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WHY RELY on prophecy?

There are times when I question whether what I'm getting is the Lord or just me. But when I take the time to hear from the Lord, I realize that there's no way it could be me, because it gives me peace. Even when I reason things out in my mind and come to a good conclusion, though I'm happy that I found a solution, I never have that inner peace. Every time I hear from the Lord, no matter how bad I was feeling previously, I just know it will be all right; I know He'll work it out.

—Dawn Grace, India



THAT'S WHY!



THE LORD TOLD US THAT HE WANTED TO GIVE SOME BLADE MESSAGES IN A NEW Q+A FORMAT (SEE PG.3). WE HOPE THIS INSPIRES YOU TO HONE YOUR OWN "CONVERSATIONAL SKILLS" WHEN ASKING THE LORD PERSONAL QUESTIONS, AS YOU SEE HOW HE RESPONDS IN THIS COLUMN. ENJOY!

KRISTEN

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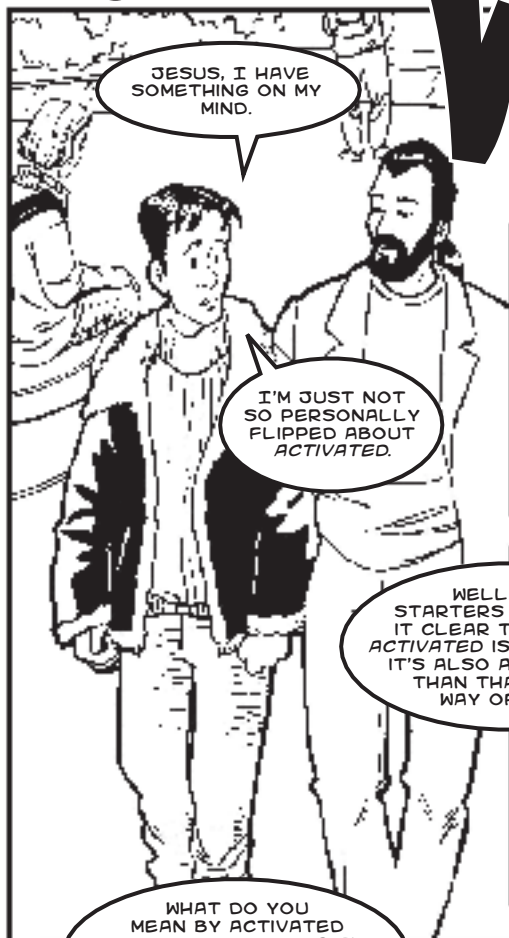
KEY PROMISE:



AS A PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT
AND A CLOUD BY DAY, THE KEYS'
PRESENCE WILL GO WITH YOU.

(KEY PROMISES: TRAVEL)

Q&A — Activated WOW?



JESUS, I HAVE SOMETHING ON MY MIND.

I'M JUST NOT SO PERSONALLY FLIPPED ABOUT ACTIVATED.



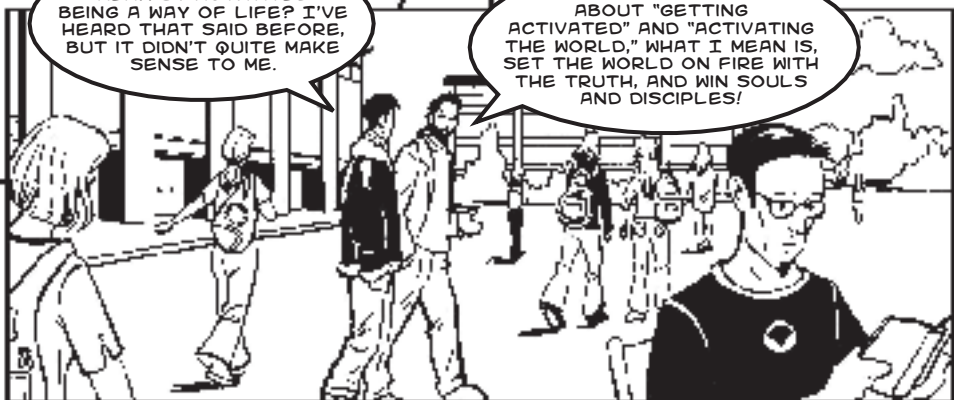
BUT IT'S THE "THING" RIGHT NOW IN THE WORD AND THE FAMILY. IS THERE SOMETHING I'M MISSING?



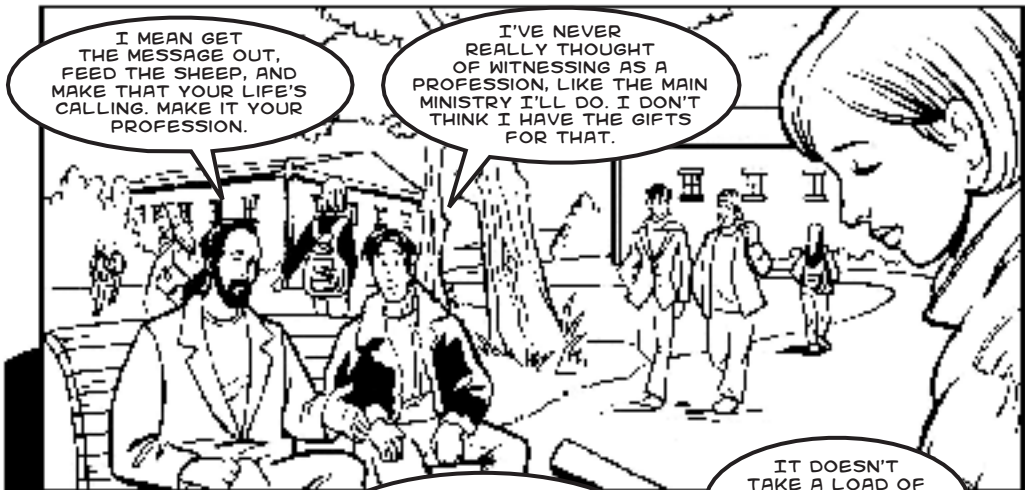
WELL, FOR STARTERS LET'S GET IT CLEAR THAT WHILE ACTIVATED IS A MAGAZINE, IT'S ALSO A LOT MORE THAN THAT—IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ACTIVATED BEING A WAY OF LIFE? I'VE HEARD THAT SAID BEFORE, BUT IT DIDN'T QUITE MAKE SENSE TO ME.

WHEN I TALK ABOUT "GETTING ACTIVATED" AND "ACTIVATING THE WORLD," WHAT I MEAN IS, SET THE WORLD ON FIRE WITH THE TRUTH, AND WIN SOULS AND DISCIPLES!



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I MEAN GET THE MESSAGE OUT, FEED THE SHEEP, AND MAKE THAT YOUR LIFE'S CALLING. MAKE IT YOUR PROFESSION.

I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT OF WITNESSING AS A PROFESSION, LIKE THE MAIN MINISTRY I'LL DO. I DON'T THINK I HAVE THE GIFTS FOR THAT.



I DON'T HAVE A CLUE AS TO HOW TO GET STARTED. I'M NOT A REAL BOLD PERSON OR GREAT TEACHER.



IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOAD OF SPECIAL SKILLS TO MAKE A CAREER OF WITNESSING.

IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE TO LEARN BY DOING, THOUGH.



YOU CAN READ UP ABOUT IT IN THE WORD,



AND YOU CAN GET TIPS FROM PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT,



BUT THE BEST AND SUREST WAY TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL WITNESS IS TO DO A LOT OF WITNESSING.

It's one of those “do and then feel” things.

AND YOU MAY NEVER QUITE FEEL LIKE YOU COMPLETELY “KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING” BECAUSE IT'S A FIELD WITH A ZILLION OPTIONS AND A ZILLION DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERACTIONS.

EVERY EXPERIENCE,

EVERY PERSON,

EVERY CLASS,

WILL BE DIFFERENT...
BECAUSE EVERY PERSON IS
JUST DIFFERENT.

THAT MIGHT SOUND A LITTLE SCARY, BUT IT SHOULD ALSO SOUND EXCITING, BECAUSE IT'LL NEVER GET BORING, ROUTINE, AND HUM-DRUM.



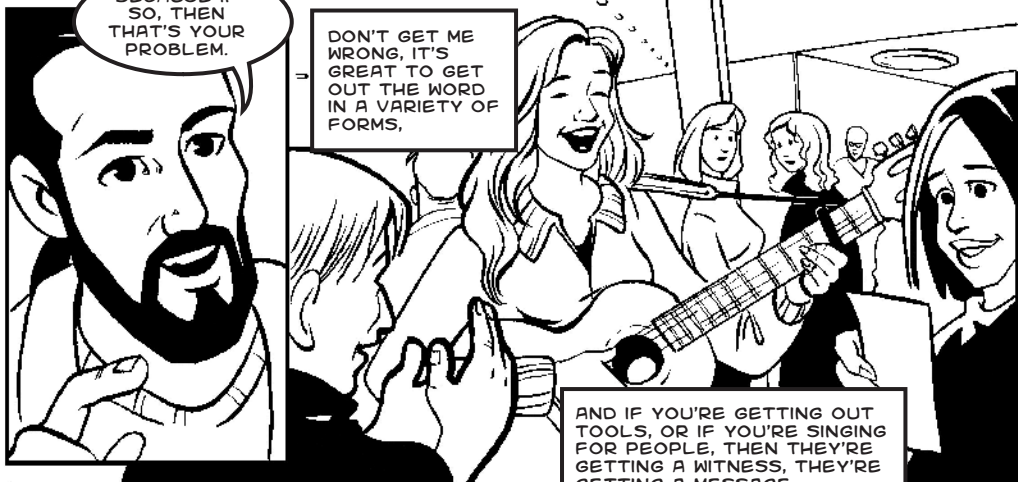
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE KIND WHERE YOU GIVE OUT THE TOOLS OR YOU SING TO PEOPLE OR YOU PASS OUT TRACTS,



BUT DON'T HAVE MUCH PERSONAL INTERACTION OR DEEP CONVERSATIONS THAT INVOLVE A WITNESS?

BECAUSE IF SO, THEN THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM.

DON'T GET ME WRONG, IT'S GREAT TO GET OUT THE WORD IN A VARIETY OF FORMS,



AND IF YOU'RE GETTING OUT TOOLS, OR IF YOU'RE SINGING FOR PEOPLE, THEN THEY'RE GETTING A WITNESS, THEY'RE GETTING A MESSAGE,

AND THAT'S GOOD. BUT THAT'S JUST STEP ONE.

THEN THERE'S A STEP TWO AND A STEP THREE AND A STEP FOUR,

AND THAT'S WHERE IT REALLY GETS EXCITING.

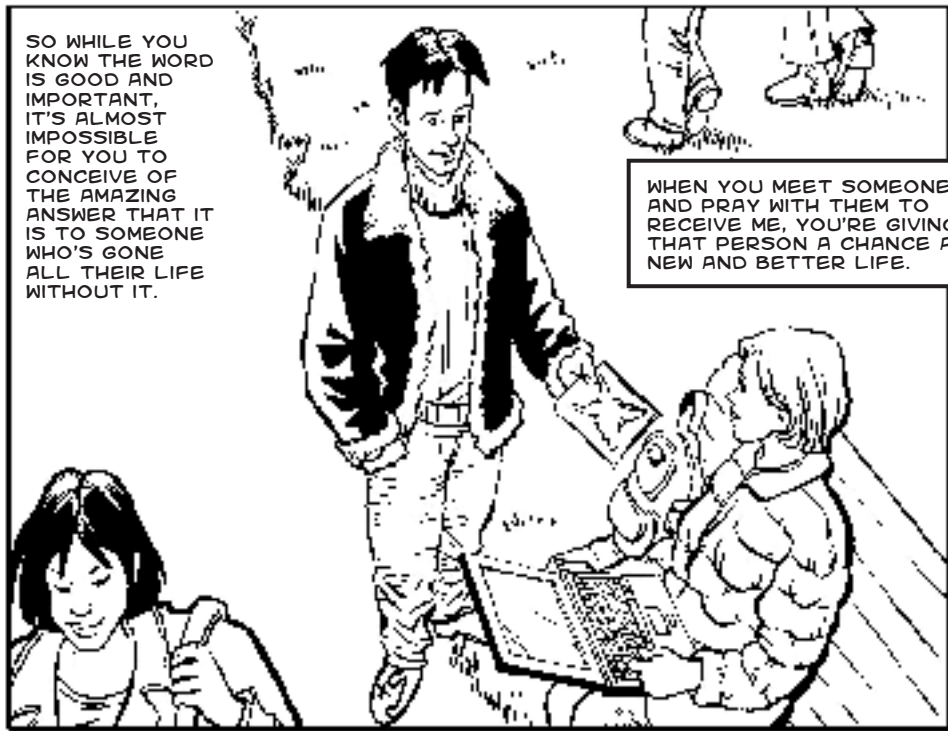
SO WHAT'S STEP TWO?





YOU'VE READ A LOT OF
THE BIBLE, YOU'VE READ
A TON OF MO LETTERS,
AND NOW MAMA LETTERS,
PROPHECIES—YOU NAME
IT.

YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GROWN UP READING THE WORD ALL
YOUR LIFE, AND YOU KNOW A LOT OF IT PRETTY WELL.



SO WHILE YOU
KNOW THE WORD
IS GOOD AND
IMPORTANT,
IT'S ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR YOU TO
CONCEIVE OF
THE AMAZING
ANSWER THAT IT
IS TO SOMEONE
WHO'S GONE
ALL THEIR LIFE
WITHOUT IT.

WHEN YOU MEET SOMEONE
AND PRAY WITH THEM TO
RECEIVE ME, YOU'RE GIVING
THAT PERSON A CHANCE AT A
NEW AND BETTER LIFE.

JUST PRAYING THE
SALVATION PRAYER WILL
HELP—NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

BUT TO REALLY HELP THEM GROW, CHANGE, AND
EXPERIENCE THE BLESSINGS I HAVE TO GIVE,
YOU'VE GOT TO GET THEM SOLIDLY CONNECTED
TO ME,

JESUS...

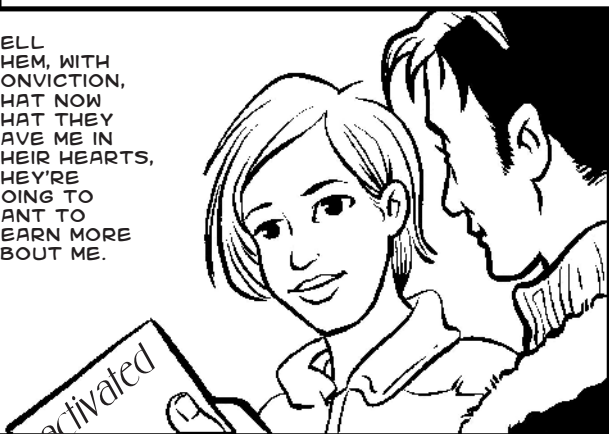
AND THE
ONLY WAY TO
DO THAT IS
THROUGH THE
WORD.

So offer them *Activated*.

TELL
THEM, WITH
CONVICTION,
THAT NOW
THAT THEY
HAVE ME IN
THEIR HEARTS,
THEY'RE
GOING TO
WANT TO
LEARN MORE
ABOUT ME.

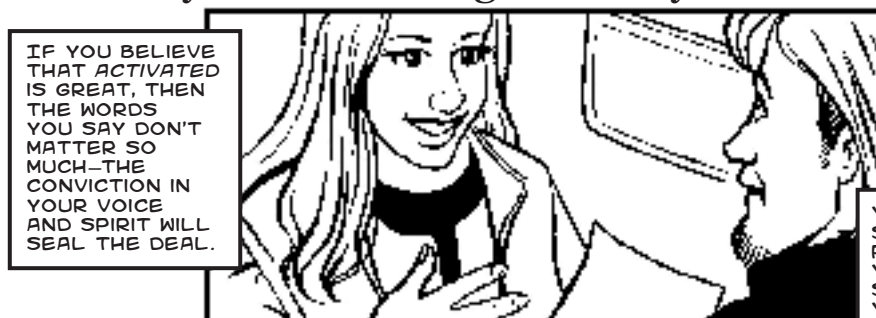
TELL THEM
THEY'RE GOING
TO NEED TO BE
FED SPIRITUALLY,
AND THAT IF THEY
SIGN UP FOR THIS
MAGAZINE, AND
READ IT WITH AN
OPEN HEART,

THAT'S JUST
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN.





The key is in believing in what you're offering.



YOU CAN'T SELL A PRODUCT YOU AREN'T SOLD ON YOURSELF.



AND THAT'S
BACK TO MY PROBLEM,
'CAUSE LIKE I SAID,
I DON'T QUITE GET
WHAT'S SO "WOW"
ABOUT IT ALL.

HAVE YOU READ
THE MAGAZINE
LATELY?

WELL,
WHETHER
YOU HAVE OR
HAVEN'T, THERE'S
SOMETHING I
WANT YOU TO
TRY:

PRETEND THAT YOU'RE SOMEONE
WHO HAS NEVER READ ANYTHING
FROM THE BIBLE BEFORE,

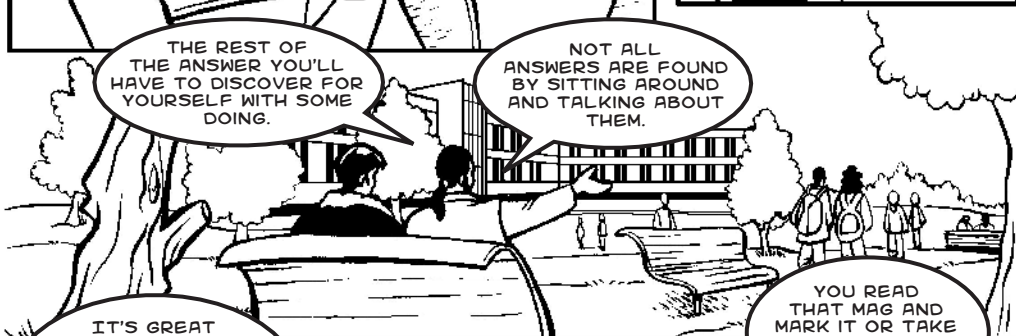


WHO JUST WENT TO SCHOOL
AND WATCHED TV AND
MOVIES, AND HAD BASICALLY
NO SPIRITUAL LIFE.



THEN, GO THROUGH THE MAG
AND UNDERLINE OR WRITE
DOWN EVERY THING THAT
YOU READ THAT WOULD
BE NEW, INTERESTING, OR
ENLIGHTENING—

AS IN, EVERYTHING
THAT YOU HADN'T
HEARD BEFORE.



...DO THE "DOING" OF TAKING YOUR WITNESSING FURTHER.



IF YOU'RE JUST GETTING TOOLS OUT, TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER BY PRAYING WITH THE PEOPLE WHO TAKE THEM TO RECEIVE ME-AND NOT JUST ONCE IN AWHILE BUT AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.



IF YOU'RE GETTING PEOPLE SAVED AND STOPPING THERE, THEN TAKE IT FURTHER AND START GETTING THEM HOOKED UP TO THE MAG.



ONCE YOU'RE DOING THAT, THEN TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER AND CALL THEM, E-MAIL THEM, OR VISIT THEM, TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY'VE BEEN READING AND READ OTHER THINGS FROM THE WORD WITH THEM.

>> hi. did u get the latest copy of the mag?
> yes. I loved it. and guess what? i got a couple of friends in social science class turned on to it.
>> thank the lord! are you planning to come to our Bible study?



ONCE YOU'VE
GOTTEN THAT
FAR, WELL, YOU'LL
REALLY BE ON A
ROLL AND I THINK
YOU'LL HAVE A
PRETTY GOOD IDEA
WHAT TO DO NEXT.

THANKS
FOR TRYING
IT.

I KNOW IT DOESN'T FEEL NATURAL OR EASY, BUT
IF YOU DO IT, YOU'LL SEE HOW THE ACTIVATED
VISION CAN BE AN ABSOLUTELY THRILLING
EXPERIENCE FOR YOU TO BE A PART OF.

THERE'S NO
OTHER WAY TO
UNDERSTAND IT OR
BELIEVE IT.

Keys Promise

YOU'LL SPEAK WITH MY WISDOM AND GIVE THE MESSAGE THE WAY I WANT YOU TO, WITH
EXACTLY THE TONE AND PRESENTATION I WANT TO GET ACROSS, AS YOU CLAIM THE
KEYS OF BOLDNESS. NOTHING WILL STOP MY SPIRIT FROM SHINING THROUGH AS YOU
CLAIM THE KEYS.

(Key Promises: Decision-making / Wisdom / Meetings)

Xn: Got a question for Jesus?

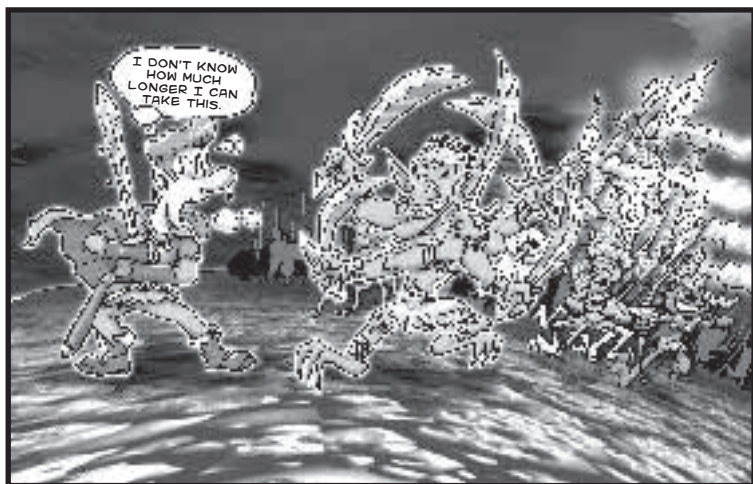
Send it in to xn@wsfamily.com, and you just might see it come out in Xn!

PARTAKE OF HEAVENLY THOUGHT POWER



(Jesus:) Anything
that glorifies the
power of the

Enemy is the *opposite* of
heavenly thought power,
and will not bring power
into your life, but de-
struction.



To partake of heavenly thought power, you must realize how weak the Enemy's power is in comparison. You must be fully persuaded that he is subject unto you and the power of the keys. You must refuse to glorify his attacks by refusing to accept them.

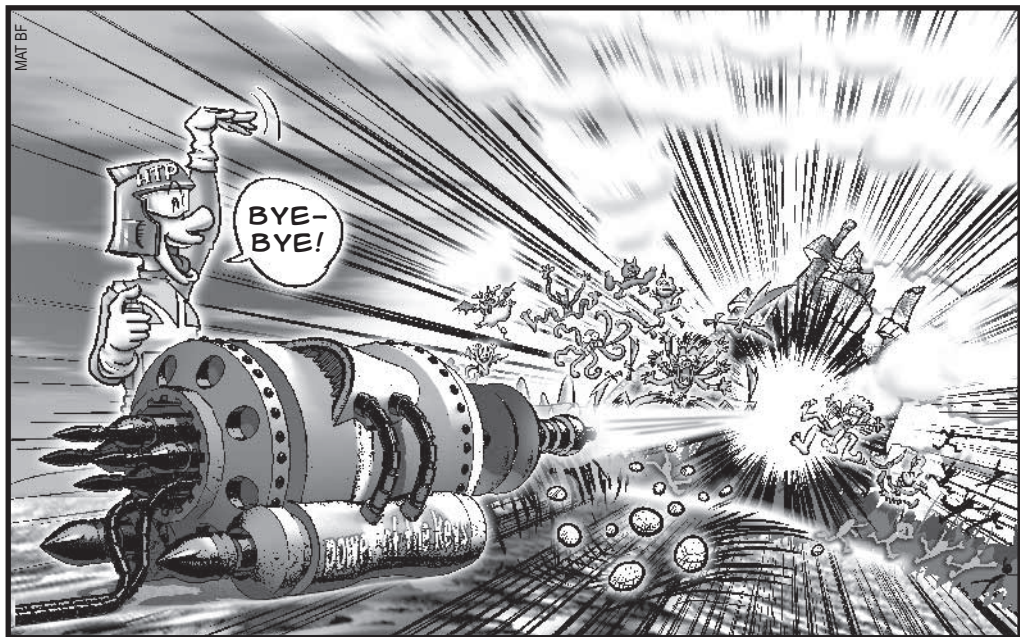
You must go on the offensive to defeat the Enemy, knowing that victory is sure. You might not see full deliverance immediately, and you might still feel some of the "symptoms" of your battle—whether it be weariness, illness, discouragement, or whatever—but you will not be incapacitated, you will be able to move forward.

("Fight to Win!" ML #3457:19)

KEY PROMISE:

The rulers of darkness cannot stand before the power of the keys of the Kingdom. Wield that power with faith and a fighting spirit, and you will find total freedom.

(Key Promises: Fighting the Enemy)





RECAPPED: "THE DANGERS OF DiViSiOn!—CONViCtiOn VS. cOmPrOmISE, PART 2"

(GN 958)



KEY POINTS

○ Anyone who has *anything* to do with division and who is harboring negativity, bitterness, and lack of love is *wrong*—regardless of the details! The key to finding unity is not in sorting out the *blame*, but in *forgiving* one another.

- Division is rampant in the Family.
- Our work for the Lord will be destroyed if we don't root out division and restore unity.

"NQS"
—NOTABLE QUOTES—
ARE TAKEN FROM THE
PARTICULAR CVSC GN
THIS "SNAPSHOTS"
IS RECAPPING,
UNLESS NOTED
OTHERWISE.)



I'M SO
SORRY. I SWUNG
A LITTLE WIDE
THERE AND GOT
YA!

OUCH.

I
FORGIVE
YOU.



What is a truer love than
to forgive the one who
you feel has done you
great harm?



- Make a clear-cut decision to leave the Family if you can't resolve the doubts you have.

IF YOU'RE UNDERAGE, PLEASE READ AGAIN THE LORD'S COUNSEL ON "BUT WHAT IF I'M UNDERAGE..." IN "CVSC REVIEW, PART 1," XN ISSUE 46, PG.8.



ART BY ZEB

XN EXCLUSIVE



Q: I have lots of questions, but no answers. What do I do about those?

Questions are only doubts if you've found the answers, yet stubbornly cling to your questions still. But tell Me, how many questions have you asked Me and those who are strong in faith? How many questions have you taken to the Word, to dig for the answers that are there?

Give Me a chance to answer your questions. I have a deep pool of knowledge to share with those who are hungry and open and listening. But if you don't ask, I can't satisfy your curiosity. So ask!



- ☐ Forgive those you are not united with. Don't try to sort out the blame first. Forgive *first*, otherwise the solutions you seek will elude you.
- ☐ If you're bitter, get rid of it! There's plenty of Word on the subject, so read it and obey it!
- ☐ Rebuke by name the evil black demon elves from Hell, the Selvegion. Call on the power of the keys in the name of Jesus and command them to leave.
- ☐ Confess, forgive, and ask for forgiveness. Bury the hatchet ... and don't dig it up again!

- ☐ Do the right thing and keep doing the right thing until unity is restored.



I don't ask for perfection. But I do require that you not give in to these vices of the Enemy, but rather seek to rise above them.

FOR A RECAP ON THE SELVEGION AND THE DASTARDLY ROLE THEY PLAY IN DISUNITY, PLEASE RE-READ ML #3362:95-156.





❑ Strengthen the weak areas in your life and Home; get ready for the soon coming harvest of more laborers!

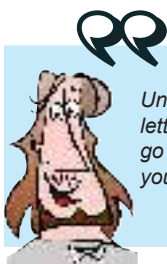
❑ Endeavor to *keep* the unity by doing the following:

- ⊙ working together to resolve your differences through love, humility, communication and prayer;
- ⊙ taking the humble seat and apologizing, even if you feel it's the other person who is in the wrong;
- ⊙ asking the Lord what your part is in the problem and then being willing to rectify it;
- ⊙ being willing to confess your sins and wrong attitudes and get united prayer;
- ⊙ praying a "whatever it takes" prayer and allowing the Lord to work in your life;
- ⊙ working to overcome any of your personality traits that stand in the way of unity;

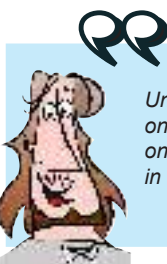


Unity is all walking the same direction, allowing your personal goals to be the goals put forth in the Word.

- ⊙ asking your brethren to safeguard you;
- ⊙ seeking correction when needed;
- ⊙ being flexible and learning to give and take;
- ⊙ giving others the benefit of the doubt;
- ⊙ persevering in loving communication even when you feel misunderstood or rejected;
- ⊙ going to others in love and humility to communicate and seeking the Lord together for solutions;
- ⊙ forsaking all criticism and gossip;
- ⊙ fighting to overcome familiarity;
- ⊙ forgiving and forgetting
- ⊙ forsaking the past;



Unity is not letting the sun go down upon your wrath.



Unity is believing in one another, trusting in one another, confiding in one another.

- ⊙ yielding to the Lord in all things;
- ⊙ calling on the power of the keys to help you rise above all that would stand in the way of your unity.

XN EXCLUSIVE



Q: What is gossip, anyway?

Here are a few true-to-life examples of what I see as gossip, so that you can take immediate steps to stamp this influence of Medusa out of your life.

- ❑ Venting your frustration to a friend about friction with another person, that causes you to say resentful or critical things about the other person.
- ❑ Feeling it's your right to discuss the "inside scoop" of who's dating who, or the details of other's relationships.
- ❑ Discussing the Law of Love in a mocking way.
- ❑ Drawing attention to someone's appearance, weakness, age, or mannerisms in a way that causes the listeners to think less of that person.
- ❑ Highlighting others' embarrassing health problems behind their backs.
- ❑ Any remark you make about someone that you know would hurt them if said in their presence.
- ❑ Complaining about something that didn't work out the way you'd hoped, that causes others to resent someone who was involved.

You can ask Me what specific kinds of gossip you are prone to, that perhaps you don't even recognize as gossip.

You might have a hard time avoiding the above kinds of gossip if you've allowed yourself to fall into the habit of speaking badly about others in any of those ways, but remember that "every chain of vice, bad habit, or evil addiction can be broken with the power of the keys." Rebuke the influence of Medusa, the evil spirit of gossip, and ask Me, in a spirit of desperation and humility, to send the Salvay with thoughts of kindness and consideration.

All things are possible, but you must fight!



FOR
REFERENCES
TO MEDUSA, SEE ML
#3455:150,156,158-160; ML
#3456:70; THE SALVAY, SEE
ML #3455:198; ML #3456:91-
92,101. SEE ALSO "CHANGE /
SPIRITUAL PROGRESS" IN
YOUR KEY PROMISE BOOK
FOR SPECIFIC KEYS TO
CLAIM.

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*Unity is holding your tongue
when necessary. ... Unity
never hurts or separates; it
always brings together.*

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snapshots



(A.M.E. = "Ask Me Everything")

- (?) What can I personally do to encourage greater unity in my Home and area?
- (?) Do I have bitterness in my heart? If so, what do I need to do to overcome it? If it involves communicating with others, what exactly should I say to people I feel bitter against and how can I make things right between us?



- (?) Have I been harboring the Selvegeion? How can I protect myself from falling prey to their evil influence in the future?
- (?) If I have tried to overcome disunity before but it didn't work, what can I do differently this time that will make this effort successful?



HERE ARE SOME
AWESOME LETTER
EXCERPTS LISTED FOR
YOUR REVIEW. FEEL FREE TO
LOOK UP THE ORIGINAL GN
CHECKLIST—GN 965—FOR
THE FULL READING
LISTS.



Unity continually
reaches out to
others; it draws a
circle to bring others
in.

LETTER LINKS

Letters on bitterness:

- ❑ "Bitterness," ML #2672
- ❑ "Beware of Bitterness," ML #2840
- ❑ "Overcoming the Past," ML #2877
- ❑ "The Dangers of Bitterness," ML #3167
- ❑ "How to Recognize and Get Rid of Bitterness," ML #3170

Letters on unity:

- ❑ "Problems and Solutions!—Part 4," ML #3072:1–27, 101–141
- ❑ "Come Together—In Love," ML #3100
- ❑ "Man Looketh on the Outward Appearance, Part 1," ML #3124:1–48
- ❑ "Mama's Memos!—No.3," ML #3126

- ❑ "Dad's Christmas Message for 1997," ML #3150:54–76
- ❑ "Keynote to the 1998 Birthday Feast," ML #3158:31–85
- ❑ "Goals for 1998," ML #3160:113–253
- ❑ "Overcoming the Generation Gap!" ML #3161
- ❑ "Citizens of the Kingdom!" ML #3222
- ❑ "Loving Interaction!" ML #3234
- ❑ "Self-righteousness—The Great Barrier to Uniting the Generations! Practical Tips for Unity," ML #3293
- ❑ "The Family's Future and Expansion Program," ML #3308:79–88, 125–139
- ❑ "Communication Keys, Parts 1–2," ML #3323
- ❑ "More on the Keys, Part 3," ML #3354:83–108



The Lord will continue
to purify the Family
so we can fulfill our
destiny.



KEY PROMISE

A house that
is crumbling
can be rebuilt.

a ship that is sinking can be salvaged, a work that is near ruin can be restored, and every heart that desires change can be born anew—all through the miracle-rendering, supernaturally empowered keys of the Kingdom!

(Key Promises: Change / Spiritual progress)



A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. (—Jesus, John 13:34–35)

Companion Guardian

(CHANNEL: I CAN SEE A MENTAL PICTURE OF A FEMALE ANGEL. IT CAME TO ME IN A FLASH, THOUGH I COULDN'T MAKE OUT ALL THE DETAILS. SHE'S A DARK-SKINNED EUROPEAN, A GREEK OR ITALIAN TYPE. SHE HAS BLACK HAIR THAT GOES DOWN BELOW HER SHOULDERS, ABOUT TO HER UPPER BACK. DARK EYES ... STRONG BODY. ... I DON'T REALLY SEE A LOT OF DETAIL. CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF TO ME?)

(Angel:) I am dark, but full of light. Through my black velvety eyes pours the light of Heaven, the light of the guardians of God. It is a light so powerful that it can find its way directly into your heart and thoughts.

Yes, my dear, I know your thoughts. I know so much about your mind and heart. Someday we will converse face to face, and we will understand one another so very well it will almost be as if we are one. Yes, you too will understand me and my thoughts and ways, for you have grown accustomed to hearing me over the years and you have learned the pattern of my speech and thoughts through our communication. You

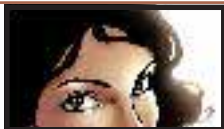
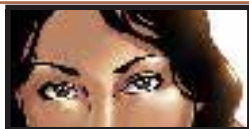
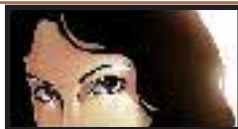
haven't always sensed it was me, consciously or even subconsciously, but maybe now if you pay more attention you will. I hope you will.

I have found you a most interesting charge, as well as delightful companion. At times I do feel longing for a clearer understanding between us; yet I, as an angel, do not experience frustration as you humans do. We do have emotions, but they are only emotions of love, or of anger against evil. Of course, within those emotions there are varying levels and so many specific feelings, but what I mean is that we don't go through "moods." We don't get upset or angry just because of someone's weakness or

humanity, or just because we're having a "bad day." We see into the hearts of others and we understand their reasons and logic behind doing what they do; this takes away the usual misunderstandings and miscommunications that cause such frustration between mortals.

Fortunately, we never really have "bad days" except for those days that our charges let our presence and words go unheeded, and get themselves into trouble because of it. Nevertheless we count on God's promise that all things work together for

good. I know, now you're thinking *I wonder how many times I've given you a bad day?* Well, there have been a few, but thankfully none that went too far. You have your ups and downs, but you always come around and listen to the voice of the Lord, as well as our voices, your angels and ministering spirits.



NOTABLE
QUOTE:



Yes, you have and have had other angels with you at times aside from me. But I've been your constant companion since birth.

I am your personal guardian, what we call "companion guardians." There are other guardians, or advisors, or helpers, who come for a time. Sometimes days, weeks, months, or years according to your time. You can get to know them too. But ask me to introduce them. That is my privilege, as your companion guardian. I have seniority and preference in most matters and decisions that concern you—along with Jesus, of course—as I know you better than anyone but Him.

What do I actually do? I guard you from harm—not only physically, but spiritually. I do this in part by influencing the circumstances and people around you, yet in larger part by the whispers I speak in your own mind and heart.

I am the voice of your conscience, the presence of the supernatural constantly at your side, reminding you of the ways of truth and light and love. I speak to you always. Not in words, but in thoughts and pictures, in impressions, in feelings.

I am your intuition. When you listen, when you follow, these are the times when you are at peace, the times when you are fulfilled and assured that you are in God's perfect will. I am a part of His intimate touch in your life. I live to serve Him, and to serve Him in you and you in Him.

(Xn: While the above message describes someone's personal spirit helper, you too have personal heavenly companions and helpers who eagerly want to reveal themselves to you. Step out and contact *your* spirit helpers now, if you haven't yet!)

We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

(2 CORINTHIANS 4:18)

The **PARABLE** of the

Dark Forest



There was a forest so great that the area it encompassed was

like a world unto itself. It was filled with great trees and the ground beneath it seldom saw the light of day. The spirit of the forest was like unto the shadow it lay across the ground both night and day, for many dark spirits had taken over the forest so that every living thing within was affected and overshadowed by the darkness.

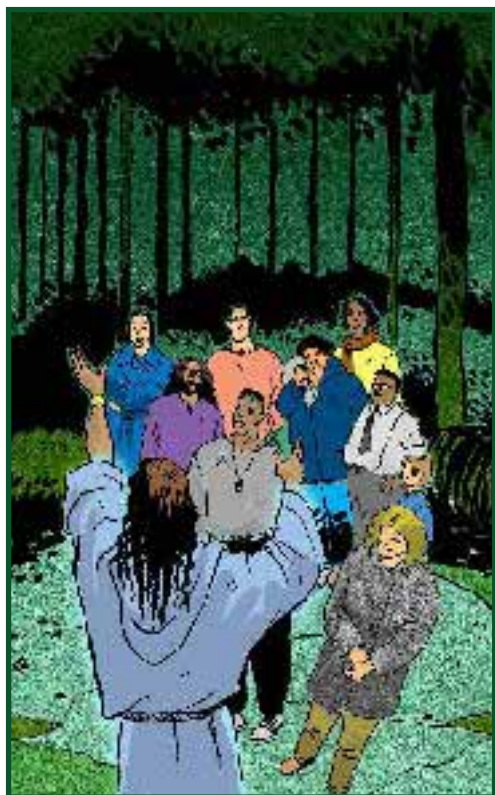
Even so there were children of light sent into the forest to dwell for a time. They had light within their hearts and knew where to find reservoirs of light even within this dark forest. So it was that they continually bid other dwellers of the dark forest, many of whom had never known anything but shadow, to partake of the hidden reservoirs of light.

The spirit of the forest worked against these dwellers of light, for having dwelt in darkness so long, the forest itself was repelled by the light. Many dark and hidden things were sheltered in its shadows, and it did not wish for those things to be revealed to any light.

**Told by
Jesus**



The spirit of the forest worked hard to seduce the dwellers of light, drawing them sometimes deeper into the darkest hollows where the forest itself would work to fight against the dwellers of light, trapping and ensnaring them in the winding tree roots and tricky vines.



Sometimes this tactic worked against the forest, for in drawing the light dwellers into the darkest parts of itself, there were times that the bearers of light would illuminate yet more creatures who were once content to be ensnared in its darkness. Yet too often, light dwellers once seduced to venture far into the shadows alone were never heard of again.

The light dwellers spoke of a world filled with light, a world cleared of all the growths of shadow, and such talk filled the dark forest with rage so that it fought against the light dwellers all the more. But the light dwellers too could fight, using weapons of light that the forest had no match for.

Yet the light dwellers could not remove the shadow of the forest entirely. They could only sing their songs and hope that the melodies reached far and wide to alert the dwellers in shadow to the hope of a better world, a world where the great King of Light would reign supreme, where places of shadow such as this world was overrun with would not be allowed to grow for an entire age of golden light.





The light dwellers whispered of these things to one another and to others who would hear, and even as they did, more became light dwellers, discovering the hidden reservoirs of light they had heard of and longed for.

As the day grew nearer for the prophesied King of Light to enter the forest upon a great steed, the forest itself grew yet more angry and vicious toward the light dwellers. The greater the hope that the light dwellers sustained in their hearts, the more desperate tactics the forest resorted to, until all the forest was arrayed against the light dwellers in a war such as had not been seen for many an age. Creatures of darkness who loved the forest of shadow arrayed themselves with the forest to fight against those who spoke of a different world, a world where they could no longer hide in evil shadow and shut out the light.

The battle raged on for many years, and while some of the dwellers of light were snuffed out, yet more seemed to take their place, appearing from nowhere. Too late the forest realized that in warring against the dwellers of light, it was forcing the inhabitants of shadow to choose between the forest and the creed of the light dwellers. While once the light dwellers had been little known, now all the creatures in shadow had heard and seen them, and knew what new world they waited for. This drew many to the light dwellers, as the creatures in darkness realized that their dwellings in shadow were nothing more than prisons of darkness and dankness and fear.

And so it was that many more became champions of the light. The battle raged on, and ever the forest trembled at the whisperings of the

light to come, while the light dwellers rejoiced and cherished the same hope in their hearts.

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The message, My children, is clear, and old as the hills. If you were of the world, the world would love its own, but because I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. I am the light of the world. He that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. You are *also* the light of the world, because My light is in you, so let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

I have anointed you this day to preach the Gospel to the poor; to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them who are bruised.

Thank you for being dwellers of light, and for having such love for Me that you would brave the dark forest of this world to free the captives and spread the message of light. Stay close to Me, My loves, that you be not seduced or taken in by the darkness of the world, but that you stay pure and called out.—*In* the world but not *of* the world. Remember that you wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.

Above all, remember that I will triumph over the world in the end, when I come in the clouds with great glory, and bring light to every dark corner of the Earth.

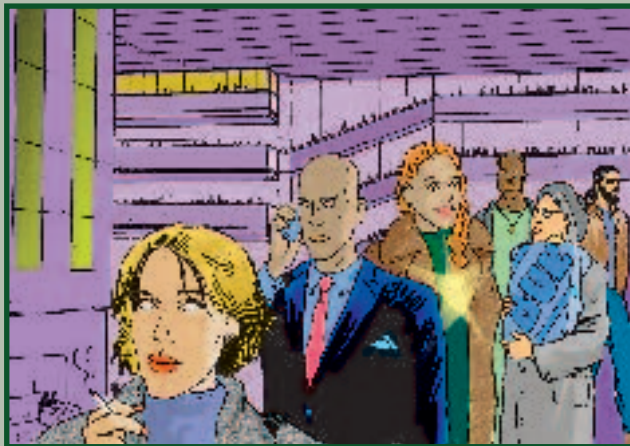
(See: Joh.8:12; Mat.5:14,16; Luk.4:18–19; Eph.6:12–13; 1Thes.4:16–18.)

Enter the Strongholds

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(Jesus:) Yes, the Dragon has even now begun to snarl and to drag many into his whirlpool of deceit, and even many of your own has he subdued. But the time is coming when I will have you challenge him on his home field, go into his own dens to retrieve that which is rightfully yours, and those who are rightfully Mine. I wish for you to go on the offensive; let nothing stand in your way, for I send you out to free those caught in his clutches.

I command you to enter the very strongholds of the Enemy to set the



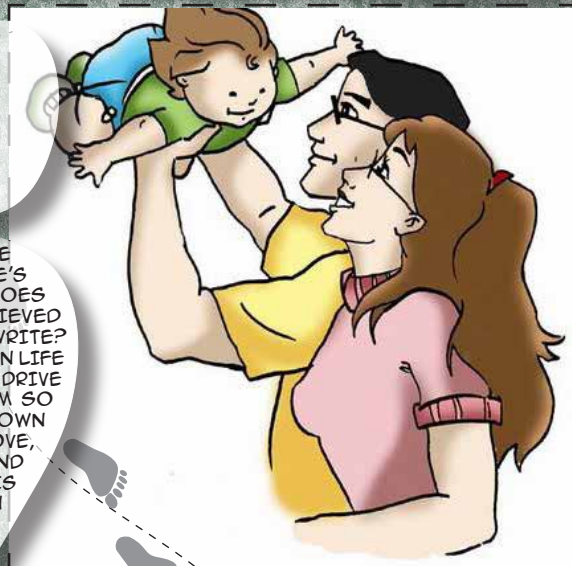
captives free! I no longer wish for you to just gain those who are on the fringes of his entrapment, but I wish for you to enter his own dens of iniquity and evil to bring back My children who have been enslaved therein. I give you power over all the power of the Enemy, and nothing shall be impossible to you!

(“What the Future Holds, Part 3,” ML #3354:42–43, March 2001)



a Little Grow Today

(JESUS:) I KNOW THAT YOU WISH YOU COULD GET SOME LESSONS OF LIFE OVER WITH. YOU GET DISCOURAGED BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BE LOVING AND EMULATE MY NATURE, BUT YOU FALL SO FAR SHORT OF THAT. THEN YOU GET TEMPTED TO THROW IN THE TOWEL, BECAUSE YOU ACCEPT THE ENEMY'S LIES THAT SINCE YOU CAN'T LEARN EVERYTHING TODAY, YOU MIGHT AS WELL NOT TRY TO LEARN ANYTHING AT ALL.



DOES THE BABY WAIL THAT HE'S NOT AN ADULT YET? DOES THE TODDLER BECOME GRIEVED THAT HE CAN'T YET READ AND WRITE? DOES THE YOUNG CHILD GIVE UP ON LIFE IN DESPAIR BECAUSE HE CANNOT YET DRIVE A CAR OR COOK A MEAL OR PERFORM SO MANY OF THE OTHER SKILLS A FULL-GROWN PERSON IS ABLE TO PERFORM? NO, MY LOVE, YOU HAVE COME FAR IN YOUR GROWTH, AND WHILE YOU HAVE MUCH FARTHER TO GO, THIS SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE OR DISHEARTEN YOU. INSTEAD, BE THANKFUL THAT I MEASURE OUT THE LESSONS ONLY AS FAST AS YOU CAN ABSORB THEM. I DON'T GIVE YOU ALL THE CHALLENGES AT ONCE. IT'S LIKE A PARENT DOESN'T TRY TO TEACH A SMALL BABY TO WALK AND READ AND WRITE AND DRIVE A CAR AND COOK A MEAL ALL AT ONCE. EACH NEW LESSON COMES WITH EACH NEW STAGE OF GROWTH, AND SOMETIMES THE STAGES OF GROWTH TAKE A LONG TIME.

SO DON'T GIVE UP BECAUSE YOU CAN'T LEARN EVERYTHING AT ONCE. JUST DETERMINE THAT YOU WILL HEAR FROM ME ABOUT YOUR LIFE TODAY, AND PUT INTO PRACTICE THE COUNSEL THAT I GIVE YOU TODAY. TAKE THESE STEPS TODAY, GROW A LITTLE TODAY, SO YOU WILL BE READY TO TAKE NEW STEPS TOMORROW, AND GROW A LITTLE MORE TOMORROW.



(ALL
QUOTES
FROM "YOU
CAN MAKE IT!
PART 2,"
ML #3292:84,110.)

Each

Little

Step

Counts!

(JESUS:)

EVERY STEP YOU TAKE TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS, TO FOLLOW THE NEW MOVES OF MY SPIRIT, TO USE THE NEW WEAPONS—NO MATTER HOW SMALL IT SEEMS TO YOU—IS TREMENDOUS PROGRESS! EACH STEP IS SO VALUABLE IN YOUR PROGRESS, SO KEEP GOING. KEEP TAKING THOSE STEPS BY FAITH, BECAUSE EVERY STEP IS CHANGING YOU AND MAKING YOU BETTER. YOU'RE PROGRESSING AND MOVING FORWARD, AND IT'S ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!

(DAD:.) NO MATTER WHAT BATTLES YOU'RE GOING THROUGH, OR WILL GO THROUGH DOWN THE ROAD, THE VICTORIES YOU'VE WON ALREADY HAVE STRENGTHENED YOU AND PREPARED YOU TO WIN GREATER VICTORIES.

(JESUS:.) ONE STEP AT A TIME, ONE PRAYER AT A TIME, ONE PRAISE AT A TIME, ONE DO-THE-HUMBLE-THING AT A TIME. THAT'S FIGHTING; THAT'S YIELDING AND MAKING PROGRESS. SO KEEP IT UP!

(JESUS:.) REBUKE THE LIES OF THE ENEMY THAT YOU CAN'T GO FORWARD OR MAKE ENOUGH PROGRESS. JUST TELL YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE GOING FORWARD BECAUSE YOU'VE MADE THAT COMMITMENT IN YOUR HEART, AND YOU'RE GOING TO STICK TO IT. DON'T LET THE ENEMY DISCOURAGE YOU IF YOU DON'T MAKE FAST ENOUGH PROGRESS. JUST KEEP MOVING FORWARD THE BEST YOU CAN, EVEN IF YOU FEEL YOU'RE MOVING AT A SNAIL'S PACE. IT'S STILL PROGRESS!

(JESUS:.) WHENEVER YOU'RE TEMPTED TO THINK YOU'RE NOT DOING SO WELL, REBUKE THAT THOUGHT AND TELL YOURSELF, "I'M DOING BETTER THAN BEFORE AND I'M GOING TO KEEP GOING. I'VE CLOSED THE DOOR TO THE PAST AND NOW I CAN GO ON."



The State of PEACE WITH ME

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(Jesus:) It is only when you begin to buck against My will, or insist on keeping some of yours, that you begin to feel the real pains of the battle, or find your strength not enough to keep up.

As long as you're yielding and accepting, you'll receive the perfect grace and peace and strength and all that you need. You never lack.

IT'S A THREE-STEP PROCESS.

You humbly give Me your will.



You ask Me what is My will.



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You then ask Me for strength to do it and again take the step of acceptance and yielding.



As you do these three things, My Spirit flows into you, upholding you, supporting you, giving you grace, wisdom, understanding, pure answers, and the peace in your heart that you are in My perfect will. It is a beautiful state—the state of peace with Me, peace with My Spirit.

("FIGHT TO WIN!" ML
#3457:45–46)

Key Promise:

When I've asked something difficult of you, claim the keys of yieldedness as you step out by faith to obey, and it will be easier and better than you ever expected.

(KEY PROMISES: YIELDEDNESS /
FORSAKING ALL)