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(JESUS:) THERE ARE so many dif-FERENT WAYS TO UNITEYOUR HOME SPIRITUALLY EVEN TIMES OF FUN AND RELAXATION TOGETHER DOING THINGS OTHER THAN WATCHING MOVIES IS SPIRITUALLY UNIT-ING-PLAYING GAMES, DOING CHARADES. THINGS LIKE THAT. IT DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE TOTALLY WORD-CENTERED; JUST DOING THINGS TOGETHER IS A UNIT-ING FOR CE SOME-THING WHERE YOU INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER. I KNOW YOU UNITE FOR MOVIE WATCHING, BUT THIS IS NOT AN ACTIVITY IN WHICH YOU INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER



AT HOME TO UNITE YOU IN SPIRIT THAT ARE BOTH FUN AND RELAXING AND EDIFYING—SHARING MIRACLES

OF SUPPLY: SHARING TESTS AND BATTLES THAT YOU'VE GONE THROUGH: SHARING LESSONS THAT YOU'VE LEAR NED: TELLING OF ANGELIC. SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS THAT YOU'VE HAD; OR HEARING SOMEONE'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY. BUT THERE MUST BE AN EFFORT ON THE PART OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE BODY TO BE WILL-ING TO ENTER. IN AND TAKE PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES. THESE ACTIVITIES BENEFIT your spirit and the spiritual unity of the body. and although you don't SEE THE FRUIT OF THEM IN THE PHYSICAL, NEVERTHELESS THERE IS FRUIT IN THE SPIRIT.

("HAVE FUN WITH JESUS!" ML #3437:84,96)



MENSELY MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER DESIRE. JUST ASK! ("GEMS AND JEWELS, PART 1," ML #3416:121)



CALL UPON THE KEYS OF REVELATION AND FORESIGHT TO REVEAL THE DEVICES AND PLANS OF THOSE WHO SEEK YOUR DEMISE. THE KEYS WILL LAY A STRAIGHT <mark>path b</mark>efore you that you may

BE PRESERVED FROM EVERY EVIL WORK.

QUESTION

DAVID, YOUR QUIRKY PROPHET



FOLLOW DAVID'S EXAMPLE BY NOT CARING ABOUT ANY-THING BUT ME AND WHAT I THINK, EVEN BEING HAPPY TO BE COUNTED AS A FOOL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE MY FOOL AND NOT THE DEVIL'S.

YOU'LL DISCOVER WITH
TIME THAT THOSE WHO ARE
MY FOOLS ARE THE ONES
WHO WILL BE HONORED IN
THE LATTER TIMES, AND IN THE
COMING HEAVENLY KINGDOM,
WHILE THOSE WHO CHOOSE
TO BE THE DEVIL'S FOOLS BY
CONFORMING TO THE WORLD
ARE GOING TO BE SHOWN
UP AS BEING THE REAL FOOLS
THEN, AS THEY LIVE IN EVERLASTING SHAME AND CON-

SO BE FOOLS LIKE DAVID YOUR PROPHET! BE HAPPY FOOLS FOR ME!

(JESUS:) DAVID IS THE PROPHET I ANOINTED TO CREATE THIS FAMILY OF RADICAL AND CRAZY DISCIPLES FOR THE LAST DAYS. YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY DISCIPLES IN THESE LAST DAYS, BUT YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT YOU'VE BEEN CALLED AND CHOSEN FOR THIS OUTFIT.

DAVID WAS AND IS A
QUIRKY PROPHET, JUST TO
SHOW THAT I CAN USE ANYONE, EVEN FUNNY OLD DAVID.
YOU DON'T NEED TO LOOK AT
HIM AS UNCOOL, BECAUSE IN
MY BOOK HE WAS BEING SO
AWESOMELY COOL BY CHOOSING THE MOST IMPORTANT
THINGS IN LIFE, LIKE PLEASING
ME AND HEARING FROM ME
AND BEING FAITHFUL TO PASS
ON THE WORDS I GAVE HIM.

HE'S A CRAZY PROPHET, AND SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL LIKE THIS FAMILY IS A BIT CRAZY, AND YOU WONDER WHY ON EARTH I PUT YOU IN IT. BUT I SAY, BE PROUD TO BE CRAZY AND NOT STIFF AND RIGID AND CONFORMED TO THE WORLD LIKE SO MANY OF THE MASSES TODAY. BE PROUD IN A GOOD WAY THAT I'VE MADE YOU DIFFERENT, CALLED YOU OUT, THAT IN A WORLD OF GRAY I'VE SPLASHED YOU WITH THE BRIGHT COLORS OF MY HOLY SPIRIT.

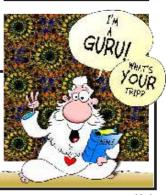
(Dad:) I'm a guru, defined by the dictionary as a "spiritual teacher"—but otherwise commonly known as some kind of religious nut!—What kind of nut are <u>you</u>?

("Whose Fool Are You?" ML #800)

(Xn: This short Letter makes for great reading!)

NOTABLE QUOTE:

(Jesus:) Be not as the kings who looked upon the prophet as merely a man, but be as David who looked upon the prophet as the Spirit of God! For even your David said that in the flesh he was just a funny old man, but in the Spirit, he is the great King David! ("Be Encouraged!" 3047:149)



CRAZY PROPHET

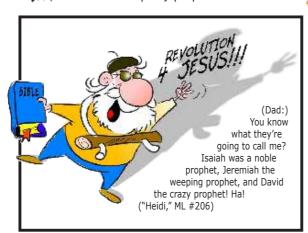
(Dad:) Who am I? Look at me—an old hunk of clay, ugly, old and pretty dumb, and a little crazy!

Do I act and look like a king?— Only when I'm under the anointing. Otherwise, I look and act and sound like the fool I am! But when God has given you a role to play and you can play it with divine anointing and real inspiration of the Lord and by the power of His Spirit, you become that creation of God! ("Glamour or Glory?" ML #328:17,19)





(Xn: Here are some fun quotes from our very own dear and quirky prophet, Dad.)





(Dad:) I'm such a crazy funny prophet! I don't think there's ever been a Prophet in the whole World as crazy and funny as I am! ("Dad's Jewels!" ML #1361:46)



(Dad:) If the Devil can't stop you, he's always trying to calm you down and say, "Be more careful. Don't be so extreme. Don't be such a fool and fanatic." It reminds me of those sandwich boards some of our folks used to wear while out witnessing and picketing in Huntington Beach. On one side it said, "I'm a fool for Christ's sake," and on the other side it said, "Whose fool are you?" So you've got your choice! There's no place in between, you're either a fool for the Lord or you're a fool for the Devil and the World and the System. ("Views On the News!" ML #2940:83)

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AND THAT'S GOOD, BECAUSE IF IT WERE NOT SO I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE YOU TO THE FULL. STRIVE TO BE NOTHING AND A NOBODY, BECAUSE THAT IS WHEN I CAN USE YOU.

(JESUS:) MY DEAR, YOU MIGHT FEEL LIKE YOU ARE A NOBODY, A NOTHING, AND THAT IT'S ONLY A MIRACLE THAT YOU ARE HERE TODAY.

WHEN A LITTLE SEED FALLS INTO THE GROUND, IT CAN





THE SEED NEEDS EARTH THAT IS YIELDED, GENTLE, AND KIND IN ALLOWING THE SEED TO FALL INTO IT AND BE CARED FOR.



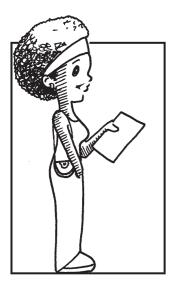




IF THE SEED FELL ON A ROCK-EVEN A PRECIOUS GEM THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL TO LOOK AT, AND ADMIRED BY THOSE AROUND-THE ROCK COULD NOT NOURISH AND HELP THE SEED TO GROW, THE SEED WOULD BE EXPOSED AND LEFT TO FEND FOR ITSELF, IT WOULD SOON DRY UP AND COULD NOT GROW INTO THE PLANT IT WAS MEANT

EVEN SO, IF A CHILD WAS LEFT WITH A SECRETARY WHO WAS BUSY ALL DAY WITH TYPING AND PROCESSING THE SOLID ROCK OF MY WORD AND ALL ITS PRECIOUS GEMS, THE SECRETARY WOULD NOT HAVE THE TIME THAT IS NEEDED TO GROUND THE CHILD IN THE WORD.

OR IF THE SEED FELL INTO THE WATER—SO FUN AND REFRESHING—THE WATER WOULD QUENCH THE LITTLE SEED'S THIRST, BUT THE WATER WOULD NOT BE FIRM ENOUGH FOR THE SEED TO GROW INTO THE STRONG PLANT THAT IT COULD BECOME, AND THE SEED WOULD SOON DROWN.



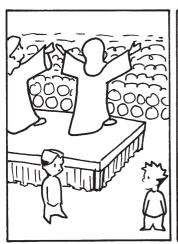
EVEN SO, IF A CHILD WAS CONSTANTLY WITH AN OUTGOING, CHARISMATIC, OUTREACH PERSON,



WHILE THE CHILD
MIGHT HAVE FUN, THE
OUTREACHER WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO GIVE THE
CHILD ALL THAT HE NEEDS.



OR IF THE SEED STUCK TO A BIRD'S FEATHERS AND NEVER FELL TO THE EARTH, THE BIRD MIGHT BE FUN AND EXCITING TO BE AROUND AND MIGHT SHOW THE WORLD TO THE LITTLE SEED,





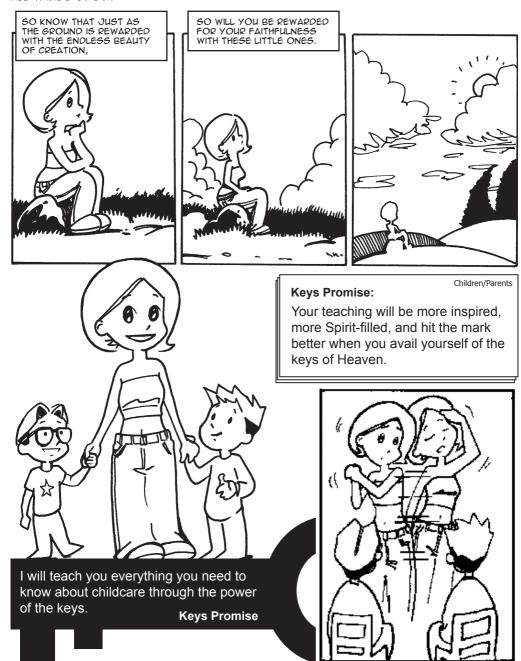


BUT THE SEED WOULD STILL SOONER OR LATER NEED TO FALL TO THE GROUND AND BE NOURISHED, PROTECTED, AND SUPPORTED BY SOMETHING SO SEEMINGLY UNIMPORTANT AS DIRT, SOMETHING SO SEEMINGLY PLAIN AS THE BROWN SOIL.

EVEN SO, IF A CHILD TRAVELED WITH A SHOW TROUPE AND SAW LOTS OF DIFFERENT PLACES, THOSE IN THE TROUPE WOULD NEED ALL THE TIME THEY HAVE TO PRACTICE AND PREPARE FOR THEIR SHOWS, SO THE CHILD WOULD NOT GET THE INPUT IT NEEDS TO GROW IN ME.

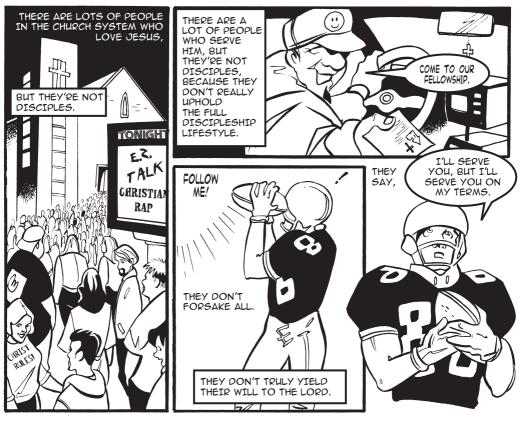
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SO IF YOU ARE TEMPTED TO COMPARE WITH OTHER SEEMINGLY MORE GLORIOUS MINISTRIES, OR TO GET BORED WITH THE JOB AT HAND, THEN REMEMBER THAT ALL PRECIOUS STONES ARE DUG OUT OF THE GROUND, THAT YOU WOULD NOT HAVE A PLACE TO CONTAIN THE WATER IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE GROUND, AND THAT THE BIRDS WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO LAND ON IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE EARTH UNDER YOUR FEET THAT HELPS ALL THINGS GROW.



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WE IN THE CM FAMILY NEED TO BE DISCIPLES, AND WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT DISCIPLESHIP IS.

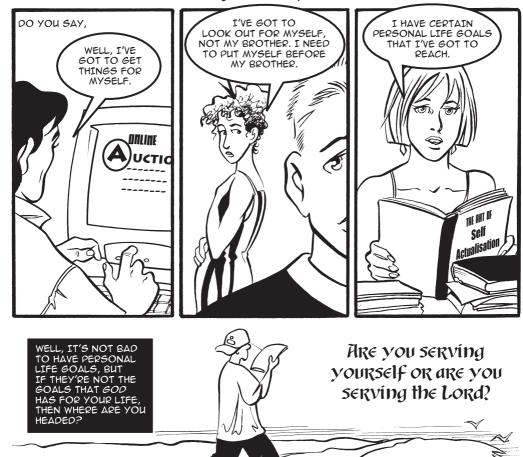
And discipleship is based a lot on action.







What are your priorities?



Discipleship is a matter of the spirit.

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU.



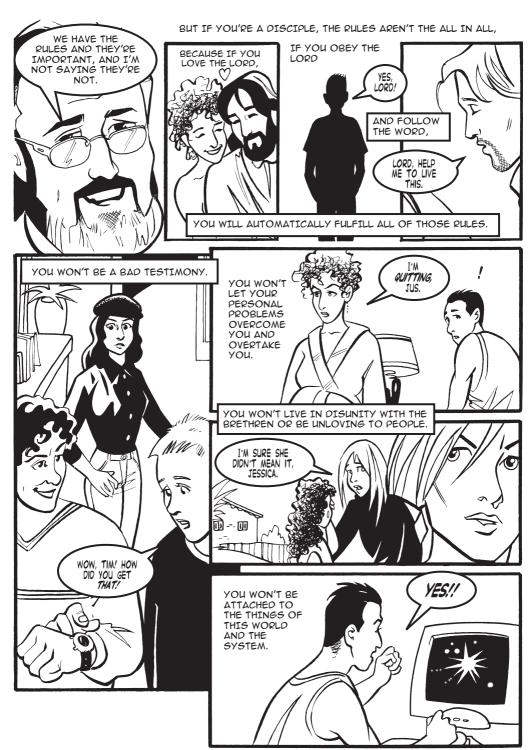
BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE THE HEART AND SPIRIT OF A DISCIPLE, TRULY FORSAKING ALL, GIVING YOUR LIFE COMPLETELY TO JESUS,







YOUR SO-CALLED DISCIPLESHIP WON'T JUST BE BASED ON THE RULES.









YOU WILL DO ALL THESE THINGS THAT THE LORD HAS SAID ARE PART OF DISCIPLESHIP.





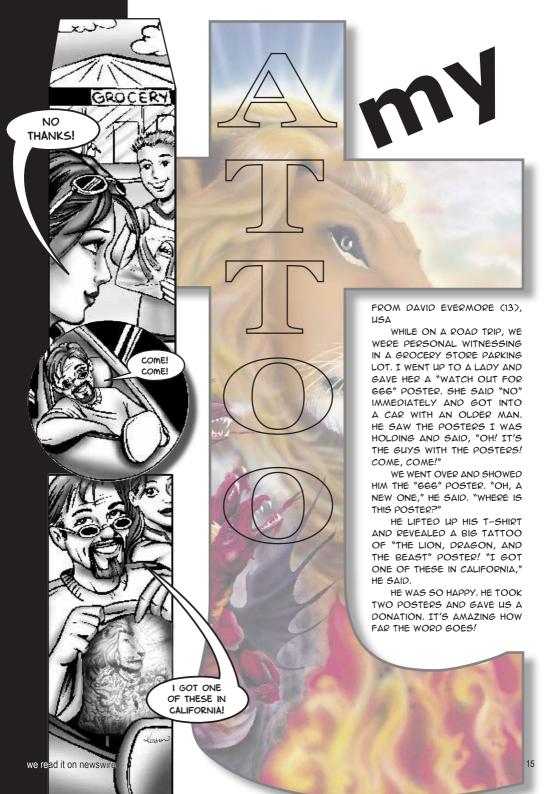
YOU ARE A DISCIPLE. YOU ARE A PROFESSIONAL.

THAT'S REALLY
WHAT WE'RE AFTER.
THAT'S WHAT THE
LORD'S AFTER, AND
HE'S BEEN VERY CLEAR
ABOUT THAT.

If you need to change your mindset, call on the keys of discipleship and experience a complete reworking of your mind by My power.



("New Year's Challenge for 2004!" ML #3468:160-166)





(TOLD BY JESUS)

There were once two young women who could be classed as fashion fiends. Oh, they were missionaries and loved nothing more than to minister to the poor in flesh and in spirit, but how they loved a new dress or trendy outfit.

These women lived in a wealthy Western land, but by and by I called both to separate lands, one in Latin America and one in Asia.

Their love for good threads seemed at peril, but to their delight they found fashion lines unheard of in the West, and their joy knew no bounds.

Presently, I began to lead My children to leave the trinkets of the world farther behind than ever, and to take up the weapons and garments of the spirit that they would need for the intense days ahead.







These two young women opened their arms and hearts wide for My new ways of the Spirit, but their arms and hearts were already so full of fashionable trinkets that they had not the room to accommodate the things of the Spirit. First one, then both of them forsook their earthly addictions for a time of commitment, but while one threw herself fully into the things of the Spirit, drinking them in with wild abandon, the other only sipped of the cup that I offered.

And so it was that the wholehearted woman found her heart satisfied fully by Me. She reveled more and more each day in the wonderful gifts I was showering on her as a result of each step of faith she took to put on the garments and take up the new weapons.

However, the second woman found her soul hungering after the trinkets of her old life. She



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However, My other poor child found herself being blown about with the chill winds, even as her idols of the world fell one by one through the devices of the god of this world. Her light had gone out, and she had naught to warm herself, much less the other lost souls about her.

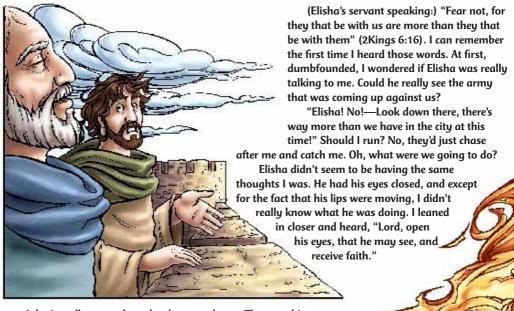
These two loved Me equally to begin with, but only one allowed Me into her heart fully, and gave Me full sway to prove My love and power in her life. Yes, both loved Me even when the darkness fell, but only one was able to warm others with My love, taken from the great store within

her soul that she had carefully tended with My Word, My new weapons, and the garments of the spirit I had given to her.

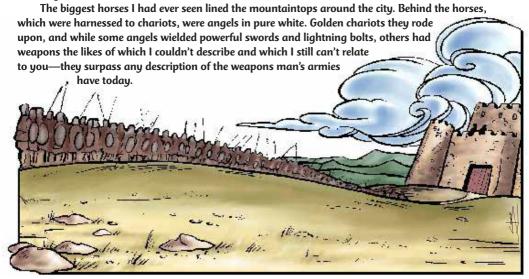


(Xn: For another fantastic Letter on this subject, see "Trash Your Trinkets and Head for the Hills," ML #3186.) blade

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I don't really remember what happened next. The next thing
I knew was that Elisha was bending over me, offering a hand
to help me up. It seemed that for a moment my eyes were filled
with brightness—just the opposite of the blackness you see when
you're about to faint. The shock of it must have thrown me back.
I reached for his hand and as he pulled me up, again I could see an
overwhelming radiant glow, and when I focused more intently, the view was absolutely
amazing!



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This host of Heaven was arrayed in a sea of pure white fire! So bright was the light of it that I instinctively covered my eyes to protect them. The seething flames were so intense that they even made the chariots upon which the angels rode seem alive! I now know that the fire was an earthly manifestation of



I felt a frightful sort of awe as I took the scene in.—So thankful was I that they were on our side!—Ha! The sight of it all filled me with confidence. No longer were we the underdogs in this conflict. Looking at Elisha, he seemed to stand tall as a great general commanding this host of heavenly angels. His words sounded more like a command: "Lord, I pray Thee, smite the enemy with blindness!"

I peered over the castle wall at the army that had frightened me before. They seemed to be extra small, and the only emotion I felt regarding them was a sense of pity in what was not going to be a fair fight.



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ina like babies.

Well, you know the rest of that story. There were many other times that Elisha and I were persecuted for our faith. Each time the Lord never failed to win a great victory. Sometimes we were led away, as the Lord had different plans for us, and preferred us to witness elsewhere. But He always gave us the strength to fight whichever type of battle we would face. Sometimes it was the strenath to be silent—such as Jesus was when He was led before Herod. Sometimes we were emboldened far bevond our natural selves to proclaim the Lord's truth to a wicked nation. And then other times He led us to escape before those who would want to do us harm came knocking on our door.

You can trust in these gifts too, and that promise that greater things than we did, you will also do. If you're faithful to follow

Jesus, He'll come through for you every time. Don't ever feel like you aren't good enough to claim His miracle-working power. He says, "Call unto Me and I will answer thee!" That's all you have to do. Of course, it helps if you're trying to do all you can to stay close to Jesus and hit the mark of His highest

will. But really, you don't have to be anyone important. Who was I? I didn't have the great power to work miracles that Elisha did! I didn't part even a puddle with my robe!—Ha! That's because the Lord had a different plan for me. Yet He came through for me just as much as He did for Elisha, and He'll do the same, or more, for you.

God bless you! I love you and am going to be working with you during this busy Time of the End. Trust that whenever it seems darkest, I and the hosts of angels will be around you helping you in whatever way we can and however you ask us to. Look to the Lord for His higher plan, and then expect that we'll carry it out for Him. I'll be praying for you, that your faith fail not. Keep reading His Word for strength. Expect miracles in your daily life and your faith will be strengthened.

Some of the greatest men of God became great through doing the little tasks each day—little things like taking care of sheep, oxen, or children, or building boats. Nothing great or glamorous

or glorious right away. But through their constant obedience in the little things, God knew He could trust them with the big things—things like calling down fire from Heaven, parting seas, prophesying doom and God's judgment against kings and men of power. He'll do it through you, too. God bless you!

Notable Quote: (Jesus:) The armies of Heaven are mighty and powerful, thousands of thousands, brandishing weapons, mounting steeds, going forward into battle before you to clear the way. They are prepared as you are, anointed and commissioned. So do not fear and do not hold back, My armies of Heaven and Earth.

("The Era of Action!—Part 1," ML #3288:134)

A Warrior's Own Version

(Excerpt from Journey to Tricon.)

Jamal was eager for more stories. "Father, tell us one of the stories about the wars with the Fallen Ones"

The man (Ja-al) seemed to look somewhere deep within as he recalled events long gone by. "Oh, we have had many wars," he said. "Some battles are so critical that the Prince of the Host Himself leads an army into that region to subdue or cast down some evil principality or foil some wicked plot against one of His earthly children or one of His prophets. Shortly after your mother came here and you were born, when you were quite small, just a baby, one of the prophets of God was in trouble. The Lord sent His army to go and defend him."

Ja-al laughed out loud as he

began to recall the events of that day. "What a day that was! On that occasion, we harnessed

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the horses in teams to the great war chariots. Warriors driving horses from several stables around the Kingdom gathered on the Great Plain. The Prince Himself led the charge into the dark region. Of course, no Fallen One can stand before Him when He rides into battle, for all power is given to Him in Heaven and Earth. The thunder of the horses' feet and the rumble of the wheels of those great chariots could be heard throughout creation and the regions of time.

"The dark forces fled in terror.

Some cried, 'This is the terrible day
of the Lord! He is coming to judge
the Earth!' They ran and hid as best
they could in the dens and caves and
dark places of the Earth. They said to
the mountains, 'Fall on us and hide
us from His face!' You should have

seen them trying to hide. A few of their forces tried to resist us, but soon broke and fled.

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"What had happened, you see, was that the King of Syria, under an evil influence, had become The king of Syria raised up a great army and sent spies to find out exactly where Elisha was.

tell him what was happening, that we were on our way and not to be afraid. "In the morning, the whole city was surrounded

furious with the prophet of God and was determined to kill him. That was the prophet Elisha. This king was mad, because Elisha would tell the King of Israel who ruled over God's people at that time, everything that the King of Syria planned to do against them, so none of the King of Syria's strategies worked out. He couldn't surprise them or get an advantage over the people, because all his plans were being spoiled by Elisha.

by the Syrian army, and they were demanding that Elisha be turned over to them immediately. The people of the city were very afraid. Elisha's own servant was afraid. He was a young man, and all he could see were all those horses and chariots of the Syrian army surrounding the city, all their lances and their angry looks. So he cried out to Elisha, wondering what could be done, for it seemed to him that they were about to be killed. Well, right about then, we arrived!"

"So in his anger, the King of Syria raised up a great army and sent spies into the land to find out exactly where Elisha was staying. Well, they found him in the city of Dothan. So the armies of the King of Syria swept in and surrounded the city of Dothan in the night. Of course, our messengers went ahead to warn Elisha and to

Ja-al laughed again, recalling the scene. "Oh, it was glorious! We had ridden across the Great Plain at a tremendous speed and were now descending into that region. Our chariots rumbled in and began filling all the hills and area that surrounded Dothan, until we totally surrounded the Syrian army.

"Of course, because we were in a higher dimension, no normal people on Earth could see or hear us. But Elisha, who was in tune with the Spirit of God, looked up and saw us come, and he laughed, for he knew that the Lord was with him.

"What a day that was! The forces of the Fallen Ones fell back in fear before the Lord, and the army of the King of Syria was helpless. Then the Lord called out to Elisha, What shall we do with them?"

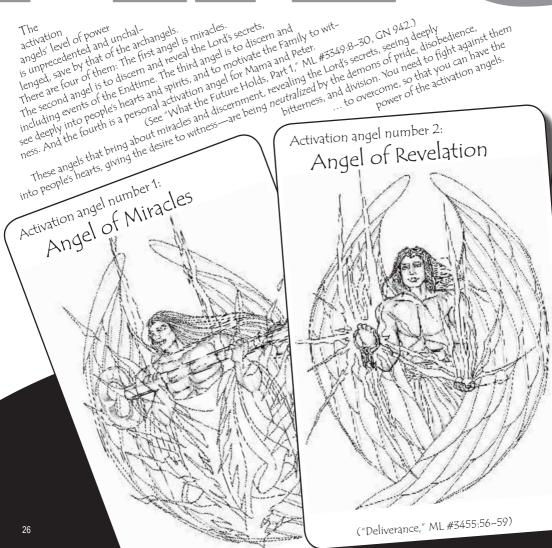
"Elisha was quite a funny little man. He was going bald and was not at all a fierce or dangerous enough looking fellow that you would think to send an entire army to arrest him. He looked totally harmless to all those soldiers. But, you see, he was the prophet of God. He was God's voice to His people, so God protected him. So this little man prayed to the Lord, Blind them!"—And the entire army of Syria was blinded by God!"

Ja-al laughed a deep, hearty laugh. Suddenly he remembered he'd left out something. "Oh, but I forgot to tell you the most interesting part. Remember when Elisha's servant was upset and fearful and asking Elisha to tell him what was going to happen to them? Well, Elisha prayed and the Lord opened the servant's eves so he could see our armies and chariots rolling in. We were coming down from the mountains all around. What a sight that must have been for him. He sure looked surprised! That was his first peek into the great spirit world that was all around him. He got to see this world that you are in right now, so he got quite an eyeful that dav!"

I'd remembered reading that story in the Bible, but it had never seemed so real and alive as hearing about it from someone who'd actually been there.

(Xn: You can read the original Bible story in 2 Kings 6.)







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