The War

10. There are thousands upon thousands of spirit beings awaiting your call. There are great men and women of God from history--kings, queens, missionaries, and others. There are great men and women of God from modern times who have only recently arrived in Heaven. There are a multitude of Family members and ex-Family members who await your call. There are those who lived a somewhat meaningless life on Earth, but have grown strong in the Lord since arriving in the realm of the spirit and have expertise and gifts to lend you.

11. Then there are all of the mighty angels and warriors of the spirit world. There are powerful archangels, skilled fighting warriors. There are fairies, angels, spirits, creatures, and powerful beings of all shapes and sizes, for every purpose imaginable. Great, mighty, strong, powerful and wise are your co-workers in the spirit realm, and their power is released at your command, at your call, as you ask in faith.

12. If you don't know who to call on, if you don't know the name of your spirit helpers, ask the Lord, and He'll introduce you! Get to know those in the spirit. Get acquainted, and start working together more as a team. Your spirit helpers are not just imagined; they're real--simply in a different realm than you. You're in the realm of the flesh and they're in the realm of the spirit, but the Lord has designed you to work together as one. This is the most powerful teamwork combination in the universe--those of the spirit and flesh working together to defeat the Enemy, to further the work of the Lord and the spreading of His truth in these Last Days.

13. One cannot do without the other; it's a teamwork effort, and must be so to accomplish the Lord's highest and best. You've learned more about your spirit helpers over the years, but now it's time to take it a step further and start depending on their help more fully, growing closer to them in spirit, getting to know them in a personal way, forming bonds of friendship and working relationships, and availing yourself of all that they have to offer. That's what these birthday messages are all about--opening your eyes more fully to the realm of the spirit. So as you're reading, ask the Lord to do this for you, and He will.

47. This is the year of the keys. This year shall you learn to wield them as swords, for there is great clashing, great war within the realm of the spirit. Great war has erupted, and it is vital for you to seek our Husband even more on learning to skillfully use and hone this power to your advantage--the power of the keys turned to swords. You have been given the keys, you are learning to call on the power of the keys, but now rapid advancement in learning to use them and their power as the spiritual weapons of war they were designed to be must come quickly. There is no time to be lost.

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Many are the dark demons that fight you in the spirit, but even more powerful, awesome, valiant and numerous are the angels and spirit helpers at your command.

50. Within the spiritual realm there is always the counterpart of light versus darkness. So do not be afraid to seek the names of those who stand within the hierarchy of our angelic warrior order. We are here to serve you, just as we live to serve our King and God. *(End of message from Altos, end of "Birthday Celebration in Heaven" vision.)*

None know the secrets of the spirit world and of combat with the Enemy better than My spirit helpers, angels, and warrior beings that are assigned to fight for you and with you.

51. Many are the warriors and fighters in the spirit that aid you and the children of David, my queen. Many are we who have rallied to your side in this day and age to offer our expertise and services.

52. I am Jeanne [Joan] d'Arc, the Maid of Lorraine, the little one, weak and fragile and "helpless," who led the armies of France to victory. I am now at your side with my heavenly army, waiting to be given orders to carry out missions and to attack the Devil in whatever location the need is. I

have done many jobs for Christ since I've been here, but now my mission is to wait on you, to await commands and orders given me by you, King Peter, and your people. There are tens of thousands under my command, so use us as you will and we will be honored to fulfill your requests.

Though you can't see your spirit helpers with your physical eyes, they are just as real as you are. Though you live in the realm of the carnal, I can give you supernatural eyes to see things in the spirit as they really are, to see the great multitude of helpers who stand ready to act at the sound of your call.

59. It is an exciting and sobering time, and I feel so blessed to be a part. The Enemy is deadly serious in these Last Days, and so it is pure pleasure to be able to work with you and others in the Family who are also serious about the spiritual warfare. In being focused, you help us to assist you all the more.

60. There are so many councils and meetings held in Heaven. Often when having council meetings with the Lord, He will purposely dim the council chamber, to help set the mood. It helps to remind us that we're counseling about battle plans for the last, great, protracted battle on the Earth, and that we're helping God's children to prepare for the dark days ahead. Jesus always speaks in a very soft voice in these meetings, almost like your Father David's Endtime Whispering Vision.

61. The Enemy is not privy to these councils. He is allowed in certain courts in Heaven, as Job related in the Bible, but not in these councils. He cannot spy on these top-secret battle plans and strategies. He has many spies who wander throughout the Earth, seeking how they may disrupt the plans of God's children, but no spies ever make it into the secret councils of the Most High, for His eyes are everywhere and there is nothing hid from Him.

62. I attend some of these councils, as do many others--not because we have wisdom to offer to our King of kings and Lord of lords, but because as battle plans are made, He passes out specific missions. He knows the thoughts and intents of each of our hearts and gives us the missions most suited to our gifts and talents, our skills in battle and in other areas, and also our desires. He hands out missions to those who have the greatest burden for each one. There is never a lack of missions, and never a lack of volunteers and capable spirit helpers to go on them.

63. Some of the councils Jesus holds are very broad in scope, addressing the big picture of the Endtime battle. Jesus sees the great plan from beginning to end, and there are so many intricate setups--the leading and guiding of each one on Earth who will cross the paths of one of God's children, either to receive the light or to assist God's children in furthering His plans, or both. There is an incredible amount of work to do, but Jesus stays on top of it all with such efficiency and ease.

64. It's easy to get excited in these meetings, seeing the wonderful mazes of the Lord's setups and planning ahead, and knowing that each one of us sitting there with the Lord will be some part of it. It's exhilarating, and there's no nervousness or fear or worry. Jesus takes care of that. He is so in control, and He exudes the peace that passes all understanding.

65. Everything on Earth is interlinked. It's quite astounding to sit in these meetings and see how something happening on one side of the world can affect something on the opposite side of the world, for good or for bad. The Lord fully knows the ins and outs of keeping the majesty of choice in the court of mankind, while at the same time using all that He has allowed us to use in order to influence man's heart and mind to make the right choices. And for those who have put their will completely on God's side, it's such an honor and a pleasure to assist, because it gives the Lord so much more leeway to influence and bless and protect and guide.

68. Your Husband will not lead you into battle without placing the correct weapons in your hands, or without clothing you in the most effective armor. But it's up to you to take hold of those weapons, to clothe yourself daily in that armor through prayer and using all the new weapons He's given you, not the least of which is the power of the keys of the Kingdom.

69. Oh, there's something special I have to tell you about. Now that you on Earth are using the keys of the Kingdom, the Lord has put on a special demonstration to remind us all of this joyful new era in which Heaven's power is being unleashed on Earth in such great quantities. There is a lovely burst of bluish light, a flash like lightning, accompanied by an unearthly sound, something I would describe as a high-pitched sound you can hardly hear so much as you can feel it. This occurs whenever you call on the keys. Not in all of Heaven, but in the war rooms and the council chambers where our teams are working continuously to assist you, the children of David.

70. This phenomenon charges our spirits and gives us a boost of inspiration, knowing that more than ever Heaven's power is being loosed to work the Lord's will on Earth. It's so exciting and exhilarating. The Lord gets excited about it. Once in a while He will interrupt one of our war councils when one of these bursts of light flashes, close His eyes, and have the loveliest smile of gratitude on His face.

71. He is so thankful that you have accepted Him as your Husband, and that you have accepted the keys of the Kingdom as the power source He has promised they would be. The rest of us sitting around can't help but break out in soft and reverent praises at times like these, thanking the Lord for revealing the heavenly power source to His brides on Earth, and thanking Him for your faithfulness and willingness to learn to use that power.

72. So there's a little peek into the war chambers, the council chambers. I am honored to be a part, howbeit small, of all the activity that surrounds you, the children of David. *(End of message from Anaya.)*

Daniel:

78. As I was with your Father David, so am I with you. I am here to assist you and the children of David in the Time of the End. The Enemy fights the messages you seek the Lord for. He fought me also. But as Michael the archangel was sent from the throne of God to defeat the Enemy, he also fights on your behalf. Call on the keys and for Michael personally when you are being hindered in hearing from the Lord. Ask for Michael and his band of angels to defeat the Enemy.

79. These particular angels that Michael oversees are angels that are trained to destroy the Enemy's demons, imps and minions who fight the children of David when they receive prophecies from the Lord. It is a spiritual warfare. They cast down every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

80. These demons that fight you attempt to make a "high thing," a barrier, to prevent the Word of the Lord from coming through. The angels under Michael's command demolish the barrier and cast down the demons, sending them back to Hell where they can no longer obstruct your channel from receiving the Word of God.

81. This band of angels is called the Channelers' High Command Force. They are senior officers of the Heavenly Angelic Forces, who work together to defeat your adversary, the Devil. They plan the specific strategy and decide the specific tactics that are needed to blast the Devil, casting him and his cohorts down.

82. So call on Michael the archangel and the CHCF. They're called "Chiefs," for short--CHCF. They are the highest in rank when it comes to casting down the devils that fight the Words of the Lord. When your channel is being fought, call on the keys, and the keys will be turned to swords wielded by Michael and the "Chiefs," clearing the spiritual passageway for the Words of the Lord. *(End of message from Daniel.)*

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Disintegration on Reentry

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On January 16, space shuttle Columbia hurtled into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a 16-day mission. In the last 16 minutes of that mission as the spaceship reentered the atmosphere, it disintegrated, killing all seven astronauts aboard and spraying wreckage over hundreds of miles of Texas countryside.

The catastrophe occurred 39 miles above the Earth, almost exactly 17 years after the shuttle Challenger exploded

Spiritual Warfare in Space

Editor: Following is one of the messages the Lord gave us when we asked Him what had happened, and why.

***(Jesus speaking:)* Those who travel into space are vulnerable to the unknown.** They're going

not only through space, but through areas that are open battlegrounds in the spirit, and on this occasion they ran right through a spiritual warfare in progress. The Enemy's demons and evil spirits were battling My angels and good spirits there on the verge of Earth's atmosphere, on the border of your physical world, and the warfare was manifested in the physical as well.

The shuttle Columbia, passing through this battleground, was destroyed and lives were lost. This was a sad loss for the families of those on board, but I allowed it to happen for a greater good. For one thing, it has given a wake-up call to the world, especially the U.S., which has been strutting its dominance and invincibility. The message is this, which I have tried to convey to the U.S. in many ways, through various setbacks: Man proposes, but I am the one who disposes. This is a message that I'm giving the world, and in particular the U.S. Let those who think they stand take heed lest they fall, and let those who would wage war upon the innocent consider the consequences, for proud looks and hands that shed innocent blood are both an abomination to Me.

Space is not only a physical realm, but it is a realm in which spiritual beings operate more freely and openly than they do on Earth. This is reflected throughout My Word. I Myself am called "the bright and morning star." The Enemy is also likened unto a star, one who wanted to exalt his throne above the stars of God, and with his tail he will draw others like him from Heaven when he is cast out. Thus My prophet John spoke of a third of the stars, the angels, being cast to the Earth. The church, My bride, is pictured as being clothed with the sun, having the moon beneath her feet, and wearing a crown of stars. There are many other analogies between the "heavens" of space and the spiritual realm.

So those who travel through space, like those who travel through the spiritual realm, must have protection from the spiritual forces that would seek to destroy them. This protection is spiritual, not merely physical. Yes, men must have physical protection to reach out into space, since they are yet in physical form, but they also require My protection. In this case, My protection was lifted to allow this accident.

You can't see all I'm doing behind the scenes to prevent full-scale war, but trust Me that I'm working to minimize the risk. A great battle is being waged in the spirit world to hold back the forces of evil that desire war. Pray for the peace of these lands and pray against the forces that compel America to lash out with such anger and violence. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Jesus speaking:) **What happens in the realm of the flesh is often a reflection or manifestation of what is happening in the realm of the spirit.** Even battles which take place in the physical realm often reflect battles in the spiritual realm, and vice versa. But those of the flesh cannot always understand this, because they only see a small portion of the picture and the battles which rage.

Some battles even take place between the princes of the principalities which have been given over to the Enemy, between two demon principalities. These demons not only try to fight the forces of good, but they cannot even remain at peace with each other for long, because their hearts are so filled with greed and wickedness that they seek to destroy each other to gain more power.

So not all battles you see on Earth are between the forces of good and evil. There are many times when both sides are evil. This is why I have so often told My children to stay out of the politics of the world and avoid taking sides in situations unless I specifically tell them to do so, lest you find yourselves caught between the forces of evil and evil, getting involved where you have no place, and where to stand up for either side would be to stand up for something which is evil.

My archangel Michael and his forces have been holding back the forces of evil and preventing their spread, for it was not the appointed time. Now, however, I am beginning to let them have their way, for it is <u>My</u> way, so that My plan for the Last Days may be fulfilled, so that the Man of Sin and his one world government may arise, as My Word predicts. The Enemy has thus been allowed more leeway and control. Satan, given an inch, will always try to launch an attack to grab more than I have allowed him, and must be driven back to the line which I permit. Such a battle was raging at the time when the shuttle wandered onto the scene, oblivious to the danger surrounding it.

If the things of the flesh enter outer space without My protection, they are vulnerable to attack and destruction. I normally grant My protection because those men who travel through space have prayed, or because others are praying for them-their families, their friends, and others of My children. This is why there have been relatively few deaths in space in comparison to what could have happened <u>without</u> My protection. Look at the far greater failures of unmanned probes and even satellites, which do <u>not</u> normally have My protection, and you will see how I have protected men for the most part.

In an unprotected state, men would be much more open to the manifestations of the spiritual

battles and weaponry around them than when they were still within the relative safety of what little is left of the protective shield which surrounds the Earth at the moment.

As man continues to reject Me and turn to the Evil One, less and less of My protective shield around Earth remains. This is manifest in the physical as well, as more and more cosmic rays and ultraviolet rays are reaching Earth and causing destruction. As time goes on and more of these rays flood into the Earth's atmosphere, you will see more and more extremes of weather, climate shifts, and the resulting catastrophic events. There will be havoc in the physical realm to match that in the spiritual. Things will continue to get worse and worse as man continues to reject My Spirit more and more, hence removing more and more of My protection, until he is finally faced with the results of his rebellion in the wrath which shall come upon him. Even this he brings on himself.

So yes, there was a battle in space. The forces of Satan were raging to overcome the forces of good which still remained, holding the U.S. back from total rampaging greed and war. But because the hearts of many in that country have waxed cold and uncaring about the suffering and pain which they inflict on others in their love for riches, they have invited in the demons of war and death, and have heeded their promises of yet greater wealth and power.

Therefore I have allowed these demons to hold greater sway in that land as a result. But I also allowed this destruction of the shuttle to forewarn and foreshadow the destruction which shall follow as America yields herself to these things. She has indeed become the mother of harlots and abominations, and shall taste of the fruit of her whoredoms.

So yes, there was a battle, as there often is in the spirit, and yes, these ones perished through its physical manifestations. But it was the result of man's wickedness, and especially the turning away of those who have had the light but have turned back to the darkness. I allowed it to show them where they are heading, but will they heed?

I speak to them as I did to Israel of old, "How oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks, but you would not." They shall go forth to their own destruction as she did. But I will keep and protect My children who love and obey Me, those whose hearts are right with Me and who do not just say, "Lord, Lord," while they do not do the things I ask and their hearts are far from Me. Though My faithful and obedient ones shall see a thousand fall at their side and ten thousand at their right hand, they shall also see My shield of protection hallowing them about that they may walk through the fire and the storm and come out without even the smell of smoke. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Columbia Space Shuttle Disaster, The [#3445a])

Getting on the "Prayer Channel"

146. (Sonale:) Prayer is a battleground. In prayer is where spiritual war is waged, where the outcome of the battle is decided. Prayer is a battle taking place right before your eyes, and how much you want to be involved in the battle, how effective you will be in fighting, depends on how desperate you are.

147. In order to be most effective in prayer, you can't be thinking about how tired you are or how uninspired you may feel. You have to set all feelings and possible difficulties aside and focus on the battle of prayer that you must fight and win. You must be willing to give it all you've got, whether you're praying for five minutes, for half an hour, or even if it's for a couple of seconds. You have to be completely "there" in the spirit, completely focused on your hand-to-hand combat with the Devil and his minions.

148. You've been given many tips, much has been revealed to you about the power of prayer and how to wield this marvelous weapon, but when it comes down to it, your desire to fight and win-also known as faith and desperation-is the most important ingredient in prayer.

149. You must learn to enter the place of prayer-also known as the spirit of prayer, or the channel of prayer-in the spirit. This is when you have dedicated your time, your focus, your thoughts,

your goals-everything is given to Jesus, and you are ready and willing to fight. In this spiritual "place" of prayer, we can help you to know what to pray for and how to pray.

150. You can tap into that channel of prayer, and we can help you, if you are open and receptive and willing, and giving everything you have to your times of intercession.

151. The Enemy and his cohorts wish for you to stay blinded and forgetful of the real warfare, and they do this differently for each individual. They try to make you weary in prayer. They try to make prayer seem routine and mundane, just "the same old thing." They enhance feelings of tiredness or other physical distractions. They will use anything they can get their hands on to knock you out of sync with your prayer channel.

152. Here in this place of prayer, on this battleground, you can get the real perspective. You can see what's really happening in the spirit world, and you can sense how the Enemy is attacking and even get glimpses of what is ahead, what to preempt and fight against through prayer. Your spiritual eyes are opened in prayer; your channel is opened to the warnings and signals that we're trying to get across to you, and this is very important.

153. This is one of the first places that lethargy is manifested for some of you, for Lethargy attempts to dull your senses to the importance of prayer. Or if you pray despite that tactic, he tries to get you to pass the time with a half-hearted prayer in order to ease your conscience that you did your part.

154. But if you really want to be strong spiritually, if you want the weapon of prayer to take effect, you have to constantly be stirring yourself up. Desperation is the key that will keep your prayer channel clear and keep you on the cutting edge of the offensive warfare that you're involved in.

(Sonale:) Learning to pray is learning to fight. It's more than just an avenue through which you can talk with the Lord. Prayer is the entranceway to miracles. It is through your prayers that you invoke the power of God to work on your behalf. When you fight in prayer, the tide of battle changes; things happen, hearts are changed, lives are transformed, and miracles are wrought, because you are availing yourself of a mighty weapon of the spirit world.

180. A key to being efficient prayer warriors is vigilance. Prayer has been a big part of your life, and as is the case with anything you are accustomed to doing, it's easy to grow familiar with it, or to not pay as much attention to its development. However, as you know, the spiritual warfare has intensified, and prayer is one of your key fighting weapons. It is through your prayers that you call on the keys; it is through your prayers that you give honor and praise to our wonderful King. Besides being a weapon in itself, prayer is a vehicle for many of your other spiritual weapons.

(Miracle Warrior speaking:) We fight the demons of Hell and wage powerful warfare in the spirit, in order to intercede on your behalf or on the behalf of those for whom you're praying. We transform impossible situations through the miracle-working power of the Lord's Spirit entrusted to us. We change circumstances and events. We move hearts, we change minds, we touch lives. We move the workings of the spirit world according to the power infused in us by Jesus.

We are your miracle workers, your prayer partners in the halls of Heaven. When you pray a prayer with real desperation, with power and with faith, we start to work in the spirit world right away. Not a second is lost, not a minute is wasted. As soon as you utter your prayer, we begin to work in earnest on your behalf-sometimes even before you've prayed your prayer. When we know you're going to pray, we begin to adjust things in the realm of the Spirit to prepare the way for the answer to your prayer.

(Art of War 4)

5. You have had a lot of battles hit you, and the reason is that, as I have often said of late,

the spiritual warfare has intensified. What this means is that there is more spiritual activity going on in and around the Earth. Therefore there are more spiritual things happening in the hearts and minds of men. The Enemy's spirits have been coming into the earth-life and it's like a tide rising around people's ankles, which is affecting everybody. That's why the Family's enemies are getting stirred up, because they are subject to these bad spirits. And that is why you must fight all the harder now, because the battles are more intense in the spirit world.

6. Battles you could fight off in years past by simply getting in the Word or rebuking them, now require a more aggressive approach, an active fighting in the spirit to rebuke and throw off any thing, any thought that is not of Me. That's what I am teaching you to do. I'm teaching you how to fight in this new type of warfare, and it's taking you some time to get adjusted, to realize that war is really here and that you can no longer defeat the Enemy by quoting a simple verse and maybe ignoring the battle.

28. (Jesus:) One of the main applications for you is recognizing when you're in a battle and doing something about it. You tend to forget about the spiritual warfare and the Enemy and all that, right when you need to remember it the most. Right when it's the last thing you're thinking about is probably when you need to be thinking about it the most. (Art of War 3)

Expect the Battles

***(Peter:)* This is a war worth fighting.** This is a war that's worth giving our all to. This is a war worth laying down our lives for. It's a war to free the hearts and souls of the lost. It's a war to set the captives free. It's a war to fulfill our Husband's desire to reach the world with His truth and love.

This war is not a negative. The fact that we're going to have to fight hard is not a negative. The Offensive war that we're engaged in is a positive, because it's the means to securing victory--not just for ourselves, or for our loved ones in the Family, but for the world, for God's Kingdom on Earth, for the future of mankind.

This is a good war, a vital war, an exciting war. It's the war that we've been gearing up for and training for throughout our entire service for the Lord. It's a war that Heaven has been waiting for, the war that many great men and women of God of all time would give **anything** to participate in. **We** have that honor. We have the privilege of fighting in that war, today, right here and now (ML #3754:43-45).

8. We need to adopt the mindset that opposition and adversity are a fact of life and are part of the nature of war. As we go over the top in the Offensive, we can expect to encounter some resistance--maybe at times even a lot of resistance--and we can expect the Enemy to fight. But if you learn to expect opposition in one form or another and you accept the fact that it is part of the war effort, you won't be shocked or dismayed when it comes. You won't assume that it's a negative, or that it's going to bring down your work or cause irreparable damage. You'll take it in stride, get the Lord's battle plan, and keep advancing anyway. In fact, you'll be expecting it, and you'll relish the opportunity to pull out your weapons of the spirit and engage in combat!

***(Jesus:)* The reality of life is that anyone who is accomplishing something of any worth will face opposition.** The opposition can and will come in many forms, and for different reasons

15. You must understand that you are at war, and war is about two opposing sides doing battle which results in the dynamic of conflict. Sometimes this is manifested in all-out war and hand-to-hand combat. At other times, it involves other elements of war--each side engaging in psychological warfare, strategizing, and setting their plans in motion. This is why I have given you the order to move to a proactive footing so that you can beat the Enemy to the punch, enabling you to carry out your plan and accomplish your goals, those that I have given you to win the world.

16. If you have the mindset that you are in a war and that opposition is what war is all about,

then regardless of the form that the opposition may take, you will not see it as some strange thing that has come upon you. Instead, you will know that it is a part of life--a part that you must learn to deal with through the wisdom and understanding of My Spirit. And as you deal with it, you will rise victorious, as the victors of the battle, despite every stroke that sought to pound you into conformity.

17. So set your face as a flint, My loves, calling on the keys of determination and endurance, that you may run the race that I have set before you, overcoming all opposition, always advancing, always moving forward. Be not weary in well-doing, even in the face of opposition, for in due season you will reap, if you faint not.

26. If we can accept the fact that opposition is a part of the nature of war and embrace the challenges it presents, we won't look at it as a negative, or become fearful or worried every time we encounter resistance or hostility to our witness or work. In fact, we'll pull out our weapon of praise and thank the Lord that our witness and our work is hitting the mark, because it's causing the Enemy to attempt to retaliate! We'll praise the Lord for the inroads we're making into the Enemy's territories and the many lives that are being transformed through our Offensive warfare.

***(Jesus:)* This is how I want you to see your battles on Earth--as welcome challenges.** … Every time you're hit with a battle, instead of thinking, "Oh, how horrible!" I want you to think, "Wow! I'm a child of God! I'm an enemy of Satan and I'm destroying his kingdom!" You should look forward to **Heaven** where all will be at peace and life will be happy, but I also want to give you this same peace here and now. I want to give you victory and freedom in the midst of adversity. This is the peace that can be yours if you will but claim it! (ML #3722:6, GN 1273)

30. If you take on a proactive, battle-ready perspective from start to finish every day, you won't be shocked if you run into some resistance or take some flak at times. You'll realize that you might be harassed at some point for living your faith. You'll expect to experience confrontation, conflict, and hostility from time to time. You'll be prepared to face adversity, animosity, disapproval, or unfriendliness. And at times we'll suffer persecution, which the Bible promises that all who live for the Lord can expect to face (2Tim.3:12).

31. This is part of the nature of war and what we signed up for--to fight and win battles. The Lord has guaranteed the victory, but that doesn't mean that we won't have to face down the opposition and battle through to victory. What we need to do is to "Embrace the price. Embrace what it costs you to win" (ML #3754:56). We need to embrace the challenges that we face, as they are part and parcel of fulfilling our mission of reaching the world. Victory will ultimately be ours, but we have to accept the fact that to achieve that victory, we'll have to engage in battles, skirmishes, hand-to-hand combat, and conflict.

(Peter:) We must each get down to brass tacks with our Commander in Chief to get the vision and the mindset we need that will help us to accept the fact that we're at war--that we fight long, arduous, and sometimes almost continual battles, but by His grace, we are going to **love** the fight--at least by loving the victory and being willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary to gain victory. We're going to look at war and all aspects of it as positives, because we know we can't have victory without some war or rough battles, and we're willing to pay that price. We believe in our mission of winning the world so much that we're willing to stake everything on it; we're willing to give it all we've got, day and night after day and night, for as long as it takes, because this is our post, this is what we signed up for, this is what we're in the army for--to fight and to win (ML #3754:67).

72. *(Jesus:)* Life is not just about the easy times, the times when things flow, and when you're able to peacefully go about your business with little to hinder or slow you down. Life is also about the struggle--it's about the challenges that cause you to hone your skills of perseverance, determination, and steadfastness. It's about facing something seemingly insurmountable and actually enjoying it, as you wield the key power at your disposal and set about defeating every obstacle that stands in your way.

73. The high points of life are when you're at the very crest of a wave, and riding it for all it's worth. It's daring to climb aboard and ride the wave, rather than staying on the beach to avoid the

challenge. You'll never rise above the challenges of life and learn to fly to new heights if you hunker down in the safety zones and try to find the path of least resistance.

74. Life for Me is meant to be a challenge. You are in a war, a spiritual warfare that is the most important warfare that will ever be waged, for the most righteous cause, for results that are eternal--the salvation of mankind, and the preparation of the Earth for My Kingdom come.

75. War is all about opposition--it's two opposing armies facing each other down, each determined to be the victor and to carry the day. You have an advantage over traditional armies because your victory was prophesied from the beginning of time. Your success is guaranteed and set in Heaven, **if** you fight through every form of opposition that comes your way, using all the spiritual weapons at your disposal, determined to carry the day in each and every battle you face.

76. A seasoned soldier lives for the battle--that's his life, his calling, his entire focus. He knows he's called to war and he's prepared to do battle. He welcomes the opportunity to thrash the opposition, to claim every bit of land that he can, and to drive back the forces of the enemy seeking to encroach on his country's land.

77. So expect opposition. The more you go over the top, the more likely it is that you will face some opposition. But if you can look at opposition as a challenge and an opportunity to ride the wave and move forward faster and further than ever before, it will help you to not look at it as a negative, a setback, or a hindrance to your plans. Seek Me to turn opposition into an opportunity.

91. ***(Jesus:)*** **Opposition and adversity are the nature of war, My loves,** and as you learn to embrace the challenges they pose and to love the fight, you will come through them victoriously. It all has to do with your perspective and attitude! Opposition and adversity are aspects of life that strengthen you, that help to fine-tune your "art of war," and that help you to become the battle-ready warriors and opposition-overcomers you are meant to be.

92. When you take on the mindset of overcoming, rising above, and victory, every form of opposition and adversity becomes an opportunity--a stepping stone to new possibilities and greater victories. You will see the signs following of My hand at work, performing miracles in answer to your prayers. As you wield the weapon of praise, the gold magic of the keys will go to work in the situation, to give you overpowering momentum and to radically alter the tide of the battle.

93. So wake up each morning on a war footing! Embrace the battles of the day before they even appear on the horizon. You may not know what the day will bring, but you can know that through looking to Me and calling on the power of the keys, you will be ready--ready to enter into the fray, even if you don't know what obstacles, trials or tests it may hold. They're irrelevant to you, because you know that the weapons of your warfare--those mighty and powerful weapons that have been placed in your hands--are more than a match for any adversary that you may face. Your sights are set on the end result--the victory.

94. I want you to see My power at work through you and for you! I want you to experience the exhilaration of victory in every battle. So embrace the fight, embrace the opposition and obstacles that come your way! These are what victories are made of!

(Opposition equals opportunity)

56. So reach out, My precious ones, and begin today, in the days of preparation, to be My prophets--prophets of warning and prophets of mercy. You will be prophets of doom to the Antichrist and his people, but you will be prophets of love and revelation to those who are worthy. My prophets of the End, the children of David--what a great people I have made you! And you will be greater still as you grow in unity and love, as you read and study My Word, and as you learn to hear My voice and speak My truth.

57. You will be a people such as none has ever seen, and in the End, those who know Me not will marvel! Great multitudes will follow after you, giving up all they have just for the opportunity to hear the Words

that you speak, the Words that I will put in your mouth, which will be miracle-working Words, awesome Words of wonder and revelation, powerful Words of destruction and warning. Your greatest weapon, one which cannot be destroyed or counterfeited, will be the weapon of prophecy, the weapon of the gift of My Words in your mouth.

58. You will become Me to the people as you yield yourselves to be My tongue, My heart and My love. Those who are unworthy will reject you. But those who are worthy will receive you, and in receiving you, they will receive Me, and great will be their reward in Heaven. And you will be raised up as heroes! War heroes! You will be decorated with many medals--medals of honor and glory for your faithful, courageous service.

59. You are My avant-garde, the elite troops of the End! So prepare yourselves! Arm yourselves now for the war of the worlds! You shall be the victors, for I am the great Overcomer! I am the Victor, and I will never leave you nor forsake you. And when you open your mouth wide, I will never fail to fill it with My Words, My truth, and My message. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Endtime Prophecy Power! [#3140])

12. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **With the new year will come change--great change.** The coming year will be the embodiment of the word "change." You will see changes in almost every area of your lives and the lives of those around you. Things are not going to continue as they have been. With the ending of one era and the beginning of another, the training period is over. Now begins the field practice.

13. No longer will you remain in your barracks, waking to the sound of the drill sergeant. His job is done, and now is the time to be sent into active duty. This will mean different things for each person. For some, the changes may not be so apparent immediately, but all will move forward.

14. This coming year will bring with it many new assignments and challenges, for you have completed the training missions. Now it's time to engage the Enemy in real fire. Until now you've been using practice shots and blanks and targets, but come the new year you will engage the forces of Satan in real battle. You've been summoned to the front, and it will be time to fight the Devil as never before.

■ I will do a new thing!

15. I will do a new thing in many lives. This is the start of a new era, the opening of a door to a new time--the era of action!

16. For the last few years you've been getting ready, getting in touch with Me and ordering your new weapons, and then training in the battlefield with these new weapons and learning how to use them. That has been the major drive of these last years. Each one will now be expected to pick up and use their new weapons like never before.

17. Those who have not practiced well and who have slacked off in their training times will find that they're falling behind, and that they will need to run and leap forward to catch up with those who have been faithfully applying the New Wine and have taken My call seriously.

■ Been lagging behind?

18. To those who have been lagging behind, keep your eyes and ears open and listen very closely, for I will tell you many things that will propel you forward and help you to catch up quickly.

19. Dangerous times are coming, and though I will protect you and keep you, remember that you're entering a new day, a new time, a new century, and a new calling. No longer will the armor of the past be sufficient, for the Enemy will find that you're an easy target if you have not armed yourself with the new hi-tech weaponry of My Spirit. He will attack you and try to pull you down. To each of you who may still be struggling, I say that you can make it if you will simply throw yourself wholeheartedly into using the new weapons. Pick up your gun of prophecy and start using it. Pick up the shield of your relationship with Me and loving Me, and start defending your spirit from the lies and attacks of the Devil.

20. In the new year, he will try to tell many that I don't love them, that I'm far from them, and that I don't care for them. Those who are strong in Me and have an intimate relationship with Me will see that these are lies, and they will not be affected by them. But those who haven't taken Me into their heart of hearts and started loving Me intimately will find that these doubts will attack them much stronger and they will be faced with much more intense battles. Those who have already established a firm link with Me will know that I am real and that I do love them, for they can simply run into My chambers and find Me there, and love Me and receive fresh assurance of

My love for them.

■ An advance warning!

21. With the dawning of the new year, the Antichrist will step up his efforts for world control. He has seen this as a rallying point for his people--to make this millennium their millennium. He will work zealously to achieve this goal. You will see blatant disregard for faith and disgusting displays of evil that would have previously shocked the world, but now will be taken in stride and brushed off as a new way of running things.

22. I'm warning you in advance that many things you will begin to see in the coming years will vex your righteous spirits. They will cause you to be angry and stirred up against the Devil. Right now you have to continually stir yourself up, but then you will see things that will stir you up and keep you alert and in tune with Me.

23. My friends, My lovers, this is the Time of the End! It's not tomorrow, it's today! This is the day you've been training for. I will open the floodgates, and evil will no longer be held back as it has been for so long. I will release the spirits who have been bound by My hand for so long, and they will wreak havoc on the Earth. These things will be prevalent, so that none might mistake what is coming. You will see the hand of Satan moving powerfully and swiftly to establish his kingdom.

The battle cry!

32. To all My children I issue this battle cry: Watch and pray, for you're entering the days of action! No longer will you be sitting on the sidelines. You will be launched into the fray, into the front of the battle where you will confront evil face to face. Many of you have been sheltered from the most dangerous missions for a long time, that you might be prepared and trained for them, but now I will send you into them, for you are ready. Yes, My loves, you are ready!

33. Sound the rallying call! Call out to your neighbor beside you who might be stumbling. Call out and encourage him and help him. You must be closely knit together in order to make it through this coming year and the time to come. I must melt your hearts together so that you'll be able to trust one another and believe in and love each other. The Devil seeks to sow division and to divide you, so that you might fall. Resist his attacks. Fight against them with all your might, for division could be your downfall!

What You Hold in Your Hand

46. You hold in your hands the key to all that is good, all that is pure, all that is strong, all that is powerful, all that is beautiful, all that is wonderful, all that is right, all that is victorious, all that is triumphant. I've given you all that you need to come victoriously through not only this year, but all the remaining years ahead of you.

47. You hold in your hand the key of Heaven, and your part is but to take hold of, embrace, grasp, and never let go of it, nor of the precious treasures that it allows you access to. Never set aside this key or let it out of your sight. Never let its value diminish in your eyes, or else you will risk losing it or misplacing it and all that comes along with it. This key is your yieldedness and commitment to Me, your desperation of heart to fulfill My will.

48. You can never lose your place in My heart, nor your place in My Kingdom. The only thing you can lose is the full power, anointing and strengthening for this new year and this new millennium. Therefore I charge you to diligently guard your hearts, your spirits and your channels. I wish to make the passage way between your physical realm and My spiritual realm a very short one. I wish for you to always have the key wherewith to enter My spiritual realm to receive all that you need to face what lies ahead. Only with the power, wisdom and guidance that you will find when you search beyond the veil will you have the ability to endure--and not only to endure, but to overcome.

The season of awakening

49. Dark days are upon you, and although it may seem at first glance that "all things continue as they were" as the new year and new millennium begin, be not deceived. Keep your eyes, ears and hearts open, for great things are going to come upon all the world--great and terrible things, and great and wonderful things, all in their course.

50. To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven. This has been the season of preparation, and now it becomes the season of awakening. I'm awakening you, My children, and causing you to become more aware of what's happening in the spiritual realm and even in the physical realm, as Satan seeks to

more firmly establish his stronghold upon the Earth.

51. I'm counting on you, My children, My brides, to awaken the world around you, to preach My truth boldly, to proclaim My message without fear and reservation. I'm calling upon you to draw many unto Me, to reach out to those who are lost and who grope in darkness--even to those who know not that they grope in darkness, but who think that they see their way. These are deceived if they do not know Me. For they trust in their own gods, the gods they've made with their own hands--the gods of science, of money, of materialism, of intellect, of education, of government, of humanity.

52. So many are deluded, and I have allowed Satan's minions to roam the Earth freely, deceiving many. You've seen the horrors that his evil and deceit have caused to flourish. Yet within this century you've witnessed only the beginning of Satan's greatest evil works. Many more of Satan's minions are about to be released now at the start of this new millennium, for this is his hour, his opportunity. It is the time when I allow him to spread his evil and his lies throughout the Earth, for the great showdown is beginning.

Why the greater power?

53. Satan's power is increasing, yet it is still no match for My power! His multitudes of minions are no match for My legions of Heavenly warrior angels. Yet they must be allowed to roam the Earth, to plague the hearts and minds and bodies of mankind, to bring about much sorrow and tribulation, to bring about much deceit and delusion. Yet he will never overcome you.

54. My power is much greater, and you, My children, though you be few in number, possess power in the spirit unlike any others on Earth. Satan's minions guide and empower his earthly propagators, and these possess his power and his wisdom. Yet it is so puny, so weak, so miniscule, compared to the power of light and truth that is within you, My children! You have nothing to fear, for you are greater than they, and My forces are greater than theirs. Yet be forewarned and be aware that his minions will also roam the Earth in greater numbers and with greater power than they've had before. The greater power that I have given you is not only a gift of My love to you, but it is because you will find it necessary in order to withstand and overcome the increased attacks of Satan upon you. For he will try with all his power and might to hinder you and keep you from accomplishing your goal of preaching My Gospel of truth to every creature.

The poisoning of the world

55. The Enemy will try to hinder you, My children, through personal attacks, through battles of doubts and fears, through pride and unyieldedness, through the temptations and trip-offs of the world and its trinkets.

56. He will also try to hinder My Gospel being preached by poisoning the minds of the world, of those who know Me not.--Poisoning them through his widespread propaganda against faith and religion in general, and especially against any that appear unusual or strange; poisoning them through apathy and disbelief; poisoning them by causing them to believe in their own minds and power, causing them to believe that the might and wisdom of man is sufficient, and that they do not need Me.

57. Be awake, be alert, be aware, My precious ones. You are My gentle and loving brides, but you are also My warriors, My crack troops, My vanguard leading the way. You are now entering the day when all your training will be put to good use. You're entering the days when you must be extremely militant against the Enemy of your souls, for he seeks to stop My message from reaching the ends of the Earth. He seeks to stop those whom I would draw unto My Kingdom of Love, to My haven of rest, to My intimate chambers, from finding Me.

What Jesus depends on you for

58. You are My emissaries upon Earth. You are those who I'm counting on to resist and defy and overcome him. I depend upon you to wage militant warfare against Satan and his ilk, and to fight and press forward with all

that is within you to deliver My truth to those who are bound and blind and ignorant! So many walk in darkness. So many walk in delusion. So many grope blindly. So many are without hope, without faith, without truth, without light, without love. Do not leave them to their own devices, or worse yet, to the devices of Satan.

59. Arouse yourselves and stir yourselves and fight for their souls! Rise up and challenge the Enemy! Pull out the sword of My truth and My Word, and employ the new weapons of the spirit, arming yourself with faith and conviction, and march forward to conquer! You are conquerors! You are more than conquerors, for you're on My side! I am the great I am, the beginning and the end, and I've already won the battle.

60. The outcome is sure--I will be the winner, and Satan will fail. Yet the number of those who come to Me and find Me within this era of grace is largely up to you. These who come to Me now, in this era, before I establish My Kingdom upon Earth, are those who become part of the "more blessed" category. You may think this unfair, but this is the way I've designed and destined it to be. I leave it up to you and your initiative, fight and determination to ensure that as many as possible are given the opportunity to receive this, the greatest blessing and highest form of reward that can be given to My Earth-born children.

61. Will you give them what you've been given? Will you allow them the opportunity that was afforded you? I'm counting on you, depending on you, to bring as many as you can to Me! For I love each one so dearly, so passionately, with such great tenderness. Can you not feel My love for them burning within your heart? Can you not feel the passion with which I yearn for them? Can you not see the tears that fall from My eyes as I plead and call for them to come to Me? Be My hands to deliver this passion! Be My eyes to deliver these tears! Be My mouth to deliver these words of love and longing. Be My body to sacrifice and suffer and lay down your life for them, as I laid down My life for you.

62. March forward and enter this new year full of faith, this new era of miracles and mighty works. These mighty works and miracles will help you to fulfill the greatest commission I've ever given, and which I now remind you of and earnestly plead with you to strive toward: Preach the Gospel to every creature! Make disciples of all nations! *(End of message from Jesus.)*

130. ***(Vision:)*** **I saw a line of soldiers, dressed like those on the cover of the Letter "Where Poppies Grow."** They each had a drum and were all drumming. One of the soldiers stepped out of formation to give me this message.

131. ***(Departed soldier speaking:)*** **The drums are sounding in the distance! Hear the sound of drums!** The soldiers of the Lord from the realm of the spirit are preparing for the day of battle. Many of His children who died as soldiers in the wars of man have been retrained and are now gathered together to stand with you as you face the foe, that one who will stand up proclaiming that he is God.

132. Greater is He that is in you than he who will oppose you. Greater is He that will fight for you than he who will fight against you. Greater is He who will triumph in the end than he who would tribulate you. Greater is He within you, and so great you shall be--for His Word shall come to pass as He prophesied--"greater things than these shall ye do!" This is the day of greater things--greater progress, greater victories, greater miracles. Great and mighty is the Lord Who has called you, Who also will do it!

133. The bugle is sounding! It's time to fall in line! Come! Forward march! *(End of message from departed soldier.)*

The Armies of Heaven!

134. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **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.

135. You've been chosen and anointed for the task ahead, just as you've been chosen for all that you've been called upon to do in the past. Have you not seen Me fight for you and bring you through? It hasn't always been easy, but I never promised it would be easy; yet I have promised the victory in battle.

136. I've chosen you to be Endtime warriors, and now you will better understand the term "elite troops," especially when you see the anointing that will be upon you; when you see the Scriptures opening up to you; when you see how I've given you understanding of them and of the events around you; when you see the discernment, faith, courage and conviction that will make you new men and women.

137. Old things will pass away and you will be new creatures in Me, soldiers of the End, separated and set aside for special use and a special calling as warriors of the faith. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Graduating to the Battlefield

85. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **The time to practice is over.** I give My children advance notice, way in advance, so they don't have to be pressured and rushed in their training, but can learn through trial and error, from their mistakes, from their experience.

86. I've given you several years to sharpen your swords, and now the day of battle has come. You're graduating from schooling to the battlefield, to the march, to the fray. The time has come to test your mettle*, to see of what sort it is. Has it been tried in the fire of practice to withstand the heat of the battle? Once on the battlefield there's no turning back--for My children, or for the world. The clock moves forward to the End. The world of the future has been described for you. Your plan for survival has been well explained and you've been given years to prepare for the spiritual warfare that is ahead. *(mettle: courage, spirit, or strength of character. The word is a variant of "metal." The underlying meaning is "the substance somebody is made of.")

87. Stand and face the battle ahead. I will strengthen you and give you the anointing for whatever battle you go into. I will give you keen hearing. My Words will flow over you like an oil, smoothly and easily. They will give you everything you need. Do not fear because of your lacks. Many of you will be surprised at how you will shine once you enter battle. You will rise up like doves with silver and golden wings because of the light and truth that will shine upon you.

88. The dove is very fitting for My children--a weak bird, not a bird that is strong and a hunter; not a mighty bird like the eagle, but a weak and simple bird, frail and small. Yet I chose the dove above all birds in My Word to symbolize My Spirit, My blessing, My peace. To this dove, My Family, will I give silver and golden wings, as the Psalm says. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Era of Action! Part 1, The [#3288])

90. We must all guard our lifeline with the Word more than ever before. Possibly you've felt the attacks of the Enemy that the Lord speaks of in the message you just read--attacks in the form of boredom, busyness, doubts, lack of interest, daydreaming, tiredness, and many other things. This should not surprise you, because you're part of the Lord's chosen elite and you're one of the few people in the whole world who has access to His full counsel.

91. Even if we're sometimes dull in the spirit regarding the power of the Words of David, the Enemy isn't. He's constantly aware of the power the Lord has given us through the Word, and he's determined to do everything he can to stop us from accessing that power. And he's freaking out now, because the Lord is exposing his plan and he's about to be defeated!

92. The Devil has become more malicious! Not only are the spiritual attacks against us more vehement than ever, but they're also more subtle, more crafty and refined. Today, the Lord's warning applies more than ever: "If it were possible, the very elect would be deceived" (Mat.24:24). You've seen people fall away from the truth. Probably each of you knows someone personally who was once on fire about the Word, happy serving Jesus, and ready to give his or her life as a disciple, but then they weakened and eventually lost faith. How does that happen? The answer is still the same as Dad explained in "Old Bottles"--they lose their connection with the source, the Word. (See ML #242, Vol.2.)

93. The Lord gave us a specific list of things to do that will get us started on this Word revolution. During the Feast there is time allotted for this Home discussion and implementation, so please bring this list to your Home meetings, and follow through on the Lord's instruction.

* Pray that the Lord will open your eyes to the spiritual warfare and the importance of the Word as only He can.
* Claim the keys for revelations on how to have a metanoia and revolution that will last; claim the keys for the faith to believe that it can be done.
* Talk about your fears, what holds you back, the problems you encounter, and how to overcome them.
* Decide on your plan of attack--personally and as a Home.
* Commit to doing whatever it takes to make the Word the spiritual lifeblood that flows through the veins of your Home.
* Hear from the Lord in prophecy to confirm your plans.
* Do what the Lord shows you to do without delay.

What is Jesus Worth to You?

1. THE MAIN WARFARE IS ACTUALLY GOING ON HERE AMONGST THE HUMANS, & THE OTHER SPIRITS ARE MERELY HELPING US! The Angels of God & the departed spirits are helping us, & the demons of the Devil are trying to defeat us! So the major battle of the forces of Heaven & Hell is for or against the humans, it's not that it's all that much just between them & in the Spirit World. Helping or hurting us is their main project, & in the process of it, of course, they fight each other. (Maria: But for us or against us.)--Yes!

2. THE WARFARE IN THE SPIRIT WORLD IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT IT ALL HINGES ON US & HAS TO DO WITH US! The warfare that my Mother envisioned going on in the heavenlies is the warfare between spirits in the Spirit World for & against us! (Maria: So it all depends on what we do. We're the ones that are deciding things, but we can't carry them out without their help?)

3. THE MAIN BATTLES ARE FOR & AGAINST US! The main spirit battles, of course, are going on in the Spirit World, but they hinge almost entirely on us & our decisions here. The battles depend largely on our decisions as to which way they go, because the hands of the powers of Heaven are tied according to our decisions! If we make the right decisions & operate by faith, then the forces of good are loosed & empowered to help us & to overcome the forces of evil! But if Man makes the wrong decision & goes the wrong direction, then, in a sense their hands are tied, & the hands of the devils & demons & of Satan are liberated to bring about devastation amongst humanity, just like is happening right now!

4. THE WHOLE WARFARE DEPENDS ON US & WHICH DIRECTION WE GO & how much we let them help us or get their help! When Daniel prayed, the Angel of God that was sent to help him was liberated & got the victory over the Devil & was able to come & help Daniel. It was because of Daniel's prayers that he got the victory, & then Michael was able to come & help him & got the victory over the Prince of Persia.--Dan.10:12-13. And it was because Jacob fought a good fight & persevered that he got the victory, won the blessing & was empowered of the Spirit of God to win!--Gen.32:24-28.

7. IF WE DO THE RIGHT THINGS & MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES & GO THE RIGHT DIRECTION, THEN WE HAVE THE POWER TO CALL IN THE FORCES OF HEAVEN TO ASSIST US & to overcome & overpower the forces of evil. But if we make the wrong choices & go the wrong directions & do the wrong things, then the Enemy has the power to overcome us & defeat us in spite of all Heaven would like to do!

8. "WHATEVER IS BOUND ON EARTH IS BOUND IN HEAVEN; WHATEVER IS LOOSED ON EARTH IS LOOSED IN HEAVEN!"--Mat.16:19. It doesn't say it the other direction at all. What Heaven does is dependent on us! That's the whole idea of the whole game!

13. WE CAN UNLEASH THE FORCES OF HEAVEN AGAINST THE ENEMY BY MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS, the right choices, going the right way & doing the right things so that the Enemy cannot possibly win! That looses the forces of Heaven to fight him & win the victory! Or we can do things that are wrong, make wrong decisions & go in the wrong direction & then the powers of Heaven are bound by our own evil doings & the powers of Hell are unleashed! We turn the tide of victory or defeat entirely by our choices, believe it or not! That's what God has done: He has put the fate of the World into the hands of Man--up to a point. Of course, very soon God is going to take over before Man has gone too far!

14. IT'S TRUE, THE FORCES OF GOOD & EVIL ARE ENGAGED IN A GIGANTIC HEAVENLY STRUGGLE, BUT THE TIDE OF THAT BATTLE IS UP TO US & our decisions & the way we go, the way Man goes.--And right now Man is going the wrong direction, therefore the powers of Heaven will not help him if he goes against God! Then the powers of Hell are unleashed to take over, which they're doing right now!

23. SO IT IS NOT THE FORCES OF HEAVEN OR THE FORCES OF HELL WHO ARE DECIDING THIS BATTLE, they are merely fighting either for or against us, but it is what we do & how we do it & the choices we make & the right or wrong we do which unleashes either force. If we do right, the right forces are unleashed to overcome the Enemy. If we do wrong, then the Devil is allowed to have power over us & unleash the forces of Hell against us & win that particular battle.

24. IT IS NOT DECIDED IN HEAVEN! The whole point of the whole game is that it is in a sense a game of choice, a game of will, the majesty of decision, & it all depends on us! The Heavenly battle depends on us!--And our choices & our decisions to do right or wrong. One or the other is empowered to win depending on how we unleash them. We're the ones really controlling the tide of battle by our decisions & by our choices

(Spiritual Warfare Depends on Us)

Our Battles Have a Purpose,

And Help Us to Help Others!

27. I also want to remind you that we're not the only ones who have to face battles. Folks outside the Family face very difficult battles as well, often without answers and relief, and as time goes on, their battles are only going to increase. Pretty soon all faiths will also face intense persecution. We're preparing for those times now and being strengthened through our battles so we'll be ready when the whole world is going through it, and so few have the answers, and thousands will be coming to us, clamoring for the truth!

28. The Lord expects us to fight and win so that we can help encourage others and lead them to Him in the days to come. Our battles have a purpose--they strengthen and prepare us and keep us close to the Lord--and best of all, we have the promise of victory! The poor people of the world go through very, very difficult things--many of them much worse than we could ever imagine--and yet they don't see any purpose behind them. They struggle without a goal, without a light at the end of the tunnel. Thank God that we have the truth, we're aware of the spiritual warfare and what's happening in the world, and we know that it all has a happy ending, if we'll only hang on! Praise the Lord!

1. I love you! As I'm sure each of you can testify, as we get closer and closer to the End, the Enemy is fighting harder and harder. The Lord has prepared us for this, and as the attacks get stronger and stronger, He's given us the weapons to overcome them. He even said that He had held back the more intense battles until He had given us the new weapons and the time needed to prepare for them.

2. He's emphasized repeatedly the importance of becoming skilled and practiced in our use of the new weapons, telling us that as the days get darker, things are not going to get any easier for us, the children of Light! But He also has reminded us that a little candle can be seen so much better in the midst of gross darkness, and that where iniquity abounds, grace also abounds. So in spite of the increased intensity of the battles and attacks of the Enemy, the future is still glowing brilliantly for us through the power of God's promises!

3. There are so few of us in comparison to the vast number of needy people in the world, and yet the Lord uses us to accomplish so much for Him. We're very active, we're on the attack, we reach people that no one else reaches, and we're willing to not only preach the meat of the Word to the world, but to live it as a sample. It's no wonder, then, that the Enemy would love nothing more than to defeat us.

4. He's tried to defeat us as a Family through court cases and persecution, but we've only been strengthened and have come out victorious every time. He also fights us individually through spiritual attacks, which are manifested physically, emotionally, and psychologically. He tries anything and everything to derail us and pull us off the wall of our job for the Lord--whether through discouragement, condemnation, doubts, self-righteousness, trying to persuade us that we don't need the new weapons, getting us to operate in our own strength, or whatever the case may be.

5. A great part of the victory in any battle is when you can see the enemy, when you can spot the ways he's trying to defeat you, because then you know which direction to attack. The same is true with our spiritual warfare. We have to expose the Enemy in order to know how to fight him. And thankfully, we have a Commander in Chief, our wonderful Husband Who sees it all, the big picture, and is always more than happy to point out to us where the Enemy is coming from and what tactics he's using.

Rebuttals to the Devil's Lies!

64. Here are the rebuttals to the Devil's lies. This is reality. This is what's happening in the spirit world, and this is the truth:

1) **You are in My perfect will.** There's nothing on Earth that will bring you greater pleasure than to stick.
2) **You're not facing any more monotony or boredom than any other Family member.** No matter what the ministry, every Family member faces times when they feel sick of their job, sometimes to the point that they could scream! Every Family member goes through periods where they feel they can hardly get out of bed in the morning, where it takes all their self-control and will power to just make it through the day. Every ministry can become monotonous, boring and tiresome at some time or another.
3) **These feelings of restlessness, frustration, resentment, boredom and anger are from the Enemy.** Even though they seem as if they're brought on by actual circumstances, they're not natural, not of yourself, and don't originate in your own mind or spirit. They're an attack!
4) **The Enemy hates you and wants to destroy your usefulness.** Unless you go on the attack as you never have before, he won't stop until you're completely defeated. He wants you out. He wants you down. He wants you dead!

5) **No, you haven't finished your job here.** You feel there are no more worlds to conquer, that you're just doing the same thing day after day, going through the motions. You feel that if you weren't doing what you do, then someone else would do it, so what's the difference? I'll tell you what the difference is: If you desert your plow, there will be significant losses to the Kingdom. Things will not continue going as smoothly as they are. There will be defeats--colossal defeats!
6) **If you were to go somewhere else, you would no longer have the same battles, that's true.** But you would have other battles, and I guarantee they would be worse, because you would be out of My perfect will for you. Many have lost their minds when they lost their way and turned their backs on Me by turning their backs on My calling for their lives. They were haunted with remorse, guilt, and the knowledge that they had missed My will, the greatest place of service.
7) **You have to forsake the resentment which you've allowed to build up.** Resentment leads to bitterness. Resentment toward Me, Mama and Peter, even the Word and prophecy, is a very serious breach which opens the doors to other more serious problems. Once you forsake it, you'll see that those little things which are bothering you were part of My plan and for your good; but the Enemy twisted them around and you bought his lies and were resentful about them, instead of being honest and getting them cleared up.
8) **It doesn't matter if you hate your job, if you're totally bored, if you're so restless and frustrated you could almost scream--just do it!** As you do your job wholeheartedly, fervently, by a miracle of My supernatural power, you'll regain the enthusiasm and vision you have lost. I will restore to you the joy of your salvation and the joy of shepherding. You'll have a new lease on life! You'll see a miracle!
9) **Right now you're held in prison by the Enemy.** You're a P.O.W.--prisoner of war. You're his captive and he's determined to not let you go. But I have the key to the jail cell in My hand, and I give it to you right now: Ask for prayer! Cry out with strong tongues and weeping, and I will deliver you. You'll be set free, and the angels will minister unto you. They'll bind up your wounds and bring you back to health. Those angels are special spirit helpers that I will give you as a reward for your obedience to Me in asking for prayer.
10) **You must fight--fight every minute, every second!** Rebuke the Enemy's negative thoughts. Rebuke his perspective. Rebuke the logical, reasonable "spin" he puts on things. Give no place to the Devil!
11) **After you've been rescued from the clutches of the Enemy, you must be strengthened in the Word.** I will set you free, I will deliver you, I will give you the spirit helpers that you need, but you must do your part. You must ask for prayer and then drink deeply of the Word. The Word is your only defense against the Enemy's return. The Word is what will build up your spiritual defenses. The Word is what will give you the strength to pick up the weapons and begin attacking again. The Word is the only protection you have in this spiritual warfare.
12) **As you're recovering and being strengthened, you must resist the temptation to analyze and talk about why you shouldn't be expected to do this.** I will not ask anything of you that is too much for you. You must resist the temptation to talk about your problems, how bad things are, how miserable you are. What you say, what you think, that's who you are! If you speak faith, enthusiasm, fresh inspiration, renewing and happiness, all these things will be given unto you.
13) **After you've been converted, strengthened, and salvaged--strengthen the brethren.** You'll be a light and a shepherd to others who may weaken or waver, helping to give them the faith that they can make it, they can hold on.
14) **Change your priorities to put first emphasis on the Word.** One of the ways the Enemy has gained a foothold in your thoughts is through your neglect of the Word. I know you love the Word, you believe the Word, and you know that the Word is the secret to life, happiness, fruitfulness, vision, power, everything! Without the Word you're nothing. But your thoughts of restlessness, frustration and boredom have compounded your already nervous nature to the point that you're no longer able to sit still. You feel like you'll explode inside if you don't get up and do something! The Enemy attacks your thoughts with distractions so you aren't even fed when you do manage to read the Word, until you lose faith to read the Word.

Your Need for the Word
And How to Get It!

65. You feel powerless to pull yourself out of this restless, nervous habit of not getting fed from the Word. You feel this is your personality, your nature, that's just the way you are. Plus, there's so much to do, so many emergencies, so you feel you can't really be expected to have that consistent quiet time. It's just not possible. And besides, you aren't fed by it anyway, so what's the difference? Here is My perspective on your need for the Word and how to get it:

1) **There is no way to get fed from the Word without taking it in**--reading it, listening to it, memorizing it, reviewing it, talking about it, receiving it in prophecy. To do this takes time. You need to spend the whole morning in the Word and prayer for the next month. This is an order from Me and the king and queen. If you feel you can't do this due to other pressing deadlines, change the deadlines. Your spiritual survival is priority.
2) **To have these mornings in the Word you will need to inform your flock that they're not to disturb you.** If they love you, which they do, they'll respect this time.
3) **Have others help you by getting together feeding Word.** When a person is away from the Word, one of the biggest hindrances to getting back to the Word is finding something feeding, something that really hits the mark. Have others help you prepare your reading so you don't have to waste valuable time trying to find something, looking aimlessly through the Home library or your little books. These feeding meals should be prepared for you, printed out in advance, your own copies so you can mark them. You should have a choice of various -options at all times, so you can choose whatever seems to appeal to you at the time.
4) **Even if nothing "appeals to you,"** if nothing looks interesting, read anyway.
5) **Even if you feel you aren't getting fed by the Word, read anyway.** Don't stop. You must even engage in force-feeding if need be. That's what's done with patients who are too weak to eat or drink; they're fed intra-venously. They have no choice in the matter. The same is true for you--you must eat whether you want to or not, whether you feel hungry or not. Even if the food looks and tastes horrible, eat!
6) **If you can't keep your thoughts focused, read out loud.** To read out loud is slower. You can't read as much, but if you're able to concentrate better, then it's okay to read less but absorb more.
7) **Mark key quotes, then compile those quotes into a quote book for easy review.** Add to the quote book daily, or every couple of days, so you have fresh Word at your fingertips--those precious tidbits that spoke to your heart.
8) **Review the basic Bible verses you memorized as a babe.** The Bible is still quick and powerful. That will bring you back to the basics of what makes a disciple--having no will of your own, forsaking all to follow Me, having a Heavenly vision and the hope of eternal rewards, submission to My will above all.
9) **Hear from Me in prophecy each day.** Seek Me for yourself personally. You might need to have other P&Ps (prayer and prophecy times) throughout the day related to your work and ministry, but those don't count toward this requirement. I want to speak to you personally, daily, so I can give you the encouragement and instruction that you need as you build up your strength and recover your spiritual health. I am your Great Physician and I will check on you daily, making sure the "medicine" is having the desired effect; I will personally oversee your physical and spiritual therapy.
10) **Keep a log of what you read each day--a simple list.** Amy can help you with this if you wish. This will serve as a testimony to your resolve and your determination to obey. This will also serve as a visible check to see how you're doing in your Word studies. Also, after the month of required morning reading and quiet time comes to an end, this log will encourage you to keep going, to keep up the good Word habit.

(Spiritual Attacks Intensified)

VERSES ON FIGHTING & SPIRITUAL WARFARE!

77. **WE'VE GOT TO STIR OURSELVES UP, WE CAN'T BE LAZY & LETHARGIC ANY MORE BECAUSE WE'RE IN AN ARMY**! This thing about fighting & rebuking the Enemy, this is what armies do, they fight! And we should actually have much more the attitude of an army! I think it's good to call ourselves an army, to keep that in front of us, too keep reminding ourselves that it is a fight & we've got to "endure hardness as good soldiers," we've got to "fight the good fight", "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal", "earnestly contend for the faith!" (2Tim.2:3; 1Ti.6:12; 2Co.10:4-5; Jude 3)

78. **WHAT OTHER VERSES CAN YOU THINK OF THAT SHOW THAT WE'RE IN A SPIRITUAL WARFARE & WE'RE AN ARMY?** (John: "We wrestle not against flesh & blood."--Eph.6:12) (Fam: "Lay hold on eternal life."--1Tim.6:12) (Teen: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh"--2Cor.10:3)--Yes, that's a good one too! (Fam: "Put on the whole armour of God!"--Eph.6:11)--Yes! What do you put armour on for, anyway?--For the battle! You'd never think of putting armour on unless you were going to war! (Fam: "The violent take it by force."--Mat.11:12) (Peter: "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the

affairs of this world."--2Tim.2:4) (Fam: "The Lord teaches my hands to war."--Psa.144:1) (Peter: "The Lord is a man of war."--Exo.15:3) (John: "Stand back & see Me fight."--Exo.14:13-14) That's a good one for showing we are in a war, true, but right now He wants us to fight! (Fam: "There is no discharge in this war!"--Ecc.8.8)--Yes, that's a good one. (Fam: "Fight the good fight of faith!"--1Tim.6:12) Those are all very good ones.

79. **WE ARE GOING OVER A LOT OF VERSES HERE, BUT IF THE LORD GIVES YOU THE SAME VERSE LATER WHEN YOU'RE PRAYING, YOU SHOULD NEVER BE ASHAMED OR TOO PROUD TO REPEAT IT**. Don't worry if somebody else has said it, the Lord can use it over & over! Look how many times Dad repeated "Rebuke the Enemy" here! you don't have to worry about repeating things! If the Lord gives you something it doesn't matter how many times we've said it before, nobody should think, "Oh well, you just thought that because somebody else brought it up," So if the Lord gives you something, even if it's exactly the same as He gave somebody else, you shouldn't be too proud to give it! Maybe it's a good confirmation! Maybe you need to repeat that Verse, maybe we need to hear it several times so it will stick!

80. **SO THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF THINGS ABOUT WAR & FIGHTING! WE NEED TO STIR OURSELVES UP**, "earnestly contend for the faith"! It's important! It's a need that we be real fighters, & fight against the natural tendencies of most of us that are a little lazy.

DAD IS A FIGHTER!

81. **HERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION FOR YOU KIDS! THINK ABOUT GRANDPA. WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT IMPRESS YOU THE MOST ABOUT GRANDPA?** What kind of person is Grandpa? What are some of his characteristics that are the most outstanding to you? (Davida: He's full of faith & always in the Word!)--Very good! (David: He's a good fighter!) Is that what you were going to say too, Techi? (Techi: Yes!)--Very good! That's a confirmation, they both thought of that at the same time, Grandpa's a good fighter! If you think of him as anything, you think of him as a fighter, a real fighter! (Teen: I was thinking that not only is he a good fighter, but also he really likes to fight!)--Right, exactly! There are some quotes that we put in the MOP about how he loves the battle, he loves to be fighting for the Lord against the Devil for the souls of men!

82. **LOVE IS THE MAJOR THING WE THINK OF WHEN WE THINK OF GRANDPA, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE THAT IS MORE CONNECTED WITH BEING A FIGHTER** that is one of Grandpa's prominent characteristics. (Davida: Trusting in the Lord?) Well, to trust & to have faith is a real fight a lot of times, so that's connected too. Anything else? (Fam: He hates evil!)--Yes, & he's willing to fight against it! (Techi: He rebukes the Devil by name!)--Right! He's always fighting the Enemy & he gets the victory too. (Fam: He doesn't give up!)--That's right, he keeps going. (Fam: He puts the Lords work first.) No matter what his desires are, he always puts the Lord first!

83. **(FAM: IF THERE'S A PROBLEM & SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT, HE DOESN'T JUST ACCEPT IT BUT HE ATTACKS IT**!)--Yes, that's very good, that's what I was going to say, that's what I was especially fishing for! (Peter: He does it now!)--Those two things! As you said, if there's a problem, he attacks it! All those other things you said are right & very good, but this is the one I was trying to get that fits closely with fighting. If here's a problem he attacks it right now & he changes it!--Right! He always changes it if it's not right! He's always ready to fight to overcome the bad, the evil, or the thing that isn't right! He puts forth effort, he fights! It's real work to change those physical things with the handymen & doing all that work, that's a real fight! It's a real effort to change things for the better!

84. **AND HE ALWAYS DOES IT NOW, TOO**! Like Alexander the Great said when they asked him how he had conquered the world in such a short time, he replied, "By not delaying!" So that goes with fighting & with changing things, doing it now. Otherwise, if you put it off you'll probably never do it. If every time Grandpa saw something that needed to be changed he said, "We'll do it tomorrow," he probably wouldn't get half of the things done or changed that he does! So being a fighter & being willing to change things & do it now are all intertwined.

85. **WHAT MAKES GRANDPA DIFFERENT THAN THE LEADERS OF ALL THE OTHER RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS?** (David: He gives God the glory!)--Right! Well, I hope some of the others give God the glory too, but I think you're right, that Grandpa does it more than any of the people we know. (David: He follows the Lord the closest.)--Right! But there's something I'm thinking of in connection with what we were talking about.

That's sort of a trick question, because I just said it. He's a fighter! He created a Revolution, right? Nobody else, none of the other religious movements, youth groups or denominations are revolutions! They're all part of the old. But Grandpa's been willing to fight to the extent of bringing about a total change, & to keep it a Revolution by continuing to fight & change.

86. **A REVOLUTION IS A TOTAL CHANGE FROM ONE GOVERNMENT OR POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS SYSTEM TO ANOTHER**, & sometimes changing it takes armed conflict, war, fight! We've had to fight to have this revolution & we're still having to fight to keep it a revolution, & to keep changing. And that's what makes Grandpa & our movement different than any of the other movements. So do you see how important fighting is & what the Lord thinks of it? We wouldn't even have the Family or the revolution today if Grandpa hadn't been a fighter & started it & continued to keep it going. we'd just be another denomination or youth group or church organisation.

87. **SO YOU SEE WHY THE LORD EVIDENTLY THINKS PRETTY HIGHLY OF FIGHTERS. THERE ARE VERY FEW OF THEM IN THE WORLD**! The majority of people just aren't fighters, even most of us aren't fighters normally, that's not our natural tendency. But we have to learn to be, because it's so important to the Lord. That's what the Lord wants in an army, in this movement. He doesn't have the potential for such a strong army of fighters anywhere else in the World, so we've gotta be His fighters! That's what He's trying to make of us, although it's really hard. I've prayed that he would make me one, but I need to pray it more!--Not only me, but all of us! We need to really stir ourselves up in everything, not only in healing, but in every thing we need to be fighters!

88. --**JUST LIKE THE GOOD TALK THAT SARA HAD WITH YOU KIDS!** (FSM 25) You can't just sit around & rest on your past accomplishments, you have to really do something, even though it takes a lot of effort. It really takes a lot of change & a lot of discomfort. You're a lot more comfortable just sitting around doing whatever you like to do. It takes real sacrifice & real unselfishness to launch out & tackle a new job, but that's what the Lord requires of us.

89. **WE'RE AN ARMY & A REVOLUTION! DAD CALLED US A REVOLUTION & THE LORD CONFIRMED IT, & THE LORD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AN ARMY & SOLDIERS IN THE BIBLE**. That's what He would like them to be & that's what they're supposed to be, but there are very few Christians that are real soldiers in His army! Where are they? So the Lord's counting on us to be the soldiers by even naming us a Revolution, even naming us an army! Of course, He'd like all his people to be that way, but they aren't. They just fell down on the job & they decided to go AWOL (absent without leave, or permission) & they're not around any more. So we've gotta do it!

IT TAKES EFFORT!--MORE CREDIT FOR OVERCOMING!

90. **IT'S HARD FOR MOST OF US, IT TAKES A LOT OF EFFORT**! For some people it isn't so hard, like Dad, because that's the way the Lord made him & he wants change the wants to fight. But most of us don't like to change and we're stuck in a rut most of the time. It's difficult for us & we don't like it & we resist it. Nevertheless the Lord will give you even more credit if you don't like it but you do it anyway & you overcome that natural tendency to be lazy & to be stuck in a rut.

91. **IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S DIFFICULT FOR YOU & YOU DO IT ANYWAY, THE LORD'S GOING TO GIVE YOU EVEN MORE CREDIT FOR IT THAN SOMEBODY WHO JUST LIKES TO DO IT & FOR WHOM IT'S NOT DIFFICULT!** Of course in a way it's difficult for all of us fighting the Enemy, but I'm just saying some people naturally like to do one thing & other people don't. So it's harder for them & when they do get the victory the Lord really gives them more credit in that particular area than the one who is sort of created to be that way & likes to do that.

92 **AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THAT PISCES LIKE TO BE HELPERS & SERVANTS OF OTHERS & NURSES & THEY LIKE TO HELP PEOPLE, THEY'RE NATURAL HANDMAIDENS & SERVANTS**.--Not that it isn't hard sometimes, but that's their natural bent, the way the Lord made them. They want to help, they want to be helpers. But some of the rest of us have a hard time being helpers & it's harder for us to just do the humble, menial things to help others shine. But if the need is there & if we do, then the Lord's going to even give us more credit in that particular thing than He will people like Techi & others who just naturally want to do

that. Not that they're not going to get a lot of credit too, but in all of these tendencies, if you have a hard time doing it but you overcome it & get the victory, then the Lord is going to give you a lot of credit for that & really bless you for that.

93. **I WANT YOU TO REALLY THINK ABOUT THESE VERSES ON FIGHTING & REALLY MEMORISE THEM**! I think most of them are in your Memory book & you've probably already memorised them. Another one is, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." (Isa.54:17)--In other words, it's a battle. "That thou mightiest war a good warfare because of the prophecies given." (1Tim.1:18) I wonder what those prophecies were? They were God's Word, right? He was able to be a good warrior & a good soldier because of the Word that he'd learned & been given. And I think we mentioned "whom resist steadfast in the faith." (1Pet.5:9)

94. **IT SAYS THAT "JESUS ENDURED SUCH CONTRADICTION OF SINNERS AGAINST HIMSELF, SO BE NOT WEARY & FAINT IN YOUR MINDS**." (Heb.12:3) Grandpa got that verse for me one time. Jesus endured contradiction against Himself, "but ye have not yet resisted unto blood." (Heb.12:4)--Resisting unto blood! We haven't fought the battle like Jesus did. But we're at least supposed to be strong & not faint in our mind, not be weary in well doing! "I have fought a good fight", "strong, waxed valiant in fight", "so fight I, not as one that beateth the air", "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven." Don't tell me that's not a fight! I mean, that's something that you really have to put a lot of effort into & really get all the forces of the Lord on your side. "And they overcame them by the blood of the Lamb & by the word of their testimony!" (Rev.12:4)--They overcame! That is a war too, that's a fight! "The spirit of a man sustaineth him," in other words a fighting spirit, one that's alive, one that's ready to go on the attack! (Pro.18:14) "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." (Pro.24:10)

95. **I WENT THROUGH & TRIED TO GET ALL THE VERSES I COULD, & I THINK TOGETHER WE GOT MOST OF THE MAIN VERSES ON BEING IN A WAR & FIGHTING**. The whole Bible is full of that, everything it says is aimed toward going on the attack & putting forth an effort & being aggressive! Just because it doesn't happen to say those exact words doesn't mean the whole Bible doesn't imply it. The whole Christian life is a fight & you've got to fight every day, it's hard work! And when it's over here, then we'll have some more fights & some more work! But it won't be the same, you won't have to worry about it, you'll have your supernatural super powerful body. Now it's really a fight & sacrifice living for the Lord, but every time you win the battle & you gain more victories, your faith grows stronger & you get stronger because you're fighting the enemy.

96. **THERE'S A GOOD QUOTE IN THE MOP THAT SAYS HE WHO ATTACKS US OR PERSECUTES US, HELPS US**! Our adversary makes us strong, & in fighting the battles we get strong, our prayer & our faith muscles get used & get strengthened. (MOP 38:22) So don't be afraid of the fight! But most of us aren't so worried about being afraid, we just need some more umph, we need more attitude of fight. We're not so afraid, we just need to stir ourselves up & get on the attack--in everything! I don't just mean healing or spiritual battles, but in our everyday life & in everything we do we need to have enthusiasm & inspiration & put effort into it, be aggressive!

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT!

97. **HOW MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE THAT "FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT" IS A SECTION IN YOUR MOP & YOU READ IT RATHER OFTEN**? I mean, you don't have to, but is this a favourite of anybody? (Fam: Oh yes!) Maybe now it should be if it hasn't been! Do you mind if I read a few?

98. **GRANDPA SAYS: "I LOVE TO FIGHT, BECAUSE I KNOW I'M FIGHTING FOR THE ONE THAT'S WORTH FIGHTING FOR** & the souls that are worth winning & the goals that are worth attaining!" (MOP 38:1)--That should be our prayer, that we get to the point where we love to fight, we love to put forth the effort, we love to teach others, instruct others & fight the Enemy! "Whatever you do, just keep on going for God!--You're bound to make it sometimes if you try often enough!" (MOP 38:17) That's a fight too, when you keep trying. "The only way we can ever be conquered is if we stop attacking & give up & stop having the faith to take the initiative!" (MOP 38:18)

99. **"YOU HAVE TO FIGHT THE DEVIL & YOUR OLD SELF EVERY DAY!"** (MOP 38:36)--Sorry! But if we learn to love to fight, even though it's a lot of work, then we won't have to say, "Sorry, oh dear, another fight!" Like Dad says, having sex is hard work, but if you love it then you didn't mind the hard work! So even though fighting the Devil is hard work, if you love the battle & ask the Lord to give you that fighting spirit, then it's not going to be such an "Oh what a weariness, another fight with the Devil!" You're going to be challenged & you're going to love to do it! You can love to do it because you know you're going to win the victory!

100. **WE KNOW WE HAVE ALL THE LORD'S POWER ON OUR SIDE & WE'LL ALWAYS GET THE VICTORY OVER THE ENEMY**! So we can always love to fight because even though we get a little bruised & battered in the process, we're going to win, & we're going to have a victory!--Not only a personal victory for us, but a victory for the Lord's work & for others. So it's a good motivation for fighting!--Right?

101. **"YOU CAN NEVER STOP BATTLING, YOU CAN NEVER STOP WINNING VICTORIES, YOU CAN NEVER STOP PROGRESSING, OR YOU'LL BACKSLIDE!** Each battle God gives you in which you win a victory is followed with a bigger battle, because He knows He can now trust you with more." (MOP 38:37,38) The Lord doesn't want us to fear the battles or think, "Oh dear, not another battle!" He want's us to enjoy them! Of course, He doesn't want us to desire to have conflict just so we can have a battle, but because we know there are always going to be battles coming He wants us to be challenged in fighting them & full of faith because we know we're going to get the victory! So lets get on with it, let's have the spirit to win the battle!

102. **"TO GET GREATER VICTORIES YOU HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING GREATER BATTLES**, & for greater rewards you have to keep making greater sacrifices, & for greater joys you have to keep suffering greater pains!" "If you win this battle, He'll give you a bigger battle tomorrow!" "If you think the time's coming in this life when you'll no longer have to fight sin & self & the old man, you're mistaken!" "I like a battle! I love it!--Because I know I'm on the right side, the winning side, & I'm proud & happy to live or die for Him!" "It's a struggle to live!--it takes faith & courage & fight & a lot of real hard work to live the faith life!" "People who faint, faint first in their minds; they sort of give up mentally or spiritually first." "Give me some men who are stout-hearted men, who will fight for the right they adore! Start me with ten who are stout-hearted men, & I'll soon give you ten thousand more!"--A fighting spirit is contagious, it breeds more fighters! (MOP 38:41,44,54,56-58)

103. **I LOVE TO WATCH FIGHTERS IN ACTION!** I love to see Dad when he's fighting the Devil or when he's socking it to the Enemy in the System, don't you? I even like to watch fighters who we know are on the wrong side. We see some of these people on videos, people who are fighting for Women's Lib & Communism & causes that we don't agree with, but you just enjoy watching a fighter, you admire them. If they're sincere, & they usually are if they're a fighter, you think, "Wow, I wish I was like that!"--Because they're willing to risk everything, no matter what their cause! We don't agree with their causes sometimes, but we enjoy watching somebody that really socks it to his adversaries or his opponents. No matter who they are or how bad they are, even if they're villains, they're admirable in a way because they're really fighters. There are so few fighters in the World. We need to be like that, but for the right cause!

104. **"GOD DIDN'T CALL YOU TO A PLAYGROUND, BUT A BATTLEGROUND!"** "The best way to stop an attack is to counter-attack! The best defense is an offense!" "We are in a fight to the finish & the victory is ours, praise be to God!" "We need to get more militant, more aggressive, more specific & go on the attack, take the offensive & hit the thing head on immediately!' "The more difficult the obstacle, the stronger one becomes after hurdling it." "Victory isn't just walking across the goal line, it's struggling through opposition to the goal!" It's a battle! If you're going to get the victory you've got to work, you don't just walk across the goal line! (MOP 38:66-68,73,82,86)

105. **"MAY GOD GIVE US FIGHTERS WHO LIKE TO FIGHT FOR THE LORD WITH THE WEAPON OF HIS WORD** & who enjoy defeating the Devil & who know they can't lose & who like to win victories!--Conquering heroes that like to live & fight & die for Jesus & their brethren & the Truth!" "If you don't know how to be bold, if you're not fighters, you don't belong to this outfit!" (MOP 38:88,94) See, there Grandpa says you've got to be fighters!

MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING A FAMILY IS BEING A REVOLUTIONARY ARMY!

106. **WE'RE A FAMILY, YES, BUT WE NEED TO BE A FIGHTING FAMILY**! We need to keep in mind that it's more important to be a fighter even than a Family, because if our Family quits fighting it's not going to be a Family very long! Hosea brought that out real well in something he wrote for the Teens. (FSM 25) He said the thing that we started with was the Revolution for Jesus, the "Revolutionary Rules." All of us together weren't really a Family then, we were a team of teens. All our members starting out were ages 14 through 18 or 19. Most of the kids at Huntington Beach were young. Rachel was about the youngest at 14, & most of the others weren't any older than 18 or 19. I was about the oldest one when I got there, 23! I think Hosea was 19 at that time, Faithy was 17, & Deborah was 24, but almost everybody else was just a teen.

107. **IT WAS A TEEN TEAM REVOLUTION FOR JESUS!** It was a War, an Army, it wasn't a Family. We got to be a Family, thank the Lord, & we can think of the Family--a wonderful sample to the world of fellowship & unity & harmony & children & everything included--but as far as being militant & as far as our work for the Lord, we should think more about being an Army! We should keep that in mind even more than being a family.

108. **LIKE HOSEA SAID, FAMILIES ARE IN FOREVER, YOU DON'T KICK OUT YOUR CHILDREN**. You think about having a permanent place in the Family as your right in the Family. But in a Revolution or Army you've got to do your job or else out you go!--Or you get severe discipline or you get dishonorably discharged.--Which we don't do in a Family. In a Family your place is usually pretty secure. That's your place in the Family & that's how you think of a family. Of course, nowadays people get divorces right & left & everything. But a real family sticks together & their place is pretty secure & they're always family, they're always relatives. Even if they leave & go somewhere else they're still part of the family.

109. **BUT A REVOLUTION & AN ARMY TAKE REAL WORK, REAL STRUGGLE!** You've got to keep your place, you've got to be a real soldier if you're going to be able to stay in the army, You've got to be a real team & everybody's gotta pull their weight!--And if you don't out you go! You've got to hold fast that which thou hast. So it was good that Hosea brought that out. I thought that was a real good parallel, that it's important to look at the Revolution, which is what we started with. We became a Family later. When our couples got mated they had children & we were more a Family, but we started out as a Revolution & we've never changed from being a Revolution & an Army. We've always been that. That's even more important than being a Family, to keep in mind what our job is & what we're here for & what we're supposed to be doing. The Family is more our sample to the World. The Revolutionary Army is our vocation & job for the Lord!

MORE "FIGHT" QUOTES!

110. **"IF YOU'RE A FIGHTER LIKE I AM, YOU ENJOY THE BATTLE!** When you know you're fighting for the right you don't mind the battle. You enjoy a challenge & test to show your strength!"--In other words, to show the Lord's strength! "I don't do business with the Devil! I don't care to have him around & I'll scrap it out with him any day before I'll reach any compromise & live with him!" "We are at war with the Devil & the lies of the Devil! We are an army who is fighting spiritually, not with violence, not with arms, but with the Word of God! We are fighting for the truth, & you have to be a fighter for the truth of God, even if it kills you!" "The Lord & His Angels & you are far more powerful than the Devil & his demons! Even Satan has to obey your commands in the Name of Jesus! He might fight against you for awhile, like he is, but sooner or later he's going to have to knuckle under." "We who have Jesus have more power than Satan! We have more power than the demons, because we have the power of God & the power of His Spirit of Love! 'At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow!'" "You have to wage a militant warfare against the Enemy!" (MOP 38:99-101,107-109)

111. **"WE REBUKE YOU, SATAN, IN JESUS NAME, & ALL YOUR POWERS** & angels & evil spirits! Thank You for Your great mighty army, Lord, that surrounds us, that resists all the powers of Hell though they be let loose against us. Even one Angel is enough to deal with them all! 'The Angel of the Lord encampeth around them that fear Him & delivereth them!' thank you Lord for all Thy goodness & mercy. help us to stay close to Thee in the charmed circle of Thy protection, in Jesus' name!" "When you rebuke the Devil, you don't do it calmly, you get angry & practically yell & shout & curse & scream at him, you get so angry in the spirit!" "What fight your Father has & what marvelous love your Father David has for his children. Your father loves a fight for the Truth!" (MOP 38:110-111,117)

112. **"WHEN THE ENEMY ATTACKS, IT REALLY GETS US ON THE STICK** & on the ball & back close to the Lord & praying & working & fighting back & revives us spiritually & kills that old lazy lethargy that sets in when everything is going too smoothly & so easy that we don't have to stir up ourselves or fight or work very hard. (MOP 38:125)

113. **"WHEN YOU ATTACK THE ENEMY, HE TRIES TO HIT BACK**. Nevertheless, God's Word says if you attack him with great faith, if you resist him, 'he shall flee from thee'. That doesn't mean you're not going to have a little fight before he runs. He may fight a little bit, but if you keep on fighting he can't take it, he will turn & run. 'When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God will raise up a standard against him!'" "Don't take the Devil's no for an answer, push ahead until you totally defeat him!" "You've got to be militant, you've got to be positive, you've got to rise up & fight the Devil, not just be passive!" "If you're a fighter, you've got to lose your temper sometimes & get angry at the Devil & sock it to him!" (MOP 38:130,136,145,146) See how much Grandpa's written about this already? This is really great, we ought to read this often! PTL!

114. **I THINK THAT IS THE MAIN POINT THAT THE LORD'S TRYING TO GET THROUGH TO ME ABOUT.** I preached a pretty good sermon to myself, & to you in the process!--That we really need to fight & we really need to stir ourselves up, not only with healing but in everything else. Of course, then you have more battles, but you get stronger every time you fight them!
(Fight for your Healing)