ARMED AND STRONG IN THE LORD

2. The Love of Jesus

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

The Love of Jesus—True love is shown by how deeply you take in Jesus' Words and let them create something new inside of you; you become a new soul because of the seedy Words of God. Part of showing this love, when then empowered by His Word that activates His Spirit moving in you, is your taking action to do and be and show and live and give—as His Word told you to. Doing what He said shows you really love Jesus. It's not about a feeling of romance or even reverence. But it's more like dedication, that no matter how you feel on what day, you take that time to hear from the Bridegroom, and then, like a loyal subject you get to work and do it. The reveling in love and highs from this love of Jesus can come later, after all have shown their obedience to the Word of God. First yield and follow in fervency, then the joys will spring from that, and great joy will be known, and great gifts of love will be bestowed on you.

*Keys to claim in prayer, to receive empowerment to fight with these new weapons and stop the enemy's attempts to hinder our using them:

The key of loving Me intimately unlocks the depths of your heart that only I can touch and have access to. This is a place in your heart that I have made specifically for loving Me intimately. Using this key and opening this place up to Me unlocks one of the mysteries of the universe between you and Me, a place where it is possible for time to stop and where we can truly be one. (3558)

Some specifics that help explain more:

- "Helmet of salvation" (Part 1)—being saved, having received Jesus as your Saviour and received His gift of forgiveness; rejoicing in your salvation; thanking Jesus for it.
- "Helmet of salvation" (Part 2)—Having our mind protected from evil thoughts by thinking about Jesus' love and His Word; keeping our mind on Jesus is like a wall of protection and keeps us sane and at peace through the insanity that is all around.
- Submitting to Jesus as Lord of every part of our life; yet serving Him out of love, forever, as He serves us.
- Knowing of His love as a Bridegroom for His Bride; spending intimate loving time with Jesus.
- Show your love for Jesus by loving and reading and listening to His Words; make His Words more an important part of your life and day than you do food.
- Show your love for Jesus by loving others as if you are showing that loving care to Jesus; He feels it when we do or don't do something for someone.
- Listen to Jesus' fresh words in prophecy that will reassure you of His love; write the words down and remind yourself of them. Ask Him to show you visions and pictures that will bond you closer together.

*True stories of victory, showing these fighting methods in practice:

Studying the Word ... encouraged my wife and myself to include the Lord more in our dates. We started slowly, saying simple loving words to Him and to each other. Soon our dates became more hot and sexy, and we started looking forward to spending time together more than ever before. Around the middle of March we discovered that Pandita was pregnant. We believe the Lord engineered this pregnancy as a love gift to us for including Him in our dates. Thank You Jesus! (GV 097)

Recently I've been going through a Jordan-crossing time in my life. I've felt like giving up so many times and have felt useless to the Lord and very discouraged. I am married and have four wonderful kids, but I felt I was losing my

spark and like my fire was slowly going out. Since the Loving Jesus revelation, my relationship with the Lord has changed dramatically, and I've started to love the Lord in this new and greater way, and for the first time I truly feel like the Lord's Bride! It's wonderful! (GV 004)

(True story:) After loving Jesus in this new and intimate way for several months now, I can say that every day gets better! I think it has brought forth fruit in my life in every way! It's just so wonderful! Thinking in terms of loving Jesus as a <u>lover</u>, and <u>practicing</u> it, has opened up so many avenues that I can hardly imagine how I survived without it all these years. It has brought more closeness to the Lord, therefore greater love, faith, trusting assurance and peace in my life all around, not to mention the Word has been so alive. It's been an all-around renewal and revitalization, just as He promised.

I feel like I have really "fallen in love" with Jesus. Of course I loved Him before, but moving from a formal relationship to an intimate one has been such a liberation. I find that I think about the Lord so much more--like when you are very deeply or madly in love with someone you usually think about them all the time. In fact, when you are in the white hot heat of a wild love affair, it is quite difficult <u>not</u> to think about the one you love all the time. So as I've allowed Jesus to become my wild and passionate Lover, I find I think about Him so much more all throughout the day.

I tend to be a real "thinker"-not necessarily a negative thinker, but I do have an active mind. One of my regular prayer requests has been to keep my mind stayed on Him and my thoughts under subjection, so this is an answer to a long-standing prayer! Getting closer to the Lord in this more intimate way has really helped me to turn every thought into a prayer so much more. The verse, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee" (Isa.26:3), has become more alive. I feel like I am finally living it now much more. And as a result, it has given me much more peace and faith and general well-being all around.

I also have a sense of fulfillment, knowing that as I pray more, because prayer is so powerful, I am accomplishing a lot throughout the day through my prayers! So this enhancement in my prayer life has been a very special strength, as I talk to the Lord so much more openly and naturally now throughout the day.

Besides all the above-mentioned blessings, naturally as I have learned to become more prayerful it is a big help in my work as well. It has been very much like the domino effect-one thing leads to another. I find I can tune in better to His still small voice and thus get my directions from Him.

This intimate relationship has helped me go from a formal, rather stiff, prim and proper relationship to a warm, cozy and vibrant one. Just like with a lover, you grow close to that person, and become very dependent on them--so what better Person could you become one with and grow dependent on than the Lord? I have had to grow into actually saying loving words out loud to the Lord. I have found, though, as I have gotten into it more and more, that the act of saying the loving words does help. It helps me to outwardly declare my love for Him. There seems to be <u>power</u> in saying those words.-I have even found that the sexier or more erotic, the better it gets! It seems to help break down any walls and barriers between me and the Lord.

Another personal blessing is that loving Jesus has been a wonderful solution and relief from loneliness. I was mated for many years but now live as a single. I must admit that reading about all this "sexiness" with Jesus, I thought maybe it was going to bring on loneliness trials even more. I have found, though, that it really has been quite the <u>opposite</u> of what I anticipated. When I do get tempted with feeling lonely, He is always right there, so close and so faithful, just waiting with open arms. It has brought sweet relief from loneliness!

Having an intimate love relationship with Jesus and looking at Him in this way has been the greatest thing that has ever happened to me! Unlike earthly relationships, Jesus is the <u>perfect Mate</u>, and each time I have taken even the tiniest step in the right direction He has always been right there to meet me. (FM290)

Messages others received on these ways to fight and win in the Spirit

15. (<u>Prophecy:</u>) I am well pleased in their service, in their love for Me as they go forth day by day to love others with My Love. I am well pleased with their sacrifice, their labors of love. ... I love them so dearly! In this they have shown Me great, great love. But now they too must learn that I desire them and their love in My bedchamber, that they too must take that time to come and lie down in My arms that I may caress and love them, that I may fill them, for they too need My seeds and My strength and My power.

17. For as the dark days ahead come upon the Earth as a strong storm, so must these at that time know how to communicate with Me, how to hear My voice. They must learn and know how to hear the whispers of

My Spirit in their ears. The way for them to learn this is to spend time with Me in the bed of love listening to Me

- **18.** And they must let Me kiss them with My Words, even the Words of David. For within the Words is great power and great strength. For within them is My voice, and within them is My Love, and within them is My strength and My power. But they must take time to let Me love them through these Words, to let me strengthen them through these Words.
- 19. They must let Me whisper unto them Words for these days. They must hear from Me fresh day by day. They must learn to rejoice at My voice as they would rejoice at the voice of their lover, and they must take time for My caresses and My Love. (ML3024)
- **32.** (<u>Prophecy:</u>) Behold, I have heard your prayers, and I have seen your tears, and I will heal you. I have heard your songs of love, your words of love and endearment unto Me. I have heard your words of praise and of giving glory unto Me. I have heard you listening to and absorbing My Words and turning them into prayers unto Me. These have come before Me as incense, as beautiful smells that remind me of you and of your love and of your praise. It draws My heart near unto yours. For as I love to speak to <u>you</u>, so I love it when you together speak to <u>Me</u>. As you think it is precious when <u>I</u> speak to <u>you</u>, so I feel it is precious when <u>you</u> speak to <u>Me</u>!
- **33.** Oh that My children everywhere would speak such words of love, such words of praise, and would sing unto Me such songs of love and of devotion, and would sing from their whole hearts, as you have done this night. And, lo, how I would empower them for their love! How I would greatly rejoice in the words of praise that they would say and sing unto Me. For, oh, how I wish to teach My children to seek Me desperately with their whole hearts, and to love Me wholly!
- **34.** I am teaching you and I am showing you the rewards of giving yourself wholly unto Me. I am teaching and leading you to the ecstasies of the Spirit so that these can understand how I wish for them to be with Me. In doing so, they will give Me great pleasure, and I will give to them great gifts. For if they give, they shall receive. If they give Me the things that I wish, I will pour forth unto them the things that they wish. Give and it shall be given! Yea, I say, give unto Me and it shall be given unto you. (ML3025)
- **152.** (*Prophecy, Holy Spirit speaking:*) Behold, I am the Comforter that goes forth upon all the Earth calling out, calling out and saying, `Come! Come, come, for I seek brides for My Son, My Beloved Son! Come, come, come be His Bride! Come to know Him!' For it is He that purchased your salvation by His Own blood. And I love Him so much that I want Him to have many brides as one. So come, I say, come unto Him as a bride!
- **153.** For though We Three are One, We have different ministrations. Is this not manifested even in your teamworks, where the teamwork is one and works together and counsels together and decides together, but each person has different ministrations, different portfolios? This, too, is a manifestation of how We work together as One, and counsel One with Another, but in different ministrations. For I am the Comforter, and He is the Father, and He is the Son, the Savior.
- **154.** When you love One, you love All. If you love Me, you love the Father and the Son. And if you love the Son, you love Me and the Father. But the only way to <u>truly</u> love Us is through the <u>Son</u>, for He purchased your salvation through His blood and through His sacrifice and through His Love. To truly love Us and to truly know Us, you must come through <u>that</u> Door, for He is the manifestation of Our Love. He is the face of Our Love. He is the embodiment of Our Love. And because He has purchased your salvation, you are His, His Bride.
- **155.** You can love Me, and you can love the Father, but you are the Bride of Christ, our Son. As you love and desire Him, so you receive of Us. Because He is married to you, so We are married to you, for We are One. But We call you unto Us through Him, for He is the Door, He is the Husband, He is the Shepherd, and He is the Lamb that was sacrificed for you. As He gave His life for you, is it any great thing for you to be His wife?
- **156.** If you wish for Me to come, I will come unto you, for I am the Comforter, I am Understanding. As a mother gives unto her children to comfort them, to help them and to strengthen them, to help them understand, so it is with Me, and so will I come unto you. But He is your Husband, and you are His wife, His Bride.
- **157.** For the ways of God are higher than the ways of man and cannot always be understood by men. Many cannot even understand how My Son, Who died so long ago, could forgive their sins, that His sacrifice could atone for their sins today. Many believe, <u>not</u> because they <u>understand</u>, but because they have <u>faith</u>, and they receive Him by faith, not understanding. Yet they believe and are rewarded for their belief and for their faith. As they act in obedience, so are they rewarded. When the time comes that they pass over to <u>this</u> side, that belief is tangible, and that which they only <u>believed</u> is <u>seen</u> and felt, and it is no longer by faith but it is reality.

158. If you believe that My Son atoned for your sins, and if you can give your life in faith to serve Him, then why can you not believe that We have called you to love Him and to be His Bride, and to manifest your love in this manner?

159. So come! Come, come, be the Bride of My Son!

Come, come, come,

Ravish Him with your love!

Come, come, come,

Love Him, love Him, My Son!

Come, come, come,

Be loved by Him from Above!

(End of prophecy.) (ML 3029)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

With My love and your patience and faith, and with the keys, nothing is impossible.

- SoS.1:4 We will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.
- 1JN.4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.
- 1JN.4:8b God is love.

My love is never used up. My love is never lost. My love is without end and is forever. (ML 2985)

It was worth it to give My Son just for you! This is how great My love is for you! (ML 2985)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

- JOH.13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.
- JOH.13:24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.
- JOH.13:25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?
- **MAR.10:21** Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
 - MAR.10:22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.
- **LUK.7:44** And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head
 - LUK.7:45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.
 - LUK.7:46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.
- **LUK.7:47** Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.
 - **JOH.11:1** Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
- **JOH.11:2** (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
 - JOH.11:3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.
- **JOH.11:4** When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

JOH.11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

JOH.11:33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

JOH.11:34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

JOH.11:35 Jesus wept.

JOH.11:36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!