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(Jesus:) I have a crystal sphere-shaped raffle container that all in Heaven are welcome to stick their names in. Whenever I'm in the mood for a fun surprise, I draw a few names and call up the winners. It's pretty amazing to some that I never draw the names of people who are off in another galaxy on assignment, or on Earth for a mission. Well, I am the Son of God.—I don't find that sort of magic too difficult. You should come to one of My magic shows sometime.—That's really the greatest show! I'll have to tell you about that later, though.

Just the other day I had a line-up of four young people



standing in front of Me. I had pulled their names out and when they heard, they were before Me in a flash! You don't want to miss out on one of My raffles. You can never guess what I'm going to do with you, or where I'm going to send you. There's

been variety galore in what I've given the raffle winners, and this time I asked them a question: "What is your favorite climate or temperature?"

As is usually the case, with four young people, I got four different answers!

One said, "Hot as hot can be. A tropical paradise—but not sticky and humid."

Another said, "Basically put me on a ski resort. I'll take all the snow that's coming to me."

The third said, "Just the perfect temperature, not too hot, not too cold. Somewhere you can wear shorts and a tank top in the day, and that is pleasant at night too, not too windy."



Mike D.

The fourth described his ideal climate as, "A lot of rain and mist. Where it's not dry, where plants and vegetation grow, and where it's lush and fresh."

I had it all prepared. You see, I have these special resort planets ... but I'm not going to get into a lot of details, because those are sort of "classified information" for those of you still on Earth. You'll get the full scoop once you get here.

So, after a brief conversation, then a warm hug for each of them, I sent them off with a powerful escort angel to their raffle prize. For these four it was a mini-vacation in the climate of their choice—completely authentic and tailored to their every desire. They were enthralled.

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NOTABLE QUOTE:

(JESUS:) DON'T LET THINGS BUILD UP. IF YOU FEEL AWKWARD OR HURT BY SOMEONE, ASK ME ABOUT IT, AND LET ME HELP YOU SEE THINGS AS I SEE THEM.

("HOW TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST THE SELVEGION," ML #3403:10.)

A Spiritual Portrayal of Unity



(Jesus:) Let Me show you a spiritual portrayal of unity. Out of the blackness rises a circular platform. Standing on it, in battle gear, is a man and a woman. They're facing outward, on guard, alert, and armed with weapons.

The unity between both of them is spiritually manifested in an intricate and powerful, almost deadly-looking armored ring that encircles them. It's shapely, attractive, and made out of curved metal, metallic looking, with designs, hooks, and curves. The power emanates up over them and down to their feet.

The weapon of unity binds your hearts and minds as one. It is a powerful force field against the Enemy and his agents of darkness, for Satan's minions cannot stand the light that shines down from Me on to those who wield the weapon of unity in their hands

and carry it in their hearts.

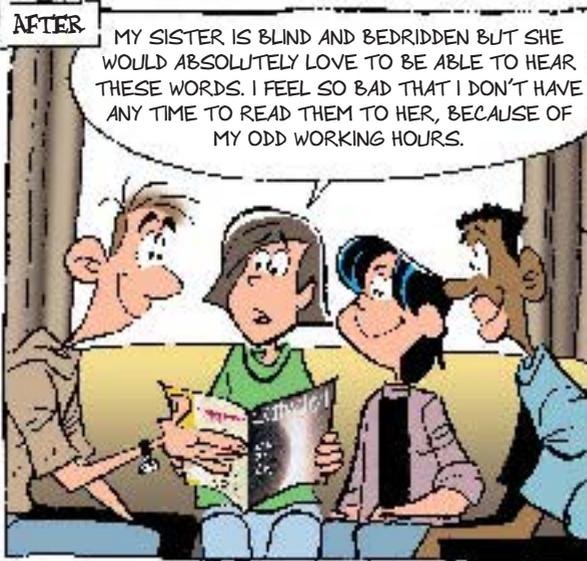
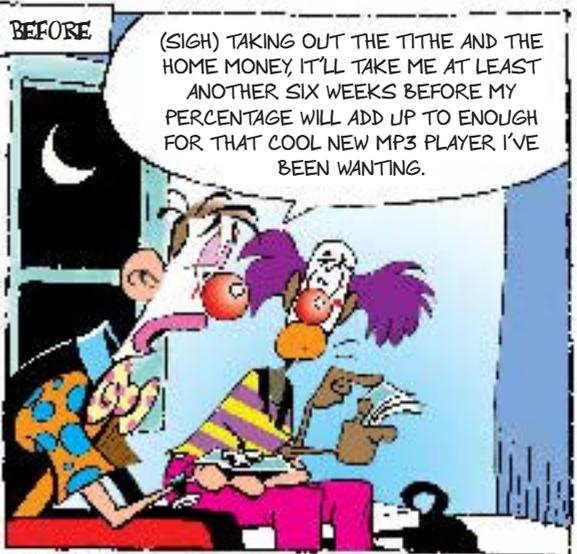
Even though this weapon does provide a measure of protection, this is not a weapon that stands on its own, for this weapon complements the others. So they are poised to fight with other spiritual weapons too. They're ready to fight a battle with whatever demon, devil or monster comes their way, and they'll be victorious.

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THE DEATH OF COMPLACENCY

(Jesus:) The complacency, the deadness of spirit, the attraction for the world, the compromise and slow seepage of the world into the hearts and Homes of the Family will continue to be eliminated naturally as you find these multitudes of hungry sheep on your doorsteps. Love for the sheep and a desire to meet their needs will automatically begin to replace a desire for the world and a focus on your own needs.



And YOU will begin to see the fulfillment of the

ERA OF ACTION!



(From ML #3298:177, 165).

COMBAT ZONE: MIND!

WITHIN "MIND."

CONTINUED!

WE'RE BEING
ATTACKED! WHIRLD
LEENESS' TROOPS ARE
FIRING ON US.

HOW DID
THEY GET
IN?

I'M SORRY,
SIR. I TRIED TO
STOP HIM...

WHERE
IS NICOLAE?

HE LEFT
TO CHECK OUT
ENTERTAINMENT DOCK.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM
SINCE.

WE NEED TO
GET OUR DEFENSES
BACK UP BEFORE WHIRLD
LEENESS DOES TOO
MUCH DAMAGE.

CONTACT NICOLAE!
HAVE HIM COME TO ME
WHEN YOU DO.

YES, SIR.

Art by Jeremy

MEANWHILE AT ENTERTAINMENT DOCK.

CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME SAY, THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH RESEARCHING MAN'S LATEST DIVERSIONS TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

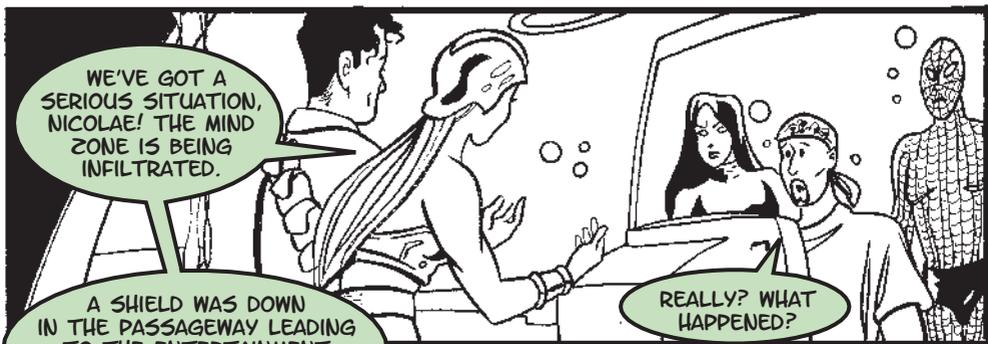
IT'S MERELY A WAY TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND YOU.

A CHANCE TO OPEN YOUR EYES.

WHOA! I NEVER THOUGHT PEOPLE WOULD DO THAT!

NICOLAE! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

EMIL! YOU STARTLED ME! OH HEY, MEET KARNLE, WEB, AND UNCLEEN...



WE'VE GOT A SERIOUS SITUATION, NICOLAE! THE MIND ZONE IS BEING INFILTRATED.

REALLY? WHAT HAPPENED?

A SHIELD WAS DOWN IN THE PASSAGEWAY LEADING TO THE ENTERTAINMENT DOCK. WHIRL LEENESS IS ATTACKING THERE!



WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU BACK, SO WE CAN FORTIFY THE MIND ZONE ONCE AGAIN.



THE GENERAL WANTS TO TALK TO YOU, TOO!

BUT ... I



THE ATTACKS ARE GETTING STRONGER. C'MON!



WABLAN!

BUT AS THEY TURN TO LEAVE...

STAY A WHILE LONGER, NICOLAE. WE WERE JUST STARTING TO HAVE FUN.

I HAVE MORE STUFF TO SHOW YOU.

STUFF YOU'LL LOVE!



...IT WAS NEVER SAFE HERE!

AAAAHHH!!

I SHOULD BE GOING. IT'S NOT SAFE HERE ANYMORE.

YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN...



HA! HA!
HA! HA!
HA!

YOUR POWER
CANNOT STAND
AGAINST THE POWER
OF GOD.

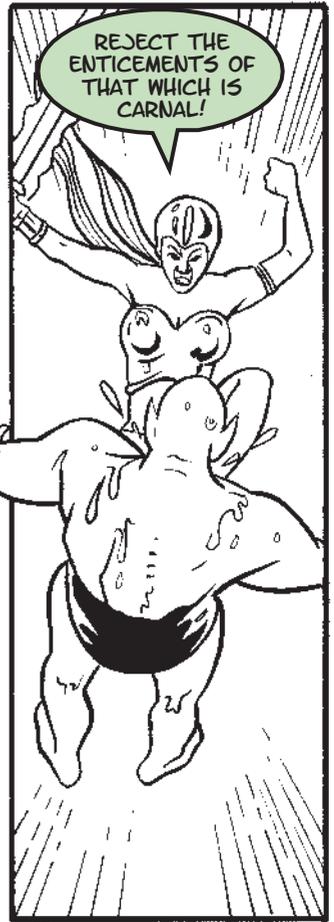
I DIDN'T REALIZE THE
DANGER. ... HOW ARE WE
GOING TO FIGHT?

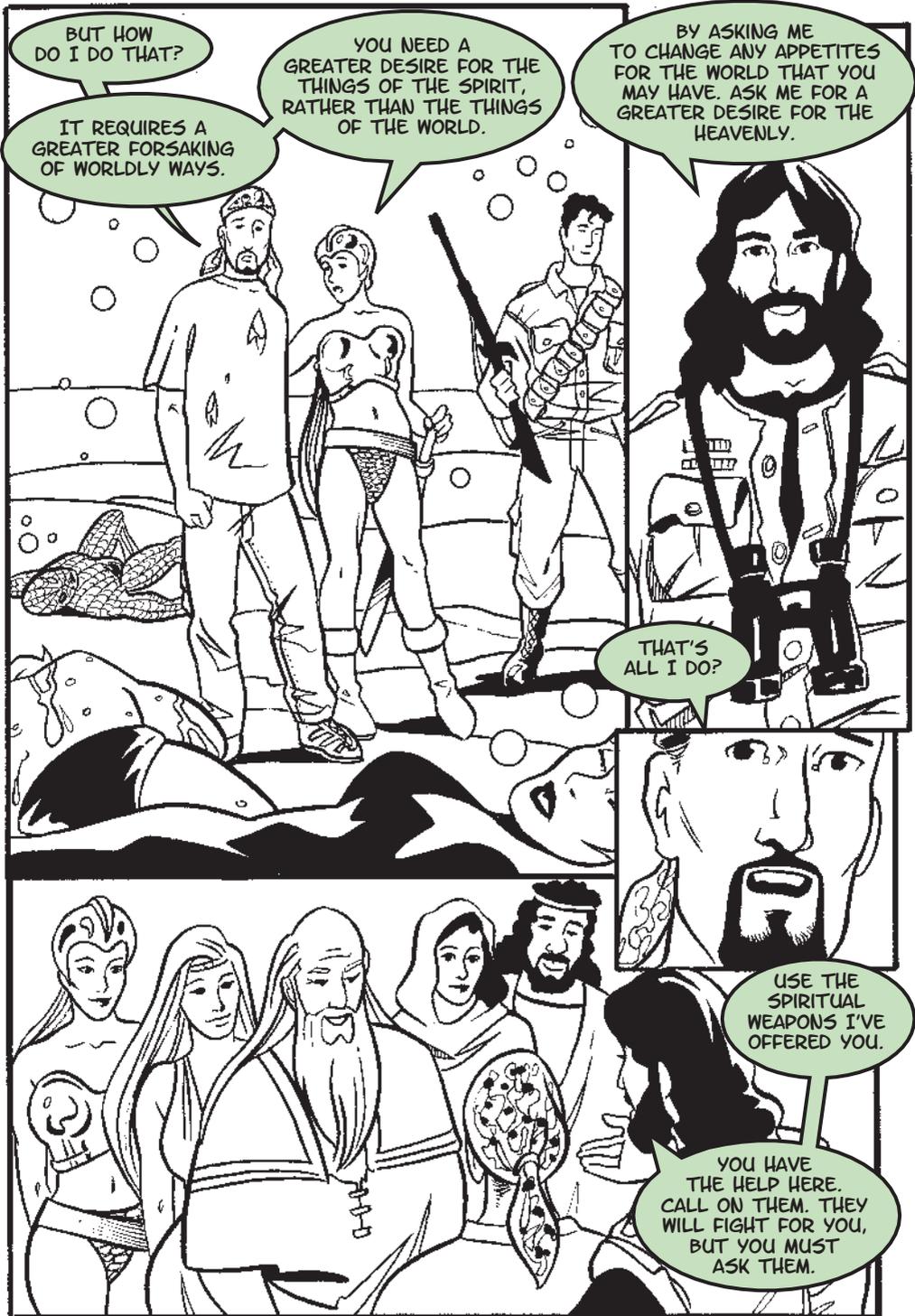
NOT OF
OURSELVES, BUT
WITH THE KEYS
AND PRAYER.

YOU
CALLED?

HEARD THERE
WAS ACTION GOING
ON OUT HERE. WE'RE
HERE TO GIVE YOU A
HAND!

COULDN'T
HAVE COME
AT A BETTER
TIME!





BUT HOW DO I DO THAT?

IT REQUIRES A GREATER FORSAKING OF WORLDLY WAYS.

YOU NEED A GREATER DESIRE FOR THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT, RATHER THAN THE THINGS OF THE WORLD.

BY ASKING ME TO CHANGE ANY APPETITES FOR THE WORLD THAT YOU MAY HAVE. ASK ME FOR A GREATER DESIRE FOR THE HEAVENLY.

THAT'S ALL I DO?

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USE THE SPIRITUAL WEAPONS I'VE OFFERED YOU.

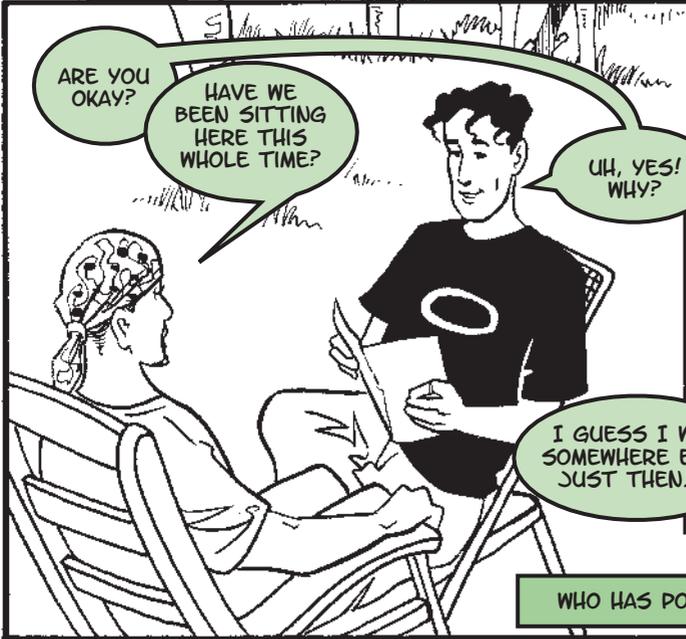
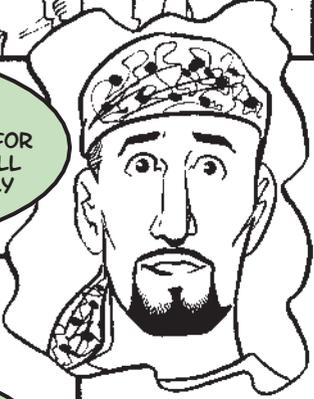
YOU HAVE THE HELP HERE. CALL ON THEM. THEY WILL FIGHT FOR YOU, BUT YOU MUST ASK THEM.



POSSESS ME FULLY, LORD. TAKE ALL OF ME—MY MIND INCLUDED!

I CLAIM THE POWER YOU'VE GIVEN THROUGH THE KEYS, FOR YOUR FULL POSSESSION OF ME. LET MY THOUGHTS BE AS YOURS!

"THERE ARE NO EARTHLY WORDS TO ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE WHAT I PREPARE FOR YOU WHO, YIELDING YOUR ALL TO ME, ALLOW ME TO FULLY POSSESS YOU."



ARE YOU OKAY?

HAVE WE BEEN SITTING HERE THIS WHOLE TIME?

UH, YES! WHY?

I GUESS I WAS SOMEWHERE ELSE JUST THEN.



WHO HAS POSSESSION OF YOUR MIND?



NOTABLE QUOTE:

THE LORD CAN GIVE YOU SO MUCH SPECIFIC SHEPHERDING IF YOU ASK HIM.—MAMA (ML #3401-1)



(Jesus:) Movies are amazing to man. Through them it seems you can lead a thousand lives without ever having to leave your living room. You are seeing glimpses of hundreds of different situations and each one can draw you in and seem very real to you. Watching a movie about knights in armor and the Middle Ages might make you feel that you have been there, or at least that you know what living in that time period was like.

But that's where you have to watch out. Movies are not adequate preparation for real life. If you watch enough of them and put too much importance on what you see and hear, you eventually start to think you know what things are like and how people act and react, but this is not the case. Movies are too closed. They're too one-dimensional and they don't show all sides. It's like a judge hearing only from the prosecution, without

giving the defense a chance to state their case.

So don't think that any amount of movies you've seen will prepare you for the real world, or for interacting with real people. Watching a movie about life today, and then thinking maybe you could make the same things work for you, is no less foolish than reading a story about the adventures of "Tarzan of the Apes" and then thinking that you are prepared to face the deep jungles of Africa alone.



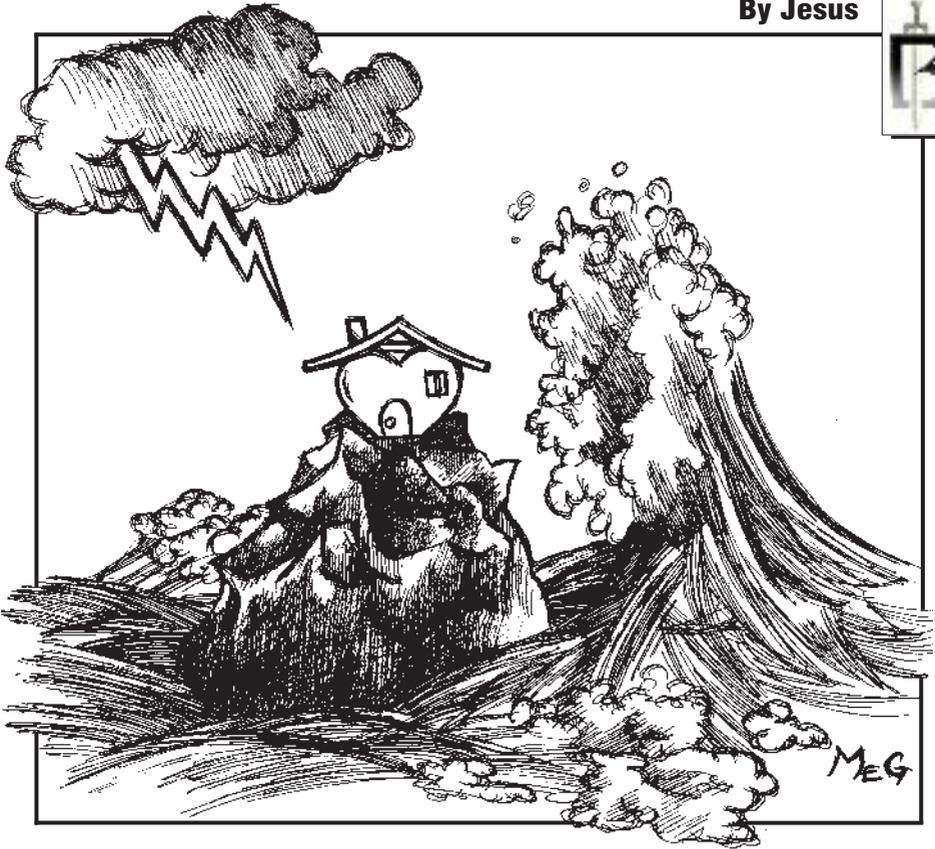
Yes, there are times that you can glean lessons from movies, but even if you faced an identical problem situation in real life, I would count on you to get fresh instructions from Me. No two situations are exactly alike, just like no two people are, and I'm the only One Who can give you the wisdom and insight to grow, and learn, and interact with people. As you soak up My Word, I will help you to make your part of the world a better place.



Anthony

WAVES OF EMOTION

By Jesus



Life can be a rough and strange road to walk down at times. It's an odd thing, life; you have your ups and your downs. The key to true happiness, not the fleeting kind, is to not let yourself be carried by every whim, by every fleeting feeling.

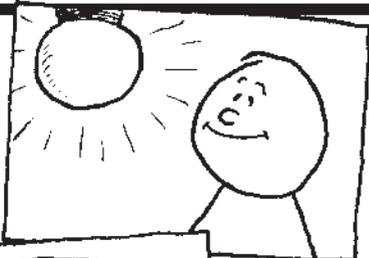
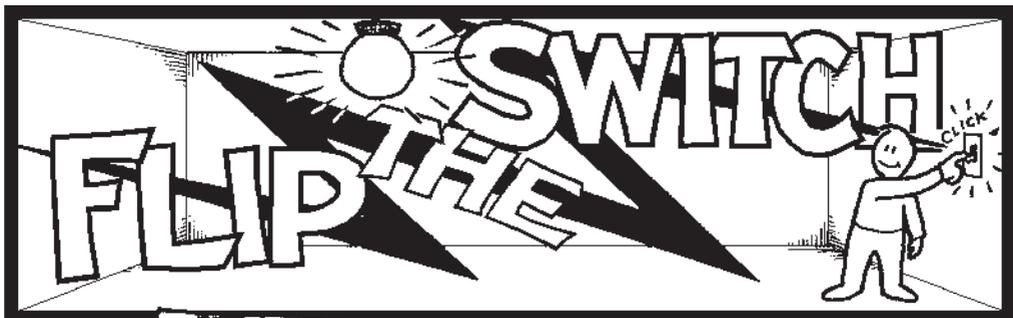
Keep your heart firmly set upon the rock of My Word so that when these waves of emotion come—whether happy or sad—your foundation is sure. Then you can weather those emotions with the comfort and security of knowing that I am in control.

Whether you *feel* happy or sad is not really the issue. The most important things are how much you love Me and how close you are to Me, and once you have your foundation sure, then these little things will be much easier to survive.

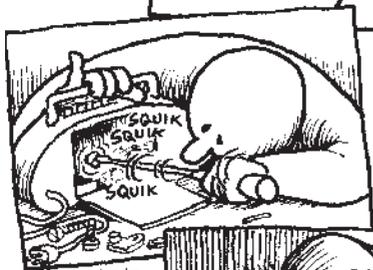
Whether you feel this way or that doesn't really matter, because you love Me and you're looking to Me. You've got your priorities straight. Trust Me and I will take care of the rest!

NOTABLE QUOTE

If you seek to find happiness and enjoyment from what the System has to offer, you will only find the same hopelessness and emptiness that those in the System face.—Jesus (ML #3402:84)

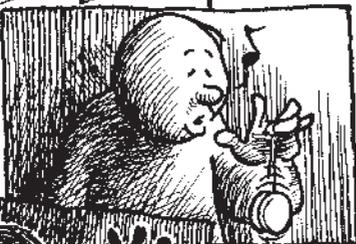


(Jesus:) I have designed the room of your life with a special light. When you take Word time, it's like you're flipping the light switch on and then your life is flooded with the light of My truth and My heavenly perspective.



But this light is special because it doesn't stay on for very long. It doesn't turn off suddenly either. It grows dimmer and dimmer with each passing hour. It's up to you to go back to the light switch and turn it on again so it floods with light again.

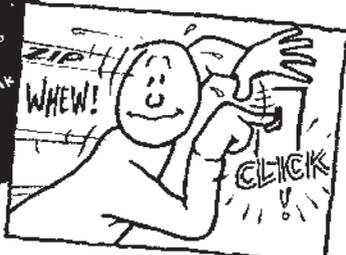
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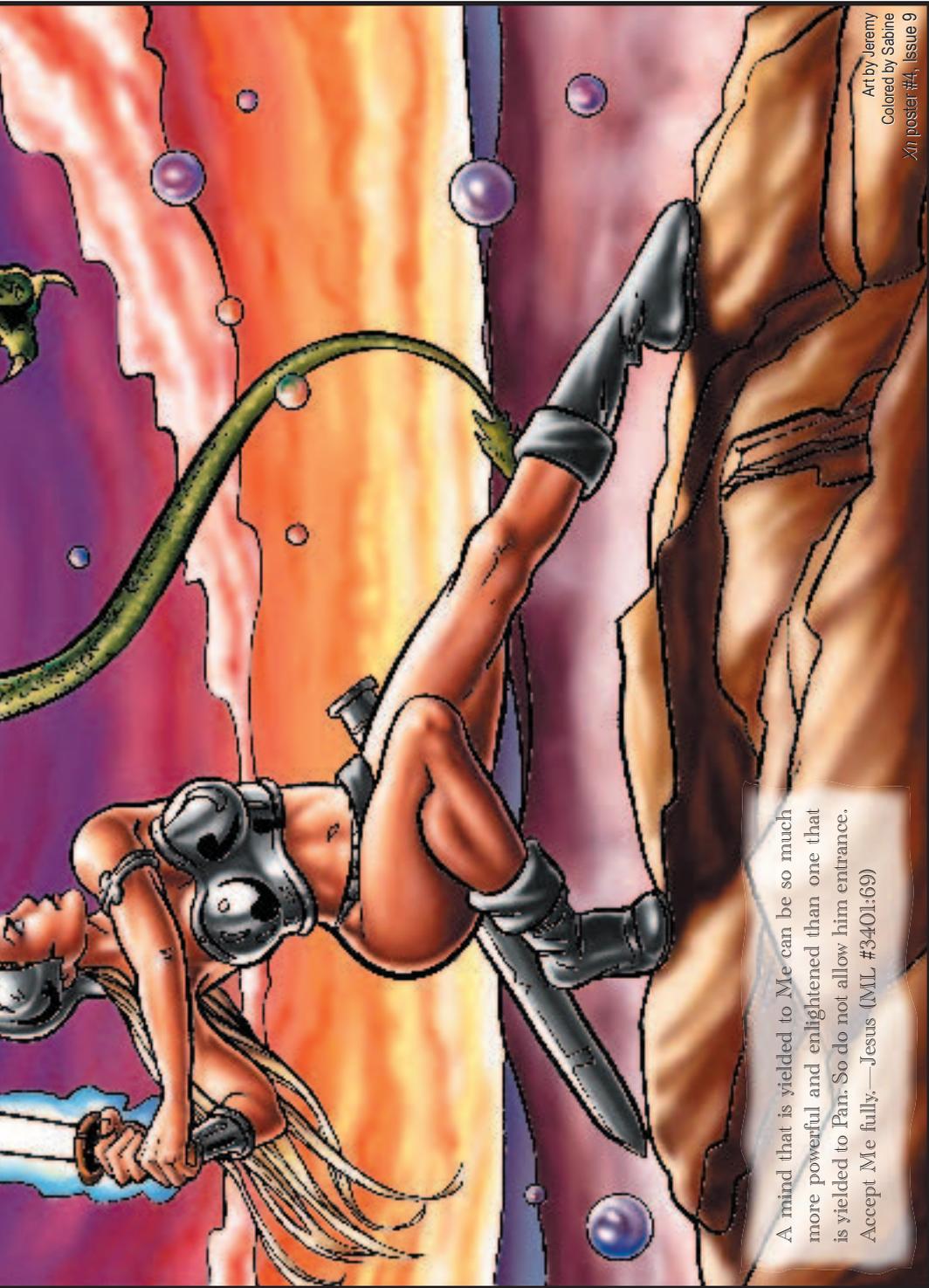
Sometimes it is a temptation to want to try to grope around the room of your life, even though the light is getting dimmer. But you see, the light is free and you can flip the switch anytime. When the light does get dimmer, you see things in a distorted way. You begin to look at things negatively because My light, My perspective, and My truth is not shining on them.



So don't delay to flip this switch every single day. The light is free and it's there for you.







A mind that is yielded to Me can be so much more powerful and enlightened than one that is yielded to Pan. So do not allow him entrance. Accept Me fully.—Jesus (ML #3401:69)

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CITY FATHER TEACHES HOW TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH OTHERS

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Abram, who you may remember from one of our articles on “Who’s Who in Our Community,” published last month, is now considered one of the richest men in Palestine. After building a shrine to God here, he left for Egypt, where his wife was the subject of scandalous news for months in their local tabloid, *The Memphis News*. According to the newspaper, she was involved in an affair with Pharaoh, who didn’t know that she was married to Abram. After finding out the truth, Pharaoh

said, “Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my workers and yours; for we are brothers.” Even more remarkable is the fact that Abram, being older and the uncle of Judge Lot, had first choice in the pastureland, however, as Eliezer comments, his boss calmly told his nephew, “Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left.” Giving the choice to our smaller competitor is practically unheard of in business dealings.



SARAI: TURNING THE HEARTS OF THE HEADS OF STATES

Judge Lot indeed got the better part of the deal. Rumor has it that God isn’t very pleased with some of the goings on in

hurried to resolve the matter by compensating Abram's temporary loss and sending him and his wife out of the country where they had been guests for a few years. *The Memphis News* tells us of another incident with the King Abimelech of Gerar, who was also attracted by this rather beautiful woman. Some say that these incidents have contributed to Abram's great wealth, as each time, they were sent away with gifts from the rulers to the injured husband. Since returning to Bethel, Abram has established one of the most prosperous businesses in town, dealing in cattle, gold, and silver.

However, since his arrival, contentions have been heard between him and his nephew, Judge Lot, who is also a very influential man and popular in the court of law of our city. Apparently there was a dispute between the workers of Abram's company and those who work for Judge Lot. Workers from both companies disputed who owned the pastureland. Lot visited Abram to discuss the matter and as it was not fully resolved, Abram, who is well known for his wisdom in such matters, offered a solution that seems to have pleased not only his nephew, but also the workers. Abram's aide Eliezer, from Damascus, mentioned that in the middle of a very heated discussion, Abram wisely



ABRAM SHOWING THE AREA LOT CHOSE: THE PLAINS OF JORDAN, WHICH INCLUDE SODOM AND GOMORRAH

Judge Lot chose the plains of Jordan, where the modern cities of Sodom and Gomorrah are. In an interview given to *The Bible Times*, Judge Lot confessed to be stunned with the fact that Abram let him have the better part of the deal, as Sodom has become the place to live in the area, with the biggest temple and nightlife. Sodom, as most people know, has some of the most valued real estate in the area and has attracted many freethinkers from all over the world. A famous actor, who recently moved into Sodom's twin city Gomorrah, said that in spite of high prices, the city was ideal for him because "it is very well watered, resembling the Garden of Eden." Time will tell whether

the twin cities and there have been some prophets warning of impending doom.

On the other hand, most communities are more than pleased to have Abram living amongst them. He is known to have lifted the faith of the citizens with his attitude of "God will provide." Every community Abram has lived in, the locals also testify joyfully that he has been instrumental in keeping the flame of faith in their hearts by building shrines to God in their city. Many wonder who this man is. Though a foreigner, he manages to live peacefully as a guest in potentially hostile Canaanite and Perizzite communities, yet without succumbing to their questionable habits and worship of many gods.

VISIT UR OF THE CHALDEES

The native city of Terah and Abram! Situated on the River Euphrates in Southern Iraq! There you can find royal cemeteries, the temple of Nannar, who is also worshipped at Harran, and the ziggurat built by Ur-Nammu, the founder of the third Dynasty. Special tour leaving on the finest camels in town! **THIS WEEK!**

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Age: 22
Writing from: Rio de Janeiro

Thoughts from Coral



yeah, I know I was weird ... I mean, my favorite subject was math

As a 12- and 13-year-old, I was one of those rare cases that actually enjoyed school, so when I turned 14 and started to move into a ministry, I missed it. It's not that I was so concerned about getting smarter or feeling up to par ; I just had an interest in school.

I had a good education

Five years later.

I was 19. The CVC book was out.

took awhile 'cause I was in the middle of a move when it came out

When I got around to cracking open the CVC book, it seemed complicated, but after a bit more study, it turned out to be very simple.

while being involved in a full-time ministry

In fact, it was a godsend. It was something I could do in my own time, and it gave me a clear outline of what I could work towards.

I began by taking the Junior High tests. Then I decided to go for my High School Diploma.

yes, even
on my DAY
OFF

Since there were a few young people in my Home, we got one set of study books and each did the work in his or her own notebooks. That helped cut down on expenses. We got one morning a week of study time, but I studied whenever I could. I tried to do at least a few pages a day.

some of us
YA/SGAs help
to organize
activities,
Bible classes,
etc., for OCs,
JETT's, and
teens in the
area

In less than a year, I had received my High School Diploma, and went to work toward the Childcare and Homecare certificates. Now I'm working towards a Youth Counseling certificate, 'cause I'm involved in the area "bellwether" project.

and even
sacrifice

Memo from me: If we young people want to get a proper education, we have to put some effort into it. I'm all for the Homes giving us time to study, but it's up to us to use that time to the max. In most situations you can fit in a bit of study here and there, and the end result is a lot more progress.

My advice: Get that CVC book. Pick your subjects. Get rolling. It's simple, efficient, and easy to work with. It doesn't cost anything. All the material listed is included on the CVC CD. If you have any problems or questions, drop a line to your CVC coordinator. They're always glad to help.

CVC is worth it!!

I HAVE TO KNOW

(Story courtesy of Voice of the Martyrs, VOTM.com)

NAME: THOMAS
HAUKER
PLACE: ENGLAND
IN THE 1500S

THOMAS...

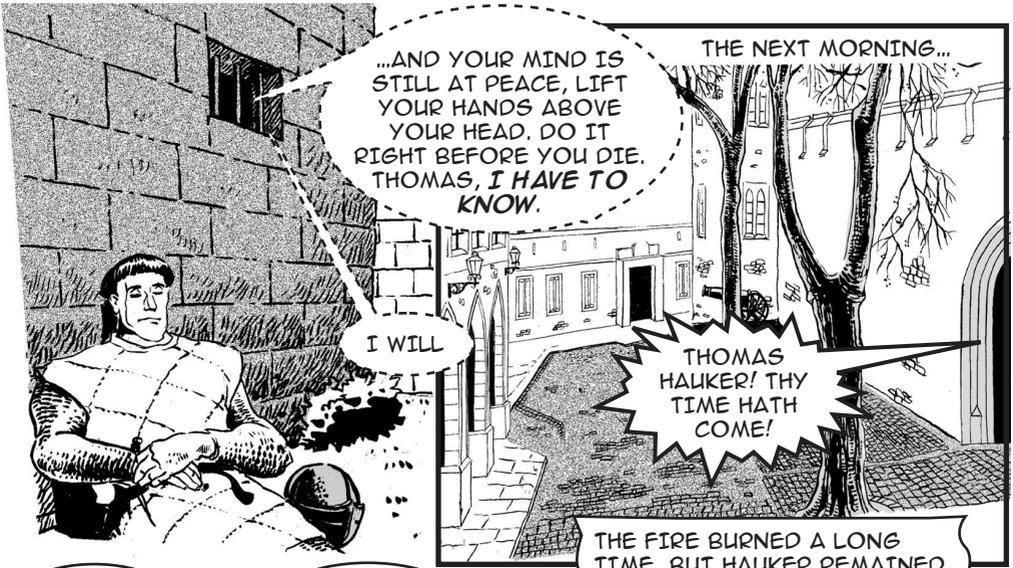
I HAVE TO ASK
YOU A FAVOR...

I NEED TO
KNOW IF WHAT
OTHERS SAY ABOUT
THE GRACE OF GOD
IS TRUE.

TOMORROW, WHEN
THEY BURN YOU AT
THE STAKE FOR YOUR
FAITH, IF THE PAIN IS
TOLERABLE...

Tiago





...AND YOUR MIND IS STILL AT PEACE, LIFT YOUR HANDS ABOVE YOUR HEAD. DO IT RIGHT BEFORE YOU DIE. THOMAS, I HAVE TO KNOW.

I WILL

THE NEXT MORNING...

THOMAS HAUKER! THY TIME HATH COME!

THE FIRE BURNED A LONG TIME, BUT HAUKER REMAINED MOTIONLESS.



REMEMBER THOMAS!

SORRY, THOMAS, IT'S TIME TO GO!



HE DIDN'T DO IT! LORD HELP ME.

EVERYONE WATCHING SUPPOSED HE WAS DEAD.



SUDDENLY...

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

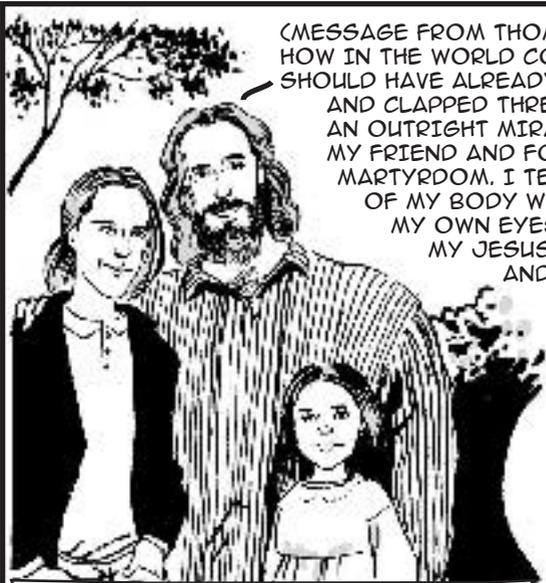


HAUKER'S FRIEND HAD HIS ANSWER.

THE PEOPLE THERE BROKE INTO SHOUTS OF PRAISE AND APPLAUSE.



THANK YOU JESUS!



(MESSAGE FROM THOMAS HAUKER, NOW IN HEAVEN:) HOW IN THE WORLD COULD I HAVE DONE THAT? WHEN I SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEAD, I RAISED MY HANDS AND CLAPPED THREE TIMES. THAT, MY FRIENDS, WAS AN OUTRIGHT MIRACLE TO PROVE GOD'S LOVE FOR MY FRIEND AND FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WITNESSING MY MARTYRDOM. I TELL YOU PLAINLY THAT I WAS OUT OF MY BODY WHEN THIS HAPPENED. I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES, AND I MARVELED AT THE LOVE OF MY JESUS. HE RELEASED ME FROM MY BODY AND THE PAIN I'D FELT INITIALLY FROM THE FLAMES WAS FORGOTTEN IN AN INSTANT.

YES, THAT DAY, JESUS SENT AN ANGEL TO RAISE MY HANDS IN TRIUMPH, AND MY HEART WAS COMFORTED, KNOWING THAT MY FRIEND HAD HIS ANSWER.



(DAD:) THE MARTYRS' VERY DEATH BECAME THEIR FINAL WITNESS. THAT'S WHAT THE WORD "MARTYR" MEANS IN GREEK, "WITNESS." MARTYRDOM IS A WITNESS! HOW MUCH GREATER AND BETTER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL AND MORE GLORIOUS AND MORE VICTORIOUS WAS THEIR MARTYRDOM AS A WITNESS TO THEIR FAITH AND THEIR LOVE, RATHER THAN DYING AT THEIR OWN HAND. (ML #1402:14.)



COME, CROWDS OF WILD BEASTS... ONLY LET ME ATTAIN UNTO CHRIST!*



* IGNATIUS (AD 67-110), DISCIPLE OF JOHN, AFTER BEING CONDEMNED TO BE THROWN TO THE WILD BEASTS IN ROME.

(DAD:) YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE DYING GRACE NOW! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT AND FEAR IT AND WONDER ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN YOU DIE. WHEN IT COMES THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU DYING GRACE AND DYING WILL PROBABLY BE THE EASIEST THING YOU EVER DID, THE HARD THING IS TO LIVE!—RIGHT?

WOULD I EVER MAKE IT IN SUCH A SITUATION?

LORD, GIVE ME THE GRACE.

THE EASIEST THING CHRISTIANS EVER HAVE TO DO IS TO DIE! EVEN IF YOU DIE AS A MARTYR AT THE STAKE OR ON A CROSS OR WHATEVER, THAT'S GOING TO BE THE EASIEST THING YOU EVER DID...

SO YOU WON'T TELL US WHERE YOUR FRIENDS ARE!

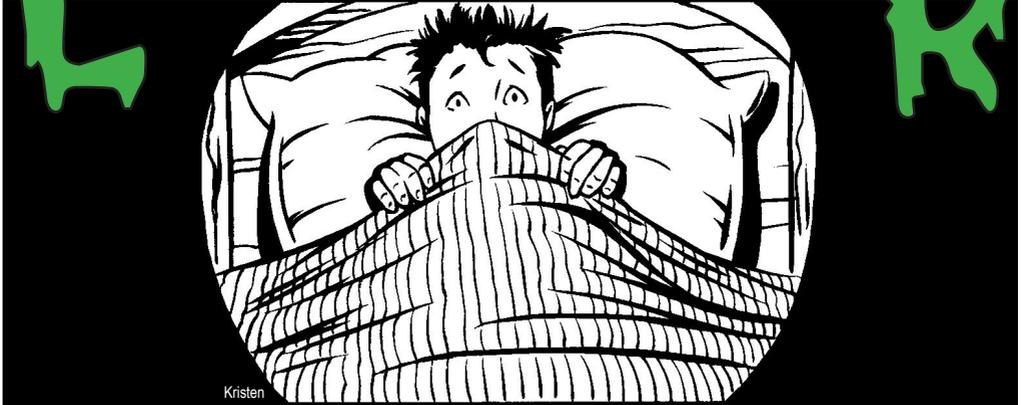
...AND PROBABLY THE QUICKEST. THE LORD'S GOING TO MAKE IT EASY AND QUICK, I'M SURE, IN ORDER TO RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR JOB SINCE IT'S OVER. PTL?—MAYBE MAKE A TESTIMONY OF YOUR DEATH TO SHOW HOW MUCH YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO DIE FOR IT! (ML#2124:14.)

YOU DID GREAT, SON!

THE LORD IS THE ONE WHO REALLY DID IT!

TO BE OR NOT TO BE A MARTYR! PRAISE THE LORD!

LAY OFF THE FEAR



B (Jesus:) Right, so you're lying on your bed and something's not quite right: You're scared! You're not exactly sure what you're scared of, or why you're scared; you just are. Your heart is beating a thousand beats per second and your breathing is labored and intense.

Great, you think, here I am freaked out, and nothing really scary is happening. If I'm so petrified now, how am I going to ever cope when things are honestly worth being freaked out over? Like ... the Endtime.

Just the thought of it is enough to make your stomach whirl and cramp up.

Man, if someone ever pointed a gun at me, he wouldn't even have to shoot; I'd keel over and die of fright!



Wait a sec!

Let's get off the dying and let's focus on the fear issue. It's very real, isn't it? If you feel it now, about trivial things, it seems that it's only going to worsen in difficult circumstances. There's a verse that says "fear hath torment," and that's exactly what's happening to you. Fear does nothing to lend to improving situations, because you're enacting a whole terrible scene in your mind of what might be your fate in the future. But you're leaving out a very necessary addition to complete this picture ... Me!

If you put Me into the equation you'll realize that there's so little to be afraid of. I've told you that I know every hair on your head. Well, don't you think that's pretty impressive, that with all the millions of people in the world, I know exactly how many hairs are on each one's head? So what are you worrying about? I will never lose track of you. You are a beautiful spirit, and one of My valued creations.



No matter what happens during the End-time, I am more powerful than the Evil One, which makes you, My child, stronger and greater than any of the Devil's forces, because you've got Me backing you. And believe Me...



Lay off the fears and worries of what's going to happen when the Endtime rolls around. Just do your best to prepare and take the steps you can to be ready for this final episode that is going to shake this world.

FIGHTING YOUR GREATEST FOE



YEP. HE USES YOU—THAT IS, YOUR OWN REGULAR WEAKNESSES.

NOW, TO THE MIRROR!



(JESUS:) THE ENEMY IS VERY SUBTLE. RATHER THAN SENDING UGLY-LOOKING OPPONENTS WHO ARE EASY TO RECOGNIZE, HE SENDS MANY OF HIS ATTACKS IN A GREAT DISGUISE. WANT TO KNOW WHAT THAT DISGUISE IS? TAKE A LOOK IN THE MIRROR.

SO THEN, WHEN YOU GET UP TO FACE YOUR OPPONENT, YOU SEE A MIRROR IMAGE OF YOURSELF. YOUR AUTOMATIC REACTION IS:

Tiago



DRAG, ANOTHER DAY. LIFE IS SUCH A BUMMER. I'VE BEEN MAKING SO MANY MISTAKES LATELY, I'M JUST TIRED OF MYSELF!



THAT'S ME! I DON'T NEED TO ATTACK MYSELF, I DON'T WANT TO ATTACK MYSELF.



THIS IS WHERE YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S THE ENEMY, THAT EVEN THOUGH HE USES YOUR OWN "NORMAL" WEAKNESSES OF NEGATIVE THINKING...

...OF FEELING DISCOURAGED, OR OF BEING SENSITIVE, THIS IS THE CLOAK WITH WHICH HE COVERS HIS DIRTY WILES. PRAY TO ME TO HELP YOU RECOGNIZE THE ATTACKS OF THE ENEMY WHEN HE USES YOUR NATURAL WEAKNESSES.

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN YOU MUST GO EVEN MORE ON THE ATTACK TO USE PRAISE AND PRAYER AND HEARING MY VOICE...

LORD, I CALL ON THE KEYS FOR VICTORY!



...BECAUSE REMEMBER, IT IS NOT YOU WHO LIVE BUT I WHO LIVE IN YOU (GALATIANS 2:20).

HELLO? SWEET BOY, COME BACK! I HAVE A FEW MORE THINGS TO SHARE WITH YOU. ... NAUGHTY BOY!

SO WHEN YOU DETECT "NORMAL" PERSONALITY TRAITS, OR "NORMAL" WEAKNESSES, ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

DO THESE HIGHLIGHT JESUS IN MY LIFE, OR DO THEY PROMOTE ME?

MY INDEPENDENCE?

AND MY FREETHINKING?



AND THEN, WHEN YOU SEE THAT THEY DO NOT LIFT ME UP, THEY DO NOT GIVE PLACE TO ME, THEY DO NOT GIVE ME FREE REIN IN YOUR LIFE AND IN YOUR HEART AND YOUR MIND, YOU CAN ATTACK THEM IN FULL FAITH, KNOWING THAT ANY FEELING THAT PUSHES MY THOUGHTS OUT OF YOUR MIND IS OF THE ENEMY.

BOY! DO I HAVE TO SAY IT AGAIN! COME BACK HERE!



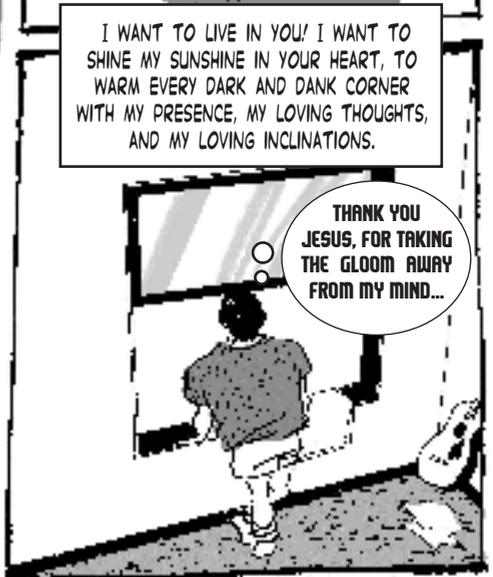
COME HERE!!!

FOILED AGAIN!



I WANT TO LIVE IN YOU! I WANT TO SHINE MY SUNSHINE IN YOUR HEART, TO WARM EVERY DARK AND DANK CORNER WITH MY PRESENCE, MY LOVING THOUGHTS, AND MY LOVING INCLINATIONS.

THANK YOU JESUS, FOR TAKING THE GLOOM AWAY FROM MY MIND...



SO LET ME IN. LET ME TAKE THE PLACE OF YOUR NATURAL WEAKNESSES.



LET ME DWELL IN YOU. FIGHT THE ENEMY WHEN HE USES THESE SUBTLE ATTACKS TO DEFEAT YOU. RIP THE CLOAK OF SELF OFF OF HIS DIRTY WILES, AND SEE HIS ATTACKS FOR WHAT THEY ARE: TRICKS TO TRY TO CAUSE YOU TO TURN AWAY FROM ME AND THE POWER THAT I HAVE TO GIVE YOU.

Notable Quote: To make change long-lasting, you must see that your life and your way of thinking or reacting or living will not produce the results that you want.—Jesus (ML #332444)

