

## ARMED AND STRONG IN THE LORD

### 3. The Keys of the Kingdom

#### **\*A concise explanation from the Lord:**

The Keys of the Kingdom are Jesus' all powerful and mysterious workforce, service, and Heavenly provision and assistance to carry us through these last days of Tribulation. They represent Jesus' supernatural power that can be accessed by those He grants this unmatched power to. Just as Jesus can do anything, and nothing is impossible, when we have His permission, He will enable us to claim His power to anything that is within His will. His power is given or passed on to us or provided through the Keys of the Kingdom. To be eligible for this powerful help, we need to be devoted to His Word and take it in daily (both old and new, and receive yet more, and be committed to doing what He says; we need to love Jesus dearly and show Him this love in ardency; we need to shun the world and hate evil, and be fully on His disciple team. The Keys of the Kingdom can fill us with the Holy Spirit and enable us to be or feel or do anything Jesus wants us to—long term or short term. We need to be utterly humble and submitted to Jesus, and be using this empowerment in accordance with His will.

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#### **\*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:**

When you say the words, "I call on the keys," the power is released. ... Calling on the keys is a witness to others, both of the physical realm and the spiritual. Even the devils hear you. You're making your declaration of faith and you're declaring to whom you belong. Many evil spirits circle the globe in search of their prey, and when they hear your declaration of faith, it repels them. The good spirits also hear, and are able to more greatly aid and assist you. **Ask and you will receive; call on the keys and the power will be released.** And when you do this, you're making your declaration known. You're choosing Me and My power over all other options. You're declaring your faith, and this faith brings results. (ML 3599)

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#### **Some specifics that help explain more:**

- The Keys of the Kingdom grant us authority to command anything and anyone, in any realm, to surrender to Jesus and perform His utmost will and desire for them, or for it.
- The Keys of the Kingdom grant us authority to claim any need to be supplied in order to do God's Will on Earth; any blockage hindering the Lord's plan can be expelled from our life and living space.
- The Keys of the Kingdom grant us angelic help to empower us to do God's will, no matter how humanly impossible, or scientifically impossible. Angelic help comes in many ways, and uses many substances and means and counsel and weapons and all sorts of things from the Heavenly realm to do the job of getting us to God's goal line for us.
- The Keys of the Kingdom open the door to the other realm and make God's spiritual realm meld with us—the teams of fighting saints on Earth and in the invisible realm can fight side by side; the supernatural aids us in anyway needed, physically and spiritually.
- The Keys of the Kingdom bring Heaven to Earth, and make God's Kingdom come into being more each day, whether it's through casting out satan's works or through changing people to behave more as the citizens of Heaven; or through making our bodies supernaturally healed and living on and on. The more we call on the Keys, receive and do His Word and will, and love Jesus with a passion, the sooner the Lord can fully take over the world.
- To be granted the power that the Keys of the Kingdom offer, we need to be fully obedient to Jesus' Word and instructions, making His Word a part of us; we need to be filled with a spirit of praise that shows our faith in Jesus; we need to love Him and belong to Jesus.
- We need to be wanting only God's will to be done, and ask in prayer for this special access to the power of God so that His highest desires can be accomplished—even seemingly to our own hurt or discomfort. Then the intervention of Heaven through the Keys makes absolutely all things possible. We need to be submitted to Jesus, and to hate evil; fully loyal to Him.

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

My mom was in China. I was in Pakistan. I didn't blame her for being worried.--CNN broadcast the most horrendous things about this wonderful country. Mexico sounded good, and there was even a wonderful Home down in Zamora that needed more people. My mom sent me the necessary international traveling permission forms and I booked my ticket.

Lahore to Delhi to Frankfurt to L.A. to San Diego. I was randomly selected for a comprehensive luggage search seven times and felt like every single eye in every single airport was on me.

San Diego to Phoenix. I had another randomly selected luggage search and then an hour of waiting in line. Phoenix to Guadalajara was the last flight on my itinerary, and I was beginning to look forward to the bus ride to Zamora and more than a few hours of both feet on real ground again.

I reached the front of the line and tried my best to look innocent and shine the love-of-Jesus at the glowering lady as she scrutinized my ticket.

"Are you sure you're not carrying any box cutters or plastic knives?" she glared.

"Uh ... no."

"How old are you?"

"Seventeen."

"Aha!" she almost smirked. "You're a minor!" At last she'd found a way to make someone else miserable. "You'll have to go to the desk."

*Uh oh, "the desk."*

Another huge jumbled line of people. I finally found the end of the line and eventually worked my way to the beginning. I smiled my widest at the blue shirt and gold badge behind the desk.

"Hi! I'm Joe."

"Passport."

I cautiously gave her my passport and smiled wider.

"Hmm." She raised an eyebrow.

I held my breath and mumbled prayers.

She raised the other eyebrow. "A minor, eh?"

I whipped out my Permission to Cross International Borders forms and she inspected them.

"Okay. These are good forms," she said. "But..."

*Uh oh.*

"...there's a problem." She lowered both eyebrows. "The form reads that you have parental permission to live in Mexico for an indefinite period of time."

"Yes...?"

"That's not acceptable."

*Double uh oh.*

"There has to be a certain time when the permission ends. Otherwise you could just run away and the

government couldn't do anything about it."

*Oh, that makes a lot of sense. "Well--uh--I promise not to run away."*

"Hmm." The eyebrows dipped lower.

This wasn't working. I needed something else--something bigger and better--or else I wouldn't be getting on that plane. Then I remembered the keys.

*The keys! The keys of the Kingdom can do anything, right?* My mind raced to the throne of Heaven on its knees. My lips stretched a smile as wide as was physically possible.

She smiled back.

*She smiled back!*

"I'll tell you what," she said. "I'm gonna put you on the plane anyhow."

*Wow!* I was getting on that plane after all! I tried to convince myself that I wasn't even surprised.

"But," she said, "unfortunately, I am one hundred percent sure that the immigrations guy on the other side will take one look at your paper, and send you straight back to Phoenix on the next plane. I'm sorry. Have a good trip."

If there had been mournful music available, now would have been a perfect time to play it.

Pakistan! She didn't understand. I was coming from Pakistan!

I didn't know anyone in Phoenix. The closest Family members I knew of were in San Diego. I didn't even have enough money for *one night* in Phoenix--much less a plane ticket back to San Diego the next morning!

Despair began to crowd in on me as I boarded the plane. *One hundred percent sure.* Maybe I could give out posters in the airport to raise the money. Except that I didn't have any posters.

Maybe I could scribble out "indefinite" on the papers and write "permission good until December the 31st, 3000." I squirmed into my seat and stared out the window.

Maybe I could wiggle past the immigrations guy and hope he wouldn't notice me. Maybe I...

Maybe I needed another miracle.

I closed my eyes.

"Jesus. Um, hi. It's Joe again," I whispered. "See, I have another little problem. There are these guys at the place I'm going--immigrations guys," I explained. "And if they look at my permission paper slips and notice that it says 'indefinite' on them, they'll throw me back on the next plane and I'll be stuck in Phoenix without any posters.

"See, that could be kind of a sticky situation for me, no posters and all. A nightmare. So, basically, I'd like to ask that You make sure that these guys--the immigrations guys--don't notice the little 'indefinite' on my permission slips.

"I hereby CALL ON THE POWER OF THE KEYS"--I realized suddenly that I was shouting and lowered my voice--"to help these immigrations guys to overlook that little mistake and just, You know, kind of, wave me into the country. Please? In Jesus' name."

Peace. I actually slept on the flight and the smile returned as I stepped off the plane and recovered my bags.

There were six immigrations desks and six long lines. A quick AME\* told me to choose line three and I gulped as quietly as I could and stepped in. (\*AME--Ask Me Everything)

Finally. The front of the line. The prayers were going up as fast as I could compose them as I tiptoed to the desk.

"Hi! I'm Joe."

"Passport."

*Isn't that an original thing to say?* I gave him my passport. Smiling, of course.

"Hmm," he said as he raised an eyebrow.

Again I found myself holding my breath. The second hand on the big clock on the wall ticked around.

He didn't raise the other eyebrow.

His eyes shifted and he scowled and looked up at me. He scowled and scowled and I smiled back. Then slowly--slowly, slowly, slowly--the scowl slid and morphed into a huge, wide and mischievous grin.

"Ha!" he guffawed. "It's okay, kid. Don't mind the scowl. It's just a joke." He thought he was funny. "I do that to people all the time." He lifted a giant stamp above his head and slammed it onto my passport. "Looks like you're good to go. Enjoy your stay in Mexico!"

He had forgotten to look at my permission slips.

And I for one wasn't about to remind him. (FSM 385)

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One time I went to visit my relatives in Kharkov (the second biggest city in Ukraine), and my brother Bogdan (6) and I (10 years old) got stuck in an elevator. Bogdan started to cry, but I prayed and claimed the power of the keys of the Kingdom and pressed number one. The elevator started to work again. So claim the power of the keys of the Kingdom! (*Kidz Biz #79*)

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## ELEPHANTS AND KEYS

By 5 children, ages 5-10, in Africa

We had an amazing encounter when we went to the Chobe National Park in northern Botswana. Because we wanted to see some elephants, we had tried for some time to drive around and spot them. We saw only a few, and they would quickly hide in the bushes.

But things changed when we prayed in the power of the keys of the Kingdom that the Lord would bring lots of elephants our way. It was getting dark, and time to go back to our lodge. On the way back we spotted a couple of elephants coming out of the forest in the distance. Daddy stopped the car and turned off the engine, and we watched them for a while as they crossed the road.

Suddenly elephants started coming from all sides, surrounding the car!!! We were all sitting stiff and amazed inside of the car, quietly praising the Lord. We didn't dare move, as there were so many elephants, big and small, walking as close as half a meter from our car! Some of them were even sniffing at it with their long trunks, making deep growling noises.

We managed to count 200 elephants, but there were even more crossing the road! Call it an amazing answer to prayer!!! The power of the keys surely worked that day!

After this encounter we were all so excited. Mommy laughed, "We just need a snake on the road to top it off." Sure enough, can you believe it? A few minutes later, right on the road there was a one-and-a-half-meter-long snake, the most common poisonous snake in Africa--a puff adder. Wow! (*Kidz Biz# 69*)

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I had driven over 1,500 miles, and my back was hurting quite a bit. This particular area of my back has been a weak spot for many years, getting sore whenever I sit in particular positions for too long, such as driving, etc.

We have a close friend who is a chiropractor, so she came over to give me an adjustment. The next day it felt even worse, with both sides hurting, so she came over again. One of the problems was that I wasn't taking time

to rest after each adjustment, as the other driver in the Home had sprained her ankle and couldn't drive. That meant that I was getting an adjustment, and then hopping back into the car to do pick-ups, take kids to classes, etc. So I was actually making things worse each day.

By Saturday, I was in quite a bit of pain, hardly able to walk and making as few trips as possible to my third-floor bedroom. Climbing the stairs took about ten minutes, and was so painful that I had to lie down for about another ten minutes before I could do anything else. Our chiropractor friend's mom had just died the day before, so there wasn't any chance of her coming over anytime soon.

The night before, I was lying in bed, wondering how I was ever going to sit through the meetings the next day with my back hurting so much. Then the Lord said very clearly, "Why not call on the power of the keys? Remember, all you have to do is say, 'I call on the power of the keys!'" I'd been claiming the power of the keys for so many other things, really making an effort to make calling on them a good habit, but I didn't take the time or even think about claiming them for my healing up until this point.

*Click!* The light went on in my head. *Call on the power of the keys.* I began saying, "I call on the power of the keys for healing. I call on the power of the keys for healing," knowing that the Lord knew what it was that needed healing. I fell asleep calling on the power of the keys.

The next morning, when I woke up, I was in my usual stiff position, waiting to get my bearings before trying to move my body with the least amount of pain to my back, when I heard the Lord say, "Just roll over and get out of bed. Your back is healed." So that's what I did! First I claimed the power of the keys for my healing, thanked the Lord for it, and rolled over and got out of bed. I hardly felt anything. I had been having to do a special swaying of my upper torso when standing up from a sitting position to prevent hurting my back so much. But this time I slowly stood up, and I didn't feel anything but a little twinge of pain--a little "lying vanity." I began praising the Lord and started walking, another equally painful process during the last couple of days. But this time it was just fine!

Okay, the real test: The 21 stairs I had to go down to get to breakfast. Thank You, Jesus, I was still fine! And on it went for the rest of the day. Sitting was fine, getting up was fine, and walking was fine. And now it has been four days and I'm still doing fine.

When we were getting ready to share our hearts and ask for prayer, I testified to everyone about the miracle that the Lord did for me, through my calling on the power of the keys. I believe that He let this happen to me at the time of the fast so that I would understand the seriousness of calling on the power of the keys.

This miracle in my life has helped to remind me to be more diligent to call on the power of the keys at the beginning of each of my prayers, regardless of what the prayer is for. (FSM 385)

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

**28. And now, dear ones, I reveal to you this truth.** When I spoke to Peter and to My early disciples, saying, "I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on Earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth will be loosed in Heaven," who do you think I was speaking to at that time? I was speaking specifically to My early disciples at the time, and I was speaking to you, the children of David of the Endtime. It is given to you to utilize the full power of Heaven, to access the full power, to use the keys of the Kingdom I have put in your hands.

**32. When I spoke to My early disciples, saying, "I will give you the keys of the Kingdom," I was also speaking to you, My children of David in the Time of the End--**for I knew you would need it and I knew your faith would warrant it. This promise has been reserved for you, for I could see the future. I knew that you not only would need this in order to fulfill your calling in the Last Days, but that you would be worthy of this possession, that you would merit it.

**33. For those of you who have committed yourselves to follow onward,** who have willingly chosen to continue on in the era of action, I now present you with full access to the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; according to your faith it is done. This is an amazing, awe-inspiring possession; learn to use it wisely.

**34. And know this, the power of these keys I put in your hands has now been augmented since the time My early disciples used them.** The key codes have been updated! Never before have My children had access to such power as I am making available to you now--not even Peter and the early disciples, or any of My faithful prophets and great men and women of faith down through the ages. It is given to you, My faithful of the Last Days, to possess new codes that were not necessary in the past because the need did not warrant them. But now it is warranted, for you will do greater works than I. And you will not only do greater works than I did, but you will also do greater works, much greater works, than My early disciples and all My prophets and people of faith throughout history. Now the power of Heaven is increased, so your power is increased!

**35. I'm giving you access to greater power.** All power is given you, and all the power of Heaven is augmented in these Last Days! The power has been there all along, within you, but now, today, you can access it--according to your faith it is done.

**36. The evil forces are also amplified.** They surround you; they are everywhere, working to keep people in bondage and darkness. But your power is amplified many times over. You have the power to release those in bondage. You have the power to overcome all evil. In your keys, you have liberty and freedom. Therefore start today and access this power I put in your hands; use it prayerfully and wisely, and walk in and claim victories. There are no obstacles to you; as long as you continue to do your part, I will never fail to do Mine.

**37. This is your day! Now I give you all power in Heaven and in Earth; according to your faith be it done unto you.** It is accessible to you who follow closely. Access it as often as needed, put it to use, exercise it, spread it around, use it to draw men to Me, to carry out the plan I put before you. *(End of message from Jesus.)*  
(ML 3318)

**11. (Jesus speaking:) You stepped forth in faith, nothing wavering.** You wooed, aroused, and pleased Me in obedience, humility, and love. Your reward, My darling brides, is the complete activation of the keys to the Kingdom that I have placed in your hands.

**12. Now, My loves, you are accountable for their use.** What will you do with this tremendous gift I have given you? Will you use the keys to unlock the doors and release the power? Will you draw on the power that is available to you? Will you claim My promises and put Me to the test? Are you willing, dedicated, and brave enough to move forward and go through the doors of the unexplained? Are you willing to face your greatest fears and walk through them, and watch as they dissolve into a fading vapor? Have no fear that you cannot do what I have asked of you, or that it is too hard, for nothing is impossible to you! So fear not, My little flock. It is My good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

**13. Use these keys in faith and you will be the heroes of the future, even of the generations of Heaven!** They will look back upon these days and speak of these times with awe and great respect for you--My brave and beautiful brides who received the keys from My heart and pulled down the power of Heaven, who did greater works than I did while on Earth.

**14. Make no mistake, when you melded together as you praised Me and wooed and enticed Me, you activated the power of the keys of the Kingdom, and the world will never be the same again.** You will make history--this I promise--for a line has been crossed, and there's no way to turn back. Knowing this, thrust yourself forward, and I will meet you halfway. Step off the cliff of carnal reasoning into the open sky of faith. I will be substance beneath your feet and will hold you up. Use the keys in the locks and I will give you the new wings that await you.

**15. Now that these keys are yours, don't allow yourself to be merely a silent spectator. Jump into the arena!** Use these keys and win great victories. Use these keys in some way each and every day, so that when the time comes for you to pull down fire from the heavens, great will be your faith to do so. Become so skilled with them that in an instant you can unlock the secrets and the power of the universe, and bring to light the hidden riches of darkness. Much greater works than any man, woman, or child in the history of the planet will you perform, because nothing is impossible to you, and My mighty Heavenly power is at your command.

**16. In this new era, this new beginning, this day that I have given the keys of the Kingdom into your hands, I created a warp,** or what you might call an opening in the fabric that separates the dimensions, thereby allowing a greater infusion of fifth-dimensional energy to be dispensed to you. This opening is also to give you greater ease as you reach your arms of faith up to Me, key in hand, and access the things that are not of Earth. Never for any man or woman have I opened the windows of Heaven as wide as I have for you. (ML 3351)

**25. Use the keys to unlock the secrets and the power within My Words.** Many are the illusions and lies the Enemy will attempt to blind you with, but when you use these keys, you will come across mysteries and their answers in My Word that you never saw before.

**26. Know for certain that you are destined to overcome Satan and all his minions.** For the keys know no failure--only the perfection and power of My promises. Follow the nudging of My Spirit as you step out into uncharted territory now, for the Spirit will guide you into all truths, even as you ride the waves and brave the wind.

**27. My beloved loves, you will become masters of Light as these dark days ahead unfold.** This is indeed the era that has been prophesied and foretold for many ages. (ML 3351)

**33. Excitement in Heaven is building, dear loves,** and the realization of the vision of the great things to come is beyond your wildest dreams. Reach out and grasp that dream! All Heaven is just waiting for you as you transform yourselves and adapt yourselves to this new reality.

**34. I'm pleased that you're becoming attuned to the pulsations of My power, and that you're becoming increasingly sensitive to the refined stimuli of My Spirit.** Continue to acknowledge Me and attune yourself to Me, and you will greatly please Me, your Husband and your Lover. When you use these keys, you will grow more and more aware of our multifaceted, amazing relationship, both physically and spiritually. Come to Me and heed My Words to learn the strength, vitality, and mastery of the keys of the Kingdom.

**35. My loves, now I can lead you to an astounding plethora of exciting information, new wisdom to assist you to function in this new reality in which you will find yourself.** Joy and bliss will become the norm, and gradually you'll begin to manifest the dreams and visions I have given you, as hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, you walk through the days of the End into the glorious light of the days to come when you'll be united with Me, your loving, caring Husband and Protector.

**36. Though the days just ahead are ones of unequaled darkness, know this: With these keys in your hand, you will see everything more clearly** and much brighter than you ever have, even though there is darkness all around. You will shine as you walk, leading others to the light of My love. This is a precious gift I have bestowed upon you, My children of the End.

**37. In the days ahead, I will teach you many different ways to use the energies and the powers that are now available to you.** Your perceptions will broaden as you see and experience the new state in which you find yourself, and you will know that I am the Lord and you are My brides upon whom I dote.

**38. You may find that greater obstacles will clutter your way, for the Enemy will stop at nothing to hinder you and discourage you from walking the straight and narrow road.** He knows the final outcome if you continue on this road, so he will place before you these things that seem to be obstacles. I tell you that they are but illusions and lying vanities. Walk through the rocks, for they are not truly there, My loves. Walk through the fires, too, with no fear or dread. As you walk through, claiming My power, I will be your Protector, and you will walk through the fire without the smell of smoke upon you, for nothing is impossible unto you! *(End of message from Jesus.)*

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#### Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

All power of Heaven is available to you through the keys.

**MAT.16:19** I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

You have the power to release those in bondage. You have the power to overcome all evil. In your keys, you have liberty and freedom. (ML 3318)

Now I give you all power in Heaven and in Earth; according to your faith be it done unto you. (ML 3318)

**MAT.28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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#### How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

**MAT.16:19** And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

**MAT.7:7** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

**MAT.7:8** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

**MAT.7:9** Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

**MAT.7:10** Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

**MAT.7:11** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

**MAT.23:13** But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

**LUK.11:52** Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

**REV.3:7** And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

**REV.3:8** I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.