MAKE IT THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE

If you commit your life to the Lord and take a stand that you're going to keep climbing that mountain **come what may**--rain or shine, bumps, scrapes and bruises included--the Lord will give you the strength to keep going and reach the top

And what a victory that will be! You may have been more comfortable in the valley, but the things you'll experience on the mountain, the valley people can only dream of!(Hold on to Your Crown! [#3168])

You feel like you're living in eternity; whereas, down below they're living in time" (ML #B:5,16).

I have given you the answers to all life's problems. I have given you the victory. Now you must take hold of the power that I have given you and loose your mind and heart from the addiction of seeking the easy road and just sliding down the path of an easy life.

86. Lift the standard in your life and choose the high road instead of the low one. Do the things that will make you stronger, not weaker! You have to face the challenges and hit them head-on, not sidestep them, hoping they'll go away.

87. Climb that mountain, ford that river, and reach for the high calling of being My called-out, sold-out, do-or-die disciple! This is the calling that I have placed before you--not the easy life in the lowlands of relaxation, and the mindlessness of an easy life where you never have to make a decision, and where your day is decided by your chains to a System life. Break free from those thoughts and desires and seek the highlands of My Spirit!

(Exposing Bacchus! [#3402])

81. Take a look at the many battles that you face, or the areas that you need to work on, and ask yourself what progress you have made. Are you devoting as much time or more to working on these things and to calling on Me for My help, taking time in My Word and listening to My answers, as you do to relaxing? If every time a soldier was faced with a battle, he ran to find something enjoyable to do or something that distracted him from the battle at hand, how long do you think that soldier would last?

82. You must put in the time to fight the battles, to hear My Words, to find your enjoyment and pleasure in doing My will and in reading My Words. This is where true relaxation will come from, and this is where you will find the surcease that you seek from the battles that you face. Ignoring them will not make them go away but will only make them grow.

(Exposing Bacchus! [#3402])

If you don't know how to stick, you're "double-minded and unstable in all your ways, wavering like the waves of the sea. Think not that that man shall receive anything from the Lord!" (Jam.1:6-8.)

(Shtick! [#0703])

***(Jesus:)* No matter how grand your intentions, no matter how enthusiastic you are about serving Me** and doing great works in My Name, no matter how much you want to remain strong and unswayed by the attacks of the Enemy in your life, this will never be enough if you're not connected to Me and strong in My Word!

80. Faith--the faith that keeps your spirit strong, the faith that helps you to see things through My eyes, the faith that keeps you forging on for Me--is only found through faithful study of My Word. You've got to read it, absorb it, drink it in, and let it change you and strengthen you. Otherwise you'll continue to weaken, and the Enemy will continue fighting you until he's rendered you totally useless and

you'll fizzle out and fade into oblivion.

81. No one is strong enough to stand on their own without the Word. Without that strong standard in your life, without the ballast that keeps you stable, you will be blown about with every wind of doctrine and your faith will crumble. That's a fact! Faith is built by faithful study of My Word, and that's the truth! Faith is not automatic; it must be fed and nurtured through the Word.

82. If you know you're weak in the Word, don't take that as a defeat. Look at it as a challenge, because it's not too late to make a renewed commitment to strengthen your faith. It's your life and your service to Me at stake here and that you're in jeopardy of losing, if you don't decide to reestablish your connection with the Word. You need it desperately, and you can be strengthened if you desire it with all of your heart.

83. Cry out to Me in desperation of heart and humility! Tell Me that you crave and need a renewed hunger for My Word in order to survive. Do whatever it takes to strengthen your lifeline to the Word: Reread the Feast Letters, use the keys to claim a renewed hunger for the Word, ask for united prayer, hear from Me in prophecy, pray a "whatever it takes" prayer, rebuke Obstacon and any other demons that are hindering you, and delve deep into the wells of My Spirit and be fed from My hand.

84. And don't go by your feelings either, because if you are obeying, even if you don't feel the results immediately, then you will be blessed--and some of the direct blessings will come in the form of strength to your spirit and a stronger force field to protect you from the Enemy's attacks, even if you don't feel it in the physical.

85. The Enemy will do all within his power to cause you to feel like the Word isn't doing you any good, and to tell you you're too weakened and that a decision to be strengthened at this point would be a waste of time and energy. But don't listen to him! Rebuke him in the power of the keys, and his wiles and lies and doubts and fears will be obliterated.

86. Now is the time! It is possible to be strengthened, even if you are severely weakened in spirit, and you will be strengthened if you choose to be. *(End of message.)*

(So You Want to Be a Disciple? For God's Sake Be the Best! [#3458])

. These demons are strong and they are powerful, but they are no match for the power of My Spirit within you. I have exposed them; their ugliness is now plain to you and to all, and their influence is already lessened by this exposure. Through the power of prayer, through the power of the keys, through the power of yieldedness, I will root out every hold they have had on your heart and life. You will be free, swept clean.

11. Remember, though, that you must fill up this "emptiness" that they will leave behind. You can't just leave your heart, mind, or body empty. You have to fill it up instead with that which is truth, light, and purity.

12. You have to take in more of Me and of My input to refresh your life, or else you will feel the lack of these things you have held within you. Thus you will desire to be filled with something "new," with something "exciting," and the natural force of the carnal mind will lead you where you would not choose to go. Therefore remember, just as important--if not more so--than what you kick out of your life and time is what you replace it with.

(Exposing Bacchus! [#3402])

Just because you have been delivered does not, I repeat, does not mean that you won't ever be tempted again, that you won't ever feel the lusts and desires for your old habits. You will feel these temptations. So don't be surprised or get discouraged or overwhelmed if your old habits and lusts come knocking on your door once again. Don't fret or fade away or cast away your confidence. You will feel the desires well up again, but you must not give in. If your faith fail not, you can slam the door, and tell Bacchus to be gone!

94. He will come to your door to once again peddle his wares and addictions. But this time, he is on the outside. You and I have kicked him out, and though he can knock and knock and ring your doorbell like an annoying salesman, he does not have any entrance into your heart that you do not allow.

So expect his attempts, but have the faith in Me to resist.

95. No weak, half-hearted attempts at resisting him will do, though. You will have to get desperate at the first sign of your old habits returning. When you feel the desire to go online and do what I have asked you to forsake, you need to get extremely desperate with Me.

If the Enemy comes at you with a baseball bat, meet him with a machine gun! If he comes with a sword or fiery dart, show up with a tank! If he comes with a gun, drop a firebomb on his head! Blast him, crush him, defy him, resist him, burn him, and give him no place! I'm not trying to encourage overreacting; I'm just saying that if you have these powerful weapons available to you, it makes sense to use them.

99. Don't try to slip by with just a little prayer. Get <u>all</u> the help available to you! Use every weapon in My arsenal to make sure that you win! The Enemy doesn't play fair, and you don't have to either--use whatever tactics are necessary to defeat him! I've already given you every advantage and stacked the deck in your favor, so take that advantage and run with it.

100. It's plain as day in My Word: "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." That doesn't sound like a fair fight to Me, and it isn't! I am <u>greater</u>, and <u>you</u> are greater if you have Me in you and the power of Heaven and the keys at your side. So there's no reason or way that the Enemy can win unless you surrender!

101. Now, along with all that I've told you to do to keep the Enemy out and his demons at bay, there is also a lot you need to do to replace the holes left by the old compromises and addictions. We can't leave you empty, swept and garnished, because nature abhors a vacuum and something is bound to fill that empty place. If it isn't Me, it's gonna be the Devil. He that is not for Me is against Me. So you can't just concentrate only on holding on to the ground gained, but you must make <u>more</u> progress to replace the old habits.

102. You need to press forward in the good, spiritual input to replace the System stuff. You need to be faithful with Word time daily. Continuing with prophecy is another important step that should occur daily. There is always tons to ask Me about, and it's only through asking that you can take your spiritual temperature and find out where you're strong and where you're getting weak.

103. One thing that really breaks his chains is having Me more in your life as your Husband and Lover. You need to be faithful to love Me intimately every day in some form or another

110. Don't ever just lope through a day doing as you please. Every day you should be measuring your actions, asking yourself and Me if you're living as a disciple would live, if you're saying what a disciple would say, if you're spending your free time as a disciple should, and if you're working like a disciple should be working.

112. Don't approach these changes with a feeling of drudgery and like it's crushing your fun. Remember that if you're in My will, I give you plenty of fun and opportunities to really enjoy yourself. Within the tunnel of My will there is plenty to satisfy you, to make you happy, and you don't need to feel bad about having it.

113. It's like the Garden of Eden. There are many fruit trees that I am happy for you to eat from and enjoy, but you have to be obedient to Me and not eat of the ones which I forbid. Be thankful and count your blessings. If you're full of praise to Me and enjoying all the trees you <u>can</u> have to the full, you'll miss the forbidden trees less and in time forget them altogether.

114. So the point isn't to be a miserable monk. The point is to be a happy, vibrant disciple who does what I say, and also has a lot of fun doing it. When you're on My channel, when you're in line with My will for you, almost everything seems fun. You can have such joy in living and such a bounce in your step.

115. It's when you're pulling against the reins and fighting My hand in your life that things seem dreary and boring and restrictive. If you accept the boundaries as being there for your own good and you touch not the unclean thing, then I will receive you and make you extremely happy in the process.

(Exposing Bacchus! [#3402])

Take the stand in faith that you will believe, strengthen your faith through faithfulness to My Word and obedience to Me, and then you will receive the promised anointing and courage needed for what is ahead.

(Truth About Angela's Death and Ricky's Suicide, The - Part 2 [#3530])

The Safe Zone: Complete Trust

63. Bacchus has influenced your mind, making you feel and think that when there's something that you crave, you'll not be happy or feel complete unless you get it. But when you learn that I can override any thoughts, feelings, personal wishes, human cravings, and even natural needs when I need to, then this will be a good step in your learning to rise above.

64. Progress is when you completely trust that I will give you what you need. When there's something I'm not giving you or that you intensely crave but which can't be yours, but still you trust that I know what you need and you're willing to go on without the fulfillment of that desire--this is a step to freedom.

65. You've got to form the mental habit of putting everything into the "trust" box, not holding so tightly onto things, but continuing to learn to just flow with what I bring--or what I take away, or don't allow, or what doesn't work out. As long as you form the habit in your mind that you're not only willing to give up the bigger things that you want to hold on to, but also the smaller day-to-day things, and not let anything get that kind of hold on you, making you feel you've just "got to have it or else," then you're in the safe zone.

(Exposing Bacchus! [#3402])

I GOT FED UP WITH {MY JOB} THE LAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS and I felt like going, it would have been so easy to go. But I fought all Hell and the Devil and everything to stay alive, because I knew I didn't dare desert it, or you, or the people, especially not God!

(Shtick! [#0703])

Hang On Tenaciously!

66. Bacchus has influenced your life when you sought to fill your life, alleviate your boredom, or satisfy your desire for stimulation with the things of the world instead of the things of My choosing. When you felt empty but turned to something other than the Word, usually out of simple laziness, you can be sure Bacchus had a hand in it.

67. Use the power of the keys to defeat his influence in your life, for he enters in at weak moments, when you're tired and weary of fighting. He lures you to fritter away your hours on useless entertainments that leave you emptier than when you began. Realize that whenever the Enemy is attacking you, his primary goal is to get between you and My Word, between you and Me. Being aware of this, you can tenaciously hold on to My Word and to Me, knowing that if he is so desperate to separate us, then I must be the most powerful thing in your life, and My Word the key to overcoming and to defeating the Enemy every time.

(Exposing Bacchus! [#3402])

Spend More Time on the Things of the Spirit!

69. You need to learn to draw more of your inspiration from the things of the Spirit! There are incredible treasures in My Word that will increase your vision and invigorate your life! Getting fed spiritually is not always fun and games, and can actually be hard work sometimes. I have made you in such a way that you have to put effort into leaning on the pleasures of the Spirit, and this is part of your training.

70. The best way to make the things of the Spirit more predominant in your life is just to do it. At first you may not feel the same level of adrenaline rush that you get from games, and you may not feel the same level of fun and laughter that you get from relaxing with friends, and you may not feel the same level of escape and mental stimulation that you feel from reading and studying worldly knowledge. But as

you step out by faith and put the things of the Spirit more in the forefront, they will grow on you and you will begin to feel the happiness and peace that comes from a strong spiritual life.

71. Yes, the things of the Spirit do sometimes bring feelings of happiness and excitement, but you can't rely on your feelings to help you decide whether or not to read the Word or have time with Me. Some people are able to almost automatically draw inspiration from the Spirit, but I have made you in such a way that you have to take quite a bit by faith and work harder. But don't worry, the more you put into the Spirit, the more inspiration and even physical happiness you will begin to draw from your time with Me.

72. But even then, the area in which this evil and disgusting spirit has influenced you the most is by making you feel that your physical happiness is more important than your need to spend time with Me. You are, in a way, addicted to temporary enjoyment through entertainment, sex, mental stimulation, food, drink, and time with your friends. And while it might help you temporarily to cut out all of these forms of entertainment, for you that would be the easy way out.

73. Instead, I want you to just spend <u>more</u> time on the things of the <u>Spirit</u>, so that these other forms of entertainment and inspiration seem shallow and secondary to you. Let the light in, and the darkness and emptiness that Bacchus would try to inflict on you by causing you to lean on the pleasures of the flesh will simply disappear.

74. But you must realize that letting the light in does not happen automatically. Sometimes you have to work pretty hard at getting the door open so the light can shine into your heart and life. Then you may have to take it by faith that the end result will be more eternal happiness and fulfillment, and also much-needed spiritual strength.

(Exposing Bacchus! [#3402])

We all know that personal change doesn't come easily. It's especially difficult to change the habits, first reactions and mindsets that have been with you for practically your whole life. It's almost impossible to change such things. Note the word "almost." It <u>is</u> possible! But because habits can be so very deeply ingrained, it's easy to become numb to the Lord's checks in some areas. If that's the case, it definitely requires supernatural power to perform the miracle of change.

Basically, you have to want it more than anything in the world and be willing to give up anything to have it. Only that kind of desperation will enable the Lord to make you a new creature.(Changing Deeply Ingrained Habits and Mindsets [#3324])

9th of January

Sonora: You want change and victory? Just cast your mind back to the time you and I fought side by side…and remember what it takes and how many times you went back and that even now the enemy would like to pull you back. That's how hard it is. Let me remind you now. It took wanting deliverance more than escaping the real pain that was the only way out. Do you think have such fight in you? It took taking the Word and hanging onto it for dear life and even sometimes ignoring that pain and sadness and just pressing on. As you can remember, it wasn't enough to just do it for yourself, in fact you didn't really stop the merciless slaughter of your spirit and body, until you saw someone else following your bad sample…so yes, sometimes that's what it takes, and be assured that someone is always watching you. You are either dragging them down with you or helping them up. Try as you might to get out from that burden, you are responsible for someone or someones. Yes, they have free choice too, but the Lord does expect you to do your part to help them rather than lead them down the wrong path. So yes, even with that motivation, the decision has to be made every day. You have to grit your teeth and endure a lot of the forsaking which takes a lot of TRUST. Yes, you have to trust that this is WORTH it and your suffering will bring back better dividends. Then you have to choose to endure whatever comes and you have to be willing to accept that indeed: "There Is No Way To The Promised Land But Through This Fire". And then you go through it; you just determine to go through it. Yes, you went back so many times, to try to escape that fire, to somehow ease the pain, to get away from the complete abandonment and you tried and tried for so many years to get around that complete casting off. Right now we don't have that time; we don't have time to skirt around the forsaking. You are standing in the Crystal Sea being presented with a choice

and the heat is on. You have to commit now. I'm not saying you can't fall or you are lost and that's it…I'm saying you have to be willing to go now, through this fire, whatever it is for you. Whatever is chaining you and stopping you from committing. Ask yourself now if you want this more than anything else and if you decide for Jesus, then prepare your heart for walking through the fire to get the Promised Land. You can't get around it or dodge it …only THROUGH it. The walking through the fire period might take a long time depending on how weakened you have become and in that time you may try to escape or ease the pain and yes of course there will be failures and discouragement, but you have to be ready for that too. You have to get up from falls, even if you seem to have gone all the way back, you need to call on the keys and they'll pick you off the floor. Giving up is not an option; it's not in your plan if things get too hard…you are in this for the long, hard haul, come what may.

Consider the cost; then consider the reward. Decide which will in the end cost you more to lose. Once you have made your decision to fight for that honor, never look back. Your decision to win is made. The battle is never a time to reconsider. Blot out any recognition of the word, thought, or feeling of re-treat; you do not know what fear means.

Of course, it's not surprising that there are still battles even after you decide to commit yourself to the Lord. It's not like the decision to stick it out is going to take all your battles away, because if we never had any battles, we'd never grow or learn many of the things that we learn as a result of them. But the Lord will not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able, and He will pull us through. As long as we're in His will and trying to follow Him the best we can, then He only holds us over the fire of the trying of our faith as long as is necessary to purge us and make us better gold--not a minute longer!

(Hold on to Your Crown! [#3168])

If you want to keep going forward, if you want to be the man that the Lord wants and that I need you to be, there's no other way to the Promised Land but through this fire. It'll burn off the dross, the outer trappings, the beautiful image, the "strong general" figure. What'll be left will be just what the Lord and I need! You might feel naked and half dead, but it won't last forever. Remember the woman who repeated to herself, "It came to pass, it didn't come to stay," when she was hit with temptations and tests. *(See Good Thots, pg.1579, #14.)*
It comes to pass. It won't last forever. The Promised Land is in view, you just have to trust your Husband. He loves you more than anybody else ever could, and He's only asking this of you because He knows that deep down you want to keep growing, you want to keep serving Him in the most useful capacity possible. He's so pleased with you because of your love for Him, and believe me, He's going to be there through every moment, like He always is.(Weakness Revolution--How You Can Make It!, The--Part 2 [#3218B])

When it comes to very long-standing problems and difficulties, there are more steps that a person must pass through in order to receive the blessing. First, I must have your permission to effect change in your life. This takes great faith and yieldedness, because when a habit is long-standing and negative, many of My children have difficulty letting go of it. They may want to get rid of it and obtain victory, but because it's been a part of them for so long, they lack faith for the change. They lack faith that they can actually make the change. This is because they think that somehow they have to do it.

13. But this is where they're wrong. I do the miracle and change them. Yes, they have to do their part, but their part is not to make the change--it's simply to be yielded, willing, receptive, obedient, humble, and open to My voice. I will give clear instructions to the one seeking change and deliverance over a great and long-standing weakness or habit. If they follow My counsel and do what I tell them, they

will find the change that they seek.

14. Second, they must believe. It does no good to come before Me and cry out for a change and help and a miracle to overcome, when in your heart you don't believe that it's possible. It's not enough to pretend you have faith for the benefit of others or because they have the faith that you can change. You must come to grips with whether you believe I can change you or not. I've given clear promises that I can, and in order to work such a great change in your life, I require you to believe those promises and come to Me with your heart full of them, claiming them and standing on them. That's a requirement to receive such great personal change in your life. The one who believes and believes and continues to believe is the one who gets great answers and sees great changes.

(Changing Deeply Ingrained Habits and Mindsets [#3324])

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While You wait…
Blue ANGEL: Move past it, darling. You are standing here, at the disembarkment station—wondering how you can ever make it this next year within the CITY and whether you'll be able to let go of all the things you have thus far kept in your little bag, hoping that somehow you wouldn't have to let these go as well…you have heard this issue to forsake all, really forsake all, in your life before, and you know that the fires burn and the pressure in your gut is there, because you know what you are hearing now is the same call that you have heard in the past. You even wonder that if you throw them off and away now, that you won't pick them up in the next months of this year. You don't see how you can remain faithful for this whole next year; you don't have it in you…the temptations pulling on you are ever present and it's a battle every day…you have been living in the flesh and looking at all this through carnal eyes and that's why it all seems impossible. Jesus is not asking you to take on this whole year right now… He's asking for this moment and then the next, one step at a time. Your body right now is on this physical plane and can very easily drag your spirit down and away from the training you are supposed to be receiving in the City, but if you keep everything in perspective your spirit can actually grow from all the physical work and the struggle it is to be cheerful. This farm and all the work was specifically designed to train you and prepare you.
Guardian angel: Every aspect of your daily walk can in some way draw you nearer to Jesus. You need to let us teach you how to react to life and teach you the ways of a warrior of the faith. A warrior doesn't get discouraged from the repetition of training camp, but remembers that war time is going to begin very soon. He isn't shocked by the battle and by the pain. You need to expect this and just endure when it comes time to endure. You were given that verse the other day: endure hardness as a good solider. And that's what it takes sometimes. Really expecting the fight and not falling down to rest every time it becomes a little challenging. I want to train you and I want you to proficient in the keys, prophecy and hearing our directions by the end of this year, but that is up to you. You most of all need faith to believe that you must put away and clear out all the baggage so that you can jump in fully and just bite the bullet when the struggles are real…once you choose to endure and not always looking for a way to escape the battles, then you can really go and fight these enemies that want to pull you back into the world of flesh. You have been given a year, and what you do with it is your choice. Are you going to be trusting and faithfully training in this time of waiting for Jesus to return or are you going to turn away and be found unfaithful? He needs your faith in the revelations and the New Wine or He can do very little with you. If you don't even believe that anything is going happen at the end of this year than that will spell your defeat because you won't even bother preparing or changing the way you have been living…fight to believe and rebuke the doubts that hammer on your mind's door…there's only way to make it through these training days and that's militancy. Being willing to just fight and fight every day for your very life. The enemy will send everything he has to get you down and to drag you away from your commission and you may at times have to physically force yourself to just keep going—remembering the goal and the Words that He has spoken to you in your times of love. Remembering that He promised and He will be faithful to His Word. You have to fill yourself up with these promises and have nothing else running through your mind or you simply won't have the courage to keep going each day. We of the warrior band know how hard it is…we know of the desperate fight and of the attacks of the enemy. We know and now more than ever because all of us have felt the battle intensify…we have felt the loss of our brothers and sisters and we know how hot the battle rages. Do you know? Well, if you don't yet, you will…as you fight for your faith these

coming years. Being in the City doesn't mean that the mind battles are lessened—the battlefield is here on this plane. We've opened this space above you…like it says in Rising Above, all you have to do is stop, claim the keys and look up to that place that Jesus has kept clear for you…that is the way to remain in the CITY whilst still living on Earth. The enemy will want to keep on the Earth as much as possible and that is where you must defeat him.
Dig deep now…look inside your heart and see what is there for the enemy to use a handle to pull you down. These things you are holding onto are, only that—handles, ties to this Earth. That the enemy uses to pull you down to his plane.
Ask your blue angel to show you deep things…ask them to go deep and show you yourself and your ways and let them clear and clear till you are more see-through…more something that Jesus can use. Let the purging go deep and yes, let it hurt. It's the pulling out the roots that will always hurt and you have to accept that. You have to say yes and dive into whatever they give to you. Yes, you will continue to fail and go back, because you have been attacked have weakened but as you struggle forward, letting the truth go deeper each time, you will make progress. None of this time of failing and learning to get back up again has been wasted. It's given you humility if nothing else and every good soldier has to learn to get up from falls…so get up again now and go deep with us…ask to be purged and purging will come.
These words I speak to you are Spirit and Life…you have to believe and take action. This is your destiny…what's the point of hanging out on this land if you are going to live in the world half the time anyway? What's the point of only dying partly? Why not die all the way and give everything till your last breath. You feel it's impossibly hard… why not try to go down fighting? You will fit into our ranks because right where you end Jesus will come in and there you will have victory. I love you and I'm fighting for you… don't stop fighting for us.(end)

You have to choose to look up to My face. You have to choose to take your eyes off of the circumstances and conditions, even though they might be demanding, depressing, worrisome, or are begging you to give them your attention. You have to choose to look past it all, up to Me. I always keep the space above you free and clear, so that you always have that option to look straight up and see Me clearly, without obstructions or distractions. When you do that, we share a powerful connection.

Your decision to look past it all, to look up to Me in faith, makes our connection strong. Even if you don't feel the faith, your obedience to do so is a step of faith or a statement of faith, and then I am able to lift you up, to join your spirit with Mine so that you see things as I see them, feel things as I feel them, and in a greater way have My heart and My Spirit within you. This instantly gives you greater faith, greater anointing, a much broader perspective, and the peace and trust that you need. That is the process of rising above.

(Rising Above! [#3379])

You have to want it, be desperate for it, and be willing to do anything in order to get it. Change is not handed to you on a silver platter; you must actively exercise this gift. You must, through diligence and desperation, hone it if you are to make progress and reap the good results. I give the power to change to those who are desperate.

Change is not an <u>easy</u> road, but it is a road of great <u>reward</u>. Those who are willing to fight and struggle through the land of change are those who inherit the promises and see the fulfillment of their labors. There's hardly a greater joy than to see a beautiful change in someone's heart and life, to see the manifestation of such a powerful miracle. It's not what they've done, or what I alone have done, but what we have done together--a teamwork and close partnership of one who yields to his or her Master, and the Master who gives them a gift. They then take the gift and utilize it, and reap the blessings and benefits.

(Changing Deeply Ingrained Habits and Mindsets [#3324])

Now is the time to give Me your all. Now is the day of decision. This is the hour of dedication. Don't wait until tomorrow or say, "I will give You my life in a few months." Why let another day pass without giving Me your all, your very life, in complete and full commitment and dedication to Me? You say, "Oh, the cost is so great." But I say to you, what is your life? Did I not give it to you in the first place? Is it not Mine?

I give you the choice; it's up to you. I ask that you give Me your life--the life that I have given to you. I ask because I need it. I need your love, and I need your life, that I might give My love to others through you. I need you, My darling. But I can only ask; it is for you to give. The choice is yours.

160. Let's make a deal, you and I. You give me your life, your all, your everything, and I in return will bless you in greater ways than you ever thought possible! For starters, I'll cause you to taste of the ecstasies of the Spirit which you've not known before. I'll cause you to know joy and happiness such as you've not yet known. I'll cause you to know satisfaction and fulfillment such as you've not yet experienced. And, yes, I'll use your gifts and talents along the way. I'm the One Who gave them to you. I am the Lord of your talents, and I, more than anyone, desire to see them used.

161. And now I wait to see. I'm waiting for you. I must see your love. You must show Me your love. You must commit first, and then the blessings will come. You must first do your part, and then will I do Mine. Don't think for a moment that if you do your part and commit wholly to Me, that I will go back on My part; for I am not a man that I should lie! What I have spoken, I will perform. I will do that which I've said I will do. I will fulfill My promises to you. You do your part, you keep your part of the bargain, My little love, and I will surely keep Mine. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

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I have made men, as well as all of creation, to go in the direction they are set, to grow, to build cell upon cell, structure upon structure, habit upon habit. So to change direction means to reverse yourself to some degree, and this takes effort. This takes actual energy, which in the end takes sacrifice. It takes the tearing down of yourself and the way you react, the way you are, the way that has become a habit to you and is therefore comfortable. It takes sacrificing the "plow and oxen" and following Me in a new direction.

36. It comes down to a simple matter of laziness and selfishness--finding it easier to keep on doing what you're doing, rather than to go to all the work, trouble, and expenditure of time and energy that it takes to make a solid, concrete move and change.

37. Usually change only comes about as a necessity. The little birdie will not usually leave the nest until his mother nudges him out, because it's warm and comfortable, easier to get fed there, and there's less expenditure of energy, less sacrifice, and it's easier. Yet the time comes when he's too big for the nest and he has to learn to go out and forage for himself, to grow and mature and to become an adult birdie. He has to come to the realization that his life cannot continue the way it has been. Something has to force him into that change--either the necessity to get out and get food for himself because his parents are no longer doing it, or the parents nudge him out themselves.

38. There usually has to be some motivation, some reason, some cause that takes greater priority in his motivation. There has to be a reason, otherwise things don't just change by themselves. Nothing changes unless there's a reason.

39. This reason has to be present in order for there to be long-lasting change, and this reason must outweigh in importance all the reasons for remaining the same. Because to remain the same is simply easier, less work, less trouble, and less motivation is needed. It's easier to keep going the same way, in the same direction, reacting the same way, and doing things the same way that you've always done them and that you're used to doing them.

You need a "reason," the understanding of why you must go in a different direction, of why it's important for you to change the way you react.

43. To make this change "take" and to make it long-lasting, to really solidify the change, it

takes a desire and a reason that far outweighs the laziness of man, the inborn self-interest and nature of man to "preserve" himself and to preserve the status quo. You must see that the direction you're going, that of preservation, will not be good for you in the long run, and you must have the desire to abandon all things as you know them in order to embrace the changes that you're convinced are necessary.

44. To make change long-lasting, you must see that your life and your way of thinking or reacting or living will not produce the results that you want. You must be convinced that a change in direction is absolutely necessary before you will go to the trouble to make the effort to tear down your old ways of being and to construct new ways. Why? Because it's a lot of work, trouble, and sacrifice on your part to make these changes!

47. This is why I say it's "almost" impossible. For with man it is impossible, in man's own nature, for man is simply made to go the way he goes. But with My nature it is not impossible, for all things are possible with Me. So to make change long-lasting and permanent--that is, completely changed from the other direction and set solidly in the new direction--one must seek My nature and come to understand that the way his nature is leading him will not be fruitful, and in fact, often will lead to destruction of his structure anyway.

48. Once this is seen, once man is able to look at the way he's building and the direction he's going, once he sees that his own destination is not where he wants to go, and in fact that it will often result in the destruction of the present structure, this will often give him the motivation to change direction and to move in another path.

49. This is My prod to man. As oxen are prodded with a goad, My "goad" for mankind is the understanding of where he will end up. This goads him to change direction, for he will not change any other way. He must see that the new way will bring forth the fruit that he wants, and this will make it worth the effort to take the time, trouble, and sacrifice of the "comforts of home" to change direction.

50. I do this with many of My people. Many of My people--those who are yielded, that is, who submit their lives to My will--I tear down and strip naked of the way they were, and I use their spirits as building blocks of the new way. But it's not easy to get stripped down. It often not only hurts those who are being stripped, but it's also cold, you're not used to it, it's not comfortable for you.

51. What is "comfort?" It's relaxation, rest, cessation of energy output. Energy output costs. What does it cost you? It costs you comfort, rest, and relaxation, which you'd normally much rather have.

52. It must become a priority. You must understand that it's necessary; otherwise you will not naturally leave the comfort of the way you are. For it's easy to be the way you are. It takes no thinking to react that way. You've got it down pat. You've memorized it and you can put your system into automatic pilot and just coast along the way you've trained your body and spirit to go. But to change means you have to get back in the driver's seat. You have to grab that steering wheel and you have to actually fight against the motion and direction you're going.

53. It takes energy! It takes work! It's not easy, because you have to get involved and expend energy. And man, being the way he is, will not do that voluntarily unless there is a reason, and that reason has to be a good one--one that outmotivates the nature of man to generally be lazy, to seek comfort, rest, relaxation and a surcease of work. Only when you understand that this change is direly important, and in fact integral--that is, absolutely necessary--and that either your way of life as you now live will end or that you will not accomplish the goal that you desire, will you have the motivation that is needed to make a long-lasting change.

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77. If you don't understand why you need to change or why a particular change is the right one, that's when the trust factor comes in. I don't expect you to take it all blindly by faith, though. I am more than willing to give you explanations and to help you understand why I am asking a certain thing of you. You have to have faith, however, to receive such messages from Me; and then you have to have the faith to accept them and choose to believe them and go ahead with what I have shown you. If you take these steps of faith and fight to change, rest assured that I will reward you. I will reward you by helping you understand the need for the change, as well as by giving you the grace to actually make the leap--and I can make it easy for you, that's a natural side effect when you fully trust Me. You might even enjoy it!

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54. Long-lasting change is possible. It's just that people are so set in their ways that it takes the crowbar of motivation to get them to make the change. However, once man realizes that stability and a lack of motion are not the goals of life; once man understands this principle that continual change is necessary to bring about My final goals; once man gives up his inherent nature to continue as he has been and offers himself on the altar of sacrifice for Me, so I can direct him as he should be; once man asks Me to instill in him My nature--then it is possible to go from mountain peak to mountain peak of change, to seek My face continually, and to continually leave the old behind.

55. This is why I say that if any man be in Me, he is a new creature. Why? Because he has made the effort to not yield to his own nature and has instead endeavored to "put on Christ," as Paul so aptly put it. If you seek My nature, you will find Me waiting for you at many bends, at many turns in the road, wooing you to make this turn, to make that bend, to become more like this, to do what I would do. This is not natural with man, but it is natural with Me. It's natural for Me to be bending, changing, yielding, wooing, winning, loving, flowing, going step by step according to the circumstances, finding the best path through change.

56. My nature is to change. Though I may change many other things, I change not this aspect of My nature. I am the God of the universe, the God of the Heavens, and the God of the Earth. I am also your Friend, Lover, and Companion. My delights are with you. And thus I love to woo you and to win you--to win you to My ways, to woo you from your natural ways, which are sinful, in that they fall short of My mark, because your ways cannot attain to My ways in your own efforts. But if you seek Me, you will find Me, and if you put yourself in My arms--that is, resting on My strength and relying on My power and energy--I am then able to enter you and to pick you up and to cause you to go My direction, and I can begin to have My nature live through you--through your body and spirit.

Remember, there is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but only with My counsel can you choose the proper way, for I am the way, the truth and the life, and he who follows therein shall receive a hundredfold in this life, and in the world to come, life everlasting. For he who is not ashamed of Me and My ways, I will honor when he comes before Me in the world to come, which is not far away. And he who sacrifices now to grab onto that which is most important--that is, My ways--will be put on a path to life that will never die or be destroyed, but will stretch out into eternity.

How much wiser to plant your feet on that path now, for more blessed are they that don't see, yet believe. When you get to Heaven, it will be easy to put your feet on that path, for it will be obvious that that's the way to life and happiness, to peace and fulfillment, to all the fruits of My Spirit that make you happy. But now, in this life on Earth, you see only by faith through a glass darkly. How much better to plant your feet on that path of change now, for by so doing you will have shown yourselves as My friends, walking the same path that I walked while I was on Earth, and for this your rewards will stretch out into eternity.

They that honor Me now, I will honor before My Father and the angels of Heaven, and they will sit in My throne with Me. As much as you have honored Me on Earth by following in the path that I lead, so much more will I honor you when you appear before Me in person in My Home.

So come, join Me now on the path of life, the path of change, the path of sacrifice, and grow, and become the person, the habitation of My Spirit that I want you to be, where I can dwell with you and we can walk this path together. (End of message from Jesus.)

Something good…something kind, bringing peace to every corner of my mind

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Accept and Be Willing To Die

Can you stand before Me, just you. Just you, empty, not depending on anyone else's faith? With nothing to build yourself up? Nothing to make your flesh and body feel better or comforted? Nothing to warm you on this cold mountain face? That's what's I am asking of you today. I am not asking you to feel up to everything I might ask of you this coming year, I'm only asking that you trust Me now, enough to say yes now. To just ACCEPT AND BE WILLING TO DIE. To give your life even if you are only one. Your tears and prayer of submission will ascend to Me and I will heal you. But you have be willing to face the hard days, the boring days, the painful days, the days when you feel ashamed and the days when you lack faith and fail, and then you have to be willing to keep going despite it all.

This is purging year. To be purged means enduring and to Me it means to be cleaned in a harsh way. I'll use what you give Me and I'll purge you if you let Me. Let Me, darling. Let go of the doubts and then the shame and we can work together on this. You have to let go of your own well-being so I can use you to help those around you…if you don't then I can't pour through you. If the enemy can continue to get through to you through things of this world, then you will continue to be weakened and unable to be of use to Me as I desire.

Like you yourself said: this is your lot and yes if you don't live up to what you were given you will be losing out on a lot. People all around world are giving lots and I expect them to make good decisions according to what they have been given in the way of truth. Some people have very difficult roads and it can even seem unfair that I expect to still make the right decisions. I expect the mothers in Palestine who have lost their children to not turn to hatred and bitterness, according to what I have given them…don't you think that seems unfair? But what you don't remember in your righteous parade is how I come in where there is even the slightest desire to turn towards the light and I bring the way of escape where man said it was impossible. So you see everyone in the world was given something and with whatever they have to face they have to make good decisions or, yes, they will lose something and miss out. You have been given a lot, so much compared to the people of world. You are more responsible for the call I have placed on your life. I give My all to you, so naturally, I expect your all. You can complain that it's unfair, but that's your lot in life and some people wished they could have had your upbringing and the light compared to the darkness most of the youth are in today. Are you going to realize what you've been given, and the rewards that could be yours…that many people could never have or are you going to keep going complaining about the cost and the price? Yes, I have cornered you a bit, and you will be ashamed if you abandon your post because it will be a shame…you are Warrior Band and I have called to you uphold that flame and that's the cross I placed on your shoulders. No one could carry My cross; I had walk every bloody step up to Calvary…that wasn't anyone's lot but Mine and I paid it with every drop I had within Me. This is your cross, if you put it down, there it will lay by the wayside and you will have to account for that loss and all the people that it affected. And yes, there will be shame and contempt just as anyone on Earth would face if they made the wrong decisions in life…yours will be especially painful, because I invested so much in you. The rewards that could be yours are just as great…but you and I both know that the rewards won't get you across this line. Look Me in eye, bride of Mine, and remember My song in your heart, when I spoke you, when I asked you to marry Me and you said yes. Say yes, again, and I promise you'll never regret it.

Remember that I love you and that this is all because of that never-ending and everlasting love and please trust…trust Me to see you through this one too and I'll hold your hand through every battle you thought you could never fight. You are Mine…please don't let your faith go no matter how many hands are pulling you down and away from Me…HOLD ON for Me as I HELD ON for you.

JUST FOLLOW THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS…

This is the day of surrender. This is the day to say yes, to take up the challenge of all that you've read and heard. This is your opportunity to be a doer of the Word, one who lifts up the standard … This is My personal invitation to you to a new life, a new beginning. (ML 3258:28)

But as powerful as I am, I can't do it all without you pitching in, without you signing on the dotted line, without you determining you want to do it.

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