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Fear not, My beloved, for I love you with a love that is endless! My love is eternal. Nothing that you can do or say will change My love or cause Me to withdraw or withhold My love. When you fall and make mistakes and do the wrong thing and disappoint yourself and others, when you are not the sample you should be and you follow afar off, when you mock My Word through disbelief, when you do not walk in the fear of Me or have the love that you should have, when you think negatively and get discouraged or entertain jealous or critical thoughts, these things do not cause Me to love you less.

You have gone through times when you were weak and times when you were strong. Sometimes you are up, sometimes you are down. Sometimes you are successful, sometimes you fail. But through all these times, I love you the same. Your failures and problems and weaknesses do not affect My love for you. They do not lessen My love for you. They cause Me to pray for you and weep for you, but I continue loving you just the same.

You can never be too bad for Me. Nothing you do or say or think could ever be so bad that it would cause Me to love you less. I do not put conditions on My love, saying you must be this way or you must be that way in order to receive My love. **I give My love to you unconditionally! I promise you that no matter what, come what may, you will have My love in great abundance!** (FJWL1)

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You must now, more than ever, daily take time to give the burdens to Me, **and learn to work in the Spirit** and not the flesh, leaning not to your own understanding but committing all your thoughts and all your ways to Me. **When you commit your thoughts to Me, then I am able to strengthen you,** for I strengthen your mind that it faint not in adversity. **Your mind shall then be filled with My Spirit, with My thoughts, with the whispers--the same whispers that created the universe--and with My inspiration and power rather than your own.**

So commit your thoughts and your mind to Me, that your thoughts become not entangled in the wisdom of man or in trying to figure out or analyze things. **Give your mind wholly to Me that I may influence and speak to you through the simple whispers. For in simplicity there is great strength, power and conviction, because it is not entangled with entrapments and difficulties.** You can then remain single-minded, looking unto Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

Come to Me, My dear one! Let Me take you. Let Me hold you. Let Me possess you every day and every moment! Let Me possess every part of your mind and heart, My beautiful bride in

whom I delight, and in whom I love to live My life .(FJWL1)

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I am the Shepherd and you are My precious lamb whom I watch over with a tender eye. My arm is outstretched to you and I beg you to come, to rest by My side, to drink out of the waters to which I lead you. Drink from the cool, clear waters of My Word and My Spirit and My joy and My love. Eat from the rich green pastures to which I have led you. Rest beneath the shade of the tree and hear the sweet music of the Shepherd's harp. When you are weary, rest within the safety of My fold. I have many sheep, and I care for each of them as if they were My one and only lamb, the most precious thing to Me.

When I see that you are encumbered about with heavy wool which you do not need, I, in My love, shear this wool from you and free you from it. But you must trust Me as I shear your wool. For the sheep do not know the outcome. They have no idea what is being done, but they have learned to trust the shepherd. They rest assured that he does it all in love, that he cares for them as his own, that all that he does he does to make life easier for them **and to give them the freedom they desire.** If the sheep fight and kick, it seems worse and it takes longer.

So come to My arms, rest in My love. I will cover you with My cloak. Rest your head against My chest and feel My warm and reassuring heartbeat, My heart that beats in love for you and in care for you. (FJWL1)

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(Dad:) One of the beauties of prophecy is that the Lord gets all the credit. When you put your mind and heart and spirit in neutral and you just become a vessel and a channel, when you do nothing but sit and hold the dictaphone and the Lord gives the instruction, then it really glorifies the Lord and takes the spotlight off you. Because almost anybody can do that! **Almost anybody can be a vessel and can then simply follow and obey what the Lord says.**

You don't have to be somebody brilliant. You don't have to have great gifts and talents in the Spirit. **All you have to do is be a yielded, open channel, a little child, someone who humbly and quietly follows in the footsteps of their Father** . (FJWL1)

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The path that I would lead you on is the path of humility. This path leads through thin, tight places, and to squeeze through, you must shed all of your outer garments. For without shedding these, you

cannot pass through the tight places in the road. When you come out on the other side, you are naked and have nothing. This makes you fearful, as it may be cold and you fear being exposed. But I will cover you and keep you warm and protect you.

The burdens of self must be laid down. The burdens of image, the burdens of loveliness, the burdens of self-image, the garments of pride--all of these things must be laid aside. And though it seems that you shall be exposed, in fact you will be freed! For you can then take on a garment of simplicity and of humility, which is a much lighter garment, much easier to wear.

Accept the humbling, for in humility you will find great happiness. This is the road that I choose for you--a road of gentle humility, of submission, and of yieldedness (ML #3043).
(FJWL1)

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Bow down before Me in total yieldedness and submissiveness--the yieldedness of saying yes, even when it hurts, even when you don't understand--and I will be able to strengthen you. Do not worry or fear, but rest in Me. Lean upon Me and My Word.

Look not at what you do not have, but keep your eyes upon Me and have faith in My promises! Have faith in My Words to you. Have faith in My voice speaking to your heart. Have faith in the love that you feel surrounding you. When you are tempted to fear or doubt or worry, fix your eyes on Me and trust. When you are tempted to tremble, just trust in Me. When you are overwhelmed and the tears fall, keep trusting in Me through your tears. Trust Me through everything!

Trust that I know best and that where I am leading you is My highest will for you. Trust in My wisdom. Trust in My ability to lead you and guide you and use you to the fullest. Trust in Me for the future. Trust that I will not fail you, and that I will fulfill all of My Words to you. Trust that I will not leave you comfortless. Trust that you will indeed feel My love and know My love in a greater way than before.

Trust that I will comfort you in the night when you feel that you have no one else. Trust that I am able to be there by your side. Trust that I am able, and will help you through this time

of testing. Trust that I will not fail you, no matter what your mind tells you.

Don't trust in your mind or your thoughts, for the carnal mind is enmity against Me. Keep your eyes on Me and trust Me wholly. Don't trust in your worries or your fears or your doubts. Trust only in what I have told you. Trust in My Word, in My will for your life, in My plan for your future. Trust in Me for your destiny! (FJWL1)

Note: What is insecurity and false humility?

When a person feels he is less worthy than others, that he is not adequate and that he is even worthless then this is insecurity. Because feeling inferior hurts our pride so much, a person who feels insecure, at times comes up with defense mechanisms that help him hide his feelings of insecurity from others and even from himself, by acting in ways that make him supposedly feel better about himself.

One of the most common mechanisms to hide their insecurities is to build walls around them that prevent people from seeing their weaknesses.

Insecurity usually manifests itself in two ways.

Attention seeking. Some people who feel inferior or compare, go about their days overcompensating through "striving" to be on par or better than others. They attempt perfection and achievement to show their worth or at least just try too hard but in the arm of the flesh.For example,they do a lot of physical work when they should be relaxing and spending time with the Lord, all to prove their worth, their usefulness, like they think they have to always be earning their way. But it just ends up making other people feel uncomfortable or that they should be working too. It's another "superiority"tactic.

Competitive. They can be competitive. They like to let others know what they know, even when usually everyone knows already. They talk a lot and control the conversation, or answer a question directed to someone else. Or they butt into others conversations, thinking they know what is being talked about, just to get attention and force the others to include them. These are all symptoms of pride.

The second way an inferiority complex usually shows is through avoiding others. For instance, you might feel more comfortable fading into the background or you may avoid putting yourself out there in a united situation because you fear rejection or being laughed

at or questioned or put on the spot or making a mistake in front of everyone and embarrassed or made the center of attention.

People who are insecure are highly sensitive to what others think and often take offense even when no offense is intended. Any kind of critique or criticism will stay with you a long time. You don't respond kindly to teasing or jokes made at your expense. If you ever feel disrespected, you may act out with aggression in order intimidate others and decrease your feelings of being "attacked".

When you are insecure you can have a tendency to be critical of others faults and shortcomings.

Insecure people may compare a lot. You can sometimes focus too much on bettering yourself, because you compare with others abilities and talents or physical attributes or spirituality. You can develop an unhealthy perspective. Perhaps you exercise too hard, diet too severely, laugh too inappropriately at people s comments and jokes or interject certain spiritual comments just to show everyone what you know.
Or because you feel out of the loop about a certain subject, you go overboard in finding out information so as not to feel left out ,when perhaps it's best to let the other person shine. It could be that you are looking for approval, but it's man pleasing and it's pride.

You find it difficult to admit mistakes.

When you have self-esteem issues, you won't be comforted by positive feedback or if you are it doesn't stick for long.

You are fearful. You worry about the opinions of men. You act how you perceive others think you should behave instead of hearing from the Lord yourself on the matter. It's man pleasing! You always feel nervous whether you are acting the right way and instead of being yourself and natural, you think you have to copy others to be accepted or to cover your insecurity. You either wish you could disappear or you want recognition and attention. It makes others feel uncomfortable around your fearful, unsure disposition.

False Humility [thinking poorly of oneself, low self-esteem, feeling inferior]	**True Humility** [lowly of heart – not arrogant or boastful, ready to serve, teachable]	**Pride** [vainglory, being conceited, feeling superior, arrogant]
Self-defeating mind-set and poor self-image, evaluating oneself too negatively – *I'm a failure, I'm worthless, I can't do anything right, no one likes me.*	Self-forgetfulness, selflessness, not self-centered, not fearful about what others think of you, or preoccupied with self concerns	Self-conceited – thinking too highly of oneself – an exaggerated opinion or exalted view of oneself
Tendency to be self-despising or to belittle oneself, to be self-deprecating around others, excessively modest, due to feeling inferior, useless, or unworthy	Balanced view of self and good understanding of personal strengths and weaknesses, and one's role and position in the wider community and society	Vanity and vainglory – excessive display, and boasting in one's appearance, qualities, abilities, and achievements
Preoccupied with anxious concern for oneself, can't focus on others	Self-giving and self-sacrificing for the sake of others in order to help, encourage, serve, and care for others	Self-centered, self-seeking, and selfish, concerned chiefly or only with yourself and your advantage, to the exclusion of others
People pleaser – does whatever others want regardless of what is the prudent or right thing to do	Lowly of heart – treats everyone with respect, care, and concern, regardless of their status, position, or worthiness, not playing favorites	Selfish ambition and the drive to get ahead of others at their expense
Timid or insecure – lacking in self-assurance, afraid to take initiative, afraid to speak up or be assertive when needed	Other-focused, mindful of others' interests and concerns, and ready to put aside personal preferences to serve others	Domineering and over-bearing, too demanding, too opinionated, too outspoken, too assertive
Overly dependent on what others think – lacks prudence to think and judge rightly	Servant-hearted, ready to serve others wholly for their good without seeking personal gain	Treats others as inferiors or unworthy of your care and concern
Fearful of correction and feedback because of low self-worth or poor self-image	Teachable, receptive to receiving correction, training, and feedback	Unteachable, refuses correction, resists feedback

Have faith in My love and in My plan for you.

41. I want you to lean on Me, and not on your own gifts or abilities. I want you to realize that you don't have it all, and can't have it all. I've made you to naturally feel a bit insecure, even in the things that you do well in. I don't want you to take your gifts for granted or to think that you're so great because of the ways I use you.

42. I do plan to use you more greatly than I am now, but I have to entrust you with more responsibilities and privileges little by little, in keeping with your lessons, humility, and spiritual progress. I can't give you too much too soon, because you would lose the balance and harmony with your spiritual life--and I know that you see the importance of that. You

understand the need for balance and fairness, so think about that when you feel you aren't given a fair shot. Realize that part of the fairness and balance is that you have to grow in certain ways, learn certain things, and accept certain things before certain other things, like privileges or responsibilities, can fall into place. That's your end of the bargain, your side of the scale.

43. You work on evening out <u>your</u> side and trust Me to even out <u>Mine</u>, okay? Leave it in My hands and trust Me to keep your scales balanced--in work, love, life, and every way. I am the Keeper of your balances, and of the balances of all mankind. Your times and seasons are in My hands, and I am always there to help even you out after one of your dips. Remember, though, it's not that I'm letting go of My side of the scale--**it's that you're putting too much weight on yours:** the weights of being analytical and comparing and trying to reason everything out. You do this in a search for balance, but My love, that's not how the balance is found.

44. The balance is found by yielding, by accepting that you don't know all sides, and opening your eyes and heart and mind so that I can show you things as they truly are. Let Me show you things the way I see them, My love. Let Me speak to your heart and mind. Let Me wash away the cloudy, murky, distorted perception you've had of yourself and others, and help you to become truly free. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Victory Over Comparing)

What Is False Humility?

38. ***(Mama:)*** **Another symptom of pride is false humility.** Following is a very interesting message from Jesus in which He explains what false humility is.

39. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **False humility is a cover-up, like a mask.** False humility is pride. False humility hinders your being a channel of My love to others. It holds you back when I would have you reach out.

40. There are times when I would have you speak up about something, contribute to a conversation, give a suggestion, or say what I've put on your heart, even if it's contrary to the direction the conversation seems to be going. But false humility can hold you back from this, saying, "No, if you say that, you'll be seen as proud. It's better to be quiet and easygoing." But I'm asking you to say it, to stand up and be counted for Me. It's not a time to be quiet, but rather to be lovingly and humbly honest.

41. This is true humility--flowing with My Spirit. Neither running ahead of it by speaking out when it would be best to hold your peace and let My Spirit do the work, nor holding back for fear of what others will think

or because you're worried about your reputation in their eyes. True humility gives without concern for the opinions of men--caring only for My love, My blessing, My approval.

42. **False humility causes you to be stunted in your growth, because you suppress the checks of My Spirit which I give you. You don't act upon them because you're trying to please others, rather than pleasing Me.** By not speaking up, by not letting Me flow through you, either by offering an opinion, a suggestion, a comment, or even expressing a thought that covers another angle or can appear outwardly contrary to others' opinions, you're not being honest. You're covering up. That is false humility, which is also pride.

43. **You're asking Me what the difference is between this false humility and real humility?** Well, real humility is being able to let My Spirit move in you and cause you to do My good - pleasure--to speak when spoken through, and even to speak when you're not spoken through, and then be willing to admit your mistakes when you make them.

44. **True humility yields to the whispers of My Spirit and has perfect peace because of her obedience and yieldedness. When you're trying in yourself to uphold <u>a false front</u>, you can't have this perfect peace and happiness.**

45. **My Spirit is simple. My Spirit is humble. My Spirit yields. My Spirit gives.** As you let My Spirit flow through you and don't hold back, I will cause you to be born again and to be a new creature, to have faith and to have trust and to feel secure in My love; to know that honesty pays, sharing your true feelings, stripping off the garments of pride and false humility.

46. **So let go and be set free of this trap of the Enemy to hold you back and suppress My Spirit.** Let My Spirit flow in you, and pray for My true humility--which means obeying My checks even when it hurts your pride to do so. My love, My truth, and yielding to My - whispers will set you free! *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(STAY HUMBLE)

I was liking the fact that men were attracted to me **& trying to over-compensate for the inferiority complex** that I had developed with men. **I did let it minister to my pride.**

They considered themselves strong, so they stopped making progress. But, like Dad said in "Greater Victories," you just can't stop!

133. You can't allow yourself to become spiritually weakened and just keep up a strong false front, because when the crunch comes, it won't hold water! We see all that now from the spiritual realm, so it's no surprise to us. We don't worry about others who might look weaker on the outside, or less talented or less used, as long as they really love Jesus more than anything else **and are willing to obey and follow Him wherever He leads--because that's what makes them strong in spirit!**

134. You really don't have to worry. You don't have to think years ahead, or even months or weeks ahead. You don't have to wonder how you're going to make it, or whether you're going to be weakened and quit--all you have to do is live each moment as it comes. Just pray and ask Jesus to help you make the right decisions, each one as it comes.

135. Just try each day to love Jesus a little more, to be a little more on the attack about whatever the Lord shows you. And if the Lord presents you with something that He wants you to work on, then make that your priority, the most important thing you have to do, because it is!

136. Don't look around and compare. And don't worry about those precious Family members who aren't with you anymore. They're still going to be with us in Heaven. Even if they don't go on for the Lord, they've still done a lot for Him thus far. But take it as a good lesson that you just have to keep going forward a little bit every day.

137. The Lord doesn't judge you by accomplishments, by talents, by how much you know, or how good you are. He judges by your heart--and the thing that gets the highest marks, above anything else, is love and humility, because love and humility make you willing to do anything. They give you yieldedness and peace. They allow the elixir to flow through you and make you a blessing in all that you do, even if it's just little tiny things.

138. You can be thankful that you're not super talented in a big showy way, because then you'd be strong on the outside, but possibly much weaker inside due to your pride. The gifts the Lord gave you were quiet, inside gifts--the gift of understanding, the gift of wisdom, the gift of love. Those are gifts that will come to the fore when you need them. Strive to exercise them every day. I know it doesn't sound very glamorous to have the gift of weakness, but it's one of the most precious honors that the Lord can bestow upon someone.

139. So remember that, Honey. Use the gifts of humility and love, and strive to keep going forward every day. That's simple enough, isn't it? Then you don't have to worry! Just

take it one moment at a time, one decision at a time, and pray for the Lord to give you the love and humility to make the right ones. Even if you don't make the right decisions first off, you can always try to go back and make it right. Then soon it will become a habit, and the Lord will help you each time.

140. And, Honey, really try to see things as the Lord sees them. It makes things so much clearer. Of course, it's nothing you can work up in the flesh, but you can ask Him to show you. Each time He speaks you can really absorb it and appreciate it, and that's all part of learning to see things more through His eyes. *(End of message from Timothy.)*

(Weakness revolution Pt. 1)

What changed Peter from a rash, stumbling, dithering fisherman into the apostle Peter, a fearless soul-winner and flaming witness for Jesus?

a. **His fear of the religious leaders.**(MAN) He was so concerned about the opinions of men that he blurted out his witness with no idea of what he was saying……wrong!!

(GIFTS AND BENEFITS WORKBOOK)

ML#2598:11 When someone has had a lifelong problem with spiritual pride & self-righteousness, it's often difficult for them to learn lessons, as these problems often insulate that person from receiving correction or guidance from co-workers & even from the Lord. **ML#2622:3** <u>There are some people, sad to say, who have had the opportunity of receiving very good training</u> for <u>years</u>, but because they have <u>refused</u> to make the needed changes in their lives, they remain old bottles--inflexible, stuck-in-a-rut, self-righteous, **having the <u>form</u> & all the right words, but without the <u>power</u> & the <u>love</u> thereof.** They've learned the letter of the law which killeth, but not the Spirit which maketh alive.

(SYMPTOMS AND RESULTS OF SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS)

Let yourself go. Loose your mind and cast off the moorings of the flesh. Set your soul adrift and let the wild wind of My Spirit guide you out into the deeper waters of the joys and mysteries of the Spirit. Do not fear to leave sight of the shore of your well-charted territories.

Launch out into the deep, with only your hand in Mine, letting Me guide you. Let the wind of My Spirit blow into your sails and drive you to the lands of untold beauties and mysteries of My Spirit.

Come away with Me, and be content to dwell by My side only. As we sail across the oceans of My love, you will see many wonders. You will come to see the stars that you have seen in the sky all your life from new angles and viewpoints. The wonders of Heaven which can be seen from the shore will be so much clearer and closer to you. The horizons of possibility will be unbroken by the structures of man, and you will be lost in the everlasting realm of My love, and never wish to return.

So can our love be, and so will it be when you take the steps that I have shown you. You must be willing to let go of your pride and your mind--your desire to be "in control." You must let Me have full control, and learn to just say yes to Me, as your queen has learned. Let go, come before Me and sing in tongues, and I will loose your mind and show you great and mighty things that you have not yet known. Loose your tongue and speak to Me, speak of Me, speak with Me, so that I can override your mind and take control of your mouth. Loose your hands and lift them in praise to Me, that I may possess them with My love and power and make them into instruments of My love.

All this shall bring you great joy and freedom of heart and spirit. For where My Spirit is, there is liberty.

(FJWL2)

108. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **Continue to humble yourself under My hand and I'll continue to prosper you and lead you in My ways.** It pleases Me when you come not only to Me with your faults and shortcomings, but before others so that they may pray for you and uphold you before My throne of grace--that you may obtain the victories, and that you may receive the anointing and the strength to overcome your sins, shortcomings and bad habits.

109. So I ask that you be more open about your faults--that you humbly confess your sins and shortcomings and make them known to your shepherds and to your co-workers, so that they can help you through their prayers and their counsel, and so that they can bring these things before Me. For in the multitude of prayer warriors there is strength. As I have said, there is great power in united prayer and in confessing your faults one before another, that you may be healed and strengthened.

110. To be fully used of Me, to fully avail yourself of My peace, My power, and the ability to [help you overcome your weakness], you must continue to obey what I show you; and most of all, you must ask for prayer. Humble yourself before others, before your co-workers and your shepherds, and ask for prayer. Acknowledge that you have fallen in this area and that you need My help, that you need their prayers, their counsel. This will be the first step in having a complete victory in your life in this area.

111. Beware of the fear of man. Beware of covering up things in your personal life for fear of what others may think. Get everything out in the open. Even if you have a change, even though you change from night to day, continue to confess your faults. For I say that now even as you are praying and seeking Me, I have given you the victory over these things and you have taken the challenge to grow.

112. A lot of times when My children make mistakes and fall short and sin, but then make some progress and start changing, they feel there is no need to confess their faults, there is no need to bring things to the light of My truth and to their shepherds. They feel that they are already changing and that they don't need help anymore. But I like the humble way, the way of confession, the way of openly bringing out your faults so that others may benefit from the comfort and the training that I give you. So remember that "fact" next time you do something that you know is not of Me, that you know is a manifestation of a shortcoming and of one of your besetting sins, and not the sample of My Word. Remember it's healthy to confess it even if the next day you do wonderfully. Confess it nevertheless and ask for prayer.

113. I want you to learn that you have nothing to fear--that I am not going to run around with a hammer to bang you over the head when you make a mistake. Neither should your shepherds and co-workers, for that is not the way I work. I want you to understand that there is no need to fear or worry. If you learn the importance of confessing every fault, then you will have learned wisely and you will be a wiser man. For he that is weak in himself is wise and strong in Me.

114. Keep going, keep progressing, keep fighting and keep obeying, and great will be your reward in every way. I will empower you and I will use you with the might and fullness of My Spirit as you do these things. *(End of message from Jesus)*

(YOU CAN MAKE IT)

Live More in the Spirit Than the Flesh

48. Focusing on the power is a matter of simple childlike faith, and why I so often told those who followed Me that they had to be like children to go to Heaven. It's a matter of believing and doing, of acting on what you know by faith to be true, and a matter of putting your faith into action. This is what focusing on the power is. You've heard these principles, My brides, for many years, yet these habits are not a reality in your lives. Now it must be, now you must make it so, and now with access to the full power of the keys you can do it.

49. To focus on the power you must walk more in the spirit than in the flesh. Remember, I was in the flesh as you are, and like you, I had to learn to rise above the flesh and walk more in the spirit than in the physical realm. I had to learn to walk above the things of the Earth and operate more in the realm of Heaven. This is what focusing on the power is all about; it's about living more in the Heavenly dimension. This is what you will need to do in these Last Days. You must learn to not be concerned about the opinions of men and what others will

think, to not lean on carnal reasoning, but to live more in the spirit than in the things of this world. This is what My prophets of old had to learn--to walk more in the fear of God than in the fear of man--and so must you.

50. Your father David taught you to live in the Word. I have told you to set your affection on things above and not on the Earth. This, too, you've heard for years on end, but now you must live it. Now being a doer of the Word must be your aim, your goal, and a central point in your life. If you are to focus on the power of the keys, if you are to allow the words I speak to you to dictate your life, you must rid yourselves of all that stands in the way of this. Detach yourselves from other things that clutter your life--the cares of the world, the pride of life, anything that opposes My Word.

51. You must choose Me over all every time. You must shed the weights and sins that would hold you back. You must stand true to the words of the anthem I have given you that says, "yielding all [to Me], without fear or hesitation."

52. I have given you, My children, promise after promise of the great things I will do through those who access the power of the keys. This will only come by focusing on the power; by putting your faith in My Word alone; by ignoring all other possibilities; by putting Me on the spot; by obeying My Word in every area of your lives; by instant obedience to the things I tell you to do; by burning your bridges to the things of the world; by putting your trust in Me alone; by not only hearing but doing these things.

53. Do this, My loves, and you will discover the full power of the keys. You need not ask, "But we are weak and weary men, how can we do these things?" All you have to do is call on the power of the keys! Focus on the power! Do it now! Today the keys rule! My Word rules! And the people who focus on the power of the keys will rule and reign with Me in the power and might of the Kingdom of God!

(FOCUS ON THE POWER)

19. The mind of man is a marvel of My creation, and I have built tremendous capacity therein. Men of true science acknowledge this, yet it is way beyond the finite mind of man to understand the full extent of the matter. My loves, I have created your mind to become one with My mind, I have created your minds to be vehicles for My thoughts, that through you, I might show My might and power to the world. Though I allow some to have limited glimpses of the tremendous capacity of the mind, for the most part I have veiled this understanding from man, for his heart is evil. I have kept the full understanding, knowledge and power from those of the world, for I have not found them worthy of such things. Nor would they use it for My glory as you will, My dear ones.

20. Yet I now activate this gift of Heavenly thought power within you who will meet the requirements. Those who do the things I ask are worthy, and I am able to trust you with such a gift. For in yielding your all to Me, in meeting these requirements, you become My pure - vessels--generators of My power. It is not you, but Me within you. It is not your power, but Mine. It is not you, but My power activated within you. It is not you, but Me working

through you to conquer evil in these Last Days.

21. In order to avail yourselves of Heavenly thought power, you must put on My mind. You must link your mind with My mind, for this linkup with Me is the process by which the thought power is released. Your thoughts must be My thoughts, and when they are, great power is released to you. This is the thought power I wish to give you now, for when your mind becomes one with My mind, My power will flow through you as never before.

22. The mind of man is My creation--that which I formed from the dust of the earth and gave life and spirit, that which is meant to be linked with Me. Satan tries to usurp this order; he has tried to steal away and control My creation. Through linking the mind of man to himself, Satan weakens and darkens man's understanding, rendering him handicapped and given over to a corrupt mind. Yet the choice is given to every man. Each one holds the power to choose his state of mind through free will. Within those who choose Me, My Spirit will override any and all of Satan's hold, for nothing can withstand My power. I am the Author and Creator of peace and of a sound mind, and those who put on the totality of My mind are able to activate the fuller use of My thought power, for My thoughts will rule in them.

23. You, My children, who choose to put on My mind, have the right to claim this gift in your hands. Just as you say yes to My will and My ways, just as you choose to live for Me and serve Me, so if you choose to meet these requirements--to reject the carnal and put on My mind, to allow Me to fully possess you, to do the things I ask of you--My thought power within you will be greatly enhanced and My miracle-working power will be at your command.

24. How marvelous are My ways, but they are not past finding out. I have created you with tremendous, supernatural, even mental and physical capacity--and it is now available to those who put off carnal thinking and that which is earthly, who link their minds with Me, who think My thoughts, and who let My Word live and rule in them, who live to do My will.

25. The mind of man is My Own marvelous creation, yet it is no match for the mind of God; it is meant to be linked with the mind of God. And this is why I ask you, My brides, as I have pled with My children throughout all time, to put on My mind, to shun the carnal mind and put on that which is Heavenly, that which is spiritual. Through this new gift that I am giving you, when your mind melds with Mine, I will enhance your spiritual and mental capacities. When you meet these requirements, your thoughts will be greatly empowered by Me, for your thoughts will be My thoughts. You will then be able to generate My greater power and perform tremendous wonders--great exploits!

26. There are those in the world even now who harness the power of the mind to varying degrees through their use of the power of mind over matter--mystics, diviners, some who I empower and some who are given over to Satan. Yet their powers are mere child's play compared to what I will give you, My miracle workers of the End! It is given to you, the children of David, to know the full mind of God and to be generators of My power in these Last Days. It is given to you to activate this power within that you might perform the greatest miracles of all time--to heal, to mend, to change minds and hearts, to call down the power of Heaven both to save and to destroy. To you it is given to possess a fuller and greater

degree of thought power than any others who have walked on Earth--if you will do these things I ask of you.

27. The use of this gift I have put within you is conditional; it will depend on each of you, My loves. It will depend on you meeting the requirements, on putting off the carnal and putting on My mind. If you will gird up the loins of your minds and prepare, if you will clear your minds of that which is carnal, if you will allow Me to fully possess you, if you will let My mind move freely in you, if you will prepare by calling on the power of the keys and doing all you can to reject that which is carnal by putting on My mind, then My thought power within you will be greatly intensified and you will do exploits. You will do greater things than I or all the prophets did while on Earth.

28. I have given you these requirements, and as you do these things, as you put on My mind, through this union of My Spirit with your spirit, I will activate your greater capacity of thought power. Begin doing these things today; put off the carnal and put on My mind. Greater power is available to you now; you can begin to use it straightway. Get acquainted with it.

29. This is the gift I put in your hands today; it is to be activated at the touch of your faith and through your obedience to the requirements I set before you. The only thing that will limit your use of this gift is your own inability to receive. I place it in your hands, to be activated by each individual's faith.

(GIFT OF HEAVENLY THOUGHT POWER)



11. I call on the power of the keys for:

12. 1) Deliverance from fear in its many forms; fear of confrontation when the need arises as a shepherd to lovingly and sincerely right the wrongs. Deliverance from fear related to changing the status quo when the Lord so leads, and deliverance from fear of the repercussions that inevitably follow. Deliverance from man pleasing when working in teamwork with my seniors and shepherds, that causes me to compare negatively and hold back, for fear of not saying the right things or not knowing what to say. I would like to pray that I can instead offer contrary counsel and opinions with full faith and conviction. I would also like to have deliverance from fear of failing in the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me.

13. Because of my Asian upbringing and the ingrained habit I have of "saving face," my natural inclination is to avoid being contrary in my communications. Saving face is an attribute of many Asian cultures. On the surface it seems harmless and even pleasant, but in its extreme form it becomes a bondage of man pleasing, where you hold back from saying what you really think. This lack of honesty is fear born of pride and has sometimes caused me to hold back from offering my honest opinions when working in teamwork with others.

28. 7) Against pride and self-righteousness. Fear of man, fear of failure, and fear period, is generally a result of pride. I want to be cleansed of pride, not only because pride is the cause of fear, but because pride is the root of all sin. I want it to be minimized in my life, and I want it to be known that it is a hindering factor.

Embracing the Lifestyle of Doing the Humble Thing!

49. *(Jesus speaking:)* My dear Cephas, you have fought a good fight, and you have won! You armed yourself with prayer, humility, desperation, soberness of mind, careful reflection and honesty, and now you will reap the rewards. There is nothing that I won't do for you, My love, because you have once again proven that you want Me and My will above anything else. You want to be right with Me; you want to give yourself wholly to Me; you want Me to fully possess you; and in all this I am well pleased, I am elated, I am thankful.

50. I know that during times like this of reflection and lesson-learning you can start to feel pretty low. You look at your mode of operation, your people-handling skills, your relationship with your teamwork or co-workers, your personal sample, and even your Word and prayer habits, and it all seems to be so lacking.

51. But just because I bring you to a place of spiritual reflection and growth does not mean that I'm unhappy with the work you have done or the sample you have been. Yes, I am challenging you and you are and will continue to grow by leaps and bounds, but that is not indicative of any displeasure on My part. In fact, this time of instruction, encouragement, insight, and personal shepherding for you is My reward to you. It's not something that you have to endure or suffer through as some kind of punishment, or some subtle way of saying

you missed the mark. On the contrary, it is My acknowledgment and recognition of your wonderful accomplishments and successes!

52. The Enemy wants you to feel like a failure. He wants to highlight your weaknesses, how you should have expected more of yourself or others. He wants to make you compare negatively and to lose faith. He's furious that you're being set free, that you're drawing close to the queen personally, that she's becoming your friend, your love, your confidante. He hates that, because with that comes a shortening of the cord that endures.

53. Thank you for calling out to Me for freedom from your pride. Every one of My brides has pride. Pride is the nature of man. When you realize that, then it's not a proverbial "big deal" to have prayer against pride, to fight pride, to confess pride, and to work to keep pride in check. Each one of your co-workers, mates, teamworkers and friends has to do the same. No one is exempt from the grip of pride.

54. Those who refuse to confess and fight it, who shrink away from the opportunities I bring along to do the humble thing, and who try to hide their pride, only grow weaker. But those, like you, My love, who freely and willingly admit that they have pride, that it's a problem, and that they want deliverance, grow and flourish!

55. You are well aware that it's a daily battle to be humble and not proud. You know being humble is not just a frame of mind or a spiritual condition, but it's a lifestyle that you embrace by doing the humble thing. To be humble you have to aggressively do the humble thing, not the proud thing. Also, in your case, My love, it's a matter of recognizing some of your spiritual weaknesses as the fruit of pride. You've been delivered and the chains of pride have been broken! You're free! Therefore take care to walk in newness of life, and you do that by recognizing how pride has been manifested in your life:

56. --Through fear. Fear is not of Me. Fear is not faith. Fear is the power of the Enemy. Resist his control and influence through fear with the keys!

57. --Not speaking up, not changing what needs to be changed, and compromising to "keep the peace" are all part of pride. You don't want to be seen as unreasonable, or to have to deal with the "fallout" of those who are resistant to change. So instead of moving forward with the wind of My Spirit in the direction I want to go, you stop, you procrastinate, and you wait until a supposed "better time," which never comes. That's all pride, because it's you thinking you know better. It's you saying, "Well, Lord, we really don't need to do it that way. I have a better idea."

58. --The burdens you carry are also pride. You feel you have to do it. You feel you have a certain image to live up to, and you're bound to the expectations of others, which are too great. You don't want to disappoint others who depend on you. You're constantly aware that others are watching you and that you are expected to be the leader, the sample.

59. In a way, this is all true. It's not that you shouldn't endeavor to do these things. But it's trying to do it yourself, always trying to measure up and be perfect, that is not right. Yes, you are called to serve others, be a sample, fulfill people's expectations of you within reason, and lead others aright. But if you could be more humble, constantly reminding others that you're only a man, that you can't do everything, that you make mistakes, that you're weak

in yourself, that you too have battles and weak moments, that it's only Me, then you would feel much less of the weight and burden. But that takes humility.

60. --Even your upbringing was strongly rooted in pride. Your family and earlier friends and acquaintances had very strong, rigid ideals, many of which were based on pride. That is the way of the world. But some of My children are less affected by their early upbringing. You had a strong upbringing, with absolutes, with strong parental influence and control, and therefore the effects were much stronger.

61. I'm pointing these things out to you, dear one, not to humiliate you or make you feel ashamed. I want you to recognize the manifestations of pride so you will be armed and can continue the fight. You and every one of My children will have to fight pride till the end, but eventually you will become so skilled at recognizing the hint of pride, and so accustomed to doing the humble thing, that you'll hardly notice that you're still fighting. You are delivered and you are a good fighter, but you will become a much <u>better</u> fighter. You will become a warrior of humility, and you will lead many others to become the same. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Ancient Fighting Spirit Being Who Loves the Battle!

62. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **Regarding these evil demons from Hell that fight you and your field, your loved ones and comrades in battle:** They are fearsome and powerful in the netherworld, but they are nothing before you when you stand in the strength of My Name, My Word, and the power of the keys! Don't fear their strength. Don't honor them by cowering in fear or wonder. Don't give them the satisfaction of marveling at their attacks.

63. What you must do, My fighter, is to hate evil and fear no evil. My commission to you, dear Cephas, now that you know the truth of these evil foes, is to learn to relish the battle. I want you to wake each day, go into each situation, confront each problem and overcome each attack with the thrill of the battle! I want you to look forward to battle and to embrace every opportunity to fight these evil ones with enthusiasm! I want this to become your passion, your delight! Exposing, fighting, and defeating the Enemy will become your special gift.

64. I now give you new spirit helpers who will help you to wield the key of insight and discernment. With these enhanced spiritual gifts, as you call on these keys, you will see the needs of the field, of each Home you visit, of each person you counsel. You will see things differently, so be prepared, for your eyes will be opened. Be sensitive to the checks, and follow.

65. As you call on these keys, coupled with My Word and love, you will find your efforts much enhanced. The time you invest, the counsel you give, and the work you do will bear fruit much more quickly. I do this in mercy, for I know the load you carry is too heavy to bear.

66. Also, I honor you with an ancient fighting spirit being, one who is powerful and who

has great expertise and skill. This spirit being will not only enhance your own efforts to defeat the Enemy and his minions, but he will also allow you to partake of his love for battle. He relishes the fight; that's all that matters to him. He lives for the conflict, the victory. With each victory through the ages he has grown stronger. Each foe that he has defeated has added to his strength, as the strength of the defeated one has been added to his own. He will only continue to grow in power. I have assigned him to guard, protect, and empower you with his skill and joy in battle.

67. I give you these new spirit powers and companions because you are worthy. I know you will use them well, with respect, humility, and faith. I also give them to you as a reward, for your desire to be stronger in Me has come before My courts and I have heard your desperate cry. I have been moved with your need, your vacuum, your plea, and this is My answer. This will be all that you need, My love, and it's much, much more than you ever dreamed possible.

68. Take care now, darling bride warrior, that you hone these new skills, that you take time to think upon these things, to ask Me your questions, to become more aware of the spiritual power at your command. Don't let these gifts become dull through neglect or doubt. Resist and rebuke the Enemy's attempts to steal these honors through your lethargy. Now is the time to take up the weapons and fight! Each and every day from this moment forth will be a day of battle, but also a day of great victory!

69. Your land of India, the field that you love, is a great and wonderful place. I love the people and weep for them. I promise you a tremendous revival of faith and power, and you will see miracles. Stand back, My darling, and see Me fight for you, and you will not be disappointed. Embrace your reward, sweet love, and let Me bring all the goodness into your life that you deserve. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

70. ***(Channel:)*** **Lord, am I missing anything here?** Thank You for these beautiful words of love and vision. Lord, what is the name of that warrior spirit, the one You called an ancient fighting spirit being who has fought through the ages? That is really cool and exciting, and if it were me receiving this gift, I'd want to know his name. Can You please tell me, or is that something You want to tell Cephas privately?

71. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **This one is called Awe, for the heavens stand in awe of him!** He is mighty and powerful. He is awesome, majestic, and more than your carnal mind can fathom. He is enormous, unlike anything you've ever seen. He takes many forms, sometimes looking like a traditional angel, except with a wingspan the width of one of your Earth's oceans. Sometimes he looks more like a science fiction creature. He is many, many things. But one thing you can be sure of, he's a warrior, and he's never defeated. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Specifics and Revelations!

72. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **You have asked that I stretch your faith to receive all that I have for**

you, and I will do that. Be not fearful or think it strange when I start speaking to you and giving you specific and revelatory things--things that will stretch your faith. For is that not what you have asked for?

73. I know you haven't wanted to exercise yourself in matters that are too high for you, but the queen and the channels in WS cannot get all the messages for all the fields and all the people and all the situations. But I have not left My children comfortless, because I have raised up local shepherds for them. I have anointed you and called you to shepherd My flock. So fear not to step out and receive from Me, especially now that you have humbled yourself and asked for prayer and been delivered.

74. I have great and glorious things in store for you and the field of India, so walk in newness of life, letting My praise be heard on your lips and My joy be in your heart! If I am to possess you fully, then your heart must be full of joy and praise, for I am a happy and fun-loving God. Come, let us walk on together and bask in the glories of this victory! *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Being a Good Follower

75. ***(Dad speaking:)*** **The Lord has given you a gift of faith!** Did you know you have great faith? He's blessed you with the gift of faith to flow with His Spirit, to follow Him and know what is good and right. That's a valuable spiritual gift--the gift of faith and discernment.

76. You sometimes lack confidence to step out and lead the way, but even that is part of His plan. It's not a weakness; it's actually a strength, because it means that you'll be very desperate about every step you take.

77. You should be thankful that you're not overconfident and that you feel unsure, because that's your guarantee that you'll stay close to Him and desperate. You've got the vision to do the best you can with what He's given you, with what He shows you, and that's the most important thing. You want to do your best for Him, to follow Him closely, and that's all He needs. That's exactly what Mama and Peter do; they pray and ask Him about everything, and then just follow what He shows them.

78. It's good to be a good follower of His will. He needs people who know how to follow Him and not take off on their own doing something that's not His highest will. Sometimes people who are very confident get themselves into trouble because they're not used to following, being humble and yielded and doing things His way. If you're used to following, it's a real blessing and advantage. Now all you have to do is follow even further and do the things He shows you, even the new things, the unusual steps He wants you to take.

79. Just be open to Him, to whatever He might ask of you, and be willing to do your best. He might ask you to do things that you don't feel very gifted in, but don't let that stop you. Claim the power of the keys and trust Him to use you and fulfill His will through you. Pray and claim the power of the keys of anointing for whatever He wants you to do.

80. It might take a little time to get used to your new anointing and learn how to walk in it, but He won't fail and the keys won't fail. He'll take you at your word, and if you ask for more power to lead, to be outgoing, to do new things that you're not used to doing, He'll

answer and give you what you need.

81. Ask for the key of adventure to help you to look forward to new horizons, to be excited and have the kind of faith that you need to step out in new directions. Ask for the key of specific faith--faith that will make the way easy for you to move forward. The Lord will bless it, Son, and the keys will bring the anointing that you need.

82. You're going to see new things happening in your life as soon as you pray and claim the power of the keys. This is the day of the keys, and the work ahead of you will be a work of the keys. So claim them every day, at every step, and let them work for you. *(Dad speaks in tongues.)*

83. ***(Jesus:)*** **All things are become new because of his faith to reach up and receive My anointing.** Great are the keys that unlock the doors, and because Cephas has exercised his faith to turn the keys, the doors have opened.

84. He who is humble will walk through the great doors. I can only use the humble and meek in spirit, for the keys will only come to those who are respectful of their power and who will wield them with reverence and fear. This one fears Me and respects My power. This one has faith to trust in the power of the keys. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(BEING REWIRED)

215. ***(Jesus:)*** **Picture yourself now coming and kneeling before Me.** I have passed on to you many Words of instruction. My will is clearer to you than it has been for a long time. You know what you need to do, but you're not sure if you can actually do it. It's a huge challenge and responsibility, and you know your weaknesses all too well.

216. But now I call you to come, kneel before Me, and receive the anointing of obedience.

217. Obedience sums up what I am asking of you. A lack of obedience to My Word is the crux of the many varied problems in the Family. Obedience is what will bring the solutions to those problems.

218. I anoint you with the oil of My Spirit. I am pouring out this anointing today in great measure to all who ask for it, to all who come up and commit themselves, as weak as they might feel, to the calling of obedience. This anointing will give you the wherewithal to fulfill your calling. It will give you <u>determination</u> when you wouldn't naturally have it. It will give you <u>grace</u> when the sacrifices are great. It will give you <u>peace</u> and faith to obey even when it doesn't look logical. It will give you <u>strength</u> when the going gets tough.

219. This anointing of obedience is yours, My darlings. Of course, you will have to <u>use</u> your anointing, <u>walk</u> in your anointing, <u>claim</u> your anointing, and then proceed to <u>do</u> what I call you to, regardless of how you feel. That is when you will see this anointing activated.

220. You need this anointing for what lies ahead of you in the coming months. You need it in order to follow Me into the era where I am calling you, My Endtime Family--the era of obedience. It is this obedience that will give you the great faith that you are now lacking--the faith to pull down the wonderful miracles I have promised, the faith to use the keys in the way they were really meant to be used, for those great and impossible situations where something supernatural is needed. It is this era of obedience that will bring the mighty manifestations of My power. In obedience to Me there is great faith, and great faith pulls down the things of the spirit.

221. In certain times and situations in recent years there was a high level of obedience, but it was generally maintained out of fear of man, or man pleasing, or some other outside pressure or force. But in cleansing and restructuring the Family, those who remain will find a new level of obedience out of love, out of fear of Me, out of a healthy respect for My Words, and a sense of urgency to get the job done. These motives will bring on a high level of obedience to Me and to My Words, which will in turn generate great faith among the children of David to believe and use those gifts I have put in your hands, and only then will the Family's destiny be fulfilled.

222. Obedience is the first step. That is the anointing I am giving you today, My loves, as you commit to Me. I am giving you the anointing of obedience. I will repeat: You must <u>use</u> this anointing, <u>walk</u> in it, and <u>exercise</u> it, in order to benefit from it. But you will notice a difference. You will notice that as you use this anointing, obedience even in very difficult situations will be easier for you. This will be a tangible anointing, one that you can feel and sense. And the more you use it, the stronger your anointing will become.

223. So come now, and receive your anointing of obedience.

224. Always remember that this obedience must come from your heart--your love for Me, your love for the lost and desire to get the job done, a sense of urgency, a fear of Me, and a respect for My Words. These things will give you not only the sense of a need to obey, but they will also give you the wisdom to know how to obey. Without pure motives, the wisdom is lacking. But with these motives, My wisdom is available to you in great measure, and will give you love and temperance and grace and wisdom in your implementation.

225. This obedience, coming from your heart, will make your life a testimony and appealing to those who truly love Me and want to follow Me, and convicting and motivating to those who haven't known how to apply My Word. You won't come across as self-righteous or legalistic. You'll come across as someone who is so in love with Me and My Words that you're willing to do anything for Me, and to do your best to obey. This is the example that's needed.

226. All of this is part of your anointing, as you commit to this calling of obedience out of love for Me. Come now, receive your anointing. And then, begin immediately to walk in that anointing. Sense it; learn to use it. The more you do, the stronger it will become, and the easier it will be for you to carry your commission even through the times that would normally be very difficult.

227. I love you, and as always, I give you what you need when I call you to something

new. You will now have what you need to enter this new era. I anoint you with My love, My Spirit, My faith. I give you the anointing of obedience. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES)

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I wish all My children would be so insatiable that they would desire to hear My voice and to be fed at My hand; that they would ask Me for the direction that they need, the guidance that they seek; that instead of stumbling in the darkness they would ask Me for the light to light their way. For I am a great light, but I can only shine upon those who seek and those who ask.

How much better it is to find the way in the light than in the darkness. How much better it is to put your hand into Mine and to let Me lead you where you should go, than it is to try to find your own way and to stumble down the wrong roads and through the wrong alleys and have to backtrack, or to get lost in the brambles and in the bushes. How much better to ask the guide.

Why do you not ask? Are you ashamed? Are you afraid? Fear not, for have I not said, "Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you"? These are My Words. Have I not said "call unto Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you know not"? These are My promises. Have I not said that they that love Me most follow closest? For if you love Me you will spend time with Me, and if you spend time with Me you will speak to Me, and if you speak to Me you will listen, and I will speak to you and show you the way. Thus you can follow closely, ever so closely. (ML #2993)

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The Humble Have Accepted That They Are Nothing

Those who are not following so closely, but are leaning more on the arm of the flesh, will be fearful of not being strong enough to carry the load, not having enough wisdom or understanding or decision-making ability in themselves for each situation. They will constantly be afraid of doing the wrong thing, making the wrong decision, because they have only themselves to lean on. But those who are used to turning to Me and drawing their power and strength from Me have faith and trust. They're not afraid because they know that I'm the One Who has to lead and guide them ,and they pin their faith and trust in My answer and My leading, and in all they do they obey what I show them. The humble are not afraid because they've already accepted that they are nothing, that they know nothing, and can do nothing without Me and without the love and help of others. They know they need Me and they readily acknowledge this to Me and to others. So they're not afraid because they know

that I will have to help them, and they've learned that I don't fail when they cry out to Me. They've learned through experience, through humblings, that I am always ready to answer their needs and their cries for help, so they rest in Me and depend upon Me to carry them through and to work through them. They've learned the power of prayer and the power of My Spirit. So they pray and trust, they pray and listen, they pray and obey, and thus they are not afraid, for they let Me lead the way. They've learned that I truly am in control, so there's nothing to fear. Those who have not learned to depend on Me are always afraid of their own weaknesses. They're afraid of the mistakes they will make. They're afraid of the things they don't know. They're afraid of the future. They're afraid of being free in the spirit and letting Me take control. But all of this can be washed away as they learn to give their whole heart to Me , and as they humble themselves completely as little children before Me and let Me be their Lord and Master. (31)
(PFTCOD6)
The secret is to stay desperate and nothing in your own sight, to constantly acknowledge your need for Me and your inability to do anything without Me. Don't make a move without My guidance or counsel, and stay humble by confessing your need for Me and others. It is the road of humility that will keep you on the right path ,close to Me and out of the clutches of the Evil One. (34)

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Our Weaknesses and Imperfections Humble Us

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(All prophecies are Jesus speaking unless otherwise indicated)
(Jesus speaking:) I want you to know this for certain, although you might not always feel this way: You are wonderfully and fearfully made in the way I wanted and ordained. You are amazing. You are perfect to Me, because even your imperfections are perfectly in sync with how I wanted you to be, so that you could remain humble, desperate, and close to Me. (1)
I make each person differently, but when you look at your weaknesses and the Enemy tries to discourage you about your weaknesses, I want you to remember that I am the One Who made you that way. You must glory in that weakness. You must bring forth that weakness. You must magnify that weakness and let it keep you humble, for there is no greater gift, no greater sample, no greater opportunity for My Spirit to work, than when there is a spirit of humility. (2)
I made you just as you are--faults, blunders, and all. Those ugly, rag-wrapped bundles may seem an embarrassing, even discouraging weight to carry, but within they hold the jewels of humility, strength of character, compassion, and forgiveness. They are the royal treasures of Heaven. Be thankful for your weaknesses, because it's through them that you learn the greater lessons of love and humility. And when you see someone else carrying their

bundle of "faults," pray for them and lend them a helping hand, and you may get a glimpse of the precious jewels hidden under the rough exterior.(3)

I made each one of My brides special, and I made no mistakes. Those things that are weaknesses or "flaws" were put there by Me or allowed by Me for a reason. Some "handicaps" or "weaknesses" were put there by Me for a special reason, to teach you something special, to bring out some inner strength, beauty, wisdom, and maturity, or to make you a vessel capable of extraordinary usefulness, which you wouldn't otherwise achieve .Other "flaws" or difficulties were chosen by you. Yes, that's right. You chose them before you went to Earth, because you saw things more clearly at that time. You saw the triviality and worthlessness of the things of Earth, and you desired so much more the things of the spirit. There are certain qualities of spiritual strength and maturity and experience that are only gained through your time on Earth, and you chose to take on handicaps of the flesh in order to gain the strength of the spirit.

But then, after going to Earth, of course those remembrances faded. You're caught up in the thoughts and feelings and priorities of Earth and the flesh, and it's hard to accept certain things about yourself. It's hard to keep working toward the goals that you and I set together before you went to Earth. It takes a lot of faith. It takes a lot of humility to accept that this is the way I made you. It takes a willingness to step back from the things of Earth and see things through the eyes of the spirit. And these are things that don't come naturally to anyone in human flesh. It's a fight. Try to stay focused on the goals of the spirit--the attributes which will remain a part of you long after your earthly body is dead and gone--the beauty of spirit which you are building day by day through your choices of love, humility, and unselfishness. (4)

When you're tempted to compare with another, to look at another as being more talented, more capable or appealing to others, and you feel so weak and powerless to attain to these qualities you wish you had--look to Me, My love, and let Me wrap My arms around you and hold you and bear you up and show you things from My perspective. I'll show you that each vessel has weak spots, each is in need of Me, and your weaknesses and lacks are just something that have caused you to look to Me. Your weak spots are nothing to be ashamed of before My eyes. In your humility I will lift you up. The meek shall inherit the Earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. My peace will I give unto you--peace to realize that you don't have to work hard at attaining things that are not meant for you to do; that you don't have to work at trying to polish yourself, to make yourself better and more useful for Me. Lie back in My arms and let Me mold you and create you to be just the vessel I need you to be. Don't try to work something up; only leave yourself utterly in My hands, within My grasp. I will keep you close to Me, and you'll find that you're just what I need. (5)

(Dad speaking:) You're human, and the Lord has created humans with some weaknesses to keep them desperate and close to Him, needing Him. The biggest weakness the Lord's given to man is pride; it's his besetting sin, and like I've often said, it's the root of all our problems. The Enemy knows he's got a very powerful weapon at his disposal--your pride--and he uses it for all it's worth! (6)

If you have a weakness, whatever it is--strong pride, jealousy, even emotional or mental weaknesses--don't be embarrassed by it. It's My way of working in your life, and I will use it for My glory if you let Me. But you must safeguard yourself by always staying strong in My Word and obedience and humility. You can't let down your guard and just hope everything will work itself out. Realize that the Enemy knows about your weakness too, and he will use it if he can. (7)

Some traits will be with you till the day you die, and in some cases that's My will for you, to keep you humble and desperate with Me. But you should still be working to make progress. You should be growing; you should be maturing through the fight and the desperation and humility it brings. Otherwise, what happens is those little personality traits come between you and your unity with others, or they come between you and Me, or they come between you and your usefulness. They separate you from the truly important things in life. (8)

Everyone has areas they need to work on which I allow for different reasons, according to what I know you need and what's best for you. Among other things, they teach you humility and yieldedness; they keep you desperate and close to Me; they teach you the power of prayer; they help you to understand others and be able to comfort and help your brethren and the lost of the world. (9)

Your life is made up of many things and many parts. Everyone has good qualities and everyone has weak points. Everyone has things they excel in, and everyone hast things that they need to work on and improve in. No one single thing defines a person and makes them any particular way.

So when things are pointed out--areas where you need to be more mindful, more faithful, or areas that you have neglected or just didn't see--pray for humility, pray for trust, and pray for faith to believe that I, your loving Husband, your Best Friend, know and love and care. I'm allowing this for a reason, to make you a better person, to patch up a weak area in your life, to help you remedy something that is possibly hurting you or others. (10)

I'm happy if you have things to do better in; that's how I made you. I'm happy that you have weaknesses, because they draw you closer to Me, they keep you humble, and they inspire you to make progress and work toward overcoming your weak areas. (11)

By allowing you to stumble, this has humbled you. This has made you desperate for My forgiveness, and the meek and the contrite heart I will never turn away. (12)

I allow you to have weaknesses to help teach you humility and love, and to help you learn to progress. Your mistakes make you human, natural, and approachable. These things help you to relate to the lost sheep I bring along your path. (13)

I've seen how you've stumbled and fallen, but it doesn't matter to Me. It doesn't matter that you make mistakes and have faults. If I judged you by your perfection, I'd never be able to use you. But that's not the way I look at you. I look at your yielded heart, your broken spirit, your humble and loving heart. (14)

Perfection is nowhere on My list of importance. I would be far more happy to receive you into My arms with a spotted record, failures, mistakes, and sins, and a

humble love for Me and others, than with a self-righteous attitude of sanctimonious perfection. I want you with your flaws and your mistakes. I don't want or ask that you get it right all the time, or that you be faultless-all I ask for is your love and obedience.(15)
I plead with you to accept your lack of perfection as a good thing, just because I said it is, and because it brings about the most important qualities of desperation, closeness to Me, humility, and dependence on Me. Try praising Me by faith for your lacks, problems, weaknesses and faults, knowing that I have a greater purpose. (16)
Your weaknesses and your shortcomings and your struggles do not lessen My Love in any way. These things are insignificant to Me, I see them not. What I see is your love, your dedication, your yieldedness, your humility and your desire to please Me. This is what I see and this is what I will reward. (17)

Making Mistakes

Making a mistake is a small price to pay for the treasures of the spirit that I want to give you, so praise Me for this time of humbling and renewed desperation and closeness to Me. Just put the mistake behind you and go on now with fullness of faith that when you humble yourself and look to Me fully, I'm able to work all things together for your good. (18)
(Dad speaking:) When we've made mistakes, we've tried to follow God's plan to make things right again. We haven't tried to cover up our mistakes. We've confessed them to the Lord and asked His forgiveness, sought the forgiveness of others if they were affected, and then put feet to our prayers of repentance and have changed.
In the long run, these mistakes have borne good fruit. They've humbled us and helped to root out pride and self-confidence. They've made us turn to the Lord and seek Him more fervently, knowing that we can of our own selves do nothing. They've reminded us that we bear His Word and spiritual treasures "in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." Through it all, God has been glorified and we've gone on to gain greater depth of spirit, make greater progress, and win greater victories. (19)
(Dad speaking:) All the greatest men in the Bible made terrible mistakes, ones that hurt others, but through it they realized how much they needed the Lord and His love and grace and forgiveness, and it changed their lives and the world. (20)
(Jesus speaking:) It's a part of human nature to make mistakes regularly, to "fall" to temptation now and then. This serves to keep you humble and realizing that you're imperfect and in need of Me. (21)
When I humble you and when I allow you to make seeming mistakes, instead of being so frustrated and condemned and fighting so hard to determine, "I'm not going to let it happen again! I'm just not going to let it happen again!" just praise Me and say, "Thank You for humbling me! Thank You for showing me up. Thank You for showing my faults and failings." (22)
I allow you to make mistakes, to forget, so that I can help you to stay dependent

on Me. As long as you're desperate with Me and humble, I won't allow you to make too big a mistake. If you slip and blow it in some way, big or small, just trust that it's part of My plan to keep you soft and weak so that My Spirit can continue to speak to you.
So even when you make mistakes don't let the Enemy come in with condemnation. Rather use it as a steppingstone to humble yourself before Me, seek Me and love Me, and remember clearly how weak you are in yourself. Then it will be a good experience--one that I can use to draw you even closer and make you even stronger in Me, not yourself. (23)
(Dad wrote:) The Lord lets me have enough physical afflictions and faults, weaknesses to be concerned about to keep me humble.
Whatever I have occasionally is usually my own fault and due to my own sins--past or present--and my own carelessness and disobediences and excesses and nobody else's fault, certainly not God's fault, and I thank God it's not affected my children seriously. But He's let me suffer a little for my own mistakes and my own faults, my own sins, my own excesses. But then He heals me, TTL, and He delivers me when I repent and ask Him to help me and forgive me. But in a way it keeps me humble and to realize that there's no good thing in me and without Him I can do nothing and it's all Jesus, nothing else! (Ro.7:18; Jn.15:5). (24)
(Jesus speaking:) Oh, how weak I felt the day I was crucified. How helpless I felt.
How like a failure I felt. I knew I was fulfilling the role My Father had for Me, but the feeling of failure was overwhelming. I was crucified in weakness, but the power of God lived on in Me.
When you must suffer the disdain of the world-which you have and will continue to-I will be there and I will work miracles through you. I will perform My will, and it will be because of your weakness. It will be because of your humility. It will be because of the very things that the Enemy uses to discourage you.
I will use these weaknesses to glorify Me and magnify My Word and allow My message to come through. Then you will see the real weapon of praise in action, when you can thank Me and glorify Me for your faults, failures, and weaknesses, which allow Me to be strong and to work in you. (25)
Only through My power will you be able to defeat the Enemy. Only those who, in their own humility, in their own weakness, in their own incapacity, look to Me for the strength, the strategies, and the munitions they need in their battles with the Evil One, will be able to overcome him. (26)

The world may look at you and laugh, but in the end they will be in awe at what I will accomplish through such a pitiful, weak, incapable band who focused not on their weakness, but rather used it to be a strength. Through this weakness, humility came forth, and through this humility great works were manifested. (27)

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Without faith it is impossible to rise above and conquer your fears.

You must have faith, and if you don't have the faith or are struggling due to fear, then it is vital that you ask for prayer to be delivered from fear. It is vital that you ask for your faith to be rekindled. I promise that you can be free of all your fears through faith. In order to be free, you must decide that you will do your part--read, receive, and apply My Word. The Word will give you faith. Without faith you will not be able to overcome, but with faith you will. It is your faith, which comes by receiving My Word and applying it, that will see you through.

39. Many are still blinded by Obstacon, Oplexicon, Arakan, and Apotheon, wrapped in the bed sheets of Lethargy, and buffeted by Pan. I encourage you, dear loves, that it is not too late. Humble yourselves in My sight and I will lift you up! I will renew your faith. I will uphold you. I will help you. I will strengthen you. Whosoever will call on My Name will be saved.

40. I have given you the power of the keys, and the keys are able to break any entrenched, lifelong bad habit--that means bad habits that are firmly established and unlikely to change. The keys are able to vanquish old and negative habits and create new and positive habits. If you obey, you will experience the fruit of My promises.

41. The main step that you need to take that will enable you to be free from fear, that will renew your faith, that will give you the power to have complete victory is this: Surrendering your will to Me. Come to Me and say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Don't worry about what that will mean to you personally. I'll take care of that. I promise if you will take that step, you will receive the ability and the power to make it through the future.

42. Don't speculate. Don't fear. Don't think one thought about tomorrow. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Live this moment for Me. Give your heart to Me this moment. Submit your will to Me this moment. I promise, I guarantee that when you do this and you resist the Devil and any of his demons that are fighting you, they will flee. Call on the keys to defeat the Devil and his demons--whether it be Pan, Arakan, Obstacon, Oplexicon, Apotheon, the Selvegion, Bacchus, Pride, or any other demons I reveal that are fighting you--and they will be cast back to Hell where they belong, and you will be free!

43. I will not fail you. I will not forsake you. I will bring you through moment by moment, day by day. I promise you. You have My Word. My Word does not fail. My Word is truth. If you hold on to My Word, you will make it. Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away. Do you believe this? Even if you only have the faith to say, "I believe, help Thou my unbelief," I will do it. I will give you the faith as you read My Word.

44. Ask for prayer and then read My Word. If your foundation has been on the sand of fear, then rebuild it on the Rock of My Word. Humble yourself. Come to Me as a newborn babe, and I will give you the sincere milk of the Word. Go back to the beginning and read the Letters I built the foundation of this Family on. Pray and ask Me to open your eyes to the wondrous things out of My Word. Pray against the influence of Pan and his implets. Bind the

power of Obstacon, Apotheon, Arakan, Lethargy, Oplexicon, and all of the other demons of Hell. Call on the power of the keys of imprisonment to keep them from disturbing your time with Me. And then come into the temple of My treasures and let your faith be rekindled and strengthened. Fear will flee and fade away.

45. Fight for your faith. Covet My Words daily and do not allow the Enemy any place, any voice, any thought, any influence in your heart. Fight, by continually submitting yourself to Me, by verbally telling Me that you are willing to do My will, that you choose My will, not your own. Then the power will come, and Satan will flee when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees. You will send your adversary packing, and he will flee! He has no power over you. You will be free of fear. Fear will have no hold or power over you because you will have given yourself to Me. You must make the commitment not to give place to your feelings, emotions, or any negative thoughts that come to you. You must hold on to My Word, knowing that in so doing your obedience and trust will bring the victory.

46. You have My Words in abundance--new, old, and the living Word. You have the keys of the Kingdom that enable you to overcome all impossibilities. But before any of this will take place, you must give Me your will. You don't have to worry about what that means; you don't need tons of faith to do it; you just need to be willing. If you have a willing mind, just say the words, and I will do the rest.

47. After you have had prayer for deliverance from fear and for your faith to be renewed, the Letters that you have read many times before will come alive to you as New Wine! Call on the power of the keys and claim that as you read My Word, I will open your eyes to it as never before. Call on their power to sweep your mind clean of anything that would stand in opposition to you receiving My Words and being changed by them.

48. As you are faithful to bathe yourself in My Word, I will renew your faith, and your foundation will be one that will stand strong, and your house will not crumble and be swept away. *(End of message.)*

Bravery in the Face of Fear

49. ***(Jesus:)*** **The Enemy would love to plant doubt in your heart to the point that you will** develop an "I can't" attitude. Obstacon and Apotheon are working double time to try to get you to adopt an attitude of hopelessness--all with the intent to encourage your quitting, giving up, and copping out.

The Enemy will use whatever he can to paint this black picture of the future that has you being pushed further than you can go, the doorknob being set too high, and you having to wonder if this is the time you'll finally not make it and you'll drop off the bandwagon and get left behind while others move on.

51. Can you imagine any way in the whole world that thoughts like that could possibly be of Me? Even if I were trying to test you to see how much you'd be willing to give up for Me, I'd never do it in this way, through fear and depression and worry that you can't do it or won't make it.

52. He's trying to win the battle before it even starts, through propaganda warfare of the

mind. He's encouraging you to imagine the worst, instead of having faith, patience, and trust. He knows that what I have planned for you and for the whole Family is going to make you better, and that My goals for you are not out of your reach, but are very much within your grasp. Yes, the Enemy and his crowd want you to fail, they want you to drop off the wagon, but I don't.

53. To a certain extent, your carnal mind will always be afraid of the light of the Word and the revolutions I bring about, especially when they're quite monumental and life changing. You'll always worry a little as to what I will require of you, what you'll need to give up, and this can give the Enemy--and Apotheon in particular--an opportunity to flood your mind with fear. The Enemy is seeking to bring about a negative pre-emptive change in your life, hoping that you'll choose to reject My plan before you've had a chance to accept. Don't allow him that opportunity.

54. To rise above this you must look to Me. It has been said that bravery is not the absence of fear, but it is the conquest of it, the mastery of it. This is the truth. You will never be free of the temptation to fear. You will never be able to fully cause that "bird" to never come near your head, but you must look above and beyond the fear to Me, to the faith you have in Me and My love for you and My promises to you, and have courage, despite the fear you could face otherwise. You must use the Word and faith and "God's good grain" that is stored in your heart as a ballast during these kinds of storms. You have to praise Me by faith anyway, and love Me anyway, and keep on going anyway, and not let yourself get discouraged, afraid, or resentful.

55. This is not a problem with <u>you</u>--this is an attack of the Enemy, and should be treated as such. It's like the part in *Pilgrim's Progress* when in the Dark Valley a fiend of the Evil One whispered words of doubt, profanity, and cruelty in the ear of Christian, and on account of the darkness and noise and confusion of the Dark Valley, he wondered if he had said those things, and it made him discouraged and feel condemned. I don't want you to feel that way.

56. When you get attacked in things that concern your faith and your future in the Family, of course you can feel very bad that those things happen. You wish you could be stronger, but through this weakness you will be. My strength can be perfected in your weakness if you will realize that it is an attack of the Enemy, and as such it can be overcome; it can be defeated through any number of the weapons that are placed at your disposal.

57. It's nothing more than a trick, a ploy, a trap, a ruse. You're not a horrible loser for thinking those things and entertaining those fears, and you're not doomed to failure, or whatever else the voices may tell you. If the Enemy can scare you into believing some of these things by overdosing you with his fear, he can have a measure of success in altering your attitudes to fit the reality that he's giving you, but that you think is just your mind creating, which makes you convinced that those attitudes and thoughts are your own, when in fact they are not.

58. His only goal is to make you quit, and if you can see this, the illusion falters, the fear fades, and the Devil is exposed. If you can understand that there is nothing to fear but fear

itself, it will no longer have power over you. Some nagging worry may remain, but its power to alter your moods, emotions, and responses is totally destroyed.

60. You must rebuke the Enemy when he attacks you in this way. You must recognize the device at work, disarm it, and then defeat it. You can do this through praise, prayer, claiming the keys, loving Me, and using any of the spiritual weapons and helpers that are available to you. You can recognize this attack coming on when you feel that icky, mood-killing feeling which is not just the righteous conviction of My Spirit to want to do better, but is that depressing feeling of, "Oh no, what now, what a weariness, why are they making life so difficult, why is it so tough, why do they want to make things harder, I won't make it," etc. There's a difference between the two, and you need to recognize which is which.

61. Positive conviction and positive fear of the Lord will always leave you feeling shaken up, but still challenged and hopeful, and usually quite secure in My love for you. But negative fear will make you feel distant, rebellious, negative, angry, isolated, and with a real "me against them" complex, and this is what to beware of. When the leadership of the Family, and My Words and all My promises start to morph into this sinister "they," that's when you know it's not your own thoughts but the words of Satan or one of his demons, trying to take you right off the wall. That's when it's time to go to war, to say, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" And once he's behind you and not able to attack anymore or whisper his deceit, you turn around, put your new weapon of choice in his face, and blast the hellish creep back where he came from! I mean it. Don't let those guys just hang around to speak to you and lollygag around filling you with their stupid fear and obvious lies. Get rid of them, rebuke them, and fight!

62. Something you can do is to make an effort to ensure that you are obeying and living up to the standard that you know you need to right now. If you know in your heart that you're weak and falling down in certain areas, and not doing everything I've asked of you today, it's no wonder that your faith would be weak concerning what I'd ask of you tomorrow. So the more you disobey or manifest things that are not of Me, the less faith you will have, and the more easily these attacks will be able to gain a foothold in your spirit.

63. Those "cigars," those things that you know aren't of Me, are chinks in your armor through which the Enemy can attack via condemnation and regret. So the cleaner you can keep your life and the more you obey, the more invigorated you'll feel for whatever I have for you in the future, rather than being apprehensive of what you'll have to change.

64. Try the spirits, to identify the right kind of fear from the wrong kind, to understand that you can very easily be attacked by Apotheon and others because you are important and they would like to make you quit if they could, and that's the goal of this line of negativity. Learn to fight against it by dwelling on the positive, on the good, and on your faith. Also, the more you obey today, the greater faith you'll have for tomorrow.

65. I am the Source of all the faith you need. Everything good and happy and faith building can be found in Me, and if you don't have enough of Me, you won't make it. If you're feeling low on the good stuff, spend extra time with Me, and I can refill you and encourage you and get you back in a fighting mood once again. *(End of message.)*

68. Each person in the Family stands alone before Me. I know each heart, life, and spirit very personally, more intimately than anyone else ever could, and how you "make it" in your life is a choice you make in conjunction with Me. Yes, your shepherds will be involved in recommending what they feel may be best for you, as far as your membership status, but then you have to make your decisions alone with Me. You will know, and I will know, if you're "making it"--and by "making it," I mean that you're being 100% dedicated to your level of service.

70. "Making it" is not holding anything in your heart back from Me. "Making it" is letting your life burn on the altar of sacrifice for Me, no matter what your place of service. "Making it" is finding out what My will is for you, and then doing it with all of your heart. "Making it" is being a proficient doer of My Word, according to your responsibilities to Me in your category of membership. "Making it" is fighting to always move forward; it's never standing still. "Making it" isn't synonymous with perfection; it's a state of being where you're striving for more of Me and My Spirit in your life and doing your best for Me each day.

The Lamp of the Word

87. *(Jesus:)* **"My Words are a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path."** The secret of finding your way, of knowing where to go next, and of arriving at My designated destination at the correct time, is using My Word to guide you, letting it be the light that cuts through the darkness and shows you the path to follow.

88. One interesting thing about a lamp or a light is that when you hold it, it shines on what is directly in front of you. It doesn't shine off into the distance where it doesn't benefit you--it shines about you, and as you move forward, the light reveals a little more of the way. That is why I've likened My Word to a lamp, because in order for the Word to really be effective in your life, you have to let it shine around you; you learn where you're going and then you follow, and as you do so, you see more and your path becomes clearer.

89. I love it when My children are faithful to follow the path the light of My Word reveals to them. There's a lot that you have to take by faith in reading it and absorbing it, not to mention making it an active part of your life. But the traveler making his way through the dark has to have the same amount of faith that his lamp is going to keep him on the right path. It's when he decides to find his course on his own that he ends up lost and unsure of where to go next.

90. But when he calls out to Me, I bring back the light to the traveler and set him on the right track. But it's not always easy, just like when you turn on a light in a darkened room. Your eyes have grown accustomed to the darkness, so even a small light that's not so bright will make you squint until your eyes adjust to it. It works the same way with My Word. When you're trying to make a habit of really absorbing it and getting the most out of it, it's quite a feat; not only because you're trying to form a new habit, but because the Enemy will do his best to deter you from making progress.

91. You must be determined enough to make the effort, even if it's a struggle, and like the man in the dark who is exposed to light finds it hard to adjust, if he makes the effort to open his eyes and doesn't settle for keeping them shut, then before long, slowly and surely,

he doesn't have to squint anymore. He finds himself enjoying the light and realizing that he can see so much better now that he has a light to guide him.

92. **My Word is that light in your life, and it takes effort to make a habit of opening your heart up to that light and absorbing it into every fiber of your being.** The squinting man sometimes thinks it's too much effort to adjust to the light, and wants to just shut his eyes to relax; but if he holds out, he will adjust to the brightness of the light without needing to squint or blink excessively. Likewise, the more you expose yourself to My Word and to making it the priority in your life, the more ingrained the habit will become and the more you'll feel it coming alive in you.

93. **You may figure that you still have a long way to go when it comes to solidifying the right Word habits,** but one thing that's very helpful is to look back from whence you came and realize what a difference there is in your spiritual life and walk with Me since the Word revolution. By taking the time to evaluate where you have progressed and identify the areas where you have changed, then doesn't that encourage you to want to keep moving in the right direction?

94. **One very important thing to realize, My loves, is that the Enemy is going to try and hit you with discouraging thoughts no matter how much progress you make.** He looks for your faults and mistakes and exaggerates them to discourage you and make you think that perhaps you will never gain the victories I've promised.

95. **I'm not saying that you should ignore taking note of the areas you could improve in, but you shouldn't let these things get you down.** You shouldn't let the Enemy get the better of you when you struggle in certain areas. If there's an area you know you're weak in, then the thing to do is to take note of the problem, and then turn to Me and ask Me to show you how to work on these areas. Your reaction should be one of, "I acknowledge my shortcomings and I want to strive to do better, but I refuse to be discouraged by you, Satan! By the grace of God and through the power of the keys, I'm going to continue persevering and gaining victories."

96. **Everyone stumbles, everyone falls, but it's those who continue to get up after they fall and keep walking forward who gain the victory.** It's not that you'll one day have it down so well that the Enemy will call it quits and never attack you again. The Enemy is the accuser of the saints, and he comes in whenever he thinks he's got a little something on you, especially if it's a victory you've really had to fight for. He'll try to get you to take your eyes off of the goal and to look at all your faults and failings and mistakes of the past, telling you that you can't possibly make it, but you can't let him obtain that advantage over you. When you're climbing up that narrow, rugged mountain path, and he stands in front of you trying to obstruct you, reminding you about all the times you stumbled or fell en route, you don't have to listen to him. Push him aside. And if you find yourself in a tight spot, use the keys, and they'll help you to rise right above Satan and his obstruction, so that you can continue on your way.

97. **Keep fighting the fight!** Keep striving to follow the direction I lead, and be faithful to get any new directions I have for you, so that the light of My Word can continue to guide

you, enlighten you, and show you the way. *(End of message.)*

166. I have given you the power of the keys--the keys of praise to blast away the Enemy's doubts, the keys of full possession so that when you feel weak I am able to come through, the keys of imprisonment that keep the Enemy locked away and your mind free from his lies, the keys of entrapment that inflict damage on the Devil and his minions whenever they are near, and the keys of enhanced faith that enable you to rise above any obstacles to see the victory at the end of the battle. But of course the Enemy doesn't want you to use these weapons. He is trying to keep your mind full of other things--doubt, worry, remorse over past failures, human weaknesses, etc. And the more you listen to him, the less My power will be able to help you.

(FAITH FOR THE FUTURE)

Learning to Love the Fight!

140. *(Mama:)* Are you feeling a little low? Here's a good tidbit of counsel from Dad, received by one of our staff members who was discouraged about the continuing difficulty of her long-term affliction of a weak and sore back.

141. *(Dad sings:)* If you really want to knock the Devil for a loop, just start praising the Lord!

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142. Praise is the … victory! Yes, praise is the victory! Don't look down--look <u>up</u>! Don't look down at the pit where the Devil is trying to throw you; look up to Heaven. Keep your eye on the donut and not upon the hole! Keep your eyes on Jesus!

143. Well, that's your answer! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord for <u>everything</u>. So what if the Lord is allowing you to still be afflicted? So what if you're feeling lousy? So what if your affliction with your back is getting worse? So what?

144. Are you going to give up? Are you going to quit? Are you going to surrender to the damn Devil? Hell, no! Show him you haven't even begun to fight yet! What did John Paul Jones do? His arm was nearly shot off, his men were being killed, his ship was wrecked, and when his enemy asked if he wanted to surrender, what did he say? "Okay, I've had enough; sure, come on over, boys." No! He said, "Hell, no! NO! NO! NO! No, I'm not going to surrender! No, I'm not going to give up!" He was willing to go down with the ship, he was so sure he was on the winning side.

145. You're on the winning side! Don't give up now! Show the Enemy you're not going

to surrender. Show him you're willing to go down with the ship. Keep fighting! Are you supposed to quit when you're hardest hit? No! You're supposed to keep fighting! You want to learn to love the fight? Well, then fight! Fight! Fight with everything within you! Fight until your last breath. God loves a fighter.

146. You're like the guy in that song where it says, "So you're caught in the midst of a battle, saying, 'I must've done some awful sin!'" Well, Sister, if you didn't expect to go to war, why did you join the army? You joined because you were willing to live and die for Jesus! That's what Christian soldiers do. They live for the Lord and they die for the Lord. Whatever they do, they do it all for the Lord! So to hell with the Devil and his attacks on your health. So what? Keep going! Keep doing your best. Keep serving Jesus. If the Enemy whacks off your arm, you still have another arm and two legs, right? Look at it that way!

147. The Lord doesn't willingly afflict His children. He allows them to suffer afflictions for a reason. The Lord isn't sitting back and letting all this happen to you and thinking, "Good, she's getting her just deserts!" He isn't thinking, "She's such a problem case with all these NWOs, so I don't care what happens to her!" The Lord loves you! He cares for you. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth" (Heb. 12:6). If He didn't care about you, He would've just let you do your own thing and you would have wound up a terrible mess a long time ago!

148. You're a live one! Can't you see that?! You're a live one--one who wants to grow in the Lord, one who loves the Lord. So if you want to grow, you have to be willing to be trained, willing to learn what you need to know to do the job He's called you to do. It's all part of the job description. "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you" (1Pet.4:12). Well, the verse does say trial, but the way it first came to you, as the word "trail," is just as true! Sometimes it's a trail, a road of afflictions, testings, and trials. But it isn't a never-ending road! You will arrive at your destination and go on to greater victories. So don't give up, and don't listen to the damn Devil who is trying to discourage you.

149. Yes, he's been pulling out the big guns with the renewal of these old battles with daydreaming, and now with your afflictions, and new battles that you've never fought--these waves of depression and grief of heart you're going through. But keep holding on to the Lord! Hold on, Honey!

150. When you pray and ask the Lord to do something in your life, you shouldn't be too surprised when the trials start coming in like a flood afterwards. So what did you recently pray? To be a better fighter, to love the fight, right? Well, welcome to the battleground! You've prayed and told the Lord you want to make more progress, that you want a solid victory, that you believe He can totally deliver you from some of these things. Why are you surprised that the Enemy is coming in like a flood? You say it makes you not want to pray such things. Well, that's understandable in a way. If you can't stand the heat, stay out of kitchen! If you aren't willing to pay the price and go all the way, don't start the building. What's the verse about counting the cost and making sure you're going to finish what you start? (Luke 14:28). If you go, go all the way!

151. I hope this little talk helped you to see that you shouldn't be so surprised by the

barrage of battles you've been having recently, and now this added factor of your back not doing so great. If you're doing it right, the Devil will fight! He's fighting you! He's fighting you! Are you going to just sit there like a bump on a log and let him beat the crap out of you while you whine away? Get up and fight! So you're down and not even standing any more? Give him a swift kick right where it hurts! Show a little "umph" if you want to triumph. You can do it!

152. "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever" (Jude 24-25). Amen? Amen! I love you! **Keep fighting!** *(End of message from Dad.)*



Come, My Bride! Come, My loves! Come, I call, come! Come to My bed. Come to My arms. Come to My kisses, to My lips. We shall revel in great joy and great passion, and you shall receive great love, great strength, and great gifts! For you will be married to a King and you will be a queen to Me, and I will bestow upon you far above all that you could ask or think! I will love you, and I will ravish you, and I will pour forth to you, and you will be known as My Queen, as My Bride! (ML #3029) (FJWL2:247)