish to give you clear channels that are not cumbered about with things that hinder My voice or My connection with you. To do this, you must allow My Spirit to work in your hearts and lives, to discern what is of Me and what is not of Me, and to allow Me to move so that I might create a clear channel that is open and receptive to My love and My Spirit and My seeds.

133. Thank you, My son, for your humility and your honesty. I will bless you with the desires of your heart and the desires of your spirit because you have come before Me and before the body in humility, desiring the things of My Spirit. You will see signs of rising above if you continue to allow Me to wipe away the former things that I might give you a new heart and a new spirit. You will become a more effective vessel and tool in My hands, and be the person I want you to be. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

■ He fills the hungry with good things 134. (Jesus speaking:) Behold the beauty of the Lord in the land of the living! The beauty of My love and your gift of love to Me is a broken and a contrite heart, and with such I am well pleased. I love you, My beloved son, and I am well pleased with your choice to come before the body and to walk the humble road. When you walk in humility, it gives you power and strength to overcome as you gain momentum and move forward! 135. As you hunger and thirst after righteousness, I will fill your hunger with good things and will give you the very best. You will be glad that you fought the good fight and that you've yielded, for I will continue to establish you in the house of the Lord.

136. Your adversary fights you, but the battle works for you to make you stronger. So use the fight to strengthen your muscles of the spirit and you will continue to rise above the natural. You will learn to find pleasure as you discover this beauty!

137. I love you and am thankful for your show of love and for declaring plainly before your mates that you desire a better country, that is an heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called your God, for He is preparing great things for you! Keep on believing and acting on your newfound freedom and faith! I love you and I am pleased and touched with your love and surrender. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Vision of the Heavenly H's!

138. (*Vision:*) **I** saw a picture of three young female spirits in a circle around him. They were dancing around him, hand in hand, very happy, very beautiful, laughing and twirling in a playful circle around him. I got that they were the Lord's heavenly "H" spirits—the spirits of Humility, Hunger, and Help—and that they are now assigned to be around him in answer to his prayers. They are sent to help him, and through their working together hand in hand in his life and spirit, keeping that circular boundary around him, they will keep him from straying and help him to grow.

139. As the picture faded, I saw these same three beautiful spirits, almost as their "final act," lie down on top of this huge "H" that was now in the midst of the circle where he had been standing. This big "H" in the middle of the circle stood for Habits—bad habits. Each of these beautiful heavenly "H" spirits lay down on top of this huge Habit "H." As they did so, their forms melted into each other and caused the huge "H" of bad habits to completely disappear! Thank You Jesus! (*End of vision.*)

Grab the water—ask for prayer!

140. (Mama:) This dear young man who asked for prayer then went to the Lord personally to ask Him about how it went. I think you'll find the Lord's answer motivating and convicting!

141. (*Question:*) Did my prayer go okay this morning? Did it come across okay? Is there anything You want to tell me about it?

142. (Jesus speaking:) It went well, My son. Thank you for stepping out by faith and doing the humble thing. You put time into writing it all up and pulling the P&P excerpts and getting your prayer from Me. It took you quite a bit of time, but you stuck with it, so I was able to give you all you needed for it to come out well.

143. It was a good sample and will help others have faith to also step out. Just like the others who asked for prayer helped you to have faith, so will yours help others.

144. Asking for prayer shouldn't necessarily be looked on as a big thing. It is a big deal sometimes, but the more people do it and the more people step out, the more people will see it's simply another way to help each other.

145. There is great power that can be unleashed because of united prayer. Why would you <u>not</u> want to get the help that you can from united prayer? If you were running a marathon race and were on your last leg after many miles and no water, and someone handed you something to drink that could mean the difference between winning the race or not even making it to the finish line, wouldn't you take it?

146. But if in your pride you thought you could "make it on your own," you could "fight through" by yourself, and you didn't think you needed the help, a mile or two more and you'd collapse from dehydration! Then you'd wish you'd taken the water when you could. It was just a matter of reaching out, grabbing, and drinking. But now you're lying on the ground, and no matter how much you want to finish the race, the ambulances have to come and carry you off for more intensive recovery.

147. In that scenario, you will recover, but it would have been so much easier to humble yourself and grab the opportunity for help when you could have. It's the same with united prayer. It's not a huge, big deal even though you may think it is; it's like grabbing that water from a friend as you round a corner in your marathon of life. Your "friend" is all your mates, and what they're offering is to pray for you, and with it you can finish and win the race. (End of message from Jesus.)

Prayer Against Pride, Self-Confidence and More

(*From one of our SGA secretaries:*) (<u>Note</u>: Because many of the prophecies refer to this person by name, we've chosen to use an initial as a substitute. We'll use the letter D.)

148. Thank you so much for taking the time to come together and unite in prayer for me. I really need and appreciate your prayers. About united prayer the Lord has said, "Your asking for prayer before the body will be the catalyst to your victory. It will be the prayer that releases the forces of Heaven to come fight for you. ... As you come before the body in humility and in openness, I'll answer your every request." ("Freedom Through United Prayer," ML #3171:93, 96, GN 776.) That's a real incentive to have united prayer no matter how humbling it is, isn't it? It's a wonderful promise which I'd like to claim.

149. As some of you may know, I recently received a letter from Mama and Peter in which the Lord and they had some pretty strong and hard-hitting correction for me, which I really needed and am thankful for. Getting correction is of course never fun and is often difficult, not to mention extremely humbling, especially if you're really proud and not used to getting much of it. But if we receive it and yield to it, by getting desperate with the Lord and doing the things He asks of us, then the Lord is able to give us wonderful victory and deliverance from the things that hold us back and stand in the way of us doing what He's asking of us and being all that He wants us to be. That is what I want and what I need your prayers for.

150. First I thought I'd give a little background and explanation as to how all this came about. Because of the changes taking place in WS, the Lord laid it on Mama and Peter's heart to pray about me, as they have about others, asking Him to show them anything they needed to know about my situation or spiritual condition. As you will see, the picture the Lord gave was pretty alarming and was the catalyst that encouraged Mama to take the time to write me. I'll share portions of that message with you here.

Tightrope vision

151. (*Vision:*) **I see D. walking a tightrope.** The scene is similar to that of a circus. I see a big, round circus tent, and inside I see D. She's way up there, very, very high up walking on a tightrope. All is dark inside the tent. I don't see crowds or faces of people in the stands; all I see is a spotlight, and it's shining right on D. You can hear a pin drop, it's so silent in this tent. I get the impression the stands are full of people, and they're all watching, only I can't see their faces because all is dark except for the spotlight that's shining on D. The impression I get is that all eyes are on her, as she's way up high walking the tightrope.

152. Sometimes in the circus, there are different levels, or different heights at which the performers do their thing—either walking the tightrope, or swinging back and forth on the trapeze and doing other tricks that they perform. But this time, D. is up about as high as you can get, and she's walking the tightrope.

153. It's a tense moment for two reasons: One, because she is so high up and there is no safety net under her, and two, because you can see her legs are shaky. She's walking the tightrope and it's a little odd, because the look on her face seems very confident. She has a proud look, but you can see that her legs are shaky and unstable, yet she continues out on the rope. She could remain standing on the side and could climb down the ladder to safety, or she could call for the safety net to be raised so that if she falls it will catch her, but she doesn't. No one is making her walk this rope, but she seems to insist on walking across the tightrope, even though her legs are so shaky and there's no safety net under her. (End of vision.)

Walking a dangerous line

154. (Jesus speaking:) D. is walking a fine line. She is as one who walks the tightrope, high, high above the crowds. The rope is raised to the highest notch—high, high up under the big top. She walks without a safety net, her legs tremble in instability, and thus it's all the more dangerous. Should she fall, it will be a long, long, long way down.

155. In her pride, she is blinded to the reality of it all. Her pride keeps her from realizing just how precarious her footing is upon the rope. Pride keeps her from confessing her weaknesses and calling for help. In her pride, she steps out on the tightrope, blinded to the reality of the danger she faces. Pride grips her, and thus selfconfidence; this is why she doesn't care to call for the safety net to be raised. She doesn't walk circumspectly, in fear of Me, but her own pride leads her, her own thoughts and ideas, her own self-confidence.

156. D. is walking a dangerous line. She's in a dangerous state—that of being more led by her pride and self-confidence than she is by Me.

157. She has listened to many doubts from many sources—from the friends she has lived and worked with in the past, and from her loved ones, friends, and relatives who have gone back. She's listened and has not been sufficiently cleansed on a daily basis; therefore, she is weakened.

158. She has sought to be everyone's friend, more than making <u>Me</u> her best friend and listening to Me first, foremost, and above all. This has weakened her. The doubts have come, and because she has thought she is stronger than she is, they have taken a toll on her, worn grooves in her mind and heart, and fostered wrong attitudes and ideas.

159. She has not used the safety net I provide, and this has put her in great danger. She has not used the safety net of My Word. She has not used the safety net of the new weapons I have made available, but has trusted more in her own natural gifts and talents, in her own arm; thus she has grown weaker instead of stronger.

160. She has not been thoroughly cleansed by My Word each time doubts and worldliness have come knocking at her door. Therefore, this has festered in her, but she sees it not, for pride and self-confidence have blinded her eyes.

161. Pride is the root of the matter, and pride will be her downfall unless she is willing to call out to Me; unless she is willing to throw herself on Me; unless she is willing to cast off her outer garments of pride and self-confidence, of thinking she knows best, of her own ideas, of the doubts that linger around her, of thinking she can walk the middle road; unless she is willing to be stripped naked before Me, to come to My bed of love and allow Me to clean her up, to cleanse her, to free her from pride's grip, from thinking she knows best; unless she is willing to put Me and Me alone in first place in her life, she will fall.

162. She tries to walk a middle road, thinking she can maintain friendships with those who have gone out from you, with her loved ones and others. In her case, she cannot, for she is not strong enough to stand up for the truth; therefore, compromise sets in. In her pride, she doesn't want to appear in the eyes of others to be a robot for Me, one who is willing to stand for the truth, for My radical doctrines, for the straight and narrow path I lead you down. She thinks she can please both sides. She tends to compromise in order to look good in the eyes of others, for this feeds her pride. She wants to look good in the eyes of others. She doesn't want to be considered weak in the eyes of others, a mere follower of the truth, a robot for Me.

163. She's more concerned about how she looks to others than she is about pleasing Me. She lacks a healthy fear of Me.

164. She has not been washed clean regularly and thoroughly by My Word. She has not regularly used the safety net I provide, therefore all these other things have worn her down and caused her to be in this weakened state. She has not been guarded sufficiently. She has not been using the safeguards that I provide, thus she has left herself open to little or sometimes no protection in the spirit world. She has been influenced by the doubts of others, by worldly influences-movies, Internet information, music, and advertising-and thus wrong attitudes have crept in regarding love and relationships, regarding the need to be strong rather than weak, regarding intellect and trusting in her own intelligence, regarding being confident in herself rather than completely dependent on Me.

165. But her pride blinds her to where she is not able to see how her knees tremble and how shaky her footing is, how dangerous the fine line is that she walks.

166. She is talented, yet for these talents to be fully used by Me, she must be willing to let Me control her. I want to have first place in her life, her mind, and her heart. She needs washing. She needs cleansing. She needs reviving. She needs yieldedness. She needs to strip off all her outer garments, to stand before Me, sans cover-ups, sans her own ideas, sans her own self-confidence, sans her own intellect.

167. If she will cry out to Me to wash her clean, I will. If she will humble herself before Me and before her mates, I am able to free her from her pride. I am able to raise the safety net under her and help her to walk the road of My choosing.

168. Now is the time to give her this opportunity. Now you must spell it out, give her the opportunity to be cleansed, and see which way she will go. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

169. (D:) I must admit that this came as quite a surprise to me, and was pretty humbling. Not only was what the Lord had to say about me, my spiritual state, my heart, my nature, the way I am and what I was doing, etc., very humbling and difficult, but also because I've thought that I had a fairly close connection with the Lord, it was difficult for me that the Lord hadn't showed me these things earlier, especially since it is so serious and not just a "little word or two of instruction." At first I even felt a little hurt and wondered why the Lord hadn't checked me about this sooner before it became such a big deal, but the truth, as it turns out, is that He did, but I was blinded to the seriousness of it by my pride and wasn't desperate enough to fully receive and believe all His counsel and to change.

170. When I prayed about it the Lord also told me that I needed the humbling, the shock treatment, the breaking. That was a little encouraging for me; to know that I wasn't so far gone that the Lord couldn't even speak to me about these things, but that the way it came about, the humbling, etc., was part of His plan. That's not to say that the Lord couldn't have done it differently, less painfully, etc., if I was more desperate with Him and walking in a greater fear of Him, because I'm sure He could've if I'd been more attentive and open to Him and the checks of the Spirit.

171. I was amazed at the insight the Lord gave into my heart and life in that prophecy things that I hadn't and probably would never have talked about, unless the Lord did something like this, of course.

Weakened spiritually during a relative visit

172. As you all know, I recently went on a relative visit, which, for the most part, was a fun blessing for me. Sadly, however, due to pride and disobedience, and because I didn't put the Lord first or keep my guard up spiritually, I became vulnerable to the Enemy's lies, doubts, and confusion. While away I spent a lot of time with disgruntled ex-Family members who were actively and aggressively trying to get me to leave the Family and to stay with them. I listened to a lot of criticism, doubts and lies, which was very weakening spiritually. In my pride, I didn't fully realize, or rather I didn't want to fully realize, the precariousness of the situation I willfully and deliberately put myself in.

173. I wanted to show my friends and my family who are not in the Family that I, unlike others, had accepted them and their decision and that I had unconditional love for them. But because of my pride I was weak in spirit, which led to my compromising in many ways, especially by listening to them so much and not putting my foot down about things more. In my pride and desire to "be a good friend," I didn't stand up to them and for the Lord as much as I know I could and should have. Like the Lord said. I didn't want to seem like one of His "robots"-I was more interested in them seeing that I had made my decision to be in the Family knowledgeably and that I was a "smart girl," that I do think about things, don't just take everything that is "fed" to me, and that I wasn't just "scared to leave," which is what they accused me of, of being "weak," etc.

174. Lord forgive me, I put my pride and the opinions of man before His opinion of me. I really failed on that score and I'm ashamed of that. I should've been more desperate and I should've seen that I was being affected by these things. I did, but in my carnal-mindedness I thought, "I never get to see anyone so I just want to be with people as much as I possibly can, and then when I get back I'll make it up to You, Lord, and will work toward getting cleansed of all this stuff."

175. In my pride and self-confidence I thought I could walk the middle road, even though I knew it was dangerous and very risky. But I thought I could take it, that I was capable of walking that road, that these things wouldn't really affect me long-term because I had already made my decision to be in the Family. I thought that I could always just run back under the Lord's tower of protection and be all safe again, like nothing ever happened. Boy, was I wrong.

176. To make matters worse, I was disobedient to the counsel the Lord gave me before I left by neglecting to spend quality time with Him, listening to Him, loving Him, and reading His Word. I knew that I was taking in a lot of garbage and that I should've been extremely desperate with the Lord to be cleansed on a daily basis. But I didn't heed the Lord's strong checks, and therefore I was, like the Lord said, very weakened in spirit and open to the lies, doubts, and confusion of the Enemy. I was affected by the doubts and the things they were saying, and my way of looking at a lot of things began to change. I became much more skeptical, had many doubts, and there was a lot of confusion.

177. When I came back home, I knew I was very weak spiritually, that I was much further from the Lord and had changed in my way of thinking and looking at a lot of things. But I wasn't as desperate as I should've been to get cleaned up and back on track, or I would've called for help and for the "safety net" to be raised.

178. There are many reasons I didn't talk with anyone about my trials and doubts, but like the Lord said, it was mainly due to my pride and not wanting to appear weak or like these things affected me as much as they had, because that would ring the alarm bells, which I didn't want because of my pride. I thought it was really bad timing for me to be going through this stuff when so much else was going on. I didn't want to be seen or looked upon as a problem case, especially not right now, so that's probably the main reason I didn't ask for help and prayer, and I wanted to just fix things on my own—my pride. I thought I could slip under the radar for now, promising the Lord that I would work on things and get back closer to the Pillar and where He wanted me to be.

179. Plus, because of my pride, I didn't think it was such a big deal or that I was in such a bad state spiritually. I really did think that I could get back on the straight and narrow on my own. I thought that just surviving everything, coming back and determining to stay in the Lord's will for me, though difficult at times, and wanting to change and get back on track was the biggest part, and that the rest would be easy in comparison.

180. Also, by nature I am a very private, independent person, so I thought that I could, and even should, deal with these things on my own. I thought that I should be able to just fall back in line and keep marching, and then slowly work toward getting back to the basics on the side, reading the Word and finding out what the real truth actually was.

181. Because I'm proud and self-confident, like the Lord said, I often feel like I should be able to handle things on my own, that I've grown up in the Family all my life and know the Word, and I therefore should be strong enough to deal with things and get the victory. Also, and again because of my pride, I usually like to be able to get victories and work my personal problems out with the Lord without too much involvement from others or "the drama," because it's less humbling. Because when you take care of it on your own, often people aren't even aware of what you're going through and how bad and weak you are. So proud!

182. So, as you can see, I really need united desperate prayer against pride! That's my main prayer request.

183. Since Mama was going to be writing me to share the above prophecy with me, she then asked the Lord more questions to receive more details about my work attitudes and relationships with others. I'd like to share some excerpts of those prophecies as well, because I'm also going to need prayer on those fronts.

Work attitude and style

184. (Jesus speaking:) D. is very talented and I could use her greatly. She feels she is already being used greatly, but it's nothing compared to how much I want to use her in the future. But she must become a team player. She is presently very independent, and this also is a result of her pride and self-confidence. Her successes feed her pride.

185. There is much for D. to learn. While she does have gifts and good ideas and she gets a lot of work done, and she's willing to put in the hours and produce, there is more to the commitment to excellence than that. We are not a System company where the worker is evaluated solely on his productivity and ability to meet deadlines. In our line of work there is the other side—the spiritual side, the relations-withpeople side, the humility side.

186. I winked at D.'s arrogance and independence, but I will no longer do so. She must see that there's a very big difference in living and working in WS [or in the Family], and working anywhere else in the world. There is much more required in the spirit. While there might be similar schedules, work hours, projects, etc., there is more required of each person in the areas of prayerfulness, humility, communication, openness and honesty, being on guard, listening to others, working with others, sharing the glory, sharing the authority, delegation, etc.

187. Each member must be completely on board. When I say completely on board, it goes far beyond the realm of work, talents in your calling, and productivity in your work. Equally as important, or even <u>more</u> important, is each one's personal relationship with Me. That means each one's personal conviction and obedience, their spirituality, their ability to hear from Me and receive complete prophecies, their desire for the Word and spiritual input (including guidance and correction), and their willingness to minimize ungodly influences and to be cleansed of the lies, doubts, and misconceptions of the Enemy.

188. Without a strong spiritual connection with Me, the Word, the king and queen, and their mates, any member becomes limited in their usefulness. A person is not trusted because of their accomplishments or their great time management skills or computer knowledge, not even because of their willingness to work hard and put in long hours. Real trust is earned by faithful diligence and consistency in obeying the Word, using the new weapons, being prayerful, being loving, considering others before yourself, being open and honest. These are a few of the qualifications that spell greatness and "job security."

189. D. has much to learn in many of these areas, and some to learn in all of them. She is immature in many ways. While she thinks of herself as being very mature and grown up, she is childlike in many ways, especially in the ways of love, sacrificial giving, shepherding, and being a strong sample/pillar in the spirit. Because she has had authority in the work, she feels she's a leader in other ways, that she understands and has a handle on problematic or controversial subjects, that she's got good insight, that she's pretty cool, and that those who she graces with her attention and friendship are cool by association.

190. She's got a lot to learn. She will have to have her eyes opened to where she is off and how these things are not true. This will be painful for her, and very, very humbling.

191. This is a double or triple whammy situation where she's in trouble in many ways. She's extremely off in her perception of the Law of Love, her work style and expectations are wrong, and her relationship with Me is very weak. So put all this together and you have a real bomb! Just pray she'll be able to withstand the blast! Only by coming to Me and throwing all that pride,

self-righteousness, self-confidence, independence, bitterness, competition, and selfishness at My feet will she be able to make it through the initial fire and the fallout afterwards. I can and will protect her, if she seeks her High Tower; otherwise it will be too much for her. Pray for her choices and for a miracle of humility and honesty. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

192. (D:) Hearing what the Lord had to say about my work and work style was very difficult for me and quite discouraging, but I know that it's true, and even the things I don't understand or see fully now, I'm sure I will more and more as time goes on.

193. I'd like to apologize to you all, and particularly to the guys I work with, because I know I've failed in a lot of ways, especially in being a loving friend and having more than a business relationship with you. I know it's just my pride and selfishness that I haven't reached out more to you and tried to befriend and get to know you better.

194. I've been very selfish with my time, in my own little world and work, not wanting to "waste it" with taking too much time to talk and fellowship with people, particularly the guys I work with, thinking that I was too busy and had very little in common with you. The Lord has spoken to me a lot about this and I've tried to change many times, but not enough. Finding the right balance has also been difficult for me.

195. I want to change in that. I want to be more sacrificial, caring, loving, compassionate and understanding, more humble. So that is one of my prayer requests.

196. I was thankful to hear the Lord say that my standard and expectations are wrong, because I've often wondered about that. I usually judge and make decisions by the standard of what's most efficient, rather than looking at people's needs, preferences, and by a standard of love and compassion.

197. My standard has been too high and I haven't been as sensitive or caring as I know

the Lord was expecting and trusting me to be. My priorities have been wrong. My standard for myself and others has been off, and because of this I'm sure some people have wondered if I even really liked them as a person or cared about them, Lord forgive me. I see now that a lot of it had to do with my pride in wanting to meet deadlines, not be late, or get things wrong.

198. I've been proud in my dealings and interactions with others. I haven't been willing to show myself weak or like I wasn't together and on top of everything all the time. It's often difficult for me when others have good ideas and come up with things that I didn't think about or realize, which is really proud, just the fact that it's a trial and uncomfortable.

199. I don't personally feel super talented or exceptional in any area. I know some about a number of things, I guess, but I'm not really specialized, so I haven't felt like I had much to be proud about personally since I'm not the best at anything. I do feel weak and like I don't have everything together all the time, and I don't see myself as being very smart or talented at all. I've found it interesting to hear other people's impressions of me, because they're not at all the way I see myself. But I think that one way my pride has been manifested is in my lack of being humble by showing myself weak in front of others, because I do like to be thought of as together and very smart, even though I don't really feel that that's the way I necessarily am.

200. I do want to become more of a team player. And I want to be freed of my pride. I don't want some of these things to be such a big deal to me. So I need prayer for that.

Relationships

201. There is also a lot of progress and change needed in this area of my life. The Lord said that my main problems with relationships are due to extreme pride and selfishness, so I'm also going to need prayer against pride manifested in extreme selfishness. Below are some of my specific prayer requests on this subject:

202. • Against pride in the form of selfishness and possessiveness. That the Lord will change me and give me freedom from selfishness. I am by nature a very proud, selfish person, but the Lord said that He wants to change my very nature if I will just ask Him to change me and will yield to Him and others. So I want to pray that I will be able to do that.

203. • That I will not only be yielded to give, but to be a "cheerful giver" and be happy to share even if it's to my own hurt or loss. Against selfishness and jealousy.

204. • That I will fully receive, believe, embrace and live the spirit of the Law of Love, which is sacrificial love, giving, and sharing. That I'll be able to see the Law of Love as a beautiful and precious gift from the Lord, something to be happy about and want.

205. • The Lord said that the foundation of my expectations, demands, and interactions with others is flawed. So I'd like to pray that the Lord will rewire me, my way of thinking and acting, and that I can live more in the Spirit and see things the way the Lord sees them, through the eyes of true love.

206. • The Lord said, "Seek to give, to love, to share, to be selfless in the things you say and do, in the decisions you make. Seek not your own, but seek to give, and so shall you be blessed." So I want to pray that I can do that.

207. • The Lord said to pray for the gifts of His Spirit, the gift of sacrificial love, His love. He said, "Seek after, hunger for, and desire My Spirit of Love, and so shall it be given you, that you might have the strength to do My will, to be and do what I want you to do. You cannot do it on your own; therefore pray, ask, and you will receive the strength and wherewithal to be and do all that I want you to do." So I'd like to pray that I will do that—that I will seek after, hunger for, and desire His Spirit of Love. And also for His strength so that I can do all that He's asking me to do.

208. • I'd also like to pray for a refilling of the Holy Spirit and for the fruits of the Spirit,

which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

209. • For more maturity and sacrificial love in my relationships with others.

210. • That my motives will be pure; that I will be motivated by sacrificial love.

211. • That I can be more affectionate with people and show a greater interest in people's lives, hearts, and personal interests. I'm not a very affectionate person by nature, but the Lord said that this is something He wants to change about me.

212. • That I will be more loving, more compassionate, more accepting.

213. • That I will be more of a servant, more humble and loving in spirit, more self-less and sacrificial.

214. • That I will be more faithful to praise and show recognition, appreciation, and thankfulness to people.

Other prayer requests:

215. • The Lord said, "Only by coming to Me and throwing all that pride, self-righteousness, self-confidence, independence, bitterness, competition, and selfishness at My feet will she be able to make it through the initial fire and the fallout afterwards." I want to pray that I will throw myself wholly on the Lord and throw aside all the things the Lord mentions above (pride, self-righteousness, self-confidence, independence, bitterness, competition, and selfishness), so that I can make it through this time and make all the changes needed. I need desperate prayer against pride in all its forms, and that I will be more humble.

216. • The Lord said, "She needs washing. She needs cleansing. She needs reviving. She needs yieldedness. She needs to strip off all her outer garments, to stand before Me, sans cover-ups, sans her own ideas, sans her own self-confidence, sans her own intellect." He said that if I will cry out to Him to wash me clean, He will. And that if I will humble myself before Him and you, my mates, He is able to free me from my

pride and raise the safety net under me and help me to walk the road of His choosing. So I want to pray desperately for that, that I will do all that He is asking me to do so that He can cleanse me completely and do the miracle I need in order to be able to walk the road of His choosing.

217. • That I will surrender to the Lord completely.

218. • That I will faithfully walk the humble road the Lord has for me, no matter how difficult or humbling it may be.

219. • Against spiritual blindness caused by pride.

220. • The Lord said that the biggest step I could take toward becoming a more humble person is by being committed to do the humble thing at every turn, in each decision, in all my actions and the things I say—and that in order to do that, I need to be more prayerful and in tune with His checks so that I will know when He's calling me to do the humble thing. So I'd like to pray that I will walk in a more prayerful, humble spirit, asking Him about everything, and that once I know what He wants me to do, I will yield to doing it, no matter how difficult, humbling, or uncomfortable it is; that I will make doing the humble thing a good, solid habit in my life.

221. • The Lord said I need to make progress in the area of asking Him everything. He also said that I need to involve Him more in every area of my life and in the decisions I make, to ask Him more questions and to seek Him diligently for His counsel—not just for His "stamp of approval" at the end, but throughout the entire process. So I want to pray that I can be faithful to do that more. I want to make asking Him everything a good, solid habit in my life so that it is just a natural part of my lifestyle and way of operating.

222. • I also need to be more faithful to actively solicit the counsel and input of others and to ask for help from my shepherds, etc. Please pray for that.

223. • That I will be more honest. The Lord placency.

and Mama have said that my life is now an "open book." That's a big change for me, not only because I'm not used to it, but because I am by nature a very private, closed person. But the Lord said that He can and wants to change my very nature if I let Him. I want to pray that I will let Him make whatever changes in my life He wants to and whatever He feels is needed.

224. • That I can make it a habit to show myself weak and incapable in front of others, thereby letting the Lord's strength be more greatly manifested in my weakness, and thus giving Him all the glory.

225. • That I will be faithful to lift the Lord up in the things I say and do—and others as well, and give Him and others the credit for anything good that's accomplished.

226. • That I will become more of a team player.

227. • For flexibility in spirit, in attitude, in every part of my life.

228. • That I won't worry so much about the opinions of men, but only about the Lord and whether I'm pleasing Him and doing what He asks and wants me to do.

229. • That I will be faithful to acknowledge and confess mistakes, and not just try to fix them real quick and hope that no one notices. It's human nature to want to look good and together in the eyes of others, but the Lord said that He wants to change me and make me more like Him, more humble.

230. • Against pride manifested in fear particularly fear of the future and fear of failure.

231. • Against bitterness.

232. • That I will be faithful to go to the Lord when I have questions, doubts, or don't understand something; that I won't just reason them out in my mind. Against carnal-mindedness.

233. • Also for a clear, unobstructed channel. For an enhanced gift of faith and receptivity.

234. • Against spiritual lethargy and complacency. 235. • The Lord said that in order for my talents to be fully used by Him, I must be willing to let Him control me. So I want to pray for complete yieldedness to the Lord in every area of my life. I'd like to pray the "whatever it takes" prayer—that the Lord will do "whatever it takes" to change me and make me what He wants me to be.

236. • The Lord said, "I want to have first place in her life, her mind, and her heart." He said, "Make Me your First Love. Seek to please Me, to love Me, to serve Me, and to make Me happy through your love and desire to please Me. Put Me first in all things—in all your activities, in your conversation, in your actions and decisions. I must be at the center of it all. I want to be the most important thing in your life. I must have first place. Stay close to Me, My love. I want you to stay by Me at all times, that you never leave My side. My desire is to be one with you, for you are My bride and I will not let you go. In My love and care for you, I will not let you wander far but I will pull you back close to Me. The 'pulling' may not always be easy and it may hurt a bit, just as this breaking has, but remember that I do it in love for you. Remember also that this 'pulling' can be avoided if you will stay close and not wander off on your own." Please pray that I will keep the Lord in first place at all times.—That He will be my First Love and be the most important thing in my life, and that I won't wander off on my own.

237. • And finally, I'd like prayer against discouragement and the feeling that I'm fighting a losing battle, or that I may as well quit and save everyone the trouble. For faith.

D's prayer

(A couple of people pray for D., and then she prays:)

238. Dearest Love, thank You for Your love. Thank You for loving me, for wanting me, for being with me. Thank You that even though I fail, make mistakes, stumble and fall—or even willfully disobey You—You love and want me still. You don't hold our mistakes and problems against us; it doesn't make a difference to You. It doesn't lessen Your desire for us. It doesn't change Your love for us. Your love is ever constant, all-encompassing and never-failing. Such beautiful love, so rich, so full, so unconditional —endless love. Thank You for Your love, Jesus.

239. I know that this chastening, this correction, this humbling is also part of Your great love and care for me, and I thank You for it. Even though it's difficult and it hurts, I know that it's for my good and that You do it in love. Thank You, Jesus, for this breaking. Thank You for the humbling. Thank You for showing me up. Thank You for all the mileage and victories that You will get through this, as I yield to You and obey all that You ask me to do.

240. I want to yield to You, Lord. I want to change, I want to do Your will, I want to please You. I don't want to have anything in my heart and life that comes in the way of my being able to be as close to You as possible. I do want to walk the road You've called me to walk, no matter how difficult or humbling it may be. I do want that crown. I don't want to fail You, Jesus, and I don't want to live a life of compromise or do things halfway; I don't want to walk the middle road. I don't want it all to be yielded to You, Jesus.

241. I give You my life, my heart, my mind, my everything. I don't want to hold anything back. I don't want to keep anything reserved from You; I want You to have it all. Do with it what You will, Jesus. Take me, break me, remake me. Do whatever You want, Lord, whatever seems best to You. Just don't throw me away, Jesus.

242. Cleanse me, Lord, of anything and everything that is not of You. Cleanse me of my pride, selfishness, false fronts, independence, carnal-mindedness—anything that would come in the way of my being close to You, Jesus. I don't want anything that is not of You, that is not in line with Your Word and Your Spirit. Take anything away that would come in the way of my being able to hear Your voice clearly, of my being able to obey and do Your will. I want to please You and to do what's right in Your sight. I want to be cleansed by You and Your Words, I want to do Your will, so please, please do help me; please do whatever it takes.

243. I know You have already done a lot to humble me and to bring me back closer to You and Your will for me, and it's been hard and humbling, but I am thankful and I want You to know that I want You to continue to work on me and to humble me as much as You feel is necessary and good for me. I know I need it, and I want it.

244. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Please wash and cleanse my heart and spirit—not so that I will be all clean again and "lovely" to others, but because I want to be with You, to be near You, because I want and need You.

245. I know that You are nigh unto those who are of a broken heart and save those that are of a contrite, humble spirit. Help me to be that way toward You and others. Help me to be humble, meek, and lowly so that Your Spirit can rest upon me, dwell with me, and so that I can follow You more closely, please You, and do Your will.

246. Take anything away that would hinder or distract me from being close to You, hearing from You, following You, and being what You want me to be—a humble servant, a yielded bride, and dedicated wife to You. Even if I seem simple or stupid to others, or even to myself, I'd rather that than miss the privilege of being as close to You as possible and as obedient and submitted to You as You want me to be.

247. Forgive me, Jesus, for failing You in so many ways. Please forgive me for not following You more closely, for not heeding Your checks, for not obeying You and doing Your will. Forgive me for neglecting You and for not giving You first place in my heart and life. Please forgive me for holding back, for being selfish, for not doing Your will. Forgive me for all the mistakes I made in pride and selfishness. Please change me, Jesus. Make me into what You want me to be; not what I am, but what You want and need me to be.

248. Help me to be yielded to You. Help me not to hold anything back. I know that in myself I can't make the changes You're asking me to make. It's impossible for me to make these changes on my own. But nothing is impossible to You, Jesus. Nothing is too hard; there is nothing that You can't do.

249. Jesus, You said that You do want to change me, that this is Your will, so please do that. I give you full sway in my life to do whatever You want. Whatever it takes, Lord, whatever You need to do in order to change me and to make me into what You want me to be, please do it. That's what I want most of all; that is the desire of my heart. Thank You for Your promise that as we ask we will receive; I claim that, Jesus.

250. Thank You for the victory that is mine by faith through You. Thank You for Your promise to make it through me, and thank You that You will be by my side each step of the way helping me to change as I faithfully say yes to You and to doing the humble thing.

251. Thank You for the victory You will give me through united prayer. You said, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that you may be healed." Thank You for healing me, for changing me, for answering my prayer. Thank You so much. I love and need You so much, darling Love. I am nothing and can do nothing without You, Jesus, but I thank You that through You and in Your strength I can do anything. I love and want You, dearest Love. (*End of prayer.*)

Riverbed vision

252. (*Channel:*) I started getting this picture when everyone was giving their prophecies after we prayed for D. This is what I saw. **253.** (*Vision:*) I see what seems to be an old, nearly dry riverbed. The sides of this riverbed are very high, and it seems a little odd, because the river that should be running through it is nothing more than a piddling stream. The interesting thing about this riverbed is that there are all these obstructions in it, things like huge barrels lying in it, bits of rubble, broken pieces of wood, concrete blocks, and even rubbish.

254. What should be a river is instead this pathetic trickle that is muddy and murky, anything but clear. Rather than the pure, flowing water that it should be, it's almost thick and mudlike. As this "river" is wending its way down the riverbed, it is constantly being redirected by the obstructions in the riverbed. It cannot flow freely through the riverbed; it must constantly move around this barrel, or around that piece of concrete. Sometimes its only route is through a pile of rubbish, and when it makes it past the rubbish, there is even less water and it seems thicker and muddier.

255. Suddenly from somewhere, an absolute flood of water, like a tidal wave, totally engulfs this riverbed. The power of the water pushes all the barrels, the other obstructions, and the rubbish downstream, and it all vanishes altogether.

256. (*Jesus speaking:*) I pour the cleansing spirit of humility on your life, that it may wash away the filth and rubble that has cluttered your heart and mind. The refreshing and life-giving waters can now flow freely in your life, for all else has been removed. The barriers of pride that held back My Spirit of humility from flowing freely in your life have been pushed aside. They no longer obstruct Me or My Spirit. I am now able to pour it on you freely and without obstruction.

257. That nearly parched riverbed with its mountains of obstructions is what your life has been like for so long. You looked at it and saw the little trickle, and everything that dotted the bed of your heart, and you saw little wrong with it. Once there had been a flowing and alive river, but over time the force and power of that river had been limited and held back, till all that was allowed to flow was a tiny trickle, and even that was constantly being redirected due to the many obstructions of pride in your life.

258. Pride has stood as the barrier holding back the flow of My Spirit in your life—My Spirit of love, humility, selflessness, freedom, happiness and joy. But I have shown you now that there is something much more beautiful and better than the way things have been in your life. Through your humility in confessing your faults and kneeling before all and crying out to Me that you may be cleansed, the barriers of pride have been washed away. All that stood in the way of My Spirit flowing freely in your life I can now remove with the powerful flow of My Spirit made manifest in your life.

259. This sudden outburst of My Spirit may seem almost overwhelming to you. You may wonder if it is truly as wonderful as I say it is, for it seems rough and wild at times, pushing the obstructions aside and rushing over you. My love, do not question the flow of My Spirit as it washes over you to cleanse the impurities of pride in your life! Let it flow! Let Me wash over you and clean away the hindrances that have stood in the path of humility for so long. All that is washed away are the things that were not meant to be there in the first place. The things you clung to, that you took as geographic features of your riverbed, have in fact been the very things that held back the spirit of humility and love from flowing freely.

260. Do not question the power of this mighty wave of My Spirit which I have now released on your life. It may seem overwhelming and even uncomely to you, but rejoice, for the force of it is what removes all that has stood in its path for so long. As it rushes over you, your heart is made clean. Though it hurts, it is simply the purification of a heart that has been tarnished through pride.

261. I have given you freedom in humility. I

have poured My Spirit with such power upon you now that it may wash away all that has stood in its way. For I long to make you completely anew.

262. Rather than a clay pitcher that hides all that goes inside of it and restricts the flow of what enters by placing a lid on it, I have now asked that you become as a <u>glass</u> pitcher, without the restriction of a lid or covering. As you stand there, allow My Spirit, My love, My humility, My ability to be poured into you till it overflows. Because you are as glass, all are able to see the beauty of My Spirit as it is poured into you and overflows, for there are no restrictions placed on the intake of My Spirit. It is given utter liberty to wash through your life and keep it fresh and clean.

263. This is how I want your life to be-as a glass pitcher, an open book. Though it may have shown the stagnant waters of pride and self before, I have poured My Spirit into you with such a great force, and because you received the humbling and allowed Me to remove the restrictions that would seek to contain the contents of the pitcher of your heart and life, My Spirit is able to push the stagnant water out. It may seem that the stagnant waters are still prevalent, but as you allow My Spirit to continually flow without restriction, the stagnant waters are diluted by the constant downpour of the waters of My Spirit, until before long it will be My Spirit alone flowing through you. This is My goal-to have you entirely full of Me, overflowing and abundant.

264. Rejoice in this new infilling of My Spirit! Rejoice, I say, for it is the transformation of a life made murky and muddy by pride, into one that rejoices in the pure flow of My Spirit in her. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Prayer to Become a Doer of the Word

(A YA who helps with the children:)

265. The Lord told me recently that I need to ask for prayer, both for some spiritual things as well as for healing. He said they go together, and He wants to use this time when I'm very weak and have to rest a lot to help me get desperate with Him and be willing to do whatever it takes to make the kind of spiritual progress He wants me to make. So they kind of depend on each other. My main prayer request in short is to become a doer of the Word. I'll read some excerpts from a recent personal prophecy that explains a bit about it.

266. (Jesus speaking:) You read My Words, you sometimes even pray about how to apply them, and you have a genuine desire to obey and follow. But then you get lazy. As a little time passes, the conviction lessens, and you figure it's too much work, too difficult, and go back to continuing with business as usual.

267. In some ways it's almost like "truth rejected loses its power over the mind." That sounds terrible, I know, and it's not like you consciously reject My Words, but by not following, you've built very bad habits in this area to where you're hardly concerned about it at all. You barely realize it; it's just such a part of your nature. You figure you want to change it, you've tried to change it, but it's pretty much so close to hopeless that it'd be way too much work to really completely change. It becomes discouraging, very discouraging, and you don't want to be discouraged and depressed all the time anymore, so you harden yourself to it, and try to ignore it. [Note: I recently had prayer against depression, and the Lord really delivered me. It was a wonderful overnight difference, which I'm so thankful for.]

268. If you had obeyed, and done everything I told you, you'd be a very different person today. I don't say that because I think you're bad or haven't made progress; I say that because I want you to realize that it really is a serious issue. Take "Ask Me Everything," for example. After two years, how are you really doing with it? Praise Time? Doing the humble thing? Following My health rules?

269. What started out as conscious rebellion against certain things for the express purpose of bothering certain adults you didn't like (this was a long time ago, before I came to WS), has become a dullness in spirit. You don't feel like you really need to obey, you feel like it's not that important, and you've lost a good part of your conscience and fear of Me. If you continue down this road of doing your own thing, you'll end up exactly where you don't want to be out of My service, out of My will. Your faith is very weak. You're buffeted by the lies of the Enemy when he tells you maybe it isn't worth serving Me and isn't worth the trouble and sacrifice.

270. Why is your faith weak? Why have you not seen My Spirit and the workings of it? Because you're weak in the Word—partly because you're not always faithful to read it, and partly because you're not making the effort you should to follow it.

271. If you read all the wonderful promises I give and then don't see them fulfilled in your life, you should stop and ask Me why. Instead of concluding I'm not keeping My Word, maybe you should be asking yourself if you've obeyed and followed through on your part, thus freeing Me to be able to bless you the way I'd like to.

272. What about prayer vigil? How often do you feel convicted and even get My counsel on how to make it more a daily part of your life? Have you done what I showed you? Have you followed through? You should be <u>afraid</u> of not obeying, and motivated enough to do what I'm asking you to do regardless of what you feel like.

273. You're still a bit spoiled in many ways. You feel you have leeway to do your own thing

by not seeking Me and not following through with the counsel I give you. If you went back and read all the personal prophecies you've gotten, how much progress have you made in following through with My instructions? You're so discouraged about battling the same things for so long, when really it's largely your own fault for not doing the things you need to do and taking the steps you know need to be taken in order to gain victory.

274. This is a wake-up call to you. It's not like a conscious wrong thing you're doing on purpose, therefore you don't really realize it. You've been desperately asking Me to help you, to do <u>whatever</u> it takes in your life to help you make complete and long-lasting changes in a lot of areas, so now you have to look at things from My perspective. Everything that is happening right now in your life (battles and trials, sickness), are all in answer to prayer. All these things make you desperate, and in a sense force you to come to Me, and to be willing to do whatever it takes to grab hold of the victories you know I have in store for you.

275. You need to review some of the basics of Christianity. You've heard them all your life and have become so familiar with them, they hardly mean anything to you anymore. You've got to ask Me to "open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." In many ways you've thrown out a lot of the sound principles of My Word along with "the way things were in the '80s," and this has weakened your foundation. You need to go back to the basics of My Word and simply be willing to follow as a little child, letting go completely of your pride, your own ideas, and being obedient to the way I'm leading.

276. You've often wondered how pride is the root of all sin—well, if you trace each of these things back, you'll end up at pride in every case. I don't condemn you for having these weaknesses and problems, but now is the time to change. Now is the time to completely give your all, and I mean <u>everything</u> to Me, to lay it all on the altar and say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Now is the day to forget the past and move on, to be willing to <u>do</u> whatever it takes to become a completely new creature, for that is what I would have you be.

277. You need to ask for prayer again-for your spirit as well as your body. It's a terrifying step in your book, but it's the only way to get the boost of the power of My Spirit you so desperately need. You know deep in your heart that it works, and you also know that trying to change in your own strength is impossible. It's not your works and efforts to do good that are gonna save you, it's only My Spirit. Call on the power of My Spirit. Call on the power of the keys to help you, and you will see victories you didn't think were possible-the kind that will boost your faith and show you that I truly can do anything. Claim My promises and My power and fight like never before. (End of message from Jesus.)

278. So, my prayer requests are:

- 1) Obedience to the Word and the specific things the Lord shows me to do in prophecy.
- 2) Against laziness.
- Against pride (since it's the root of all evil, and diminishing it is good all the way around).
- 4) For faith and a believing heart—to trust the Lord for things that happen, and realize and accept that He is in control and taking care of everything.
- 5) To regain whatever conscience and fear of the Lord I've lost.

(Several people pray for her, and then those present ask if the Lord has any word of encouragement for her.) **279.** (*Jesus speaking:*) I promise to make you a new creature in Me. I promise to give you new life, a new love, and a new start. I promise to make everything new, to change everything!

280. Each one of My promises is true, but each promise has its conditions that you too must fulfill, and that you are doing now, My love. You are coming to Me and wanting to be that new person, wanting that new life, and that new start that I promise to give you. So as you stepped out and have taken this step and done your part, as you've asked Me to give you that new start, the new life and the changes that you need, then I assure you that I will do My part to make you a new creature in Christ Jesus. That I am doing. I will heal your spirit and make all things new.

281. It's a step-by-step process sometimes, and you must continually come to Me each and every day, asking Me to take away the things of the old man and give you the new life. As you see more and more and I open your eyes more and more to the things of My Spirit and the wonderful truths of My Word, as you grab hold of each one of these truths, I will give you more and more of that new life and the new power that is in Me and in My Word.

282. As you come to despise the old man and long for the new man in Christ Jesus, that I will give you, that I will do, and that I <u>am</u> doing. Thank you for seeing the need and wanting it, desiring it, longing for it, and asking for it—for taking this step of humility and asking for it in front of your mates and with your mates. As you take this step of humility I will do it and I am doing it. I am answering. I am healing your spirit! (*End of message from Jesus.*)

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