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February 2022--(Armed to do what? We use the weapons of the Spirit to fight what war? What is the goal?

-To turn people to Jesus, and keep ourselves close to Him so we can keep going and aren't a casualty or put out of service. He arms us and tells us how to fight, so we can be winners; overcomers; destroy and defeat the deceptive, deadly, destructive works of the devil; and complete our part of the mission for establishing His Kingdom on Earth.)

(Jesus speaking:) You need to actively train in the use of the new weapons I've given you. To actively train doesn't mean to only use them when you are in a bind, or when you get around to them, or to use a few of them, or to only use the ones you like best. It means that you take a good, hard look at each weapon, one by one, and determine whether or not you truly know how to use it and are well practiced in using it. If you're not, then you've got to work, train, and practice, until you can say that, yes, you know this weapon and you can use it the way it was meant to be used.

These weapons are spiritual and not fleshly, but to effectively use them, your flesh has to get very involved! You have to take positive physical action.

Granted, you may not discover the "full use" of these new weapons for some time to come, because it takes time, training, and strengthening your faith. And even if you're doing all the right things and aren't being negligent, learning about the new weapons is a step-by-step process, and as you go along, I will always be showing you new things, giving you new tips and tricks, etc. But if you aren't at least trying and fighting to discover the potential of the weapon, if you're content to just use one or two of its features, you're not going to get very far.

Don't wait for the Enemy to attack <u>you</u>--attack <u>him</u>! This means different things for different people in different situations, but it's an overall change

of mindset and approach that many of you need to have. Sometimes you can see a battle "looming" in the distance or sense it's coming; it could be anything from a battle in the form of persecution to a battle in the form of jealousy.

You've been in the fighting business a long time, and many of you are attuned enough to sense when a battle is coming before it actually hits. When you get that feeling, what do you do about it? Unfortunately, many of you wait until it hits full force, until the Enemy is right there in your face whapping and walloping you, and then you fight back. Well, stop fighting back and fight first! Be the one to deliver the initial blows! Get on top of your battle from the start. (ML3532)

(Dad speaking:) You've been chosen to be trained in the high order of the warriors of the Lord's spirit realm.

Along with the Lord's other brides who've chosen to go on the attack and to fully don the complete use of the new weapons, you will help to defeat the Enemy! Your destiny is to use the new weapons and the keys like no others before you. That is the Lord's gift to you and to all His brides who take up this challenge. It's not reserved for you alone, but for all who will take up this challenge. All will not take up this challenge, but those who do will find it ultimately rewarding, extremely challenging, and incredibly fruitful and vital in the days to come.

You're now entering warrior school. Get set up with your warrior schedule, your memory times, your Word times, your times in quiet meditation and reflection, your times in learning the art of prayer.

You've got to really fight! You've got to be a warrior! A warrior doesn't come in and haphazardly start fighting. A warrior is focused and determined to win the victory, to slay the enemy, and to not stop until he stands victorious over his foe, with sword in hand and victory under foot. So get up and fight, soldier! Take up that sword and get to training hard. Don't stop! Train hard, Son! Train hard, for the Endtime will soon come. Keep going, keep fighting, keep training, in the Name of Jesus! I love you! (End of message from Dad.) (ML3433)

*[Note:] When fight in the spirit—Jesus takes action in real ways to defeat the serpent and save us time and again, so we can be fit to accomplish His will while we are in this realm.

(A true story:) A thrilling incident happened in a little hut in Africa. A missionary awoke suddenly. She had a feeling of imminent danger. Fear held her in a vice-like grip. The moon's rays shone through the window, but she could see nothing wrong. She continued to have a feeling of great danger so she awoke her husband. They talked in a whisper. Looking beside the bed, they saw a fearsome creature--a giant cobra whose head was raised, ready to strike & inject venom into the flesh of the missionaries. Quickly the husband reached for his rifle & shot the cobra through its head.

Our story is not complete. One day while a friend of the missionaries was sweeping the floor in her Canadian town, she had an irresistible urge to pray for these missionaries. "They are right now in great danger," she said to herself. So she began to pray. Presently God's peace came into her heart. She knew that God had worked on behalf of her faraway friends. Later, when the missionaries told her of their frightful experience, she compared the date & time of the two experiences. The peril of the missionaries & the burden to pray for them corresponded to the minute! "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of!"

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That true story shows how using some of the weapons of the Spirit (listening to the Lord and fervent prayer) stopped a literal serpent from harming God's children, using a literal weapon.--Just like our spiritual enemy, the serpent Satan, will be defeated while we fight along side the forces of Heaven, using God's power in God's way.

Here are some of the Spiritual weapons He's revealed to us:

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A Testimonial to using the Spiritual weapons, from a young man:

"Thankfully, since receiving these prophecies, since having prayer against Apotheon, I've been able to get up early regularly and have had much more of a spring in my step. I've been really fighting to get that time with the Lord, and I have felt a huge difference. In fact, the Lord has made the benefits and the direct physical tangible results of taking that time with Him so obvious to me in recent weeks. The days that I was faithful to get up early, read the Word, hear from the Lord for the day, and have prayer vigil, I got so much more done; the day was filled with accomplishments. The days that I didn't get as much quality time with the Lord, didn't get in that prayer vigil first, I found that the day just didn't flow as smoothly.

I know this is the most obvious lesson in the book, but the Lord had to again make it very clear to me these past couple of weeks. When there's so much to do, I'm tempted to yield to my carnal mind and think I should spend <u>less</u> time with the Lord. But if I don't do that, but instead obey what the Lord has always taught us, which is to make sure I spend that time with the Lord even when I'm really busy, then the day flows so much smoother." (ML 3433)

[Note: Here are the messages from Jesus and those He sent to speak to this man in prophecy.]

(Dad speaking:) The days are getting darker, so you have to fight harder. Just because you don't see the battle doesn't mean it's not out there. Just because you can't see the Enemy and see the demons face to face doesn't mean they're not right there, ready and waiting to attack and sink their fangs into you and poison you with their lethargy and sleepiness.

You've been plagued by and attacked by Apotheon these past couple of weeks. You wonder why you feel so drained, why every time you get up early to read you just can't do it, or every time you try to read at night you fall asleep? It's Apotheon! He's trying to drain you of your lifeblood--the Word.

Rebuke him by name! Call on the power of the keys to rebuke and bind Apotheon's power, and you'll feel a marked difference. Win this battle in the spirit and you will feel lighter, you will feel better, you will feel an immediate change come over you. The Lord has promised it, so claim His promises that can never fail, and get on that old boy Apotheon and kick him out of here! He's nothing before the power of the keys; so don't stand for it.

(Angel speaking:) My name is Arcothon. I have come to see you through this Time of the End and to teach you the art of warfare. You wonder why my name sounds so familiar to Apotheon. I am Apotheon's archenemy, the warrior angel designed to <u>defeat</u> Apotheon.

Arcothon is my name, for I fight through fire. I fight through the words that the Master gives me, and I turn them into fireballs that fight and defeat him. Apotheon is the archdemon of apathy, laziness, waiting, sitting, dragging down, draining the lifeblood out of you. You know the various manifestations of Apotheon, but you do not know <u>my</u> manifestations.

I am the opposite of Apotheon. I am fire, I am attacking, I am fight! I am a warring angel designed to fight; that is all I do. I fight through the weapon of prayer, of prophecy, of the keys, of hearing my Master's instructions, and of casting out Apotheon.

My Master's words are pure energy, pure light. I fight through light of the purest form. The purest energy known to man is light, yet I fight with an even greater energy, a purer energy, even purer than light. It is an energy that you do not fully comprehend as yet, for it is the energy of the power of God. This is the energy that runs through my body and through my veins and out my hands when I fight. I do not fight with conventional weaponry,

with swords; I fight with pure energy, missiles of pure energy that nothing and no one can defeat!

This energy cannot be unlocked on its own. I am simply a channel, a carrier, and that is where my greatest strength lies. For I, in myself, am nothing, but I have learned to be a pure conduit of the energy of God, and that is my greatest strength.

I am commissioned, I go to the fight, I open my channel, and through me pours energy straight from the throne of God. Part of the energy that powers Heaven flows through my body and through my veins and out my hands, and that is what defeats the Enemy. And that is why I have been assigned to help teach you, and the others in the Family as well, who want to take up the challenge, who have the faith to believe, and who are willing to make the sacrifices necessary. I wish to teach you to be a greater conduit of the power of God. You will not be as pure as I am, or as those in the heavenly realm, while you are yet in the flesh, but I can still teach you to open yourself up so completely that the power of God can run through you in such great measure that you will perform miracles that you know not of.

Yea, you children of David can defeat Satan himself, and in time, the Spirit of God flowing through all of you collectively will win a great and mighty victory. All you need to do is to learn how to become a clean receptacle and a conduit of the power of God, and enough of it will flow through you that nothing on Earth will stand before you. For nothing of Earth can stand before even a small portion of the power of God.

So that is what you need to do: Allow me to help teach you to open yourself more to the power of God. Receive my help, allow me to teach you the art of war. Let our wonderful Husband, the King of the universe, the Source of all power, possess you. That is being a conduit of the power of God.

I am not the power; I am only a teacher to teach those who want to learn how to become a conduit. And once you link up with the Master, the Holy Ghost power will flow through you in unparalleled measure, and you will feel the power of the Spirit of God flowing through you.

This is the art of war, and it is this full possession by our Master, King of the universe, Holder of the powers, Source of the power, that will cause you to be effective in your warfare and become an unstoppable, unbeatable source.

I love you and I'm here to help you, so call on me. Call me Arcos for short. Arcothon is my real name, and it symbolizes a conduit of the power of God.

What do you think of when you hear the word "Arcothon"? You think of an electric arc. Imagine a lightning strike, a huge electrical arc. Now imagine something a thousand times more powerful than any lightning you've ever seen, and you will be getting close to somewhere near a fraction of the power of God that flows through me.

That is what my name means and symbolizes--a conduit of the power of God--and I can teach <u>you</u> to become a greater conduit of the power of God as well. I will teach you to become a conduit of the true full possession of our Husband and Lover and King and God of the universe, the Keeper and Source of all power, in the name of Jesus, amen. *(End of message from Arcothon.)*

(Question:) How can I open myself more to allow Arcothon to teach me to become a better conduit of the power of God?

(Jesus speaking:) By spending more time with Me. Spending time in the bed of love, spending time praising Me and letting Me fully possess you, and by spending time practicing, opening up your mind to the spirit world, really focusing on the power.

I am sending spirit helpers to those of you who really desire to be more than what you are. And these spirit helpers are specific tutors to you in learning to harness the power of God, and learning full possession and to fully tap in, for these helpers are part of Me, they are one with Me. ... [be open to] Arcothon's input and vast wisdom and great skill in the art of war. He is waiting to teach you who are willing to take up the challenge and make the necessary sacrifices. You just have to open yourself up to the power, open yourself up to Me, open yourself up to the help I give you through your spirit helpers, open yourself up to My Spirit by spending time loving Me, praising Me, meditating on My Word, meditating on the spirit world, and getting filled up. The more time you spend in the spirit world, the more time you will get to practice, and the more you will learn to harness the power of God.

The more you get distracted with the cares and the worries of this life, the less time you have with Me and with Arcothon and your many other spirit helpers. So that is the first commission to each of you if you are to truly gain the power of God--spend time in the spirit world. You need that private time with Me, that time when you can sit in pure quietness and meditation. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Dad speaking:) So this time fight the Devil effectively with the right weaponry, the right tools of the trade. You're a handyman--you know you've got to have the right tools for the job. So get up and fight the Devil with the right tools. Stop trying to bang in the nail with the screwdriver, or cut a piece of wood with a hammer. You've got to use the right weapon to be effective. So call on the keys to specifically bind Apotheon in your life right now, and you will feel a great, great difference in the spirit, and a great difference in your anointing. You will have strengthened your anointing and strengthened your link and come back stronger than ever to blast him right out of the ring through the keys of the Kingdom! Amen, Son?

The angel that the Lord has given you to teach you how to fight is Arcothon--a powerful fighting angel who is extremely talented in fighting with the new weapons. He is designed for the sole purpose of fighting and defeating the Enemy. Whenever there's a serious crisis, we send him along with the other angels that are specifically trained in the art of war to blast apart the attacks of the Enemy. Arcothon is a fighting angel who will help teach you the art of warfare; he will help you learn to wield the sword of the keys; he will help you learn to wield the art of praise and prayer and calling on the Lord for miracles of healing, supply, deliverance, and fighting through fire.

Arcothon is a fighting, powerful warrior trained in the art of war for many, many millennia, and he will help you as you depend on him and look to him. He has come specifically to help teach and train you, as well as help train your other spirit helpers who you already have, who are trained in the art of warfare. (ML 3433)

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1. The Word of God

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

The Word of God—The Word of God is not bound. God's words can be bound in a book for reading, but that is not in any way the totality of the Words that the Living God can and has and will yet pour out. His Living words can be bottled to bring refreshing, but though the bottle contains 100% pure living water, it's not all God has said; it's not the 100% of His mind encased in that bottle. It's breathing all the time; flowing all the time. You can have sips from a pool of water, where the rain of God's fresh Word has gathered. But there is always more ready to fall and be poured out on you. Can you contain the clouds of the sky? Or capture every drop of rain that has and will ever yet fall? So can no human captivate or hold within their tiny hands all the Words of the Living God. But you must have it to survive. Walk on and find new and fresh pools to sustain you and to refresh you as you journey through this wilderness to the promise land. And if "water" is nowhere to be found (the water of His Word), then speak to the rock, to Jesus, that waters may be poured out of the rock in gushes that are too fast and flowing to be contained, merely to be drunken down as much as the vessel of your heart can manage, according to need and desire.

*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:

1. The Word of God

There is nothing more important to your life and service to Me than taking time with Me. Claim the power of the keys of resolve and urgency as you read, absorb, and study My Word. Your spiritual life depends on it. (KP)

Some specifics that help explain more:

• The Scriptures (Bible)--Reading, study, listening to, teaching, memorizing.

• Be open to receive fresh words from Jesus, on a daily or hourly basis, listening to His guidance and admonition and love in word form. It's the way to survive and stay alive and keep our head up in battle.

• *"Shield of faith"*—Words from Jesus through angelic messengers who protect and shield us from the enemy.

• *"Sword of the Spirit"*—Words from Jesus and His Warriors, at the time of battling, that help us fight and drive the enemy away and hurt his plans.

• *"Loins girt about with truth"*—The Word of God, written (scripture), or memorized (the Word in our heart), or freshly received (in prophecy) that teach us in our heart what is right; and it helps the words we say to reflect the light of truth that has been placed in us.

• *"Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace"*— Preparing God's Word and testimonies of the truth to be given out to others; actively delivering the message of the Gospel and Jesus' words to others.

• Listen to songs that declare the Word of God (scripture or fresh words from Jesus)

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

1. The Word of God

(True story, selected parts, by Virginia Brandt Berg:) I can never forget that day when it dawned upon my consciousness a reality, a FACT, that the promises of the Bible were practical; could actually be applied to my everyday needs. It was a revelation to me. ... I knew now that God meant exactly what He said in the numerous promises given in His Word and that He would fulfill every one of them to the letter, if faith would reach out and claim them in a definite manner.

God's Word said, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2Pet.1:4).

So after all it is a very serious matter to either overlook or look lightly at the promises of God, because by these we become "partakers of the divine nature." I would never dared to have taken a promise and stepped out on it expecting God to really meet me, for to my limited faithknowledge they were only beautiful Scripture-language, never meant to be taken seriously or for practical applications.

But now this was all different. It seemed strange to me that I had never taken God's Word literally before. Why He meant exactly what He said! How could I have ever thought anything else! How blind I had been! How blind we all had been! Here God had put at our disposal unlimited resources and we were not claiming any of them, but acting exactly as if these promises were just so many words that did not mean a thing.

That night when a helper in the home was reading aloud to me, (having opened the Bible at random) she read, amongst other passages, the following: "This sickness is not unto death, but that God might be glorified." That verse struck my heart as if God Himself had spoken to me. For hours it rang through my heart until at last I said: "Oh, Lord I have said I would gladly die for You, but instead I will gladly live for You; now give me the faith for life--the faith to claim Your promises, and raise me up from this death bed."

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I was resting quietly, almost sleeping, when suddenly there came to me a verse of Scripture in the most peculiar and unexpected way; I say peculiar because it was in an entirely different manner than any Scripture had ever come to me before; it was not like a verse; it was a voice, and it did not seem to speak to my mind at all, but from within my heart. God's Word tells of the "still small voice" that speaks within us and I surely heard that voice.

It was only a verse of Scripture and I had heard it for years, but it instantly became a new verse as if I had never heard it before, I have, since that time, had very consecrated Christians tell me that they have had Scripture illumined for them in the same manner; Scripture verses which had never particularly appealed to them, would, after seasons of prayer, open like a book to their understanding, and be ingrained into their consciousness as if written in lines of fire, making the message as personal to them as if it had come directly to the individual from the Throne of God. How this verse came to me so illumined, poignant, and personal, is one of the hardest things of my experience to explain. As I look back over those days of God's dealings with me, there is still the lingering, deep impression that the way in which that verse came was just as miraculous, as that moment when I was raised instantly from that bed.

As I have said, it was not so much a verse as a voice, and clearly, tenderly, but authoritatively it spoke to my heart these words: "Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mk.11:24). The words "Believe that ye receive" stood out above the rest, as if the verse contained only that one thought, "believe that ye receive." Instantly it gripped me; I saw exactly what the Lord wanted me to see. I had not believed that I had received! Surely I had positively believed that He had heard our prayer, that He was concerned about my suffering, and that it was His Will to give me the desire of my heart, but I certainly had not believed that I had RECEIVED it.

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Now I saw plainly that the Lord expected me to believe Him, whether I saw a particle of change in my condition or not; He expected me to walk by faith and not by sight; to believe that what He said was true, just because He said it, even if there was not a particle of evidence in sight--He said so and that was enough. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." It came like a mighty revelation, and my heart cried aloud as I grasped exactly what He was saying to me and the lesson He wanted me to learn. "Oh, Lord, I see; I understand; You want me to believe just because You said so, not because I feel it or see it. I do believe Your Word, just because it is Your Word; I believe it above everything else; it cannot fail. I do believe, Lord, that the very hour they prayed for me--at that very minute You gave me exactly what I asked for, but I did not receive it, for I was expecting to receive it some time in the future. Now I see, Your Word says that 'WHEN YE PRAY believe that ye receive it,' but I didn't receive it when we prayed. I just waited, hoping You would give it to me at some future time, when it would suit Your good pleasure. But now I know I did receive it back there, when they prayed, but I did not believe it because I did not see any evidence. Now, Lord, that

I understand, I am willing to trust just Thy Word alone. Thank you, dear Lord, for revealing it to me, and forgive me my lack of faith."

At that moment there was perfect wonderment in my heart that I could have been so blind as to have wanted some evidence before I believed--which is really wanting to walk by sight and not by faith; wonderment that I did not see before that it was simply so because God had said so and that was enough. My heart leaped with joy and there was born something in my soul then, which has never changed one fraction from that day to this-an abiding, unshakable confidence in the Word of God.

Again and again I whispered aloud: "It is the Word of God; it cannot fail. It is God's Word; He cannot lie." I seemed to see this marvelous Word of God marching down the centuries of time, indestructible, though so often assailed; torn by critics and burned by enemies, yet standing the test of time and persecution, still unchanged--indestructible, infallible, inexhaustible, wonderful Word of God. What a joy came into my heart--an ecstasy unspeakable, for I was healed, so far as God was concerned--and it had to be so, because He said so.

Oh, it was unmistakable; I could not, would not, doubt His Word. He said, "Believe that ye receive it and ye shall have it," and I did that very thing--I believed that I had received it and I did have it! Nothing could make me believe otherwise! At that moment it did not strike me strange at all that I could neither move nor see; that I was utterly helpless, dying, yet I was rejoicing that the Lord had restored my life and health and made me every whit whole. Then the thought came to me according to the passage in Romans: "Abraham gave glory to God, knowing that He was able to perform that which He had promised." I would do likewise.

This seemed to be, according to the Scripture, the next thing that I ought to do--just simply praise God for His wonderful answer to prayer, and the marvelous gift He had given me. So I whispered: "Glory to God; glory to God." Over and over again I repeated this phrase. This is what Abraham had done. The familiar phrase, "Praise the Lord," never entered my mind. If you received a telegram saying that you had fallen heir to a vast fortune, which would solve your many problems and the needs of your loved ones, you would hold that telegram to your heart and rejoice beyond words.

Well, I had received such a telegram, and I held those promises of Scripture to my heart and rejoiced with a "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Then--wonder of wonders! I suddenly noticed that both my arms were lifted! That arm that had been helpless was really raised, praising the Lord; raised to its full length up in the air! I looked at it as you would look at some strange thing; felt it with the other hand; put it up and then down, back and forth. It was just as good as the other arm! And I could see perfectly! The dimness had vanished from my eyes! I was turning my head from side to side without thinking! I also moved on the bed without any one to help me! I was laughing and crying at the same time--weeping with joy!

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I knew that my fight was "not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world," but there was in my heart such a deep settled confidence in the veracity of God's Word that nothing in the world could shake it. To every temptation, every test, every fear, my heart answered: "It is God's Word; it cannot fail." And when the thought came to me at last, as though from the very pit of hell, (the testing had become so severe), "Just how long are you going to believe God's Word without seeing any evidence?" I answered in substance: "It is the Word of God and I will believe it--even thought I never see any evidence. I will believe it simply because God said so, and that's enough."

I could not help but think of that verse of Scripture where Jesus said to Peter: "Satan hath asked that he might sift thee, but I have prayed that thy faith will not fail thee." AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT I WAS HEALED! At that very moment the Lord let me SEE that for which I had been believing. The paralysis had gone from my body! I felt cool and rested and sat upright in the bed!

... NOTE: Mr. Berg makes the following statement: "Within three weeks after the closing day that Mrs. Berg mentions in the last chapter of this

book she was doing all of her own housework, making sick calls, and ministering continually to others. In about two months she was out in definite Christian service. I can truly say that since that time, which has been many years go, she has done the work of two people and today is far more active and bearing far more responsibility than the average person."--H.E. Berg. (Selections from her book: The Hem of His Garment)

The second most important heavenly event that brought me closer to Jesus happened when I was around nine years old. During Ramadan (the Muslim fast month), there is a special night called "night of destiny" or "night of power" (Sourate AL-QADR- 47, *The Koran*). Usually most Muslims don't sleep that night; they spend it praying and singing and praising God.

During that night, however, everybody was asleep in my home. Suddenly a fantastic light appeared in my bedroom. I could discern an angel. My mother came from her bedroom and saw everything with me. The angel said that I could ask anything I wanted and it would be done. My mother urged me to ask for riches and money. But I, led by God's Spirit, said to the angel, "I want wisdom and knowledge."

The angel answered before disappearing, "It will be done!"

Then another important event that led me to Jesus was at school when I was around 11 or 12 years old. Our teacher wrote a sentence on the blackboard: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He didn't say anything about Jesus or God, from what I remember, but those words became the standard of my life in most situations where I had to decide between caring for others or caring for myself.

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I decided to leave the possessions I had behind, anything that could be a link with this world, and I began to walk through the mountains and the woods alone, searching for the true God. It was a hopeless time. I was physically sick, mentally insane, seeing demons most of the time, hearing strange voices, incapable of having a normal conversation, spacing out all the time, and scared to death. I had been forsaken by my sweet girlfriend, by my friends, and by my relatives. I started to roam as a beggar in the countryside.

One day I found a river in a peaceful wood, with a little waterfall, and I heard a voice telling me to baptize myself in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I did it without hesitation! This is when my real life began. My mind became clear, and my eyes opened to the beauty of God's creation. My heart started beating peacefully and my body began functioning properly. The miracle was that I really could feel all these beautiful emotions, thank God! I had found Him, at last!

Then things began to move faster in my life. After my experience in the woods, I went down to the city of St. Etienne, France, and started to look for people who had given their life wholly and completely to God...

I've seen firsthand the power of the Word in my life and in some Muslim friends' lives also. The Word of God has a powerful impact on the Arabs, especially the Muslims. I have witnessed many instantaneous changes in Muslims, and for me it has been the most beautiful thing in the world-to watch a Muslim read the Word...

When I [began fulltime service for the Lord] I was still spacing out sometimes because of my past with heavy drugs. But the Lord gave me a prescription: Read the book of Psalms as much as possible. Every day without fail I read them for months, and I can truly declare that the book of Psalms is the best psychoanalyst or psychiatrist you can find. I got my spirit and my mind back again! (FSM413)

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

1. The Word of God

(Jesus speaking:) As My Father's Word to Me had to dictate <u>My</u> every action, so My Word to you must dictate all <u>your</u> actions.

My Word is alive, it's action, it's powerful! It's sharper than any two-edged sword. It can divide the soul and spirit, and discern the thoughts and intents of every heart. My Word is live power!

Nothing can stand against My Word! Nothing can stand against the keys to the Kingdom! Love is the greatest force; My Word is the greatest force;

the power of the keys to the Kingdom is the greatest force in the world, in the heavens, in the universe!

If you are to focus on the power of the keys, if you are to allow the words I speak to you to <u>dictate</u> your life, you must rid yourselves of all that stands in the way of this. Detach yourselves from other things that clutter your life--the cares of the world, the pride of life, anything that opposes My Word.

Do this, My loves, and you will discover the full power of the keys. Focus on the power! Do it now! Today the keys rule! My Word rules! And the people who focus on the power of the keys will rule and reign with Me in the power and might of the Kingdom of God! (*End of message from Jesus.*) [#3433])

(Jesus speaking:) Please consider the following regarding My Word:

* The Word is Me. It is My Spirit, it is My life. I am the Word.

* The Word is the most powerful truth on Earth and throughout the universe.

- * The Word keeps you in tune with Me; it keeps you going My way.
- * My Word is the source of <u>all</u> true strength.
- * My Word is food for your soul and health to your flesh.
- * You can't have faith without My Word.
- * My Word cleanses; it makes new.
- * My Word liberates; it is freedom.
- * My Word keeps you from falling.
- * My Word gives you peace.
- * My Word is wisdom; it makes the simple wise.
- * My Word gives understanding.
- * My Word is the discerner of <u>all</u> things, of <u>every</u> thought and <u>every</u> intent of <u>every</u> heart.

* Through My Word, you partake of My divine nature; you become like Me.

- * Through My Word, you escape the corruption that is in the world.
- * My Word never fails.
- * My Word will stand forever.
- * My Word is the secret to power and victory, the secret to overcoming and fruitfulness, the secret to leadership, the secret to <u>everything</u>!
- * My Word is your link to My mind.

* Living in My Word is the first step to receiving heavenly thought power.

* Absorbing and applying My Word in your lives is the first step to focusing on the power.

* Absorbing and applying My Word opens the door for Me to fully possess you.

* Absorbing and applying My Word to your lives daily and following the Word <u>is the most important thing you can do</u>! [#3433])

Quotes from Jesus:

Being an instant doer of My Word is directly linked with your ability to access the power of the keys.

If you are to focus on the power, you must look to the power of the <u>keys;</u> you must look to the power of the <u>Words</u> I speak to you; you must be instant <u>doers</u> of the Words I give you.

Now being a doer of the Word must be your aim, your goal, and a central point in your life. If you are to focus on the power of the keys, if you are to allow the words I speak to you to <u>dictate</u> your life, you must rid yourselves of all that stands in the way of this. Detach yourselves from other things that clutter your life--the cares of the world, the pride of life, anything that opposes My Word. (#3374)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

1. The Word of God

Call on the keys and they will unlock the mysteries of My Word.

Psalm 119:11—Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

John 17:16-17—They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The Word is ... a spiritual substance that needs to run through your being continuously. If not, you won't make it through the days ahead. (#3433)

As My Father's Word to Me had to dictate <u>My</u> every action, so My Word to you must dictate all <u>your</u> actions. (#3433)

Absorbing and applying My Word to your lives daily and following the Word <u>is the most important thing you can do</u>! (#3433)

The Word of God

MAT.4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

MAT.4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

MAT.4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

MAT.4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

MAT.4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

MAT.4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

MAT.4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

MAT.4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

MAT.4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

MAT.4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is

written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

MAT.4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

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 wellbeing 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. (*Prophecy:*) 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. ...<u>I love them so</u> 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. (*Prophecy:*) 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 you, 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 <u>I</u> wish to teach My children to seek Me desperately with their whole hearts, and to love Me wholly!

34. <u>I am teaching you and I am showing you the rewards of giving</u> 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 <u>Me</u> the things that <u>I</u> wish, <u>I</u> will pour forth unto them the things that <u>they</u> wish. Give and it shall be given! Yea, I say, <u>give</u> unto Me and it shall be given unto <u>you</u>. (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! <u>Come, come, for I seek brides for My Son, My Beloved Son</u>! 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. <u>You can love Me, and you can love the Father, but you are</u> <u>the Bride of Christ, our Son</u>. 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 <u>Comforter, I am Understanding</u>. 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, 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!

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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 Jesus, and be using this empowerment in accordance with His will.

*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)

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.

*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)

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)

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-meterlong snake, the most common poisonous snake in Africa-a puff adder. Wow! (Kidz Biz# 69)

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)

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 <u>you</u>, 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 <u>is</u> 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. <u>All</u> 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 <u>all</u> 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.)

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 <u>all</u> 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.

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.

ARMED AND STRONG IN THE LORD

4. Holy Spirit

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

You need Holy Spirit anointing more than ever before, for it will both cool and refresh you as you walk through the fires; and it will give air for you to stay alive through the floods of iniquity. It will give you fire and light your way, making you both fervent in fulfilling what your Lord calls you to do, as well as show you the way ahead and what exactly you are to do in order to complete the tasks, and reveal the wicked ones that lurk in the shadows trying to trip you up. Holy Spirit gasoline is the only fuel strong enough to power you across this rugged terrain. Gird up and climb up, powered by the Holy Spirit of God.

*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:

As you put Me first, praying, seeking Me, hearing from Me, loving Me, and studying My latest counsel, I will fill you with faith and the power of the Holy Spirit, enabling you to be bold witnesses through the power of the keys.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; pray for it often.
- Do those things daily that bring His Spirit into our lives, homes, bodies, mind and heart. (For example: Praise and sing to Jesus, do humble things that keep our pride pushed away, give and receive loving affection, lay hands on and pray for each other, hear from the Lord in prophecy, dance before the Lord, tell others about Jesus, read or listen to the Word, claim the Keys of the Kingdom.)
- Jesus sends His Spirit, and often via a Heavenly being who brings to us the joy, love, healing, empowerment, boldness, Words of God, protection, energy, skills, and all that we need. Through asking for, working with, listening to, and yielding to the angels Jesus gives us to coach us to the goal line, we are receiving more of the Holy Spirit—God's Spirit, for that is what they impart and pass onto us.
- Pray for each other to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the special spiritual abilities and means of communicating with the Lord and doing His work of witnessing and feeding other's faith the gifts given to God's Children, so they can do His work with ease, form their relationship with Him, keep the enemy away from disrupting them, and learn "knowledge of the Holy". (Some gifts

might be:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11—Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

 Pray for the fruits of the Holy Spirit to be manifested in our lives. The things that show others that we are letting God's Spirit and thoughts work through us and direct us (and that we are pushing away our natural human tendencies, inclinations, the ways of the world, and our own faulty ways of reacting and thinking). Some of these fruits might be:

Galatians 5:22-23,35—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

2 Peter 1:5-8—And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. James 3:16-18 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Philippians 4:4-8—Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

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

ALL THOSE YEARS WHEN I WAS YOUNG & A TEENAGER I WAS VERY

<u>SHY</u>, but when I was 19 I prayed very earnestly that I would have more of God's Spirit, more of the Spirit of God, & I asked Him to give me the Holy Spirit. Now in Acts 1:8 Jesus said to His disciples, "Wait for My Spirit to come to help you, then ye shall be witnesses unto Me throughout all the Earth!" So it was sort of like the power of God to give you more faith & more courage. When you have more faith, you have more boldness & more courage, more faith to trust God.

FROM THAT TIME ON, AFTER I WAS 19, I BECAME SO BOLD & SO

<u>COURAGEOUS</u>, the timid little shy little boy who had been so shy & so timid, I was not afraid to stand up in a crowd on the street corner or at the Fair & preach to thousands of people where you were not supposed to preach! Or sometimes in the churches when the preacher said

something wrong against the Bible I would stand up & challenge it! I've been thrown out of many churches for this!

I COULDN'T STAND TO HEAR THEM LYING FROM THE PULPIT AGAINST <u>THE SCRIPTURE</u>! I would stand up & say, "Now wait, look here! In the Bible it says this! What are you saying!" Two ushers picked me up & carried me out! So I became very bold, very unafraid! I didn't care what they would do then, I didn't care if they killed me, I was telling them the truth!

I WAS THROWN OUT OF MANY CHURCHES FOR THIS. I didn't go in there deliberately to do anything, but I would sit & listen & then they would say things that were not true & were contradictory to the Bible. I knew the Bible very very well & a Scripture would come to me that was against what they were saying & I knew that it was not true. I would try to do it very nicely & say, "Excuse me, Sir, but perhaps you haven't read this particular Scripture, maybe you don't know that that's not so." Whew!

I NEVER FOUND ONE PREACHER YET WHO APPRECIATED MY

<u>CORRECTING THEM</u>! They all either told me to sit down & shut up or get out or they sent a couple of men of carry me out! Sometimes they called the police! I'm a pretty mild little boy now, I'm a pretty good boy, I haven't caused any trouble for a long time! Ha! But my writings sometimes cause a little trouble because I tell the truth, & a lot of people don't like the truth.

BUT YOU SEE, IT WAS THE POWER OF GOD WHICH DID IT IN MY HEART THAT CHANGED ME from being very shy, very bashful, very fearful, inferiority complex, worried about what people thought, wanted to be always alone, it was the Spirit of God really which changed me! (ML 1032)

At age 21, I found myself living in Laguna Beach, California, selling drugs coast to coast, getting up every day at 4 P.M. to watch the sunset & staying drunk & drugged the rest of the night in a desperate search for some real meaning in life. One Sunday I was miraculously up early & went to the beach in search of a friend so he could make a drug-deal, but

something was different this day. There was a group of 40 or 50 people in a circle singing & doing skits with a multitude gathered around them. As I was making my way through the circle to my friend, people in the circle disbanded & started personally witnessing about Jesus to individuals in the crowd.

After having Salvation explained to me by a dedicated brother, I prayed with him on the beach to receive Jesus into my heart. I was instantly set free in spirit, mind & body as 2Cor.5:17 promises, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." I then received the Holy Spirit & took up the challenge to "follow Jesus" & "preach the Gospel to every creature". I left with them that day & have been telling others about Jesus ever since.

For the first seven years or so, I had no problems with drinking, I was busy for the Lord serving Him, first in the States, then in Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia & later Uruguay where I made a very unwise decision, & that was to return to North America. I had my reasons, but the truth of the matter was that I was forsaking the job that the Lord had given me as a missionary in Uruguay.

A quote says, "If we do not obey & stay in God's Will & continually give Him the glory for our healing & continue to trust Him for it, He may let the illness or affliction come back, because of our ingratitude & disobedience. Of course if we repent, He can forgive & heal us again, `For His mercy endureth forever'--Psalm 136."

Upon returning to North America, I really started going downhill, drinking more & more, until I literally became a raving alcoholic again, & worse than before. I would weep & cry out to the Lord & try to stop, but never had any lasting victory or solution because of my disobedience & unyieldedness. It would take a book to go through the whole ordeal, but suffice it to say that I went through a lot of heartache & pain. I knew I had to get back to the field & get back on where I got off. So by the mercy of God I made it back to Ecuador & then to Peru, where I've been serving Him for the last seven years.

But the story doesn't end here.--The first time I was delivered by grace (2Cor.5:17), but this last time, it hasn't been easy, it's been a fight! I was trying to serve Him, but every time some crisis would come up, & sometimes it wouldn't have to be much of a crisis, I'd turn to the bottle. I'd cry & pray & be sorry but I just couldn't get the victory. Sometimes I'd do okay for awhile, but then I'd fall again.

During all of this time I was trying to serve the Lord, but plagued by this terrible spirit of drink. Then during a shepherds' meeting here in Peru I had the opportunity to confess my sins & ask for prayer from my shepherds & brothers & sisters. The Lord gave me the verse, "Speak the Word only & thy servant shall be healed", so I knew that was it & when everyone prayed for me I felt freed from that spirit of drink!--Just like that, I was healed after so many years of struggling!--The Lord did the work in one split second! PTL! TYJ! (FSM 113/FN 222)

After he received the Holy Spirit, Mr. D. sat quietly for a few minutes and then asked us why he felt like he had been drinking! John read to him from the Book of Acts, explaining how the early disciples had been accused of being drunk, almost two thousand years before. Often as we were reading the *Living Waters* together, Mr. D. would pause to reflect on some truth and then he'd comment how he hadn't understood these things all his life and now his eyes were opened. He would apply the Word, too, and several times caught himself when he was saying something that was contradicting the Word he'd just read.

He commented how he couldn't understand how the thoughts we would share with him just flowed so smoothly like they had been written. When we explained that the Lord gives us the thoughts and words to explain things, he nodded and said, "Yes, I thought so!" (Hope 71)

I met two brothers who were on a road trip to my town. They needed food and a place to stay, which I helped them with. Then they witnessed a lot to me. I felt the conviction of their words, most of which were shown to me straight out of the Bible. After two days I received the Lord. On the third day I received the Holy Spirit and dropped out for Jesus, and I've been serving Him ever since in His wonderful Family.

In making that decision, I had to look at Jesus, when all my colleagues, professors, my landlady, and the president of the university told me I was making a big mistake in my life. I didn't stand on what people said or hearsay; I got down on my knees and went straight to the Lord and asked Him! It was scary, because everyone around me was pulling on me *not* to serve the Lord, but Jesus was very gentle and sweet, and asked me if I was willing to leave all that behind to follow Him. After making the decision, it didn't matter any more what others said or did, ***

A letter received from Manuela, a 17-year-old sheep in Romania. Sent in by Joy Praise.

My life has radically changed, because Jesus came into my heart and I received the Holy Ghost! I have had two major experiences that showed me that Jesus loves me, and that I have to have faith in Him!

I had been very happy and laughing all the time, so much so that everybody asked if I was crazy. They knew me as always being serious and sad, so they couldn't explain the change in me. All of a sudden I felt that something was going to happen. I felt sick. So I went to the hospital to find out what was wrong with me. The doctor who examined me told me to lie down, as I'd had a heart attack, and that I'd probably die within 5-10 minutes. (This was my third heart attack.)

I lay down on the bed and closed my eyes, but I remember feeling very happy. I felt like I was moving upwards, but my body was still on the bed. I was looking around at the doctor and the nurses. They were talking about me, saying that I was dead, and that they had to put me with the other dead bodies. Then my spirit left the room and went into a dark tunnel. At the end of that tunnel I saw a very powerful light, and I was going into that light.

But at that moment I heard a very sweet voice telling me to go back and do what I had to do. As I came back, someone was guiding me. It was like a friend or a person whom I trusted very much. Then the doctor and the nurses realized that I wasn't dead anymore. I was alive.-Very much alive!

When I went home, I thought a lot about this experience, but didn't tell anybody about it, because I knew they would think I was even crazier.

Then two weeks later, I was with my friend and her boyfriend in his jeep. I was in the back seat of the car and my girlfriend was in the front. All of a sudden I started to feel very dizzy, so I asked if I could please sit up front. Only five minutes later, the jeep crashed. My girlfriend was badly hurt and unconscious, and we didn't know what to do with her. There were no houses, no cars, and no one around. The only thing that came to my mind was to pray for her and ask for God's help. I think I was praying for 10 or 15 minutes. Her boyfriend was crying and telling me that it was no good, and that it wouldn't help. But I had faith and said, "If Jesus helps me when I have difficult moments in my life, He can help her too!"

After a few more minutes a car came, and a man got out and asked us if we needed help. He let us use his mobile phone to call the hospital, and soon the ambulance came to get her. The doctors examined her and told us that she should have been dead by that time! "She is in a very serious condition! Her injuries are fatal," they said. I started to pray for her again.

Two days later she was walking again and got out of the hospital! The doctors told me that this was an absolute miracle! Usually people in a condition like hers die within eight hours.

After all this I know for sure that when you have a problem, you can ask Jesus to help you, and He will! And when you ask Jesus into your heart, He will always be with you, wherever you are! (Zine 021)

When I received the Holy Spirit, I had a wonderful sensation of peace. I came with my inner self feeling beaten up and sad, and now I'm leaving full of love, kindness, hugs, the Spirit of the Lord, and with the great knowledge that I am not alone. (Link 032)

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

10. (Jesus:) ...

11. Father, this is glorious in My sight, and in Your sight. We have been the authors of this plan, and We will be the finishers.

12. One thing remains, and that is for them to be filled with a great measure of Our wonderful Holy Spirit. I can't be there in flesh and blood to inspire them and to lead the charge. But in My stead I promised to all My faithful disciples the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, that She would be with them in a very special way (John 14:26, 16:7-15). She is the power that they need in their lives of service for Me.

13. Their hearts are open and ready, My Father. They have asked. They have claimed My promises. They have shown their hunger in the spirit. They have made a vacuum, which Our Spirit loves to fill.

14. This renewed infilling of the Holy Spirit is the step that's needed,

which will make a massive difference in their success in reaping the final harvest that We have appointed them to reap. This is Our doing, Our task, and We would be false to our Word if We didn't provide every ounce of available spirit help for the job that We have placed before them. They stand nearly alone against a world that has turned away from Us, and they are commissioned to spread the fires of devotion and revolution and turn many to righteousness.

15. To accomplish this they need a renewal of the Holy Spirit--the Spirit that was there on Pentecost, the Spirit that ignited the hearts of those first disciples of Mine, the Spirit that has given power and conviction and desire to My witnesses ever since. Pour down that Spirit! I command it through the keys of the Kingdom which are Mine, that each heart may be filled with the Spirit of Love, the heavenly love power that will enable them to powerfully reach the world with love, boldness, conviction, fervor, passion, and every gift and fruit and manifestation of that same Spirit.

16. I, Who can be in all places at once, am laying My hands right now on the head and heart of each person. One of My strong hands rests on the top of their head, while I place the other on their heart, and I am calling for the Spirit of God to fill them. I pray to You, Father, in the languages of Heaven, those groanings of the spirit that only We in the heavenly realms understand. I am beseeching You with all the devotion of My endless love for these. We Three Who are One send the Spirit mightily.

17. We must each fill these hearts and minds in Our Own way. I save their souls and redeem them through My sacrifice, You grant power and the access to Heaven's might, and Our Holy Spirit provides passion, energy, zeal, and motivation in all ways to do Your will.

18. We commission the Queen of Heaven now to set each Family member free to do what they couldn't do before, to achieve and to triumph in ways that were off limits in the past, to fill every heart that is open to Her and that desires Her. We unleash the Spirit of Love to set a raging fire within each heart, a fire that can't be quenched and that can only be satisfied by reaching and discipling the world with My love.

19. In My Name and in Your Name, My Father, I release a flood of Holy Spirit power into the hearts of each member of the Family as they step forward into the Offensive. I give My brides a fuller measure, a deeper understanding, a more tangible manifestation of the power of God as manifested by the loving Queen of Heaven, alive and powerfully moving in their hearts. Let there be signs and wonders following (Mark 16:17,18).

20. Provide the energy, provide that rushing mighty wind which will blow them forward with power and authority. Fill every space, and push out anything that would hold You back, beautiful Spirit of Love. Flow forth in the power of the keys, which is the power of God. Fill these waiting hearts, restore their faith, increase their vision, and renew their love. I claim for them the key of passion--which represents My passion for the lost, and the longing of the lost for Me. This key will give them greater strength and determination to press forward against all obstacles to bring My love and answers to those who are waiting.

21. Thank You, mighty Father, King of the Universe. You are the author and finisher of all things. I am created for Your pleasure and for Your glory. My Family of Endtime brides are created for Your pleasure and Your glory. We are all Yours. All things are Yours, and without You there is nothing.

22. You have answered. The power is flowing. I can see the miracles that will be, and I know that the time is at hand.

23. You have done it! You have answered, and the impact of Your Spirit will resound throughout the last days of Earth. All glory to You! All hail! All majesty and power belongs to You, our mighty God.

(ML 3683)

(Jesus:) are you worried about what it's going to cost you to spend more time on the front lines, or to get deeper with people in your witness? Are you worried about whether you'll have enough humility or boldness or desire to do the job? Don't worry about it! Open your mouth and I will fill it. Pray for an infilling of the Holy Spirit--She'll give you the power you need to do the job! You do the going, I'll do the winning. You fight, I'll win the battles. You do the best you can, and I'll take that obedience and make you into what you need to be. (ML 3683)

(A letter said:)

105. It's vital that we all stay connected to the Holy Spirit, that we're malleable in the Lord's hands, that we're changeable, and that we **expect** God to move--and when He does, that we are flexible enough to move with Him.

106. We need to cultivate spiritual flexibility by constantly tapping in to the power of the Lord. We need to have the white-hot Spirit of God in our lives. We need to have a passion and a hunger for it. We need a permanent connection with the current of God through the Word, and through receiving His Spirit and loving Him deeply and fully, by listening to His voice through prophecy, and by committing to follow the Spirit no matter where it leads, no matter how difficult, and no matter what the cost.

107. Let's stay connected to the Spirit, shall we? Let's follow the Spirit. Let's be open. Let's be flexible. Let's be moldable, so that we can do the will of God.

146. We want the new, we want the fire, we want change. The reason that we want this is because it's how the Lord's Spirit is moving today, and we'd be crazy to stand in the way of what He's trying to accomplish. The purpose of any changes that we make is to allow more room for the Spirit to go to work. The Spirit of God is always moving, always flowing, and we have to be ready to move and change with it (ML 3740)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

Nothing will stop My Spirit from shining through as you claim the keys.

1TH.4:8b-9b [God] hath also given unto us his holy Spirit... ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

ACT.1:8 Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me.

(Holy Spirit speaking:) 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 ... so will I come unto you. (ML 3029)

The Spirit is Love! It's God, and God is Love! --It can do miracles! (ML 0677)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

JOH.14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

JOH.14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

JOH.14:18 | will not leave you comfortless: | will come to you.

JOH.20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

JOH.20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

JOH.15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

JOH.15:27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with

me from the beginning.

JOH.16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

ACT.1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

MAR.3:28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

MAR.3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

MAR.3:30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

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Holy Spirit Empowerment—Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit used

(Jesus speaking:) I can help you in all the ways you need it—and one way is through giving you a dose of the Spirit of God, right into your own spirit. It's like the Spirit of God becomes one with yours, and it makes it glow and shine brightly, and empowers you. Your weak spirit can't do much until God's Holy Spirit comes and joins you, lives in you. With your spirit and God's Spirit joined together, you are capable of doing the seemingly impossible. For with God—when you are with God, together as one—nothing is impossible. You can tell when you need more filling of the Spirit of God when problems and troubles seem too big for you, and you feel so incapable of doing anything good at all. Call for the Holy Spirit to fill you to overflowing and empower you to meet any need or tackle any crisis or face any trouble—and come out of it with a victory to praise God for.

(Jesus speaking:) It's a birthday! Whose? The one who was just born again! Let's celebrate with gifts! Who do you think invented the idea of birthdays and gifts? Yep, Me, your Lord and Maker. And for a spiritual birth you need the right kind of gifts, that are made in the Spirit, given by the Spirit, used for the Spiritual battles. The gifts I give can help you combat the enemy and bring his strong holds down. My gifts make you powerful as you hold them and use them right. But you have to learn to use them—like a child learns to use their new gadgets, so can you learn to use the gifts and power source from Heaven. And just like each child around the world doesn't get all the same presents on their birthdays, so do My Heavenly Children receive different gifts at different times, according to their ability and desires, and how responsible they will be with the gift, and what they will be called on to do. Take the gifts that I offer you from Heaven. Cherish them, use them wisely and well. And see the difference it makes to you in your life! I love you, My children.

(Jesus speaking:) Imagine a bowl of fruit. What fills the fruit bowl of your choice? Perhaps you might be imaging a green kiwi, a golden mango, some red strawberries, and cream coloured custard apple. Just like I made all those different kinds of delightful fruits, so have I made delightful ways of being, Heavenly ways that you can act like and behave like, right now. You may have to wait until later to enjoy the Heavenly fruits from the Tree of Life, but you can have the fruits of the spirit right now. Just as fruits have different appearances inside and out, and different types of seeds, and have different tastes and feels, that's what it's like when you are filled with the Spirit of God. You look and behave differently and seem different in some ways; nice ways that make you great to be around.

(Jesus speaking:) In Heaven everyone is enjoyable to be around, even though they each are different in their own way. You can be the special way God made you, but be nice and pleasant, like a ripe and good fruit.

When you let the world's ways corrupt you, it's like a fruit that has gotten bruised, or has worms in it, or smells bad and rotten. I can change you and make you all nice again with the fruits of Heaven's way of being and appearing to others. I can give you pleasant words to say, and nice reactions to have, and a lovely look on your face too, like the bright colours of some delicious fruit. I love you and want you to be the best you that you can be. When My Holy Spirit fills you, then good fruits come in your life.

(Jesus speaking:) When you try to turn on a battery empowered toy or piece of equipment, and there are no batteries, nothing happens at all. Sure you can move it through the air, spin it around, jump with it, run with it, even juggle it, but it won't turn on. So it is with My Spirit in you, you can do what you were made and created to do. But without My help, you are just going to get all worn out trying. All your effort, though it might really look like you are moving and acting and exerting lots of energy, won't make you able to do what you are trying to achieve. You have to stop, to listen, and to then do what I show you. This will empower you to actually accomplish the task you were designed to do. Keep turned on and working right by asking Me to fill you each day with My spirit, and then listen to what I want to tell you, so you can do the job in the right way, at the best time, and for the people that I want you to be helping. I love to see you in action, Spirit-filled action. And you'll love it too. I think you won't get as exhausted, as your main energy will be coming from Me and My Spirit.

ARMED AND STRONG IN THE LORD

5. Angelic Help

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

(Angelic messenger speaking:) We are here and on duty, ready on call to do as our Lord bids and calls us to. We are at your service in many ways, for we serve, assist, protect, arm, call, instruct, train you, and many other things. And yet you are at our service as well. We serve one another in love. We need you to do the work there that needs to be done. We are the invisible forces of God, and we use you to do what needs to get done by the seen army of the saints of God. Let's truly help one another by praying daily for the power of the Lord to give us strength, protection, and willingness to fight all the way to the end, no matter how hard it is. We truly depend on one another and need each other, much like a body needs both sides to do tasks right. You might be able to survive without an arm or leg, or get by with only one eye, but somethings can only be done or can be best done with both sides of the equipment there and working right. We need you, and you certainly can't get by without the help and assistance that we can and must provide. You need us, and don't forget this, as when you do things start to go very wrong, as you run off and make miserable mistakes without hearing first what it is exactly that you are to achieve, and you are then, when the fallout comes, very vulnerable to the attacks of feeling so very alone in this world, when that is far from the truth. We shield you, surround you, uphold you, and get you going attacking again no matter what pit you've stumbled into. We are the force that keeps you moving forward, ever forward to the goal of the commission you have been given. Cheers, and God bless.

*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:

Heaven is a storehouse of power, miracles, answers to prayer, spirit helpers, and angels of valiant might, and through the keys you have immediate access to My limitless reservoir.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- Listen to and talk with our angelic conductors and instructors that Jesus has put in charge of us.
- Ask for angelic assistance—in general, or call for specific ones the Lord has revealed that help us or fight in a certain aspect of our fight of faith and life for the Lord.
- Rebuke the control and disruption of the devil's demons—even exposing and calling them down by name—using the means of fighting that the Lord reveals will cast satan's trouble makers out (through calling on the Keys of the Kingdom, or asking for angelic assistance, or reading the Word of God, or using persistence and determination to not give in, or using any of the other spiritual weapons such as praise or song or quoting God's Word aloud, or speaking in tongues, or showing love in active ways, etc.)
- Be open to forming close spiritual relations with the angels and heavenly assistants that Jesus has given us; work closely as one team, being one with them as they fill us and live through us. Letting them bring healing and comfort, or talk to us as friends, mates, and co-workers. Thus loneliness is banished and wounds are quickly healed, and we can fight on stronger.

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

I don't think the full impact of what happened or where I was really hit me until the next morning. I woke up feeling as if I'd been run over by a truck, I was so weak. Nurses were chattering away around me, and try as I could, I just couldn't understand <u>anything</u> anyone was saying. I don't learn languages easily. I have to really concentrate to speak and understand under the <u>best</u> of circumstances, and somehow because of my weakness, my ability to understand anything in Chinese at that point, other than yes and no, was <u>gone</u>.

When they brought me some food, I could barely lift my arm to feed myself. It was very strange; my arms felt like they were detached from my body and I would miss my mouth when I'd try to bring the food up to it. To top it off, I had an intravenous drip in my right arm, so I had to try to feed myself left-handed with a pair of chopsticks, lying flat on my back.

I lay there covered with food and dried blood, and felt like I'd reached an all-time low. I couldn't do anything, not even sit or use a bedpan, without total assistance. It was embarrassing, frustrating and humiliating.

I must interject at this point that the hospital staff were angels. Those dear nurses tried to do everything they could to help me and understand what I needed. It's just that the Lord hadn't been able to get through to me when I was in a position where I could rely on myself, so He had to knock all the props away so I couldn't even talk to anyone else or even do anything for myself. I felt down at the bottom -- very low and discouraged. So, proud as I am, I hid under my blanket so no one would see me, and I started to cry.

Around that time I had several very vivid spiritual experiences. They weren't just like a vision or a picture you get when you pray or receive a prophecy. But they were tangible and <u>real</u>, to the point that I actually <u>experienced</u> them. They <u>happened</u>, and I could <u>feel</u> them, <u>touch</u> them and <u>live</u> in them.

I guess it's what we'd call a spirit trip, or an out-of-body experience. I'd never experienced anything of that type before, other than dreams and more common spiritual experiences. Not that simple visions aren't real, but this was totally different than anything that had ever happened to me before. I didn't quite know what to make of it at first.

I suddenly saw a face of a man floating in front of me, with a huge smile on his face. It was the kind of smile you give someone you are really glad to see after a long time. Then I could see the whole man, a smiling, happy young person, and he walked up to me and gave me the biggest hug! I hugged him back, though I didn't have the slightest idea who he was. But it was obvious that he knew me and was glad to see me!

He laughed, as he commented that I didn't remember him. I apologized that I didn't. He just seemed so friendly and sweet and happy

that it was contagious!

He then explained that his name was Drake, and that I had witnessed to him years ago when he was a traveler in India, back in 1976. He said that I probably didn't remember it, as it wasn't such a big event, just another day out witnessing. He said he was one of a few different people we had met that day. He said we witnessed to him briefly and he prayed the Salvation prayer with us, and that was the last time he ever saw us.

But he went on to explain that it was a <u>very</u> important event for him, because not long after that he was in a bus accident and was killed. He showed me a picture of the smashed-up bus. He said that because we had prayed with him, he went to Heaven and it was so wonderful! He was just bubbling over, talking about how beautiful it was, and how happy he was! He said he had now come back to help me out.

He told me he wanted to let me know that little things are <u>so</u> important, and things that seem insignificant to us affect others for all <u>eternity</u>! As he was talking, I had the impression he was trying to tell me that the things I was doing at home with the kids, the humdrum, day-today things, were so important and that I shouldn't underestimate them. Then he was gone, just like that! I was so surprised that such a thing had happened, and I lay there thinking about it for the longest time. It was very exciting, but at the same time very strange! (FSM 305)

My wife Marie and I recently celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. We raised three children, all of whom have brought real joy to our lives. They've gone on to have families of their own, so we now have six grandchildren here on Earth, and one already waiting for us in Heaven. And I don't think any of the blessings I have known would have happened if my guardian angel hadn't saved my marriage one strange and awful night.

I grew up in the Midwest in an intensely Catholic family, one of six children. In our house we believed in angels; I mean, we *really* believed. In school the nuns taught us about them. At Mass, we let our guardian angel into the pew first. One of the first prayers I ever learned to say, after the Our Father, was "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love

entrusts me here, ever this day be at my side, to lead and guard, to light and guide. Amen."

Otherwise, my childhood was ordinary until I was fourteen. That year my favorite brother, Frank, who was eight, became ill. I didn't know it at the time, but Frank had leukemia, an acute type that often strikes children. To cheer him up, I taught him how to ride my bike, but before long he couldn't even push the pedals.

One day my parents came home from the hospital crying. The priest from our parish was with them. We all gathered together with much solemnity while the pastor told us that Frank's angel had taken him to Heaven to be with Jesus. I was so sick at heart I just cried.

As soon as I had dried my tears for the moment, a slow and seething kind of anger began to grow in me, like a piece of metal turning gradually red, orange, yellow, and finally white hot. I felt as if I would explode. Why didn't my parents tell me Frank was going to die? I never got a chance to say good-bye to him! I screamed silently. How could the God I believed in have allowed it? Where was his angel? I hated Frank's angel. What a stupid thing to believe in.

My anger didn't go away. My father got me a punching bag, which I demolished in a week. I lashed out at everyone and even lost my best friend after beating him up.

When my grandmother tried to tell me about angels, I turned away. When my birthday came later that fall, and I was supposed to set the table for my guardian angel, I threw the plate at the kitchen window, breaking both with a loud crash.

Frank's death triggered an uncontrollable rage in me against anything that failed to reach perfection. I became obsessed with achieving all that I could as fast as possible. I went out for football and wrestling, and I blew off so much aggression in both sports that I became the best athlete on both teams out of sheer energy. I had always been a good student, with something like a photographic memory and an especially keen ear for languages. I read as compulsively as I practiced wrestling falls, and when I finally graduated from high school, I was third in a class of nearly five hundred. I had twelve letters in sports and the school award for excellence in Latin and German. I also had a scholarship to the state university.

I got a summer sales job and worked seven days a week from morning to night. I still had my anger, although I was no longer throwing dishes through the windows. It was toward the end of that summer I met Marie. She came to the door to hear my passionate spiel about the tools and gadgets I was selling, and as soon as I looked up into her pretty round face with her big brown eyes and freckles, I was in love. I never did anything in a halfway fashion. I proposed to her on the spot. Marie laughed, but I knew she wasn't laughing at me, just at the situation. We were married two years later.

With my marriage and the distractions of school and a job, my pent-up energy found a positive outlet. After college my anger continued to burn. I worked for an import-export business and literally lived in my office for days on end. When I was at home, I was too tired to notice either my children or my wife. I had no friends, no social life, no outside interests. I lived and breathed the office, and at the time I truly believed I loved it. All that mattered to me were my own ambitions. I never even noticed that Marie and I were being forced apart by my obsession over work.

Over the Easter weekend in 1969, Marie came into the den, where I was working on some totally forgettable proposal, and said, without preamble, "Jack, I'm leaving you. I think I want a divorce."

She explained that our marriage was a disaster, with a husband who shut her out of his life entirely. "I've already taken the kids to Mother's, and I'm leaving to join them. It's up to you whether we come back." And she left, just like that.

I was so shocked I couldn't speak. It was like my brother dying all over again, and once again I had no warning. I went to the kitchen and

began smashing everything in sight. Glasses, plates, and utensils all went flying, while I raged. *How dare she leave me. How could she do this to me?* I thought, as I looked for more things to break.

I reached the last cabinet in the kitchen. It held some old dishes my mother had given us years before. They were the ones we had used when I was a child, and they brought back memories of my brother that made me want to cry. I brought out the stack of plates, set them on the kitchen table, and threw them forcefully at the sink. But when I came to the last dish, I couldn't pick it up. I tried with both hands to pry it up but I couldn't.

And then, while I stood there like a buffalo at bay, panting, sweating, my hands and face cut from flying glass and crockery, I heard a voice, a kind and compassionate voice that echoed all around me. It said, *Jack, make room for me at the table. Jack, make room for me at the table.* It was the most beautiful voice, like an operatic soprano singing softly.

"Who are you?" I gasped.

You know me, Jack. Make room for me at your table. And the voice faded.

Numb as I was, I knew the voice. Without even thinking, I got up and brushed off the table. This time I picked up the plate without any problem, and set it at the end, where I usually sat. I retrieved a knife, fork, and spoon, and placed them around the plate, adding a napkin and an aluminum drinking glass that had survived my anger. Then I brushed off a chair and set it in place. I think I was saying, "Angel, please sit down. Here, I'm making room for you."

As I sat back looking at the place setting, I felt the most incredible peace I had ever known. Then I bowed my head and prayed the prayer I had learned as a child: "Angel of God, my guardian dear ..."

When I had finished, I just started talking aloud to my angel about all the things that had been going on in my life, and most of all about Marie's leaving and taking the kids with her. I talked for a good hour without stopping. And I had the most extraordinary feeling that my guardian angel was right there, sitting across the table from me, even though I couldn't see her. And I felt that she was telling me, not just that I needed to change--I knew that--but that I *could* change, that the anger was gone that had skewed so much of my life.

The sky was just beginning to turn gray when I heard the sound of a key in the lock. It was my Marie. She pushed the door open, and as it opened, the sound of broken glass grated across the kitchen floor. She looked at me and at the kitchen, horrified. Then she came across the room and threw her arms around me, and we both cried. "I couldn't sleep," she said. "Finally, it was like I heard a voice saying, 'Jack needs you, Marie.' It just kept repeating softly, over and over again. So I came."

I was so drained I felt like a little child again, needing to be led rather than to lead. Marie took me out of the kitchen and into the bathroom, where she washed my hands and bandaged the one that was badly cut. She put me to bed without saying another word, and I slept like a baby until nearly noon.

After I woke, I felt disoriented, as though I had had the worst nightmare of my life. Then I saw my hands, all cut up, and everything that had happened came back in a rush. I jumped up and went to look at the war zone that had been my kitchen. It was as neat as a pin, except for all the scratches and dents and broken windows. Marie, looking tired but at peace, smiled. "I would never have believed this mess if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. It took me hours to clean it up. It filled bags and bags of trash."

I started to apologize, but she shook her head. "We'll talk later, Jack. Just tell me one thing--why did you break up everything in the kitchen and then go to the trouble of setting the table?"

She pointed, and I saw that the old plate and the aluminum glass were still where I had left them after my guardian angel had asked me to let her into my life again.

"Marie, I have to tell you what happened," I said.

When I had finished telling her, she looked thoughtful. "You do seem different somehow, Jack. The tension is gone. You seem relaxed in a way I've never seen."

"Marie, I hope this doesn't seem silly, but I want to keep that place setting on the table forever. I don't ever want to take it off. If my angel hadn't come to me last night, I don't know what I would have done. I want to thank her and keep reminding myself of something I knew when I was a kid and then forgot."

"I think we can arrange that," she smiled.

That strange night was more than twenty years ago, but its effects have stayed with me ever since. Marie and I took the first vacation we had had together since our honeymoon and began to rebuild our marriage. We talked and talked, and I found all my old priorities changing for the better. I left my job to start my own business and found pleasure, instead of compulsion, in work again.

And each night, I still set out the old plate and dented aluminum cup, the silverware and the napkin. They're my pledge to my guardian angel, and to God who sent her, that I will always welcome them at my table.

--James di Bello (CLTP 45)

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Across the years I will walk with you-in deep green forests; on shores of sand.

And when our time on Earth is through, in Heaven, too, you will have my hand.

--Robert Sexton

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

173. (Jesus speaking:) Legions, armies, archangels, powerful spirits, great bands of mighty ones, departed saints who are now vested with unprecedented power fight for the children of David! More than the number of grains of sand of all the seas the world over are the helpers of My children! All Heaven is at your command, and all Heaven stands ready to fight for you.

174. You know not what you ask, for you cannot comprehend in your carnal mind how great and powerful are the numbers of the heavenly armies who fight on your behalf. I have said that through the power of the keys, you command <u>all</u> My power. The power of the keys is more than a match for your foes, for the power of the keys far surpasses all power of those who oppose you. The keys of the Kingdom themselves are as your spirit helpers. Through the keys you have unlimited help, for the keys put the power in your hands that will defeat the foe and all demons who oppose you. There is no match for the keys, which are at your command.

175. Many, many, many more than you can number are your spiritual counterparts who are at your command through the power of the keys, to fight on your behalf. They are innumerable--many, many more in number than the ones who oppose you; likewise, their awesome strength is far beyond these puny peons of Satan.

176. There are times when I assign specific helpers to help you fight specific ones, but you must call on them. You must ask Me which of your helpers to call on when you have need. Search My Word, for I have made many helpers known to you.

177. Among the mightiest who help you are the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, who stand guard over My Family to protect, to come to your defense, and to command great armies of angels to aid you. Natalia leads you in praise, and through your voices raised in praise to Me, strong force fields of protection and power are raised around you.

178. So many are your spiritual counterparts who fight <u>for</u> you, My brides! But you must call, you must do your part to <u>lean</u> on them, <u>call</u> on them, <u>work</u> with them. You must work closer, hand in hand, with your helpers in the spirit. But you must <u>call</u>, you must <u>ask</u>. I have told you this

often, but now that I reveal the identity of these who fight you, you must not fail to make this transition, to learn to work more hand in hand with the helpers I provide.

179. There is great danger if you don't call. If you don't command My power, then there is great threat to you, My children. Calling on the power begins with living in My Word, reading, absorbing, and applying My Word daily in your lives.

180. I give you Myself--I am the greatest of your spiritual counterparts and the mightiest opponent of these who try to oppose you! I give you My Word, the most powerful truth on Earth, the greatest power in all existence! I implore you, live in My Word! Read, absorb, apply, and become one with Me. Nothing can withstand Me, My Word, and the power of the keys, for We are one! (End of message from Jesus.) (ML 3420)

169. <u>You shall rejoice in Me, your Lover</u>! You shall rejoice and rejoice in Me, your Husband! You shall rejoice, for the angels of Heaven will be at your beck and call, and they shall come and do the things that I have said unto them that they should do. A host of Heaven encamps about you and rejoices with you, that you have learned this touch of Heaven, that you have learned to love Me in this way. For this has been a mystery, for so few love Me in this way. (ML 3032)

(Jesus speaking:) At the name of Jesus, every knee must bow, of things in Heaven, and things in Earth, and things under the Earth (Philippians 2:10). So the devils and evil spirits are subject unto Me, and they are subject unto you through My name. I have given you power over all the power of the Enemy and his lesser devils (Luke 10:17, 19).

As I cast out devils when I was on Earth, so can you cast out devils. "These signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils" (Mark 16:17). "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also" (John 14:12). Like My disciples of old, I give you power over unclean spirits and over all devils (Matthew 10:1; Luke 9:1). You can tell them to depart, and can even tell them where to go, to bind them in the depths of the sea or the deep, dark places of the Earth. However, these are the forces that I have allowed the Enemy, and although there are many of them, there are many more of My forces, and far greater and more powerful forces! I have ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, under My command, and when My forces are fully empowered by Me, the Enemy and his forces are no match whatsoever for them (Revelation 5:11).

So if you wish to command the spirits and put them to work on your behalf, My dear ones, command ye Me (Isaiah 45:11). Come boldly before My throne and ask Me to take action for you, and call upon My good heavenly forces, which are far more powerful than those of the Enemy!

If you battle evil spirits or are engaged in spiritual battle with evil men, call upon the forces of Heaven on your behalf!

Call upon the great spiritual warriors of Heaven, the spirits and angels and archangels that are at your beck and call! Don't settle for less than the best in overcoming the worst and the most vile.

Seek Heaven's help in attacking Hell or those with hellish intentions, those humans who have given their intentions and even themselves over to the Enemy. I can utterly defeat the evil spiritual forces, and as for the evil or misguided human forces, you can trust Me to take care of them as well. Of course, remember that My ways are not your ways and that vengeance is Mine, not yours (Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 12:19). I will work out all things for your good, including the attacks of enemies, even though it may not always look like it at the time. I have My times and seasons and purposes, and sometimes they are a mystery to you.

So you have infinite power through Me, dear Family--power over every devil of Hell and Satan himself. But if and when you make an assault upon his kingdom or counterattack his people in the spirit, use Me and My forces to do so! We know just how and when and where to attack most effectively, and we won't let you down. (END 88)

(Spirit helper speaking:) This accident is more proof that the ante is upped, the stakes are higher, and the Devil's put a big price on the head of every Family member! He's fighting tooth and nail for just a little break in the mighty force field of angels that surround you, so he can get in and do a little damage. Active Christians are the greatest threat to his big plans...

19. <u>The Lord's trying to impress on His children how close He and His</u> <u>angels are!</u> They're at your beck and call, and they've got skills, I'll tell you, to help you with everything you will ever face. They're empowered to communicate with you on a certain level, but it's a very delicate frequency, and unless you really tune in, you can easily miss it.

20. All that to say, some of the mileage you can get out of this experience is to pray more fervently that you can work well with your spirit helpers, because they're only limited by your yieldedness to them and the Lord, and by your sensitivity or lack of sensitivity to the help they can offer. (End of message.) (ML 3243)

(Jesus speaking:) 42. I'll tell you what <u>I</u> see. There are multitudes who need to be reached with My message. There are countless disciples to be won. There's a hungry and bleating flock already within the folds. There are ravenous wolves attacking and trying to maim and kill the lambs. There are harvesting tools to be made and implemented. And there you stand with your little tools in hand, ready to go to work. You're determined and dedicated, and you're looking around seeing which direction to move first. Of course, it's overwhelming, as each and every need would be a full-time job. So you dash around, a little here and a little there. Your tools are very tiny and outdated, so you get your hands all scratched up and your clothes torn. By the end of the day you're exhausted, dirty, and sad. The next day it begins again.

43. All the while I'm standing right behind you--Me with My team of angelic helpers and spirit beings who tower above you like giants--and we're trying to get your attention. We're waving and shouting and whistling! We have huge modern technology in our hands, tools that you've never seen. If you'd just ask, we're ready to operate our tools on your behalf, which would make your work much easier. (ML 3347) ***

Think about how much more dedicated and obedient the warriors of the spirit are! They're just waiting for you to put them to work. They have incredible resources and power at their disposal, and they're just itching to sock the Devil a good one and to bring him low! Command them to use the weaponry, the firepower and all the means that they have available to complete the mission.

The forces of Heaven are ace warriors. There are absolutely no impossibilities to them. They partake of the Lord's ultimate power. Unrealistic is a word that they don't understand. Impossible is just not in their vocabulary.

Believe me, the Lord likes to answer us more than we're willing to ask. He's given us multitudes of spirit helpers, and they're waiting to do our bidding. They're not going to mind if we let them know what we want done, and how we want it done--in fact, they're probably glad to see that we're holding God to His promises and learning to be more assertive and effective in the spirit. The Lord said, "Command ye Me." Some of the synonyms for command are: direct, order, demand, instruct, decree. Those are strong words, but that's what the Lord is talking about. (ML 3655)

27. (Jesus:) It is a thrill to My heart to be able to reveal these spirit helpers and opposers to you! Each one that is revealed to you makes you stronger and more effective in the spirit. It makes you stronger warriors and fighters. If you avail yourselves of this information I reveal to you, you will grow in spiritual stature with each new revelation that you put into effect in your life and walk with Me. You are My mighty warriors, and will become even stronger and more valiant in spirit as I reveal more to you, and as you make use of the training I am giving you at this time. (ML 3659 7/07)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

Strong angels and spiritual warriors eagerly and instantly rise to your defense when you call on the keys of security.

PSA.91:4a, 11 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust... He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Call upon the forces of Heaven. Call upon the great spiritual warriors of Heaven, the spirits and angels and archangels that are at your beck and call! (END 88)

It is a thrill to My heart to be able to reveal these spirit helpers and opposers to you! Each one that is revealed to you makes you stronger and more effective in the spirit. (ML 3659)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

MAT.17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

MAT.17:2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

MAT.17:3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

MAT.17:4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

MAT.17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

MAT.17:6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

MAT.17:7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

MAT.17:8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

MAT.17:9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

MAT.17:10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

MAT.17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

MAT.17:12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

MAT.17:13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

MAT.13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

MAT.13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

MAT.16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

MAT.26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

MAT.26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

LUK.16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom:

JOH.1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

LUK.22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

LUK.22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

LUK.22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

LUK.22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

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6. Brotherly Love and Humility

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

When you think critical and unkind thoughts against those you are supposed to be helping, this breaks down the wall of protection between you and them; your brothers, sisters and Spiritual family members. You need to be on guard and keep a look out for the many, so many ways the enemy tries to get you to be against others who are on your same team. You need to actively look for ways to bring each other in closer, and how you can work yet more in unison. But it won't work if one of you are going this way and the other is going a completely different way. You need to be all hearing God's instructions and following them. You each will be performing vastly different duties, but all with the same goal in mind, and so you will be encouraging each other, even if they have to do things differently. You are glad for each other and you show it in active and faith feeding ways. Together you can do more than alone; but that is only if you are aiding each other and not wasting time trying to decide who is more the boss, and who is out of step with your wishes. And keep forgiving each other too, for there will be times when someone steps on your toes either purposely or accidentally. By this I mean they try to get to you stop doing something, and it hurts and stalls you for a bit. But don't then try to step on theirs, as that will just waste your precious time when in stead you could be walking forward. One step at a time by listening to Jesus' instructions and following them, is how you will eventually each reach the part of the pathway you are meant to reach.

*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:

There is no greater love than to call on the power of the keys to lay down your life for another in unselfishness, compassion, sympathy, sacrifice, tenderness, and humble service.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- Affection (through touching, or looks, or tenderness of heart, or expressed in kind words, etc.)
- Charity (in action and attitude, as expressed in 1 Corinthians 13 and Isaiah 58 and James 2, etc.)
- Keeping pride away through prayer and positive action in deeds that require Godly humility; being more conscious of Christ's wishes and needs than our image in the eyes of others.
- Being willing to do anything at any time, no matter what our personality or personal preference is, to let Jesus' spirit come through us to love and serve others, or to fill a need in the Body of Christ, or to bring others closer to Him.
- Godly, pure, loving sex and intimate times, that fortifies and uplifts and brings us closer to Jesus and His realm.
- Show and receiving forgiveness and mercy.
- Unselfish giving and sacrificing for the good of others--denying our own personal or selfish desires and preferences; or putting aside a

ritual "right thing to do" when love and God's Spirit leads and pleads otherwise

- Show appreciation and gratitude through words and deeds; lack of unkind criticism, in words or thoughts. Strive to think and speak the good and positive.
- Serve and help one another in loving humility.
- Give others preference and honor and respect; live the J-o-y principle of order of preference to please (Jesus, others, you).
- Wise, kind, godly choice of words that bring the Lord's will in to being, words that don't hurt others, and are inspired by the Holy Spirit. No gossip. No backbiting. No spreading lies. Edify (build up) others with words.
- Caring for the body of Christ—providing for others equally, impartially, according to their need and whatever Jesus is asking, and according to the ability of those around, so that all can continue to serve the Lord and bear fruit, and know that the Lord does care and provide.

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

Dad was at the head of the table during dinner. He was chatting with those around him and people were interacting and talking, and somebody said something that gave Dad a lot of credit for something. Right away Dad just stopped the whole dinner conversation for a couple of seconds and said plainly and loudly for everyone to hear, "Don't give <u>me</u> the credit; the credit belongs to the Lord! I'm nothing. If you give me the credit, then the Lord is gonna do something to me to show you that He's the only One Who's doing it and that it's not me. So just don't give me the credit!"

That was a real outstanding quality about Dad. He was <u>constantly</u> giving the Lord the glory throughout the day. He was very faithful to acknowledge the Lord and praise the Lord for anything good that happened. ... He <u>constantly</u> pointed to the Lord, but there were those times that I can remember where somebody actually outright gave <u>him</u>

credit that should have gone to the <u>Lord</u>, and he stopped everything and dealt with it and cleared it up right then and there, because he did not want to be guilty of taking any of the credit that belonged to the Lord. (Zine 13)

One husband and wife describing an important daily event which strengthens their family shares this: "Each night we go into the children's bedrooms and give each a big hug and kiss. Then we say, `You are really good kids and we love you very much.' We think it's important to leave that message with them at the end of the day." (CD 10)

This is a true story about a teacher named Mary who taught in an Indian school. There was another teacher in the school that Mary did not like and one day Mary felt something inside her telling her that this bad feeling was wrong. Mary had learned to listen to this "inner voice" because she knew it came from God, so she decided to obey it. "But what can I do?" she wondered. "Give her an egg," was the thought which came.--But that seemed like a foolish idea to Mary. Just one egg! The teacher might feel insulted at such a present! A dozen eggs, now that would be different, but just one egg! She put the thought out of her mind and went off to her day's teaching. But when she came home in the evening, there on the chair in her room sat a hen. It cackled and flew down; and there was an egg. Mary remembered her thought about giving an egg to the other teacher.--And here God had even supplied the egg to give her! So, somewhat reluctantly, she picked it up and set off for the other teacher's house. This other teacher was married and had several children, and one of them, a little boy, was outside the house when Mary reached it. She was glad to see him--it was easier to give the egg to him. "Will you give this egg to your mother, please?" she asked. "It is for her."

The next day the other teacher came to Mary. "What made you give me that egg?" she asked. "It was so nice and fresh!" So Mary told her about being sorry for her bad feelings and about the thought she had had of what to do about them, which she felt had come from God. "Yes, that is just like God," said the other teacher. "He must have known that we had

so little food in the house that when everyone had had some, there was none left for me. And then your egg came! I was so happy and satisfied when I had eaten it!" (GT 1)

AND SO IT WAS, EXCEPT FOR MOM'S DEAR BROTHER, WHO RECEIVED US VERY HOSPITABLY AND WAS VERY KIND TO US AND GAVE US ROOMS over the whole basement of his house which is very well furnished and very comfortable and warm with a nice little living room and bedroom and so on and we were very thankful after a very difficult and long journey and not much rest, our first chance to get to bed for a couple of days, in fact, for three days.

ANYHOW, AFTER THESE GOOD VISITS I WAS THINKING OF MOM'S BROTHER'S HOSPITALITY AND HOW I THANKED HIM and showed him the verse of scripture is true, "Cast thy bread upon the waters and in due season it shall return to you" (), because having done a good deed to someone, sooner or later God will see that it is returned and you're rewarded for it, if not through them through someone else. In this case it came through God Himself and I had even forgotten what we had done for him in the past, but when I thanked him so profusely for his kindness and the fact that he'd taken these poor travel-weary worn hippies from Texas and shown such kindness and hospitality without any complaint and with a wonderfully sweet spirit, as I was thanking him for all his goodness to us he looked at me and said.

"WELL, I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN HOW WHEN I NEEDED HELP YOU TOOK ME IN" and it then came back to me that when he had been out of work, he and his family with six children, we had taken them into our home and kept them for a couple of months while he was looking for a job in California! SO THE LORD DOES RETURN AND REWARD AND COMPENSATE ANY SACRIFICES YOU MAKE FOR OTHERS IN TRYING TO HELP THEM. (ML 1)

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

43. (Jesus speaking:) It's good that you tell others of Me, that you spread My love and My message abroad in the hearts of all men, that they may be drawn to Me and find life, peace, and true love. But neglect not to love those who are by your side, to love and appreciate your neighbor as yourself. This you ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone.

44. This is My commandment, that you love others as yourself, that you appreciate others as you yourself wish to be appreciated, that you give to others as you wish to be given unto yourself. Look not every man on his own things, his own works and concerns, but look every man on the things and works of others and see how he may be a blessing to them.

45. Your ministry is not only to the world, but also to the dear ones by your side, your brothers and sisters in Me, your co-workers, friends and companions who also lay down their lives for Me daily, who have also taken up their cross to follow Me.

46. Appreciation begins with loving, appreciative thoughts. As a man or woman thinks in their heart, so are they. As they think positive and uplifting thoughts about their neighbors, this results in positive and uplifting attitudes and actions towards their neighbors.

47. Don't dwell on your brother or sister's lacks and failings, their faults and idiosyncrasies; think instead on their good points--how much they love Me, how hard they work, the sacrifices they make, their cheerfulness in the face of affliction, their faith in the midst of adversity, their love for the lost and their dedication to My cause.

48. This is why I counseled you in My Word to dwell on the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, to think of the virtues of others and the things for which they deserve praise. As you see others in this way, your attitudes towards them change, and they begin to feel the change in your spirit. (ML 3254)

(Jesus speaking:) Within this era there will be many new battles to fight, and these must be fought together, in unity, in love, in friendship, in trust. Each of you must take upon you My mantle of selflessness and My anointing of humility. You must bond together as never before. You must fight as a team, for this is the only way that many of the future battles will be won. You must seek to be My love to one another, and to lift up your brother when he falls. I commission you to make it your goal to learn to love others more than you love yourself. If you want to be the best disciple and bride you can be, you must realize that on your own you will never reach your full potential.

It's together with like—minded individuals that you will be strong, that you will be able to fulfill all that I will ask of you in this new era. Together you will be strengthened. Divided you will fall. When you are united as one, with bonds of friendship, brotherhood, and unity, I will be able to pour upon you a new anointing of spiritual stamina and endurance and power to fight and win. By joining together, others will be able to lend you the gifts—physical and spiritual—that you lack.

As you unite more fully, you will learn more what it means to be your brother's keeper, to be there for each other, to bear one another's burdens, to lay down your lives for each other, to treat others as you would like to be treated, to help each other stand strong, to make any sacrifice for the sake of one of your brothers or sisters. Love, unity, and brotherhood are weapons that you can use to defeat the Enemy in your midst. They are both weapons and tools. So take up these lethal weapons of the spirit and keep them always by your side, ready to destroy the Enemy's attacks on your bonds with one another. Also, use them as tools to strengthen your defenses, to build bridges, to help another who is downtrodden, and to support your mates when they are weak. As you partake of the bread, think of this unity that I speak of. Think of what you can do to build love, unity, and brotherhood—and ask Me to speak more to you about it in the days to come. As you partake of the wine, My blood shed for you, think of My great love and how you can strive to bring more of that all-encompassing love into your life. How can you open your heart and life more to others? How can you truly live the Law of Love more in every way? How can you live the One Wife vision more in spirit? Will you be remembered for your selfishness or your lack of love? Or will you be known by your love as I was known by My love?

There is great power in unity and love! And I am the only One strong enough to help you to implement and live these supernatural powers in your life. They are weapons of the spirit you will need in the days to come, so accept My enhancement of them now, as you read this simple commitment to Me and to each other:

(A pledge to say to each other:) I pray that I will be a true friend, a fellow disciple that you can depend on, who will help to bear your burdens, whatever they may be. Through the power of the keys of brotherhood, unity, and love, I commit to loving you, supporting you, and doing whatever I can to help you to stand strong in the days to come. (ML 3552)

Annihilate

The Selvegion: Lure people to put self first, oppose unity, and encourage selfish living, self-interest, discord, dissension, strife, and all that divides.

Activate

The Salvay: Spirit beings of salvation who counter the evil Selvegion.

(ML 3552)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

The keys of the Kingdom will empower you to live the Law of Love.

JOH.13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Fear not to give love, for in giving ye shall receive. Fear not the opinions of man, but be ye channels of My love. [ML 2985]

Your ministry is not only to the world, but also to the dear ones by your side, your brothers and sisters in Me. (ML 3254)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

LUK.9:46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.

LUK.9:47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,

LUK.9:48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

MAT.23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

MAT.23:9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

MAT.23:10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

MAT.23:11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

LUK.22:24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

LUK.22:25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

LUK.22:26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

JOH.15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

JOH.15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

JOH.13:3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

JOH.13:4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

JOH.13:5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

JOH.13:6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

JOH.13:7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

JOH.13:8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

JOH.13:9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

JOH.13:10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

JOH.13:11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

JOH.13:12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

JOH.13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

JOH.13:14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

JOH.13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

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7. Praise

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

Praising God brings triumph from just about anything that is trying to make you lose the round. To grumble repeatedly is to put yourself in a position to lose and miss out on being victorious. Praise God right in the midst of the battle, for then you can be sure of something good coming real soon. Praise is to declare your right as a child of God to be happy no matter what is befalling you. You have a right to rejoice, for you know that all things truly will work out for your good in the end—even the bad, maddening, sad things of life. If you don't know why something is good as it sure looks bad to you—don't worry about trying to figure it out and analyze it to see how it can possibly make sense. Just say that you are glad that you don't have to try to fix everything, that it's the Lord job to do that. And then declare your right to rejoice in Holy Praise, no matter what is happening. I'm not saying to rejoice about bad things, but to praise the one who is going to make things all right and good in the end, and make you even glad then about anything that seemed to go wrong for you in your life. When it's all worked out and the full story is told, and you see how each piece of this life and that situation all fits together, then you will be able to praise a whole lot more. So start now and it will lift you out of despair that stops you from performing your Lord's highest will. And sometimes His highest will is to first let things get worse for a time before they do get better and better. But just because things are better for you in the next life-for those who have yielded to Jesus' plan and cheerfully did what He asked, even when it was really tough—that doesn't mean things will be totally easy for everyone. For some, that is when things will start to get tough, very tough. And you can be glad that you did the difficult things now, with a heart filled with faith and lips filled with positive declarations of praise and gratitude to Jesus, as that enabled you to win some awesome triumphs and gain your sweet treasure. Praise and hard work now, and sweet victory later, rather than grumbling and selfishness and disobedience now, and a lot of difficult times later. Be glad when things aren't your favourite today, even when you are doing your best for Jesus.

That just means that He is saving up the really good things for you, when you are done doing what He asked you to do.

*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:

You will feel the power of the keys-steady and confident, strong and unbeatable—as you praise Me and let your voice glorify Me. Whenever you feel discouraged or worried, bring on the power of the keys through your words of faith and praise. They rush to those who honor Me and glorify My Name.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- Singing to the Lord (with understanding, and in tongues of the spirit)
- Listening to God-glorifying music
- Dancing (with or without music)
- Words of love and praise to Jesus (Words written, read, or spoken aloud, or spoken in one's heart and mind.)
- Words and an attitude of thankfulness that declare our faith in God's awareness of us and His good choices in what He allows or denies. (Words written, read, or spoken aloud, or spoken in one's heart and mind.)
- Declare and tell or read stories that show what the Lord has done for His people—in the past, or for us today.

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

One night when I went to check on my daughters, I saw that Amanda's hamster, Cheeky Charlie, was restless in his

cage, so I let him run around the bathroom while I brushed my teeth. Then I saw him scurry behind the bidet and I was concerned that he might get stuck, so I tried to grab him, but he disappeared.

Then I realized what had happened. He had fallen through a hole where the pipes went under the floorboards. I called my husband and we tried to do all we could to rescue Cheeky Charlie, but he had disappeared into the recesses of our big house. At first we could hear him scuttling around, but then we couldn't hear him anymore, and I knew he had wandered far away. We made a little ladder for him and put it in the hole. We also put some food down there, in case he got hungry. I was so concerned that I even wanted to sleep in the bathroom, just in case he came to the hole in the night.

All this time, I was despairing and worried. Quite a few things had gone wrong recently--a crashed computer, some very expensive work that needed to be done on our car, personal battles, and now the hamster. To add to that, Amanda had already been having worries before this incident that her hamster was going to die.

I was worried, discouraged, and was beginning to wonder if perhaps the Lord was unhappy with us, or me in particular. Just then I heard my daughter, Suki, coughing in her bed, and that felt like the last straw, as I thought she was getting sick. I was sinking in negativity and discouragement. But then the Lord punched through. I remembered the book summary of *Power in Praise* (by Merlin Carothers), which I had taken to the bathroom with me. I realized that this was a perfect opportunity to do the impossible by praising the Lord that the hamster was lost and by faith he'd be rescued.

I went into the bathroom and committed the whole situation to the Lord in praise. I read a few paragraphs of the book and implemented its

counsel. I sang in tongues, and I praised the Lord. Then I prayed one last prayer in faith for the hamster.

I told the Lord that I knew His eye was on the sparrow, and asked if He could have His eye on Cheeky too. I asked Him to send an angel to guide Cheeky out and return him to us safely. Then the Lord told me that that was it--I didn't need to worry, because it was in His control. Now I just needed to keep praising Him for the whole situation. With faith in my heart, I lay down and went to sleep.

In the morning, although there was still no sign of the hamster, I refused to worry and immediately began praising the Lord. My husband told the children what had happened to Cheeky, and amazingly, Amanda's reaction was very positive.

Then the miracle happened. While I was washing the breakfast dishes, Amanda came running into the kitchen shouting that the hamster was in the living room behind the cupboard. And sure enough, there he was, safe and sound. An angel had guided him out of the recesses of the upstairs floorboards and somehow got him onto the ground floor into a room where someone was able to hear him.

Though this seems like a small thing, it was such a life-changing experience, not just because of the miracle of the lost hamster being found, but even more so because I knew that the miracle had happened because I had chosen to praise. That very day, I shared this testimony with the garage owner and he said it really was a miracle. They had had exactly the same thing happen to their hamster, and they never found him again.

I feel so full of faith now! Praise and be thankful for everything! It surely is God's way, and releases His power into our lives to work miracles! (FSM 424)

Simon has always appreciated the Word, and often puts into practice what he has read or heard from us. When we came to see him this time, he seemed bothered. He admitted that he had really gone "under," and couldn't help but be "upset with God." For the last two months, the company income had been very low, making things difficult. Contrary to his usual admonition to his staff that, "God is always here for us and He will work things out," Simon felt that God had let him down, to the point that he'd even verbalized his frustration, by murmuring about God in front of his staff.

I told him about the spiritual weapon of praise and the art of rising above. I brought out examples from *Power in Praise*. I explained how there would be a testimony out of this test, but *only if* he starts to praise God for it and make it a testimony to his staff of real faith and trust in God despite the gloomy circumstances.

He said that his staff would think he was crazy if he walked in the next day and praised God for the poor business and lacks they had. He agreed to do it nonetheless. He was determined to use this new skill to defeat the monsters of doubt and clouds of discouragement that loomed around him, and to counter the flood of problems besieging him.

Four days later, we visited him again. Excitedly he told us of the miracles that had taken place over the previous couple of days. A very big business deal with a major petroleum company came through, giving him an order for his products with a large profit margin that will help him cover most of his bills. Besides that, several other orders came in for his products, upping the company income considerably--all within the last 48 hours! (Link 12)

Since moving to this part of the city, I'd been having asthma attacks quite frequently and would often stay up till four o'clock in the morning battling it. One night when I was battling with my breathing and feeling really discouraged and frustrated about it, the Lord reminded me of a quote: "If you can't sleep, maybe the Lord wants you to pray."

So I started to pray for others and was also asking for His help to overcome this attack. Eventually I started praising Him and thanking Him for all He's done for me and for keeping me through so many attacks of the Enemy. I was telling Him how much I appreciate and love Him and really need Him. I started loving Him with the love words and pouring out my heart as I told Him how much I love Him. After a while, without realizing it, my breathing was back to normal and I was able to drift off to sleep!

With the next few attacks, I just started to praise the Lord and spend time loving Him instead of concentrating on my breathing, and the attacks would get less and less serious. Thank You Jesus! I learned that the Lord wants me to keep my eyes on Him instead of myself, and most of all He wants me to spend time with Him!

(PRAYER LIST 36)

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

17. *(Jesus speaking:)* Is there <u>life</u> in your praises to Me; are your praises alive? Are your hearts full of thanksgiving to Me for all that I bring into your lives? Do you begin your day with a song of praise on your lips?

18. Your times of praise need to become more active and alive, times when you lift your arms in total praise to Me.--Times when you release yourself from all that is around you and I lift you to the heavenlies through your praises.

19. Praise is more than singing a song to Me about something. It's more than thanking Me for what I've done. Praise is the gauge of gratitude of heart that you have for Me. Praise is a declaration of the love that you have for Me. Is that what you feel when you praise Me? Do you feel moved by the love we share when you enter those moments of praise? Those moments in your day spent praising Me should move you, they should warm you up in spirit, they should excite you.

20. When you lack inspiration, praise is a kick-start, and it renews you.

But if you don't praise, then you miss out on the spiritual boost that comes through praise. You leave your spirit drained by not availing yourself of the refreshment of spirit that comes through praise. (ML 3449) ***

(Natalia speaking:)

(Christmas Praises 2001! [#3372])

11. Let your praise be known to all the worlds! Be not as those who repeat the words in vain repetition, but immerse yourselves in the joyful sound of praise and glory in its power! Praise with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and let your praise lift you to the Heavenlies!

12. This is the kind of praise our dear Love wants. This is the kind of praise that empowers you. This is the kind of praise that brings fruit in your lives. This is the kind of praise that rises above. This is the kind of praise that turns the keys to the Kingdom, which you hold in your hands. This is the kind of praise that transcends the impossible! (ML 3372)

58. (*Prophecy, Dad speaking:*) "I wrote plenty about praising the Lord, because I knew it was important. My mother was always faithful to praise, and to impart to me the need to praise. I tried to impart that need to you, too, and I tried to praise the Lord all through my life because I knew it was important, I knew it was uplifting. I knew it did <u>me</u> good, and I was sure the Lord appreciated it and loved me for it. But being on <u>this</u> side I see much <u>more</u> how important it is and how much it means to the Lord and how pleased He is with it!

59. "It's very important Here in Heaven, for we praise the Lord all the time! It's very natural. It's part of being Here, it's what we do. When you see it from this side, you see how <u>important</u> it is and how much you <u>want</u> to do it. It's beautiful to hear the praises of the Lord that people give. It's beautiful to hear the many ways to praise the Lord Here, and to see that <u>all</u> things praise the Lord. It's beautiful! It's wonderful! I can't even explain it.

60. And as you praise, you partake of this heavenly atmosphere, the atmosphere of praise that <u>we</u> have Here! You partake of it and you participate in it. It's a link between you there and us Here.

61. "So though I said in my time there that praise was important, I say now it is even much more important than I told you then! I had a glimpse of it, I knew the need, but now I see much more the strength and the power that lies in praise.--Not only the power to give you victory and to uplift your heart, but the power that it has to draw power from the heavenly realm. It's as if praise opens the channel to the heavenlies that allows the heavenly blessings to pour down, so that you don't just praise your way to victory, you also praise down the blessings of God!

66. "<u>So join us Here with praises unto God</u>! Join us Here as you tell Jesus of your love, and as you thank Him for all that He has done. And <u>He</u> will join <u>us</u> as <u>we</u> help to pour forth blessing upon blessing unto <u>you</u>!" (ML 3013)

21. (Jesus speaking:) **You need more praise in your life;** you need to more definitely feel the thankfulness and inspiration that comes through praise. Praise and prayer go hand in hand, they complement one another. Through praise you open up the channel to find the desperation in your times of prayer.

22. I hear your words of love and praise! I see your abandonment of spirit through your praises, and this excites Me. And then when I see your hearts turn to Me in passionate prayer, there is nothing that turns Me on more than this.

23. This is what I need of My brides. This is how you open yourself up to experience the ecstasies of My Spirit. This is how you are able to live more in the realm of the spirit rather than being bogged down by earthly cares.

24. If you're struggling to put on My mind; if you find it hard to focus on the power when you're hit with difficulties; if rising above seems an impossibility for you; if you toil over allowing Me full possession--then I ask you to check your prayer and praise lives. Because if those two elements are in the right place--if your desire, enthusiasm, and effort are put into these two key elements--then the rest will follow.

25. Making prayer and praise more of a key factor in your life takes surrender of your own thoughts and free will. It requires that you open yourself up to Me intimately. It requires continual yieldedness and

desperation in order to not lose the momentum, but to continually motivate your lives.

26. As you take the first steps to reawaken the passion of prayer and praise in your lives, you'll begin to witness the change in other areas as well. Those besetting sins that seemed interminable will begin to fade, your spirit will be lifted, and better yet, you will have the confidence that I have seen and heard your prayers and I will answer--not only for others, but for you personally as well. Your faith will be boosted in ways you can only imagine!

27. This is part of your step into the future, into becoming more like Me, and finding the zeal, the fervor, the fighting spirit that I've placed in each of you. Will you search it out? Will you cultivate these gifts? It will change your life if you do! (*End of message from Jesus.*) (*ML 3449*)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

Praise Me with your whole heart, and by the power of the keys I will work miracles on your behalf.

PSA.9:1 I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

1TH.5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Praise with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and let your praise lift you to the Heavenlies! This is the kind of praise that empowers you. (ML 3372)

Praise is more than thanking Me for what I've done. Praise is a declaration of the love that you have for Me. (ML 3449)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

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.11:14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

JOH.11:15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

JOH.11:39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

JOH.11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

JOH.11:41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

JOH.11:42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

JOH.11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

JOH.11:44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

JOH.11:45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

LUK.10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any

means hurt you.

LUK.10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

LUK.10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

LUK.10:22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

LUK.10:23 And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

LUK.10:24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

ARMED AND STRONG IN THE LORD

8. Prayer

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

Talking, listening, interceding and deep communion with the Lord, the King of all is going to get you through this life better than anything else. When this is done with an attitude of having faith that everything is truly going to work out right in the end because of your heaven-sent communication, this brings results your way, and gives you peace of mind to sail through even the stormiest seas. When you come to God bringing your woes, in a rather disgruntled way, topped with your own "set in stone" agenda that you want Him to work out for you; wanting things to go your way and only the way you think is right, this yields little good. He's waiting for you to say, "What do you want, dear Jesus. I'm ready and eager to listen and to do what You in Your wisdom know is best." And you plead for strength and the grace to then do it—asking in faith for the guts and courage to do what is on God's agenda for you—this surely gets His ear, and on you go to happier times. Maybe the hard pit you find yourself in was just to get you to look up and ask for the right kind of help, and to be pointed on the correct path, so you didn't get too way off course. Maybe it was to stop something really bad or drastic from happening, and to set you in motion for something great in your life. So praise and pray and then act and do.

*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:

Supporting someone with prayer and the power of the keys is the greatest act of love and sacrifice, and will deliver to them miracles that will lighten their load and give them the strength to fight on.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- Interceding in prayer for others.
- Heart to heart honest communication with Jesus, two-way talking.
- Turn your thoughts into a prayer about what you were thinking about—thus "praying without ceasing".
- Come before the Lord boldly, humbly, with faith that is expressed with praise, to present your requests to Him—things that will make His will be done on earth, and that will aid your survival to keep living for Him.
- Prayers of deliverance from the devil in all forms—spiritually and physically. Fighting, attacking prayers.
- Prayers of praise, worshiping and loving Jesus.
- Prayers for miracles of all sorts, claiming the authority of Heaven, the Power of the Keys, to make a particular win for the Lord, or protection against a loss for His cause or people who are in danger or difficultly.
- Unselfish prayers—for the good of others; or to be enabled to do something for others that goes against your wishes and desires,

but is something Jesus is asking you to do. Praying a prayer, that if answered will make it hard for you personally in some way, but it will bring God's will and plan into being, and be a help to someone.

- Prayers for the salvation of others, for many to come to know Jesus and to give their hearts to him.
- Prayers of utter surrender, presenting yourself to Jesus to do with you as He wishes, and to give you full empowerment to do it, even if it's utterly what you do not want; total surrendering as His servant and praying to yield to His will.

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

(Singapore) We were checking into the purchase of a portable electronic drum set for another center. Our research and calls led us to a shop downtown. We talked to the owner and got the details, but we didn't have the peace to make the final purchase. So we stepped out to pray about what to do. My son then spotted the same model displayed in another shop. We walked inside and were greeted by Daniel, the owner who was cordial and quoted us a price, which was surprisingly much lower than the previous shop that we had thought was the best deal available.

As we talked, Daniel poured out his business woes and I told him that all he needed was a new, good business Partner. "Let me introduce you to Jesus," I said. I told him of the Lord's love and care for him. However, when it came down to praying to receive that spiritual connection with Jesus, Daniel backed down and said that he wasn't sure or ready. I had to leave it at that, as he hastily tried to get back to business.

Daniel had to make a copy of the receipt for me, but the machine jammed. He opened it up, trying to fix it, but nothing was working. I offered to pray for him and the machine, but Daniel laughed and declined. Then I got a check that the Lord was engineering this for his sake! So I said: "Okay, Daniel, whether you like it or not, we're going to pray, just to show you that God is in this and He's doing it for you!"

As my son and I put our hands on the machine, we prayed asking the Lord to fix the machine as a testimony of His power and presence, so that Daniel would believe. Just as we said, "Amen," the machine started humming to life and made the copy. Daniel stood there, stunned. "So, Daniel," I said, "do you want to pray now?" Daniel returned to the counter and prayed that powerful prayer of salvation that guarantees to fix any broken and sinful heart! We were thrilled with the miracle that we had witnessed, but more than that, it was amazing to see that there was nothing the Lord wouldn't do to reach a soul. Thank You, Jesus, for a love that has no limits! (GV 195)

Keys of Provision

(True story:) The Lord works lots of miracles in our lives, and since the day I met the Lord, I've seen many miracles, big and small, which have completely turned my life around. One of the more outstanding miracles that the Lord did for me was while I was in college.

My principal was a very strict and miserly lady, and it was always difficult to speak to her in regards to money because she was extremely stingy. One time, I had to pay 7,000 rupees to the college. It was my last installment of the year, and if I didn't pay I would not be allowed to sit for my exams. I didn't know what to do because I didn't have enough money with me. I prayed desperately and claimed the keys of provision, and the Lord said that He would speak on my behalf. The next morning when I met the principal, she readily signed the application that waived my fee.

At the end of my final year I had the same problem. This time I was 12,000 rupees short, and a friend of mine in the same situation had just recently been refused a payment delay that she really needed. I was desperate and prayed hard, claiming the keys of provision once again.

Later that night, the Lord said to me, "Don't worry! I'll do it. I made the world in six days, so what is this for Me? Just believe!"

The next morning, I met the principal and presented her with my application, stating that I didn't have enough money at the time. She asked me if I would like to pay it later or not pay at all. Then she smiled and signed the application once again, stating that I didn't need to pay the fee at all! (Link 32)

(True story:) David Brainerd was a man of great spiritual power. The work which he accomplished by prayer was simply marvellous. Dr. A.J. Gordon, in giving a sketch of Brainerd's experience, said,

"In the depths of those forests, alone, unable to speak the language of the Indians, he spent whole days literally in prayer. What was he praying for? He knew that he could not reach those savages; he did not understand their language. If he wanted to speak at all, he must find somebody who could vaguely interpret his thought; therefore he knew that anything he should do must be absolutely dependent upon the power of God.

"So he spent whole days in prayer, simply that the power of the Holy Ghost might come upon him so unmistakably that these people should not be able to stand before him. What was his answer? Once he preached & the interpreter was so intoxicated that he could hardly stand up. That was the best he could do. Yet scores were converted through that sermon. We can account for it only by the tremendous power of God behind him." (GT 1)

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

As you wield your weapons of praise, the keys, and prayer, I will create a force field of protection around you that the Enemy will not be able to penetrate. Then every prayer will accomplish its purpose. (3659)

(Jesus:) I have called together this brave band to be at your beck and call, to specifically assist you in your prayers during these days of war. The Magnus Warriors will be your prayer partners on this side of the veil.

Call on the Magnus Warriors when you set out to pray, and they will help to reinforce your prayers. They are strong and fearless, bold and brave. They will help to fight off the demons of Hell that try to prevent your prayers.

Call on them to fight for you in spirit, for they have knowledge and skill and will run interference for you by warding off static that Satan stirs up to divert your prayers. They will help guard and protect your thoughts as you pray, so that you can focus and direct your petitions right on target. They will help you to maintain the vision and determination to fight in prayer.

You can connect with them by calling on them when you begin to pray. They will help you to formulate your prayers and will bring to mind all of the things that you need to include. When you sense that the Enemy is fighting your prayers, when you can't focus and you lack concentration or desperation, when you feel weary in prayer, call on the Magnus Warriors. Ask them to fight for you in spirit and help you to rise above all of the things that are trying to prevent you from praying strong, heartfelt, on-target, full-of-faith prayers.

Each of you has your own personal Magnus Warrior who will help you to be stronger in prayer. Developing a relationship with your own Magnus Warrior also enables him to teach and train you in the art of prayer and help you finely tune your weapon of prayer.

The Magnus Warriors are your prayer buddies in the spirit world. Call on them to perform the things in the spirit that you can't do. They can detect where the static is originating from and can go on the attack to break it up in spirit. Ask them to quicken things to your mind throughout the day--people and situations that need prayer. Call on them to help you to stay tuned, to keep a clean heart and a right spirit, so that you can stay on track in your prayers, and get the message through loud and clear. Bond with them and they will help you to strengthen your prayers.

Join with these mighty ones and claim the keys as you go into each battle, and there will be no limit to what I will do for you. (ML 3659)

8. Your Enemy will always fight hardest in the very beginning. He fights your petitions at ground zero. He knows that you are vital in this war of the worlds, and that without your prayers, things won't move like I need them to. Without your prayers, My power is limited. In a sense, you have control over My power, because I have committed Myself to work through you. Your prayers move My hand. Satan is painfully aware of this fact, and thus he targets every prayer from the start.

9. It's prayer he fears the most, because he knows your prayers command My action. Your prayers are vital! They can save lives, they can mend, they can heal hearts, minds and bodies. They can love, they can soothe, they can comfort, they can supply, they can create, they can set free. They can radically alter any situation or heart. They can fell the demons of Hell. Your desperate, praise-filled, key-powered prayers are the most powerful weapons you have. And Satan hates them!

14. I reveal Prycore to you at this time, for you must call him by name if you are going to advance in your prayers as I am requiring in these days. Satan has put the beastly Prycore in command of the antiprayer forces, because he knows that prayer is extremely powerful and effective in any given situation, and will bring about positive results and victory. He knows that your targeted prayers are the most powerful force on Earth. He knows that without prayer you are doomed and with prayer you will be triumphant. I call you, My intimate brides, to be men and women of prayer. I call you to combat. I call you to war in prayer. And I call you to the highest grade of proficiency in prayer. I call you to be My special ops prayer force, the most powerful force in the world in the time of the End.

In order to fulfill this you must rebuke Prycore and his forces by name and call on the Priestess of Prayer. Pray targeted prayers against his attacks on your prayer life and his attempts to stop you from wielding your powerful weapon of prayer accurately. As you wield your weapons of praise, the keys, and prayer, I will create a force field of protection around you that the Enemy will not be able to penetrate. Then every prayer will accomplish its purpose. 20. (Jesus:) I send you the Priestess of Prayer, a mighty spirit helper who leads an invincible army, to defeat Prycore's forces. This army consists of all of the prayer angels of the children of David, and other spiritual prayer warriors. The Priestess of Prayer is fearless, strong, mighty, and powerful! She will guard your lines of prayer through her anointing of prayer power. She will help you to use prayer as one of your primary weapons, no matter how much Prycore or his forces fight it, so that you can be successful in battle against the Enemy and win.

21. Call on the Priestess of Prayer and her forces when you pray, and they will help you to fulfill your destiny of becoming powerful prayer warriors. Through your prayers you will have access to the spiritual power of Heaven that will accomplish great things on Earth. She will anoint you with the anointing she carries, that of power in prayer, power to accomplish the impossible, power to defeat all the demons of Hell who oppose My name, power to cause every knee to bow before Me, the King of the Universe. All this you will accomplish through the power of prayer, but it must be targeted prayers that hit the Enemy head-on. The Priestess of Prayer will help you to accomplish this.

22. Every miracle begins with prayer. Every victory begins with prayer. Every success begins with prayer. Everything worthwhile begins with prayer. Call on the assistance of the Priestess of Prayer, and she will help you to defeat the Enemy's forces that try to keep you from focused, targeted, and proactive prayer. She comes with honor and power and majesty that is worthy of her role of anointing the children of David in the use of the weapon of prayer. (ML 3659)

28. (Jesus:) I introduce Challenger to the Family. He is a powerful, anointed helper, who was personally trained by Me, and he will train you in the art of prayer warfare. Because prayer is one of your most powerful spiritual weapons, his influence in training you to be the prayer warrior that you want and need to be--and to therefore smash any attacks of the Enemy and bring victory, answers, open doors, miracles, anything and everything that I want to send--makes him of major importance to the Family.

29. The Enemy and his demons oppose prayer. Although Satan has underlings who attack your prayer life, such as Lethargy, Apotheon, Pan, Pride, Prycore, and others, Satan is the spirit of pride itself and is responsible for all attacks on prayer. Satan wants you to work in the arm of the flesh, while Challenger will train you to be more effective through the use of the power of prayer. It's the war of flesh versus spirit, Satan versus Me.

30. When you pray, you are opening the way for Me to work. You are working through the anointing and power of My Spirit, and everything that I do is always better than anything that you can do. He is ready to help anyone who calls on him for assistance in any area of their prayer life. You can call on Challenger by name, and he will train and guide you in your prayer life. He will inform you of the dos and don'ts that will make you more effective as a prayer warrior--down to the details of your schedule, how to make the best use of your prayer tools, and most important, give you the vision for the absolute importance of prayer.

34. Call on him and he will train you by whispering his thoughts to you through the Word you read, or during your times of meditation and reflection, or during your prayer time. He will also give you his personal counsel in prophecy, if you have questions that you want to ask him. He and I will teach you to be excellent prayer warriors

37. Satan has learned that the most powerful attack that he can possibly launch ...is through attacking prayer. Prayer is your strongest, most powerful spiritual weapon. You've heard Me say similar things from time to time about praise, about loving Me intimately, about the keys, because each one of your spiritual weapons is extremely powerful, and at the right time and place, any one of your spiritual weapons can be used to be the most powerful. But prayer is the overall most powerful weapon, because whichever other weapon you are using, you're almost always using prayer. It takes prayer in some form to praise, to use the keys, to hear from Me in prophecy, to call on your spirit helpers. Prayer is the one weapon that supports everything else and every other weapon to some extent. (ML 3659)

(Jesus speaking:) If you think of prayer as communication with Me, then you will realize that many things fall under the umbrella of prayer and interlink with prayer. Prayer is a vehicle for the keys, a vehicle for praise, a vehicle for heavenly thought power, and many more things. Prayer is a necessary link to the power behind each of these gifts or weapons--Me.

Prayer--your avenue of communication with Me--is the basic ingredient that must be present, and then all of the other new weapons enhance it. Praise enhances the power of prayer. The keys enhance the power of prayer. Loving Me intimately enhances the power of prayer. Prophecy enhances the power of prayer, because you can receive direction on how to pray on the spot, as I speak to your heart and show you how to pray most effectively.

Prayer does work change--great change. It always has and it always will. But prayer, when other spiritual weapons are used in conjunction with it, becomes more powerful. A simple prayer without any spiritual weapons to support it is powerful, but a prayer supported with the spiritual weapon of praise is more powerful. And it grows from there, meaning that a prayer supported with the weapons of praise, loving Me intimately, and the keys, is even more powerful!

If these different spiritual weapons didn't enhance prayer and work greater change in the spirit world--through defeating the Enemy, speeding answers on their way, and much more--then what would be their purpose? If prayer were to only be as powerful as it always was, even if you were to use all of the new weapons in conjunction with it, then what would be the point of the new weapons? If they didn't make things easier for My children, if they didn't give greater power in the spirit to defeat the Enemy, and if they didn't make prayer more powerful and give you quicker and more powerful answers, then why would I be stressing their importance over and over in message after message? It's because they **do** hold power. It's because they are vital for My warriors of today. It's because they do enhance prayer and make it many, many times more effective. *(End of message from Jesus.)* (ML 3659)

(Jesus speaking:) Hell's Angels, which include Satan himself, have a deep hatred for Me--and therefore for you, My brides. They fight your personal connection and communications with Me, which depend upon your prayers. They also fight your intercessory prayers for others.

40. As powerful and vengeful and hateful as Satan and all of Hell's Angels of Evil are, and as bound to their oath to fight to the finish as they are, you do not need to fear. I am mightier. The power that I give you is far greater. The anointing of My Spirit within you is a greater and more powerful anointing. I will be victor over all of the universe, and over Satan and all of his demons. Satan will fight your prayers, but that doesn't mean that he can stop your prayers. The minute a prayer is prayed, it is effective. When you pray, the power is already released and I will work. You pray, Satan fights, and I do the miracles. Just because Satan fights, that doesn't mean that you will lose. You will win as long as you follow Me and My instructions. (ML 3659)

(Dad speaking from beyond:) You will become a warrior of prayer, but you have to learn to focus that beam of prayer instead of shooting haphazardly. You've got to learn to focus it.

395. One single prayer that is truly focused and aimed is ten times more powerful than ten prayers that are semi-focused and haphazardly shot. You inflict more damage on the Enemy through one solid prayer that is thoroughly prepared and aimed and totally focused than a hundred unfocused prayer beams.

396. So learn to focus your thoughts, focus your prayers, focus your spirit, focus your mind, focus your soul, focus your whole "soulitude"! What is soulitude? That's soul plus attitude--your whole being--your soulitude! Focus it on the Lord, focus it on the power, and then shoot that prayer beam with pinpoint accuracy and blast the Devil to bits, blast the sickness to bits, blast the Enemy to bits, blast the problem or the obstacle to bits! Whatever solution you need, it's there through your prayers in the power of the keys, but you've got to focus on it. (ML 3433)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

When you call on the power of the keys your prayer is answered in the most effective, efficient way possible.

JAM.5:16b The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1TH.5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Without your prayers, things won't move like I need them to. Your prayers move My hand. Your prayers are vital! They can radically alter any situation or heart. (ML 3659, compiled)

Your desperate, praise-filled, key-powered prayers are the most powerful weapons you have. And Satan hates them! (ML 3659)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

MAT.6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

MAT.6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

MAT.6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

MAT.6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

MAT.6:10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

MAT.6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

MAT.6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

MAT.6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

MAT.6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

MAT.6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

MAR.1:32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

MAR.1:33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

MAR.1:34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

MAR.1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

MAR.1:36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

MAR.1:37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

MAR.1:38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

LUK.6:11 And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

LUK.6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

LUK.6:13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

JOH.16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Chapter 17

JOH.17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may

glorify thee:

JOH.17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

JOH.17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

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9. Hearing from Jesus

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

Sweetheart, I love to whisper in your ear words that give you strength. You don't have to know all that is needed right from the start; all that you are going to need to know to get you through this battleground called Earth. But whatever you do need to know I can show you and tell you, right at the time, or perhaps a bit before, so you can make great headway. I'm so very near to you, all around you, inside of your mind and heart and whole being. I love being near you, for then neither of us has to feel troubled in heart. —You know that I am close and will protect you from the big and bad things that would really throw you off course; and I can guide you and then I'm happy because I want you to be safe and fully protected. And this can happen all the better the closer you are to Me and the more I can tell you, right in your ear.

*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:

At every opportunity, at every turn, no matter what the problem, difficulty or uncertainty, the keys of prophecy will help you to hear clearly from Me and know what to do.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- Ask Jesus to speak to you in answer to a question, or give Him opportunity to say anything He wants to say—either personally and privately to you, or while you are with others.
- Ask Jesus to allow an angel or spirit being to speak to you on a topic that you need insight on or guidance in.
- Dreams (pray for them each night to be good or what you need to teach and show you something, or reveal something the Lord wants to tell you in this "virtual reality" way of learning. Then pray about their meaning).
- Be alert for supernatural messages or signs of some sort that the Lord is using to get our attention or to answer a question or to warn us of danger or trouble.
- Receive and pray for visions from the Lord that show His will, expose the enemy, and shows us inspiring things from Heaven; vision that teach, reveal, instruct, warn, uplift, and give faith and joy.
- Ask someone else to receive a message from the Lord for you, and prayerfully read it or listen to it, letting the Holy Spirit confirm it in your heart, and explain any deeper meanings to you.
- Receive stories and parables from Heaven to give insight or comfort; or as a way to teach and preach the Good News and alert people to the truth.

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

I have a paralyzed vocal cord that has made it very hard to talk, as you need two vocal cords that vibrate together in order to talk. [It seems that a very bad virus that I had in '96 had caused one of the cords to stop working permanently.] During a united prayer meeting, the Lord actually gave me my voice to give a prophecy where He said, "I can heal anything, just as I have healed this one who can now speak." Boy, were we all amazed! (ML 385) ***

It was about ten o'clock when the young man started driving home. Sitting in his car, he just began to pray, "God ... if You still speak to people, speak to me. I will listen. I will do my best to obey." As he drove down the main street of his town, he had the strangest thought, Stop and buy a gallon of milk. He could always use the milk. He stopped and purchased the gallon of milk and started off toward home. As he passed Seventh Street, he again felt the urge, Turn down that street. "Okay, God, I will." He drove several blocks, when suddenly, he felt like he should stop. Again, he sensed something, Go and give the milk to the people in the house across the street. The young man looked at the house. It was dark and it looked like the people were either gone or already asleep. He walked across the street and rang the bell. He could hear some noise inside.

A man's voice yelled out, "Who is it? What do you want?" The man was standing there in his jeans and t-shirt. He looked like he just got out of bed. He had a strange look on his face and he didn't seem too happy to have some stranger standing on his doorstep. "What is it?" The young man thrust out the gallon of milk, "Here, I brought this to you." The man took the milk and rushed down a hallway speaking loudly in Spanish. Then from down the hall came a woman carrying the milk toward the kitchen. The man was following her, holding a baby. The baby was crying. The man had tears streaming down his face. The man was half speaking and half crying: "We were just praying. We had some big bills this month, and we ran out of money. We didn't have any milk for our baby. I was just praying and asking God to show me how to get some milk." His wife in the kitchen yelled out, "I ask Him to send an angel with some. ... Are you an angel?" The young man reached into his wallet and pulled out all the money he had with him, and put it in the man's hand. He turned and walked back toward his car, tears streaming down his face. He knew that God still answers prayer. (GV 64)

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Three wishes granted -- through prophecy

Because of strained relations in the past, I really didn't want to go see my relatives, even though it had been 16 years since I had visited them. A little while ago I was very sick in bed for a week, unable to hardly walk or move with severe pain. I prayed and asked the Lord <u>why</u> this illness was happening and what I wasn't yielding to in my life. I got as clear as day that I wasn't yielding to even <u>praying</u> about the possibility of visiting my parents, and that the Lord wanted me to do that. So I promised the Lord that I would yield and bring it before Him in prayer. When we did so, He confirmed that it was His will for me to visit them, and said beautiful and amazing things about my visit and what a tremendous victory and testimony it was going to be.

A week or so later, I phoned my father and he was delighted that I was coming. The next day we received an emergency call from my father saying that within a matter of hours after I had called him, my mother had unexpectedly gone into the hospital having developed a bad case of pneumonia. This prompted further prayer on whether I should leave sooner than I had planned or if I could leave down the line a little, as my mother had been in and out of the hospital and on death's door a number of times over the past 20 years. This second prophecy session definitely had more of a sense of urgency about it, indicating that this harvest was ripe, was ready, and if left to wait would rot; that there was no need to wait or delay and that I should leave in ten days. However, it also stated that my mother would not die before I arrived. So with that, I was on my way in ten days time!

When I arrived my mother was still in the hospital, however, she had miraculously recovered from the pneumonia, and was now off the life support system she had apparently been on for a number of days. I heard that they didn't think she was going to make it. But miraculously she got it together and everyone told me they felt it was because I was coming. When I walked into the hospital room I didn't even recognize her. She was only 61, but looked about 80. She was thrilled to see me, and the next day she came home from the hospital. She needed a little assistance getting around, but she had a walker which enabled her to get around the house.

A week passed and everything was going well. My mother was slowly getting better, but was still extremely weak. It was about halfway through my visit when one evening I noticed she was hardly there; she was barely eating anything and was so weak.

The next morning my father came into my room and said that my mother seemed to have taken a turn for the worse and I'd better come right away. As I went into her bedroom, she was tossing and turning, and I could tell she was very distressed. I was trying to find out what was wrong, but it seemed difficult for her to talk or convey to us what was wrong.

My mother kept pleading with my father, "I don't want to go back to the hospital. I don't want to go back on life support!" My father was trying to console her that he would be with her and that she wouldn't be alone, but she was pretty insistent, saying, "No, no, no! I don't want to go!" At this point I was just praying, "Lord, You have to do something. I don't want to see her go back there either."

My father then left the room to call the ambulance and to get ready to go to the hospital, but unbeknownst to us at this time, the ambulance had apparently gotten lost trying to find our house. Left alone with my mother, I was trying to make her comfortable, talking to her, telling her I loved her and trying to otherwise reassure her. Then, right out of the blue with my eyes wide open, I had one of the most vivid visions I've ever seen. It was of my grandmother (my mother's mother) and my auntie (who had died a few years ago) in Heaven, making what seemed to be the final touches on a sweet little cottage which I assumed to be my mother's house there. There were a group of other people with them who I didn't recognize. My grandmother and auntie were saying to each other, "Come quickly, we have to finish up! We have to be ready to meet her!"

I was shocked and awed by the whole vision. I thought, "Oh, my God, she's going to go!" Then, before I could do or say anything, my mother suddenly sat right up in bed, her eyes wide open, in one of the most coherent and alert states I'd seen her in. She looked straight at me and said, "I feel like crying because I'm going to miss everyone so much!" With this comment, I realized she was either seeing the same thing I was seeing, or she knew she was going. Then she lay back down and closed her eyes again.

As she lay there, I laid my hand on her forehead and started praying, as well as trying to communicate with my mother through my prayers, telling her that I loved her and that she could let go now and she would go straight into Jesus' arms. I prayed that the Lord would take her now so that she wouldn't have to suffer anymore. Then she calmed right down, and stopped her tossing back and forth.

At this point I was pretty much an emotional mess, so I left the room to take a breather in my room, and my father went back in to be with my mother. My brother had also arrived.

A few minutes later my brother came into my bedroom crying, and fell into my arms. He told me that our mother had died. I cried tears of sadness, happiness, relief and rejoicing for her all at the same time! As my brother is a born-again Christian who believes in the gifts of the Spirit, I told him about the vision I'd seen. He right away exclaimed how beautiful it was, and told me that I just <u>had</u> to tell my father about it. We went back and forth about it, me saying that he probably didn't even believe in visions, and my brother insisting that I just <u>had</u> to tell him.

So I went out to the living room and said, "Dad, I have something to tell you. This is not easy for me, because I don't know if you'll believe this or not, but I had a vision before mom died." From there I went on to tell him all about it. His reaction was amazing, he absolutely flipped out! He said, "We've got to tell everyone about this! -- This is incredible!" He was so encouraged and his whole face lit up! I was so thankful for my brother's faith and encouragement to share it with him.

Then my father called the vicar, a woman priest, who came over immediately. Then my father, right in front of the vicar, tells me, "Tell her your vision!" Meanwhile I'm thinking, "Gee, thanks, Dad! She's really going to flip out over this one!" But anyway, I swallowed my pride and told her the vision. She was quiet for a moment, slowly nodded her head and said, "Well, yes, we would like to believe that these things happen. We hope that this is so..." Such little faith! I just looked at my father and he looked at me.

Later I said to my father, "Dad, I'm not sure if we should have told the vicar my vision. I don't know if she believes in that sort of thing." He said, "Well, it happened, so you have to tell people!" He was like a new babe, so excited by what the Lord had done, wanting to tell everyone about it, ha!

Then I had the faith to tell him about the prophecies we'd received for my trip. I explained about prophecy, how different people had

prayed and heard from the Lord for me, and I proceeded to share excerpts of the prophecies with him. Such excerpts were: that my mother was "on the door of the Kingdom," that this was going to be a tremendous "witness and testimony," that the "Shepherd was gathering in His sheep," and I needed to leave "in ten days' time," and that "my mother would not die before I arrived," etc. Well, he absolutely flipped out -- he was completely sold on it! It was like the whole spirit world was suddenly opened to him. My home country's primary religion hardly even believes in the spirit world!! Yet he was open for anything -- anything! He was converted, a totally changed man!

During the remaining evenings before I left, my father had the idea to type up all that had happened and had now affectionately coined it "the testimony." We sat down together and typed up the events that had happened surrounding my mother's death, which included my sickness, hearing from the Lord that I should visit, the prophecy excerpts received, my vision, how the ambulance got "lost," which I now believe the Lord engineered as my mom did not want to go back to the hospital, etc. He planned to photocopy this and mail it to the ones he felt could receive it, but that hadn't been able to attend and hear it at the funeral.

Had the ambulance come directly to the house, the paramedics would have preempted or interrupted the vision, and my mother probably would have died in the ambulance or at the hospital. However, by the time it arrived, she had passed into Jesus' arms.

My father told me later that my mother had three wishes before she died. One was to see me again. The second was to have family photos taken, which we had taken the day before she died, and the third was not to go back to the hospital on life support. So the Lord granted her three wishes.

My father's sweet parting words and request to me was that if I received any other words from the Lord, any other visions or any direction for his personal family, could I please write and tell him. He's very open and receptive. (GV 4)

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

Abide in My Words, and let them abide in you. Let them dwell in you richly. Drink them in, eat them, imbibe them; but do not neglect My voice. Listen to it. For I speak to you through My Word, and I speak to you through the gift of prophecy, and I speak to you in the whispers in your heart and in your mind when you commune with Me, and when you stop here and there and look up--in those times when your receptivity is highest and those that help you can whisper in your ears and place things in your heart and mind and can give you direction. So exercise these gifts.

Know and understand that My Word is first and foremost, for I exalt it even above My Name. But for further strength and help and guidance, listen to My voice and listen to the whispers, and you shall have strength that you know not of. It shall make your task easier, for you will be allowing us to direct you more from this side, and we will work together even better.

So tune in! Fine-tune and hear the voice of the Lord your God, and of those whom He has sent to help lead and guide and instruct you. For we are in it together, and together we will march forth to victory, and together we will win the world for Me! And we will do it so much more effectively if you will tune in, if you will get your radio signals from Heaven and your instructions through My Word, through My voice and through the whispers.

As you exercise this gift of prophecy, you will have a clearer understanding and greater faith. As you see those things work that I say unto you, and the fruit that it brings forth, and the joy and encouragement and instruction that it gives unto you and others, you will see how much easier the job can be if you let us participate.

So come on! Let's work together!--You working together there and we working together Here, all of us working together. For it is <u>our</u> work and it is <u>your</u> work and together it is <u>all</u> of our work. For we all seek the same goal--to bring forth My light and love to the lost, to bring great joy to the world, and to proclaim My truth unto the ends of the Earth! (ML #2995)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

Willingly give Me your thoughts in humility, and through the power of the keys you can know My mind.

PSA.119:24 Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

PRO.1:23 I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

For I speak to you through My Word, and I speak to you through the gift of prophecy, and I speak to you in the whispers in your heart and in your mind when you commune with Me. (ML 2995)

Listen to My voice and listen to the whispers, and you shall have strength. It shall make your task easier, for you will be allowing us to direct you more from this side. (ML 2995)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

JOH.6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

JOH.6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

JOH.6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

JOH.6:66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

JOH.6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

JOH.6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

JOH.6:69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

JOH.14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

JOH.14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

JOH.16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

JOH.16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

JOH.16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

JOH.16:15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

JOH.17:13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

JOH.17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

JOH.17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

JOH.17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

JOH.17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

REV.1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

REV.19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are

called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

REV.19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

REV.19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

REV.19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

REV.19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

REV.19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

REV.19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

REV.2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

REV.2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;

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10. Full Possession by Jesus—and Heavenly Thought Power

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

(Jesus speaking:) I want your mind to be My television, My broadcasting station, My bank where I can store Heavenly treasures, My recording device, and much more. I want it to be a place where I can put all kinds of good things. I don't want any of its shelves and data to be filled with

anything but the best. But boy does the enemy sure try to take up space and push the good out. But be liken Nehemiah when he came back to check out how things were, he moved the infiltrator and all his stuff out of the temple. He cleaned out all that didn't belong in a place created to glorify God, not man and the things of the world. How much space do I take up in your mind? Or do new thoughts I wish to give you have a hard time vying for a bit of room as the shelves of your head are so filled with the things of this world? If so, it's time for a clear out. Make room for new ideas that I give you when you pray, and toss out whatever objects to the new and good and helpful. Out go old concepts that are outdated and obsolete, and on you will go making new progress.

*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 keys of the Kingdom can change your spirit, your mind, and your thoughts, so that you're in My Spirit, using My mind, and thinking My thoughts. The more you call on the keys of total possession by Me, the more they will be activated, and the more you will experience the changes you desire.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- Shun everything of this world that is displeasing to Jesus—be it items or ideas; being cleansed daily, abundantly by His Word. Shut out and shut off any and all in roads of the world's ways and thoughts; keep your mind pure.
- Ask Jesus His thoughts on issues, and take that on as your stance and opinion.
- Give Jesus your time and life; let Him say what you do and when you do it, and with whom.
- Ask for spiritual protection when you go out into the world, and when you come back pray to be cleansed spiritually. Do the same when you are taking in the things of the world through videos,

music, books, articles—if there is a reason you have to take them in. Ask the Lord to guide your thoughts and to wash away what isn't right and pleasing to Him; the thoughts and ideas and imagery.

- Keep your intake of God's Word to a maximum, daily; and input that comes from the world to a minimum if you have to have any at all. Start and end your day getting on the Lord's channel.
- Get the infilling of the Holy Spirit; and claim the Keys of full possession and Heavenly thought power.
- Be surrendered to Jesus; yielding to Him and to His will; giving up self to serve Him whole heartedly, and obey His every wish. Keep forsaking pride and self-will, image and ambition; let Jesus use your life and body to be His presence on Earth, performing His will and speaking His words and doing His work every day, every hour.
- Be desperate for Jesus; knowing you can't do anything right without His help. Praying all the time and getting His permission and protection for doing anything. Reaching out to Him all day long, showing your dependance on Him, and love for Him, wanting Him to be involved in all that you do; never indifferent or ignoring His presence, but constantly inviting Him to be a part of all you do, and dropping what you are doing if He leads you to do something different. Choose to move with Him and never want to walk off without His Spirit.
- Forsake and give up anything that is harmful for your spiritual life, or that allows the enemy entrance into your life—be it physical, or an activity, or people you associate with, or input of any kind. Purge your life of all forms of idols—things of the world that do you no good and aren't of God.

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

(Japan) Instant witnessing is still the "in thing," but in certain situations I've thought it inappropriate to offer a tract. For example, in Japan you normally would not approach folks involved in a traffic accident, no matter how minimal the damage--interruptions are not welcome in such an event. In this day and age, however, as the keys lead you and Heavenly thought power controls you, anything is possible!

Recently, I was just starting on a short walk, when that little voice whispered in my ear: "Don't walk the way you usually go--turn right instead!"

As soon as I changed direction--boom!--there was an accident right in front of me! Two cars had bumped each other; they were both sitting in the middle of the narrow road, with the drivers standing talking. "What now, Lord?" I asked.

"Tracts!" was the immediate reply.

"Are You sure?" I had almost passed the two men and felt awkward to turn back to approach them. Noticing the friendly face of the one nearest to me helped me do it. I handed each of them a tract. Wonder of wonders, they didn't shoo me away!

Not only did they gratefully receive the pamphlets, but the friendly faced guy was willing to accommodate my far-from-perfect Japanese and prayed to receive Jesus right there, on the spot, oblivious of the two cars still blocking the street! I explained that the Lord's love could solve any problem, and the other man, who had been about to walk away, held on to his tract, saying he wanted to learn about that love, too. Boy, was I ever glad to have obeyed! (GV 156)

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YOU CAN BE AWARE OF PEOPLE'S PRESENCE WITHOUT SEEING THEM, even if you don't hear them. The wall's standing there not making a sound, but you feel its presence. Believe it or not, I've had this experience walking along in the dark. I've suddenly felt I was about to hit something and discovered I was just about to run into a branch or a pole or a wire or something.

OF COURSE, I'M SURE THAT THE LORD GOT THE MESSAGE TO ME BY HIS ANGELS, the spirits watching over us, but it seemed like I could feel it. I'll

never forget when we were walking along in the dark that night at the Ranch when we came across that rattlesnake. I suddenly sensed its presence, then I heard that rattle! He was about seven feet long, the biggest one I ever saw there. (ML 1975)

In the mid-1960s my husband's sister Muriel became very ill. My husband and six-year-old daughter, Linda, and I travelled to Tulsa to be present while Muriel underwent surgery for a diseased kidney. As we neared Tulsa, a thought flashed into my mind out of nowhere. One red rose, a voice said. Take one red rose to Muriel. My husband agreed to stop at a florist's shop. However, it was late and everything was closed.

The next morning my husband went to the hospital to wait during the operation. I stayed with Linda and my husband's elderly mother at her home. All I could think of was that red rose. I felt compelled to search out that rose. So Linda and I walked uptown, and I bought one red rose. When my husband returned, he said that Muriel had come through the surgery, and it was now touch-and-go as to whether she'd recover. He also told me he'd ordered a big bouquet of gladiolas for Muriel's room.

"That's lovely, honey," I said. "But she's got to have this red rose, too." When we went to the hospital later, Muriel was still groggy and wasn't able to talk to us, but I put the rose, by itself, in a vase where she could see it. Because of work commitments we had to return home without ever talking to Muriel, but we did learn that she would recover. Soon we got a letter, "Before I went to the hospital," Muriel wrote, "I prayed that if I was supposed to live, God would send me a sign I specifically asked for, something that meant God was with me and would give me the heart to go on. When I opened my eyes after the operation, there it was, the very thing I'd prayed for--a red rose." (CLTP 19)

A distinguished Indian evangelist named Sadhu Chellappa was on a mission trip to a village north of Madras, when in the middle of the night

he suddenly sensed God speaking to him: "Leave this house quickly and run away!"

Not exactly a convenient thing to do. But Chellappa was used to accepting even strange instructions from the Lord without discussion, so he quickly dressed and ran into the darkness. After a while, he was in the open country. Then as he passed beneath a large tree, he felt God tell him, "Stay here and start to preach."

Now, this was puzzling--there was no one to be seen. Why did God want him to preach to an empty tree in the middle of the field in the middle of the night? But he stopped under the tree and began to preach the Gospel. Finally he reached the point at which he called on his unseen listeners to give their lives to Jesus. He was surprised to hear a voice from the top of the tree and see a man climb down, crying. He tearfully gave his life to Jesus. When asked what he was doing out there at night in the middle of nowhere, the man said, "I was going to [end my life]."

(Mega Shift)

All my life I have been a chronic daydreamer. Since I was a small child I can remember spending my free hours in this pastime. All children daydream to some extent, and most people give it up by a certain age, but for me it kept on going until ... two days ago!

I never really had the desire to give up this thing that I found so pleasurable. It had gotten to the point that I couldn't do anything without daydreaming. It was a habit, one that was so deeply ingrained, that I was sure I would never be able to get rid of.

The Lord told me that I had to stop daydreaming, mainly because it was hindering my Word time. I was praying about the question concerning what we need to give up in order to put on the Lord's mind and to be able to use the gift of Heavenly thought power. I then got a sobering prophecy about how I needed to get rid of my daydreaming problem if I was going to make progress.

(Jesus speaking:) It doesn't matter what things you daydream about, it is just not healthy to always be imagining scenarios that may never

happen. ... Daydreaming can be an inroad of the Enemy if you don't keep it in check. Many times you imagine negative things, situations that would make you very sad, and these get you on a negative train of thought. ... We are going to have to call it quits with this. I just don't want you to do it anymore. [When you were] a child I winked at what you did, but now as an adult you must "put away childish thinking" and start maturing in this area. (End of excerpt of message from Jesus.)

After this I did try my best to give it up, but my best didn't work because I didn't *want* to give up daydreaming. I thought it would be too hard. I would pray and ask for help, and for maybe a day or two I would manage, but then I would slip back into it again. I would resist the checks that I had specifically requested from my spirit helpers, so after a time I wouldn't hear them. Like the quote says, "Truth resisted loses power over the mind," and I was resisting strongly.

Finally I was starting to get sick of it. Yes, I was still daydreaming, but every time I did I would feel bad. I was finally starting to hate it. I would get mad at myself for it, but I still hadn't realized what I needed to do. Lately the Lord has been working on me to pay more attention to the spiritual and all the new moves of the spirit. Some guotes that helped me see I needed to let go of this problem were, "If you are going to use the full power I have given you, I cannot share your thoughts with the carnal mind. I cannot perform mighty works through you in coexistence with the mind of man--for this hinders, it sets back, it stifles My Spirit from fully and completely performing great feats through you. It prevents you from activating the full capacity of spiritual powers that are at your disposal. If you are going to work greater miracles, if you are going to fulfill your destiny, you must be Mine. You must be wholly, totally, completely possessed by Me, and in order to do this, you must put on My mind. You must allow the spirit of My mind to become one with the spirit of your mind. Your brain must be My brain. You must put on the totality of the mind of God" (#3376).

I had been wondering why I wasn't able to avail myself of Heavenly thought power. I had read these quotes many times, but only recently did they stand out. Now I knew. I had to let go of my desire to entertain my brain in order to have God's brain. I was taking my prayer time in the morning and my very close and personal spirit helper suggested I claim the power of the keys to overcome this problem. There was the answer staring me in the face and I hadn't seen it. I had been using the keys for other things, but it had never occurred to me to use them for this. So I did. I prayed a desperate prayer and claimed every key promise I could find on the topic. My favourite one is "Nothing is impossible to those who call upon the power of the keys of the Kingdom." It says it clearly there: Nothing is impossible! So I prayed against daydreaming like I had never prayed before.

It has now been two days and I have not daydreamed once.--A complete miracle! Yes, I was tempted, but I now have key power behind me and am able to resist the temptations that I had not been able to before. So here is proof that the keys do work and that serious problems that you may have had for years can be overcome. The Lord told me that part of the healing would be to testify of it, so I'm doing it. If it worked for me it can work for you. I will end here with another key promise I really like: "Never underestimate the power of the keys. All things are possible with the power of the keys. Power to the people with the keys." (GV 144)

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

90. The keys of prayer link you directly to Me. The keys of heavenly thought power link Me directly with you. While you call on the keys, our two-way communication cannot be broken. I hear you loud and clear, and I will never fail to answer every call. (ML 3567)

39. You have seen what I desire--to have you, to more fully possess you, to mesmerize you, to enthrall, to spellbind you with My Spirit, so that I might show you how deeply and completely I love you, so that together we can defy all evil and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth! You must have Me fully within you if you are to fulfill your destiny. You must be completely possessed by Me.

As you give yourselves to Me, as you take these vows of utter yielding and forsaking, I <u>will</u> more fully possess you, and we will be one. I will come into you and you will know greater ecstasies; you will experience greater

excitement and sensations of My Spirit; I will take you to new realms, to discover new horizons and reach higher heights than you have ever known. (ML 3378)

40. I want you, My brides. I want to give you all I've got. I want to fill you with My love to greater satisfaction. You will never, ever regret allowing Me full possession, for this is the ultimate! There is no greater satisfaction, no greater love than the love I wish to lavish upon you when you say yes to Me. I bid you come. Come and let us consummate our love. You have vowed a vow of utter surrender, love and devotion, so let Me possess you now. (End of message from Jesus.) (ML 3378)

29. Focusing on the power is letting My Words and the power you have in the keys <u>dictate</u> your life. It's letting the keys and the things I instruct you to do have <u>supreme rule</u> in your life. As My Father's Word to Me had to dictate <u>My</u> every action, so My Word to you must dictate all <u>your</u> actions. Focusing on the power is ignoring all possibilities other than what the keys and My Word can do for you. Focusing on the power is refusing any alternatives other than using the keys and standing on My Word. (ML 3374)

8. I need to take full possession of you--not in scattered moments here and there, but I want to possess you fully and completely all the time. I want and need to have full control in your lives--full possession. This is what is necessary for you to be able to open up and use the new gift I will put in your hands--you must let Me possess you. I want to give you this gift, yet for you to be able to open it and put it to use, I must possess you. (ML 3376)

20. • You are destined to triumph victorious over the Dragon, Satan himself, over the world and the evil therein, a feat that has been matched by no others. I remind you that this war of good and evil has been waged since Adam and Eve chose to eat of the knowledge of good and evil. You know you are not able, but I in you am. Yet to face down Satan himself, I must have <u>full</u> control of your heart, mind, soul, and spirit. I am talking big time, the grand finale, the final showdown. This is "it"! The way you will conquer and triumph victorious as you overcome the world is through allowing Me to possess you.

35. If you are going to use the <u>full power</u> I have given you, I cannot share your thoughts with the carnal mind. I cannot perform mighty works through you in coexistence with the mind of man--for this hinders, it sets back, it stifles My Spirit from fully and completely performing great feats through you. It prevents you from activating the full capacity of spiritual powers that are at your disposal.

36. If you are going to work greater miracles, if you are going to fulfill your destiny, you must be Mine. You must be wholly, totally, completely possessed by Me, and in order to do this, you must put on My mind. You must more fully think My thoughts. You must allow the spirit of My mind to become one with the spirit of your mind. Your brain must be My brain. You must put on the <u>totality</u> of the mind of God.

37. How do you do this, you ask? To put on My mind, you must <u>put off</u> the mind of man, the mind of the world, the thoughts of Satan, the propaganda of Satan, the knowledge of the world, the wisdom of the world, the mind of vanity, the mind of flesh. You must put off a reprobate mind, a doubtful mind. Put off the carnal.

38. The carnal mind is enmity against Me--this is the crux of the matter. The carnal mind is the opponent of My Spirit, for it is not subject to My Law of Love, nor is it subject to the miracle-working power of My Spirit. Therefore, if you are going to be miracle workers, if you are going to call on the power of the keys and access them to the full, you must put off the carnal mind.

39. Throughout My Word I have chided My children to put on the mind of God, to be renewed in your mind, to mind <u>not</u> the things of the Earth, to set your minds on Heaven, to <u>gird up</u> the loins of your mind. That means putting up barricades to shield yourselves from the carnal. It means rejecting the wisdom of the world and not allowing this wisdom to enter and take root. It's rejecting worldly knowledge and ways, rejecting the enticements of that which is carnal. To gird up the loins of your minds means to prepare, My children. In this case, prepare your minds for action! Prepare to let My mind move freely in you. Prepare to be My miracle workers of the End. Prepare to do exploits, to do greater things than all the prophets or I did while on Earth. Prepare by putting on the mind of Christ, by allowing Me to fully possess you.

46. I am not asking you to put away all forms of recreation that involve

the world, or always forgo or shun movies, books, magazines, the Internet, etc. But what you need to ask yourself, and ask Me above all, is how much these things influence your thoughts. How much time do you spend relaxing with those things, and how much time do you spend relaxing with Me? Do you take time in My Word to cleanse yourself after partaking of the things of the world, even when it's for simple relaxation? There probably is no more important time to seek to be cleansed than after delving into the world for relaxation and entertainment, because if you're on the job and doing research, you're more likely to be on guard and prayerful, and thus the Enemy cannot come in as much. But when you're relaxing, this is a time when the Enemy can often get in wholesale with his ideas and thought patterns and mindsets, because you're "just relaxing," so you take it all in without filtering it or measuring it against the vardstick of My Word, and without taking time to be cleansed afterwards through prayer, communion with Me, and even seeking Me about specifics that stick in your mind from those things.

47. There are also times when it's necessary for the sake of the work, and I give you the go-ahead to immerse yourselves in some of these things, when it's necessary to pass through the waters of worldly wisdom and knowledge. But I want you to ask yourselves, what care do you take to filter this input through the sieve of My Words during those times, both written and My Word in prophecy for you personally? Do you delve into the knowledge of the world and the ways of the world without following through with the cleansing process of My Spirit afterwards? Do you delve into worldly wisdom without proper inoculation and detoxification? Do you delve into worldly knowledge and let it linger? Or do you shun that which is carnal and put on My mind? Do you ask Me what I think about the conclusions you come to after talking with people of the world or reading their material? When you look something up on the Internet, do you stop to ask Me what I think of it, or if I agree with their conclusions, or if their information is even accurate by My standards and the way I know things to truly be? These are habits you must build if you are to be able to receive this gift I want to give you.

49. What care do you take to filter carnal thoughts and wisdom through My Spirit, without fail? You <u>must</u> filter what contact you have with the world through Me, without fail, if you are to stay pure and undefiled, ready

and able to be conductors of My full power. I have spoken to you of this need to filter all things through My Words and Spirit; now it must be put into continual practice.

52. I have put you <u>in</u> the world, My loves, yet you are not to be <u>of</u> the world. To activate the new gift I will give you, you must come out of the world, be separate in all your ways, and touch not the unclean thing--that is, in your mind, in your thoughts, in your spirit. You can be in the world, but not of the world, only by putting on My mind. You may need to be aware of the worldly wisdom, yet you are not to let it become part of you, nor let it use you and guide you.

59. And know that to be fully possessed by Me, to be conductors of My sovereign power, is all in all! When you open this gift that I will place in your hands and behold what you stand to gain, you will see it is worth it all. When you understand the awesomeness of it, you will see it is worth rising above the flesh to live in the spirit. They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they who go after the things of the spirit will be unbeatable--the miracle workers of the Last Days!

60. You'll never be sorry you said yes to Me. When you see what you stand to gain, and when you partake of this gift, you will have no regrets that you put off that which is carnal to walk with Me in the world of the spirit.

62. These I will lift to supreme heights in these Last Days. You will rise above all obstacles to live in the miracle world, to transcend the earthbound and glory in the supernatural. To you, there will be no problems, no obstacles you encounter that can stop you--for anything that stands in your way will vanish before your eyes at the touch of your faith!

63. There will be no mountains to you, for I will fully possess you and the awesome power of My energy will flow freely through you--energy and power that know no stopping place, that never run out, that know no defeat--alive, active energy that will propel you, activate you, and energize you to fulfill the commission for which you were created.

64. All power is given to those who are not yoked to the knowledge and wisdom of man, to carnal-mindedness, but who put on My mind, who

take Me in and allow Me full possession. And when I possess you, you will not be shaken in mind nor troubled in spirit, for I will live fully in you. No fear will touch you, for you will exude My power, My love, My sound mind. *(End of message from Jesus.)* (ML 3376)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

With the keys of full possession you can put aside your own thoughts and know My mind.

JAM.4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

ISA.26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

I desire to have you, to more fully possess you, to mesmerize you, to enthrall, to spellbind you with My Spirit, so that I might show you how deeply and completely I love you. (ML 3378)

Together we can defy all evil and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth! You must have Me fully within you if you are to fulfill your destiny. (ML 3378)

I need to take full possession of you--not in scattered moments here and there, but I want to possess you fully and completely all the time. (ML 3376)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

JOH.15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

JOH.15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

LUK.12:11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

LUK.12:12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

LUK.21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

LUK.21:13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

LUK.21:14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

LUK.21:15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

MAT.10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

MAT.10:17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

MAT.10:18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

MAT.10:19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

MAT.10:20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

MAR.13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

JOH.17:10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

JOH.17:13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

JOH.17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

JOH.17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

JOH.17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

JOH.17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

JOH.17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

JOH.17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

JOH.17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

JOH.17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

JOH.17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

JOH.17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

LUK.16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

MAT.6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

MAT.6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of

darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

MAT.6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

MAT.12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

MAT.12:44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

MAT.12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

MAT.15:36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

MAT.15:37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.

LUK.2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

JOH.2:7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

JOH.2:8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

JOH.2:9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew

the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

JOH.2:10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

MAT.5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

ACT.2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

ACT.2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

ACT.2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

ACT.2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

ACT.2:11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

ACT.2:12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

ACT.2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

ACT.2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

ACT.2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

ACT.2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

ACT.2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

ACT.2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

ARMED AND STRONG IN THE LORD

11. Faith, rising above, and focusing on the light: God's Power

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

God's Power—When I come into you, like a gushing wind that fills the sails on a boat, then I can move you along. You are not going to fit everything there possibly could be into the one little suitcase of your life, but do make sure that the best things for survival make it in. Faith is the God quality in you that tells you to keep on believing, even if many others don't. It's what tells you to keep on going, when it seems like it's the perfect time to fold up and stop, due to this and that factor. With faith you can please Me because it's the opposite of thinking and acting in the ways of the world. It's the element that keeps you focusing on what really actually matters and moving on from anything else that is troubling you or pinning you into a corner seemingly yelling to your face that "it can't be done, so give it up". But with this being of light that is stationed right next to you, you keep the faith and you don't give up; you look at things in the way that Heaven would like you to see things.

*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 keys of faith can give you My perspective, to help you see things as I see them, to understand why I have brought them to pass, and to know that it will work together for your good.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- When you face problems, look to the Lord and ask Him what to do, and focus on His unlimited supernatural ability.
- Read and tell true accounts of the miracles God has done for His people and is doing.
- Don't regularly watch and read and listen the worldly "news" that which is the devil's declaration of his so called "wins" and the harm he has been inflicting. Try to find out the victories for the Kingdom of God, or ask the Lord to tell you what is really happening, and the wins that actually are occurring; the greater good that is taking place even in the midst of terrible situations.
- Don't get caught up in the spirit of fear that is in the world; remember you are under new management—you are part of the Kingdom of God, and Jesus is in control. He loves you, you love Him, and there is no fear in love.
- Pray against fear in all forms, and use the weapons that fight fear: God's Word, hearing from Jesus, and showing and receiving love; spending time loving Jesus and being reassured of His absolute love and absolute power, taking time to praise the Lord for all that He has done and is doing and the amazing things He will yet do.
- Feed your faith by reading about what God did for others who trusted Him alone to help them; and by putting the Lord to the test and calling for His help when in a tight situation.
- Do what the Word of God tells you to do, and find out that it's true. Put the Word into action, show your faith in it by your obedience, and your faith will grow.
- Use extreme praise when things look very much not in your favour, or are very difficult and painful, and the enemy seems to have gotten in with a blow. Tell Jesus you are glad for what He is allowing and that you trust Him utterly to work all things out for the best.
- Reaffirm your allegiance and loyalty to Jesus' winning side by praising the Lord no matter what happens; and thanking Him in all situations. Cheer on the King of kings' troops that are taking over

the world through telling Jesus He is the best, no matter what bad thing the enemy is trying to use to turn you away from Jesus.

- When others are having very difficult times, try to point them to hope in Jesus' power, and to focus on the good; and trust that the Lord will work all things for good in each person's life who loves Jesus above all and are giving their life to do what Jesus called them to do.
- Use each challenge, trial and affliction as a nudge to get closer to Jesus, to learn more about how He feels, thinks, and wants you to be like; and use it to cause you to pray with greater fervency for others, and have more loving compassion on fellow believers. Let the difficult time cause you to pray for, and show more, the fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life. (Love, gentleness, peace, loving suffering, faith, joy, meekness, speaking the good.)

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

1999 RIDDLE: What's more powerful than 200 atom bombs? By Samara, Istanbul Home, Turkey

[Answer: The earthquake last month! They say that the quake that hit Turkey was more than 400 times the force of the atomic explosions that hit Hiroshima and Nagasaki!

The killer quake that hit Turkey last month is said to have been the biggest of the century. It was pretty freaky to say the least! It happened in the wee hours of the morning on August 17. There had been absolutely no warning, and since earthquakes aren't a regular occurrence here, no one was prepared.

We were all blissfully sleeping in our beds, when at exactly 3:00 A.M., our whole house started shaking! One of the uncles in the Home dashed upstairs shouting "everyone out!" Everyone started tearing down the stairs-some in panties, others with sheets wrapped around them, in any and all strange manners of clothing.

There is no way to describe how horrible it sounded, except like hell; there was glass shaking and every beam and board in the house groaning and sounding like it was about to cave in. There was a roaring sound like a giant bulldozer moving through the house.

Thank God we all made it out. However, 30-40,000 people weren't as blessed as us, and died in the quake. We spent all of that night sleeping in the dewy grass with the ground pulsating under us as if trying to recover from what had happened. The obvious then happenedblackout, curfews, military moving in to keep the peace, etc. We, along with most other people in the city, spent the next few nights sleeping outside!

We went the following day to check out what had happened. At the epicenter where the earthquake hit, the town was completely leveled, as it was also on the sea front where tidal waves pulled whatever wasn't destroyed by the earthquake into the sea. We all had to wear masks as the area reeked from the smell of so much death. About 300,000 were left homeless. Nations from around the world flew in supplies, relief workers, and dogs to help locate those buried under the rubble and tents.

Thus the famous tent cities were born, where thousands of tents were set up for those who had survived. Whole cities emptied into the tent camps as tremors have become daily occurrences, and most of the remaining houses that are still standing are ready to collapse. We have been working up at this place for almost a month now, at first just helping to set up the camp, and then digging in the mud, working in the kitchen, holding crying babies, etc. Both of our Homes in Istanbul have pretty much put everything else on hold, as our personnel are busy full time in this situation.

One more disaster that happened apart from the earthquake, and then the baking heat which made the area stink, was that intense rain fell, turning everything into a sea of mud, drenching the tents and making life miserable. We approached all of our friends and supporters and people have been donating soooooo much!-From fresh fruit to play dough, school supplies, vegetables, pudding, plastics, toys, clothes, you name it. We've been going camp to camp distributing, as well as taking care of the kids and doing puppet shows and other activities for them.

The Lord said in prophecy that He had sent this earthquake to crack open people's hearts, and that is exactly what has happened. People here are so broken, and they completely devour the Heaven books that we've distributed. Prior to this the Turkish government had been cracking down on any and all sorts of evangelical activities, and deporting Christians. We've had to work with the military in these camps, and after watching us doing the most menial tasks, like picking up garbage ankle deep in mud, etc., we have totally won their trust. Now begins the time when we can start mending people's spiritual wounds. (GV 74)

Account of our trip to Gölcük (area worst hit in the recent earthquake in Turkey)

By the Izmir team

As you well know, one of the most destructive earthquakes ever occurred on the evening of August 17 in the Istanbul area of Turkey, 500 kms away from our Home...

The next morning, all the TV channels were broadcasting live, minute by minute, the terrible news of such widespread destruction. We spent the first day in prayer, as there was so much that needed to be done and we felt very small in front of the magnitude of God's doings.

Calling the Homes in Istanbul was not possible, as all phone lines were disrupted. Again, all we could do was pray. We were so grateful to be able to go to our precious Jesus and let Him handle our heavy hearts. We heard later on that the people in the Family Homes were all safe and sound. What a relief it was to know that all was well and that He had cared for His Own!

The Lord led us to join relief efforts with a team sent by a friend's company, so the eight of us prepared in a hurry, piled early the next morning into our camper and traveled the whole day. Through a sweet friend who owns a gas station, the Lord provided the fuel we needed to get there and we arrived on the spot late at night.

The place appeared to us rather spooky, as all around us were dust and crumbled buildings, some smashed flat to the ground, some

tilted in grotesque positions, some of them only having slipped off their foundations, the first floor being at the level of the streets. It was a "ghost town." The laundry was still hanging on the balconies, some homes seemed ready to receive back their occupants, yet all was eerie, quiet, deserted and unreal. No one was in the streets except the relief teams, military, police forces, or volunteers. Only the screeching sounds of the ambulances broke the silence. It was a state of complete ruin and despair. There was an awful smell everywhere, and it was safer to wear masks.

It took us a while to locate the meeting place, and by the time we got there our friends had left. This was the set-up the Lord had for us. We entered the municipality building and met with the officials. They were so impressed that we had left everything behind, and that our whole family and some friends-all foreigners-had come there as soon as we could. We were put in touch with the security team of Gölcük, special police forces that are usually involved with fighting the terrorists in Eastern Turkey.

Each and every one of the officers we met were so appreciative of the time we spent with them, hearing their side of the involvement, hearing their aches, and just being there for them. Most of them hadn't slept in days, and in spite of their exhaustion, they were going out of their way to receive us in the midst of this chaos, bringing the traditional tea, and later on they sweetly fed us all. When it came time for bed that night, it was no small affair to fit all eight of us in our van, which normally could comfortably sleep four or five people. It was rather an odd sight.

After a short rest, we woke to a gloomy rainy morning, brushed our teeth right there in the street, and went to the same water tank as the locals. There was no running water anywhere, no proper toilets, no electricity, and the streets around us were filled with rubble and disoriented people. People were camping out everywhere-on the town square, on the sidewalks, away from the buildings, in open spaces.

Our police friends came to greet us and introduced us to the main relief team, headed by a very kind man in his mid-fifties. We were directed to help in the food and supply lines, and for many hours some of us stood there. It was such a heartbreaking sight, lines and lines of people having lost all, coming to get bread or basic necessities. Each person passing was desperately hoping to get some recognition, some acknowledgment, and we felt as if we were a non-stop running fountain of love, hope and comfort. All in their own ways were grateful for the look, the pat on the arm, the brave smiles we were trying to put on for them, when all along, inside, we felt like weeping. Some were as bold as taking us into their arms and thanking us over and over again.

One day felt like a week to us, as every slot of time was filled with some new event or our having to help here or there, or sit with people and just be a presence, a listening ear, a comforting hand-just being there for them.

The above account of events took place a couple of days after the earthquake. Many relief teams came from all over the world. There were Japanese, Malaysians, South Africans, French, Belgians, Mexicans, and a great variety of Turkish people from all over the country. In a situation like that, all barriers fall and everyone is there to help. There is an immediate kindred spirit that unites and cements all interactions. It is an overwhelming feeling to be surrounded with people who care for their fellowman. Everybody is making a sacrifice to be there; everyone feels called to come to the rescue. (GV 74)

I consider that I have faith for healing, faith that the Lord is going to heal my eyes--in His time. The reason I have faith that He's going to heal me in this life is because He's promised, and I believe His Word. Faith comes by hearing the Word, and I've heard the Word and I believe it.

13. I don't have faith to know exactly <u>when</u> it will happen, because the Lord hasn't told me when, but I have no doubt that the Lord will do it sooner or later. When the Lord said in prophecy that He would heal me, He also said that the time had not yet come for Him to do so. So although I don't have the faith for His <u>immediate</u> healing, I do have the faith for His <u>eventual</u> healing, at the time He knows is right.

14. You might say that I don't have faith for healing, because I've had my affliction for years and I haven't gotten healed. Well, in one sense you'd be right!--I <u>don't</u> have the faith for <u>immediate</u> healing. Faith is a gift from God, but if He doesn't want to heal you right now, then He's not going to give you the gift of faith for immediate healing. But the fact is that I <u>do</u> have faith for healing--<u>eventual</u> healing. I <u>know</u> the Lord will heal me when He's ready.

15. The kind of faith I have is to completely trust my life and my health and my eyes to the Lord, knowing that He will do whatever is <u>best</u> for me. I have faith that His ways are higher than my ways, and His

thoughts than mine (Isa.55:8-9). I believe that He'll heal me according to His plan and His timetable, that He knows <u>what's</u> best for me, and He knows <u>when</u> it's best to give me complete healing. To me, that's the best kind of faith--to know that the Lord is in complete control and to trust Him that He's going to make it all turn out the way He wants it to--that He'll carry me through it all some way. (ML 3153)

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

(Jesus speaking:) The battles rage in the spirit. The heat is rising and the fight is growing more intense than in times past. It's a battle royal! As I have told you on many occasions, these fighting days when I allow you and your loved ones to be tried and tested to the limits of both your strength and patience are not without a purpose.

5. It is precisely in times such as this that I teach you to walk by faith, not sight. You've heard this more than once, that the trying of your faith is more precious than gold, but during these days you will come to know faith as you have never known it before. The purpose of this time, these present days, is to help you grow to possess pure, white, unshakable faith--faith that will not be daunted; faith that will not flinch, nor tremble, nor waver, nor even consider the possibility of giving up; faith that doesn't consider the prospect of surrender.

6. In these days I wish to stretch your faith to limits which not only you have never experienced, but that no other humans who have ever lived have experienced! This is the destiny of the children of David of the Time of the End--to exercise greater faith than the world has ever seen. I want more than to enrich your faith; I want your faith to reach the outer limits! I want your faith to break all records, for it must, My loves.

7. This is the only type of faith that will overcome the world.

9. With man--that is, with your limited strength and ability--there are impossibilities, but when you fully realize your need for Me and you let Me take full control and work as only I can, then all is possible. When you reach the point of letting go of yourself, even though it's completely contrary to your natural mind, then I can bless you and reward you for that demonstration of trust in Me. Then, even though it seems hopeless and you

feel weaker and slower and dumber than ever, you still believe that in spite of all that, I will come through for you. The more you reach the point of recognizing your own weakness, the more you know you need Me; and the more you know you need Me, the more you call out to Me and depend on Me. As your need and dependence on Me grows, so does My power within you grow, until you reach the point where My Spirit and power rests fully upon you. Then you truly become a new creature in Me, one who defies all the odds and can do the impossible! (ML 3316)

16. When I was faced with the impossible, with that which was too hard for Me in My human strength to bear, I was driven in desperation to look for a way to overcome. This is what led Me to learn the art of rising above. This was My salvation. I didn't have to give in. I didn't have to succumb to defeat. I didn't have to bear unbearable burdens; all I had to do was rise above--up and over each and every obstacle.

21. Finally I understood that this was going to be the key, the secret, the victory; this would bring triumph every time. This was how I would be able to rise above--by yielding My fleshly mind, heart, body and soul to fully receive My Father's Spirit. By receiving His Heavenly Spirit, by allowing Him to rest fully on Me, to have full sway with Me--this is how I was able to rise above.

22. The key was in yielding, in believing, in receiving. For though I was a man of flesh, though My Own human spirit was willing, it was too weak--but the Spirit of My Father was not. My Father then reminded Me of the words that were given to the prophet Isaiah when he prophesied of the anointing I was to receive. The prophet said, "The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him."

23. Then I understood how I was to rise above, for it would not be Me; that is, My flesh. It wouldn't be through any talents or capabilities of the flesh that I possessed. It was to be in My receiving, in yielding completely to My Father, by letting go and letting His Spirit rest fully on Me, enter completely into Me, and work completely through Me. By becoming one with the Spirit of My Father, I could rise above every impossibility that would confront Me on Earth. It was when the Spirit of My Father came upon Me that I was given wisdom, knowledge, good counsel, understanding, and righteous judgment. All I had to do was to fully receive Him, to yield to His Spirit that was always available to envelop Me fully and completely, and

thus give Me extreme power.

24. When we became one, I then took on My Father's divine nature. Becoming one with My Father, taking on His Own nature, gave Me the strength to rise above any difficulty I was presented with, because that's when I could see things through the eyes of the spirit. That's when I was able to see through My Father's eyes. When I did, the things of the world grew dim, the unlimited possibilities of the spirit beamed through, and I saw that all things were possible when propelled by the power of Heaven!

25. All I had to do was become one with My Father and let His Spirit dwell fully in Me, that is, in My flesh, and thus I had His strength and power to pull Me through each difficult spot.

you will need to receive My Spirit in you in a greater and more complete measure. As you yield more completely, as you receive My Spirit and let it fully rest upon you, as you truly "let go and let God," as you allow Me to have free rein in your heart and mind and spirit, you will be able to rise above! This is the art of rising above--to truly let go and let Me have full sway in you! This is how you can overcome any problem, any difficulty, any impossibility!

30. I had to allow My Father to have full sway in My life. We had to be one; this was crucial to My survival. You must now do the same. I've been teaching you the importance of greater yieldedness and greater sensitivity to My Spirit, greater fine-tuning of your channels to be ready to receive My Words at all times, and this is what rising above is all about. The ability to rise above lies in <u>fully</u> receiving My Spirit in every fiber of your being; it's about letting Me <u>freely</u> flow through you, <u>completely</u> and <u>without</u> reservation. (ML 3317)

22.(Jesus speaking:) He told Me what I needed to do was focus <u>more</u> on the <u>power of the keys</u> than on the <u>obstacles</u> I faced. He said I needed to forget about looking at the obstacles and set My focus <u>only</u> on the power I had access to. I had to acknowledge that the obstacles were there; I had to acknowledge there was a problem; but when I was faced with an obstacle, I was to instantly <u>focus</u> on the power, focus on the keys, focus on My Father, on His Word, and on what I knew to be true.

23. I had to focus on His Word, on the power of the keys, <u>not</u> on the circumstances that surrounded Me. He told Me clearly that what I had to

do was to ignore all other possibilities of solutions to any given problem or obstacle I faced. I had to ignore all other voices crying out to Me and <u>only</u> focus on the keys.

24. How was I to do this? I was in the flesh as you are, surrounded by the things of the Earth. I was not exempt from carnal thinking. My Father said it was simple, really--a simple matter of faith <u>alone</u>. I had to focus on His power rather than carnal thinking, and the way to do this was to <u>exercise</u> My faith in His Word, in His promises to Me, and most importantly, I had to not only claim His promise, but I had to <u>act</u> on the Word I was given.

25. I was to look fully to My Father by putting the instruction He gave Me into action; this was focusing on the power. I would shoot up prayers and hear from My Father on the spot, but the key to focusing on the power was to take immediate action and <u>do</u> what He told Me to do, and do it right then if He was so leading.

26. The key was not only in calling on the keys, but in following through. By taking action, by being a doer of the Word that I was given, there was no room to even contemplate other possibilities, which would block the power of the keys I had available to Me. Being a <u>doer</u> of the Word, obedient only to the will of My Father, was My declaration of faith. Obeying and acting on the Word--the power of the Word--opened the floodgates for the power of the keys to flow through Me. (ML 3374)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

Call on the keys of faith and they will give you eyes to see things in the spirit, the way I do.

MAT.17:20 ... If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed... nothing shall be impossible unto you.

ACT.20:24b None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy.

When you fully realize your need for Me and you let Me take full control and work as only I can, then all is possible. (ML 3316)

As your need and dependence on Me grows, so does My power within you grow, until you reach the point where My Spirit and power rests fully upon you. (ML 3316)

By becoming one with the Spirit of My Father, I could rise above every impossibility that would confront Me on Earth. (ML 3317)

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

MAT.21:19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

MAT.21:20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

MAT.21:21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

MAT.21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

MAR.11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

MAR.11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

MAR.11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

MAR.11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

MAR.11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

LUK.17:3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

LUK.17:4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

LUK.17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

LUK.17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

MAT.17:15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

MAT.17:16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

MAT.17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

MAR.9:20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

MAR.9:21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

MAR.9:22 And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

MAR.9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

MAR.9:24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

MAR.9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

MAR.9:26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

MAR.9:27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

MAT.17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

MAT.17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

MAT.17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

LUK.24:15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

LUK.24:16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

LUK.24:17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

LUK.24:18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

LUK.24:19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

LUK.24:20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

LUK.24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

LUK.24:22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

LUK.24:23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

LUK.24:24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

LUK.24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

LUK.24:26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

LUK.24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

LUK.1:11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

LUK.1:12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

LUK.1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

LUK.1:14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

LUK.1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

LUK.1:16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

LUK.1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

LUK.1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

LUK.1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that

stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

LUK.1:20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

LUK.1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

LUK.1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

LUK.1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

LUK.1:29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

LUK.1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

LUK.1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

LUK.1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

LUK.1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

LUK.1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

LUK.1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

LUK.1:36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

LUK.1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

LUK.1:38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

ARMED AND STRONG IN THE LORD

12. Healing and Soul Restoring

*A concise explanation from the Lord:

I've got all the healing elements in My big, huge doctor's bag, for any ailment that you face; anything at all. So what do you do to get it? Just pray and ask. That's all. You can tell Me your symptoms and what is ailing you, and we can talk things over a bit. And then I get to work to try to relieve whatever it is that is hurting you, so you can get back to fulltime focus on the needs of My Kingdom that are all around you and need you to tend to them. It's easier to run fast with a lighter heart that has offloaded all the types of things that bring down the heart of a person. Woe to that person, young or old, that insists of having all the weights and the sins stay as part of their make up. You really do want to let go of all that hinders and holds you back, if you are hoping to make it to the goal line before time is up. First in get the biggest rewards, for they ran hard and keep letting go of that which hurt them and dragged them down. The less sins and weights you hold on to, the faster you'll get your job done and reach your goal. I heal up the broken in heart and do bind up their wounds. Even when it's often the choices of the people themselves that gets them into a broken heart fix, still I take them tenderly, help them to learn so it won't happen too easily again, and fix them up again, all the wiser for it—and also now better able to bring healing to the heart of another because of what they learned.

*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:

Claim the power of the keys of spiritual healing, and I will heal your broken heart, no matter how long you've been living with heartache.

As you call on the keys of healing, there is nothing in your body that isn't subject to their power.

Some specifics that help explain more:

- Resting rather than wresting; trusting and relaxing in faith (Like Jesus sleeping in the boat in the storm).
- Meditating on the Word; letting the Holy Spirit teach your heart and mind something personal from a passage.
- Listening to the Word of God, as often and much as you can each day; let God's mind take over your carnal mind; let His thoughts rule in you and be heard much.
- Listening to Godly instrumentals and songs.
- Receiving laying on of hands and prayer from believers, for healing, empowering, anointing, spiritual cleansing, filling of the Spirit, etc.
- Talking and listening to Jesus about personal matters and specific needs, concerns, fears, hurts of the past.
- Learning the art of forgiveness and not allowing bitterness to grow as a result of a heart wound that didn't get cleansed and healed spiritually right away.
- Form good, loving, God-glorifying relationships with people who help bring you closer to Jesus and who want you to do the same for them. Help each other reach Jesus' goals; and help bring healing, and as little hurt as possible. Nourish and bring loving healing to each other.
- Read Godly counsel—true stories that teach us about the nature and ability of the Lord; read other talks and revelations the Lord gives to people, read or listen to faith- and heart-nourishing devotionals, be refreshed by inspiration from Heaven.

- Live clean and healthy, physically; take good care of your body, a Temple's of God on Earth, so you can feel well, act pleasant, look the way He made you to be, and aren't a tank filled with the troubles of the world. Eat clean foods—as close as possible to the Lord's diet that He asks you personally to have. Let Jesus have the say on what you take in, and how you treat your body.
- Put on the "breast plate of righteousness" to guard your heart and emotions; let the Lord tell you what is truly right and wrong, and don't harbour bitterness against others for their unfair and unrighteous treatment. Don't get into the comparing trap that just brings you down—comparing about who gets better things; or thinking God's not being fair to you in allow or denying this or that. Don't be self-righteous—that is thinking you are the right measure to judge the accuracy of others on. Let Jesus tell you what is truly right or wrong, and help comfort you through the trials and mistreatment, hurt and loss.
- Let Jesus send you healing, deep times of healing, through angels that bring answers, solutions, comfort, love, elixirs of Heaven and all types of services to bring strength and renewal and healing of body, mind and spirit.

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

Jesus comes to see me!

I was still pondering what had happened during the day, when later that evening I was surprised to have <u>another</u> short spirit trip! This time I looked over and Who was standing by my bed but Jesus, smiling down at me! He looked so beautiful! He had the most smiling eyes. He reached down and took me by the hand and said He wanted us to spend some time together.

We stepped out of the hospital room and suddenly we were in Heaven together! We didn't have to travel; we were just <u>There</u>. There were beautiful plants all around, stars overhead, and soft, glowing lights. We were on a sort of outdoor pavilion surrounded by tall marble pillars, with a wide railing all around it. There was beautiful, slow, romantic music playing, and He held me in His arms.

For the longest time we rocked back and forth, like we were slow dancing. I didn't even want to talk; I just wanted to rest on His shoulder. It just felt so good to be with Him. I remember His hair was so soft and I kept running my fingers through it. I was so thrilled that I could be there with Jesus like that!

I think we talked a little. I don't remember much of what we said, as I was pretty astounded. It was so good to be with Him, and I felt so relaxed and calm. I remember the feeling of being loved <u>overwhelmingly</u> and I somehow wanted to express my love for Him. I remember we kissed a lot, and He had the most tender, soft kisses.

Some very sweet music began playing and He took a step back. I had the feeling that He wanted to watch me dance for Him. I wanted so much to express how much I loved Him, and as I danced it was very emotional. I was blowing Him kisses, tossing my hair, and brimming over with so much feeling, acting out how much He meant to me. And Mama, He said the sweetest thing! He sat back, leaning against a pillar with His arms folded, watching me and smiling, His eyes full of love, and He said so tenderly, "I just <u>love</u> to watch you!"

He was so natural and easy to be with, and I was having such a wonderful time. Then, just like the first spirit trip, it was suddenly gone and I was in the hospital bed, blinking my eyes and thinking, "Wow!"

I've hit 40, I have lots of gray hair, am PG, and have bulges in all the wrong places. ... But all those flaws didn't mean a thing to Him. He couldn't have loved me more. It was such a comfort to experience that. He <u>was</u> Love!

I thought so much about this after it happened -- it was so incredible and real! After that, things started to look a lot more positive. Also my ability to think clearly was coming back, and I started to be able to understand more of what the hospital staff was trying to say to me. I stopped fighting against what had happened to me, and it stopped being such a terrible thing to have to be cared for and washed and pottied and looked after.

I began to get to know the nurses, and some of them had such kind, sacrificial spirits. The whole hospital experience stopped looking so grim and I began to feel a lot more at peace.

A wild free time with the Lord!

I still didn't have the faith to communicate much about what had happened to me with anyone else, until it happened a third time, one day later! This last time, though, was quite a wild experience!

Again I was lying in bed, listening to a tape, when Jesus suddenly showed up again. I was more prepared for seeing Him this time, and had gotten over the shock of it all. I was just so happy to see Him, as I was so bored with being in bed. So He said, "Come on!" He told me He knew I loved dancing, so we were going to go out and spend the evening together! I was just so thrilled -- I grabbed Him and off we went! It felt so good to be out of bed! I was jumping around and having so much fun!

At first we were in the same place as before, the pavilion, only this time there was a band there, playing the most gorgeous live music. Singers were all around, singing all sorts of songs, and harmonizing. We weren't just rocking back and forth this time, but we were <u>really</u> dancing. I was so shocked that the Lord was such a good dancer, ha! I guess I'd never really thought about it before, but He was just great!

At first we were doing some of the old fashioned ballroom-type numbers, and He really knew the steps. He was holding me close and laughing and enjoying Himself a lot! We were talking away, though He could read my thoughts, too, and would laugh at the things I would think, like being surprised that He could dance well. I was very excited and we were having so much fun. When He would laugh, it was never condescending, but more like He just enjoyed the things I was thinking.

He had such a sense of humor! At one point I remember realizing, "Wait a minute! Here I am dancing with <u>Jesus</u>, and He's taking all this time with me, but He's supposed to be running the whole universe! He must have a lot more important things to do!"

At that thought He chuckled, drew me closer and whispered in my ear, "Remember, I can be in more than one place at a time!" Then he looked at me and smiled and added, "It's one of the advantages of being the Son of God!" Ha! He was so funny. I laughed and laughed at some of the things He said.

It was a genuine party atmosphere! He wanted to take me to a few different places. We went through some beautiful, tall hedges to a park-like place. It seemed that each place had its own type of music. Some had ballroom-type songs; other places had the hot, clinging, passionate, slow dance songs and singers; other places fast songs! At each place we'd stop and dance a few dances, enjoy the atmosphere and talk.

Love, understanding, and a commission to pray for China!

He talked about so many things. Many things I can't remember now, but at one point he was talking to me about China. He told me that for now He had called me to be a <u>prayer warrior</u> for China, and that I had no idea how <u>vital</u> and <u>important</u> that was at this particular time. It was like He wanted to do <u>so</u> much here in China <u>now</u>. The little things I wanted to do were just drops in the bucket compared to what <u>He</u> wanted done.

The way I felt frustrated that I couldn't do things, imagine how He felt about what couldn't get done just for a lack of <u>prayer</u>! He impressed this on me -- how important prayer was -- and I remember thinking it was a definite <u>commission</u>.

He was so human and understanding. I never felt condemned in the slightest, even though He and I both knew how much I'd blown it. He would just patiently clarify things, and then we'd go on and have some more fun and laugh and dance and then He'd talk some more. I don't remember how long we spent together, but it seemed like a very long time and we went to lots of different places. He really wanted me to have fun!

The Lord loves dancing and music!

The dances were getting faster, and He cut loose! I kept being amazed at seeing the Lord <u>dance</u> the way He did. It was with utter <u>abandon</u>. Everybody around just <u>loved</u> to watch Him! There were various singers and musicians and others dancing and they were all so thrilled the Lord had dropped by.

I remember at one point when I was so inspired by the music, He paused and said, "That's why music is so important. It's very important that it glorifies <u>Me</u>, because it's a <u>vehicle</u>!" And I understood that He meant it was the music that could actually <u>transport</u> us, and <u>take</u> us places. I don't fully understand it now, but it made perfect sense while There!

Praise Time in Heaven!

Then He told me He wanted to take me to Praise Time in Heaven! He was very excited about it and I could see He was as happy about going to it as I was. We walked into an area that was like a concert stage, with one of those sound shells in a half circle in the back to throw the sound. A huge crowd of people was getting ready to perform a song and they were all so excited the Lord had come to hear them!

It was very moving to see everyone rush up and be so excited that He was there, and I could step back and enjoy it.

This group of about 100 people had been practicing the song that's on one of the tapes, "And the Lord Came Through!" The chorus keeps repeating "When there was no other way, the Lord came through!" It's a real rock-out number, and they had everything in it -- dancers, singers, costumes. It was a musical extravaganza! They were so excited Jesus was there to watch and they put their all into it.

They were walking and strutting up and down these steps of the stage, singing with all their hearts. When the instrumental section came on, they danced so wild and free! And Jesus was just so thrilled watching them! He just loved it! I was standing beside Him and marveling at how much He just seemed to soak up the praises and songs to Him and how much it inspired Him!

About halfway through the song, the Lord got up and started dancing with them all. It was so beautiful! It reminded me of the verse about how David danced so wildly to show his love for the Lord. Now the Lord was dancing so wildly to show <u>His</u> appreciation of <u>our</u> love. It was gorgeous! It was even shocking!

He was really flinging Himself around, jumping and spinning and just <u>dazzling</u> us! The performers were thrilled that Jesus jumped in there with them!

Then when they were singing the verses of the songs about different Bible characters, the Lord waved His hand and the whole sky behind the stage became like a video screen, from one end to the other! Each scene played up in the sky in full color -- Moses crossing the Red Sea, Daniel in the lions' den! Each scene from the verse was acted out in perfect time with the music. And every time they came to the chorus of "And the Lord came through," everybody would just rock out beyond belief! There is just no way I could describe it!

At the end of the song, everybody came rushing up, hugging and kissing Jesus, surrounding Him, praising Him, and thanking Him. It was so beautiful! Thank You Jesus!

Jesus in His majesty!

Then another song began to play and it was a different type of song. I don't know what it was, but it was very majestic! We all stepped back and He began to rise into the air. The song filled the air, louder and louder, and Jesus began to glow and became larger and larger, filling the sky. He was shining and was every inch the Son of God and Lord of lords and King of kings.

We were all singing and looking up at Him and marveling that while He <u>is</u> a Man and understands us and walks with us and dances with us and laughs with us, He also is the <u>King</u> of everything, sitting on the right hand of God! It was overwhelming!

Tears were rolling down my cheeks and I was so thrilled at the sight of Him when -- boom! -- I was back in my hospital bed!

How I was changed by being with Jesus

It took me longer to get over this trip than the others! I was flabbergasted. It was so incredible! -- I had <u>been</u> There! I just lay there, thanking the Lord over and over, and thinking about it again and again, trying to relive it.

On the fifth day I was able to go home, and I've been told to take it easy for the next month. If I get up too much, I have slight bleeding to remind me to take it easy, so I'm in bed most of the time. But it's a pleasure now to just rest in Him!

Those experiences in the Spirit while I was in hospital changed my life. I wish I could say that now I am a better person and totally loving and kind and patient and spiritual and all sorts of great things, but unfortunately that didn't happen. I'm still me -- a <u>mess</u>, with all of my <u>faults</u>! But somehow it has made me see things in a different way.

Now it is a privilege to pray. I just <u>love</u> to pray and I've prayed <u>more</u> for China since I've been home than I think I did in the whole time we were in China before that!

Jesus is so much <u>closer</u>! I'm <u>still</u> a mess but I <u>know</u> He loves me so much in spite of everything. I can't put it into words, but He changed my life once again. I don't know why it happened, and I feel a bit funny about it, as it is kind of strange, but also very beautiful. (FSM 305) ****

Another testimony:

I started to feel real low again. It was then, as I lay in my bed alone crying, still awake while most everyone around was already sleeping, that I experienced my third encounter with Jesus.

I called to Him, and I felt Him coming so gently by my side. He told me not to worry, that He had also planned this low feeling, and my not being able to communicate with the Home, so that I would not forget that I had to learn from now on to always come to Him first, that He was the One that could help me the most. He said that everyone at Home was already praying for me, but that I had to unburden my heart to Him now.

He lay down right by me in my bed and cuddled me so warmly. I immediately started to feel better. He said that He was going to be there for me all night, and that we could talk. We then entered into a conversation, where I asked Him many questions, and He answered them very patiently. He smiled at me many times, amused by my questions.

Jesus had such a cute sense of humor, and we both laughed many times. If it wasn't for the lights being out, most everyone being asleep, and my attempts to keep my laughter down, I think people around me might have thought I was nuts! It was incredible! We spent time talking, and Jesus revealed deep secrets from Heaven that I wish I'd recorded, for almost two hours. The time flew by. I can still recall many of the things He told me.

He started by saying, as I was still wiping my tears, "Let's talk about puppies!"-To which I smiled. I thought it was funny that He wanted to talk about puppies at such a time! Then as I listened I could see His great wisdom. He developed the subject, explaining how just like puppies are so cute, cuddly and loving, He had made all His creatures--plants, animals and such--to be yielded to Him and thankful for the way they are, without complaining. They are yielded to their masters, to serve, and to love.

But human beings are different, as we had been created in His image-lower than Him, but with a choice to follow Him and His way, or to follow evil. He said that although some men and scientists think they can create "creatures" and "monsters" that will eventually overtake the world, that this was all spiteful in His eyes, so ridiculous, and never to happen. Who is man to think he can attain God's power? It only made Him laugh at man's puny attempts to "create" as God. We humans are different in this aspect from all His other creatures. Each of us ever born face choices as we grow. Those with a Christian upbringing have a headstart in life. And whoever chooses wrong has to suffer the consequences when they face Him. They have to start what they missed in this life, all over again. Whereas those who progressed in the right direction only have to keep progressing from where they left off, therefore being way ahead of the others.

It went on and on. It would take pages to write it all down. It was beautiful! Although some of the truths had already been revealed to us... coming directly from Him they felt new and refreshing, and were mixed with so many new truths that had never crossed my mind before. Sometimes my mind would go too fast with my questions, and sweet Jesus had to slow me down, always with that amused look, as He seemed to enjoy me so much.

He taught me most of all to gain control of my mind. Even through this wonderful time with Him, sometimes my mind would start to wander a bit, which is a problem I've had for years. Lord help me! I've never fought as much as I should have, in spite of so much good counsel in the Word about it. And now I had to be taught directly by Him. He'd gently chide me each time, saying, "Control your mind! Bring it back into captivity! Don't let your mind wander!" He taught me a great deal about it, and I was so thankful. I felt so good.

When our time was over, instead of feeling sleepy I was wide awake and excited. I had to get up. My depression was totally gone, and I felt like going around distributing His love to those around. So I did this for a while, to whoever was still awake. I was all smiles, and bubbly. I felt like that little song: "It's bubbling! It's bubbling! I cannot keep it quiet."

Around 12:30 AM I decided to try to get some sleep-as much as I could when I felt so electrified. I lay down again and asked Jesus to please help me to sleep. He was still there, and He started to caress me and rub my back. I had a little pain from being in bed all this time, and asked Him if He could soothe it. He stretched out His hand and told me that He had a special balm that we call the "elixir of love,". It was His power that we could use for healing, at our request.

He then told me to breathe deeply and slowly a few times, and I don't remember anything more. He put me to sleep! The next day I awoke so refreshed, having slept soundly for the first night since I arrived at the hospital. (FSM 340)

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

64. (Jesus:) When I fully possess you, I have full control. Resting in Me is placing yourself in My hands; it's yielding to Me, so that I can fully possess you. As with many things in the spirit world, these two concepts overlap. They are intertwined. They work together.

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65. The ultimate goal of resting fully in Me is that I can think and act through you. It leads to full possession.

(ML 3621)

447. (Jesus:) To truly rest in Me will take effort on your part. It will take the effort of surrender to give up your fears or doubts about this truth, or of believing that it can work for you. It will take the effort of determination to keep at it and to keep making the time for it even when you feel that it's "not working." It will take the effort of faith to believe that as you are obedient to apply this Word to the best of your ability, it will work for you and bring real results in your life. And it will take the effort of putting aside your cares, your mind, your thoughts, and anything else that would hold you back from fully resting in Me. But rest assured that as you put forth even a small measure of effort for Me, I will double My efforts to make this time and your effort worthwhile and rewarding for you.

448. In reality, I am the One Who has to make this gift work. I am the One Who has to make the time you spend with Me bear fruit in your life, both spiritually and physically. I am the One Who has to make sure that there are effects and blessings from the time you spend with Me.

449. Your effort is actually minimal when compared to the part that I have to play in the equation--but that's how I want it to be. I want to take on the lion's share of the load, because that's one way that I show you that I care about you and that I love you. I don't want you to have to

worry about the spiritual effects or benefits, and about making sure that all things in the spirit are working right and well. I don't want you to have to worry about filling your spirit to the full with My power through the time spent resting in Me. I don't want you to have to worry about covering your spirit with My Spirit as you go about your day. I don't want you to have to think about any of that!

450. I just want you to do the little that you can do, which is believing that you can do it, and then making the time to come and rest with Me. That's all I want you to concern yourself with. And then, as you do those little steps, I will take the huge steps for you of making that time worth your while, of bringing about beautiful results, of refreshing and restoring your spirit, of covering you with My thoughts and My positive nature, of filling you to the full with My Spirit.

451. I am not minimizing your efforts by any means; instead I am showing you how this process looks in the spirit. It's as if you toss a cup of water into My ocean, and I respond with a majestic, powerful wave crashing on your shores. (ML 3621c)

(Mama:) If we're going to fulfill the calling that the Lord has for us in the Endtime, if you as a disciple are going to fulfill the Lord's personal calling for you, you're going to have to learn how to get your power from the Lord and stop trying to do so much yourself. You are going to have to learn how to work more in the spirit, how to use prayer to lay the foundation and move the mountains in the spirit, how to use praise to keep you above the attacks of the Enemy, how to use brotherhood to give you and your brothers and sisters strength. The alternative is running around doing damage control, being very busy and even getting some things done, but a good percentage of the time taking care of things and fixing things that you wouldn't have to fix if the Lord was doing more of the work for you.

25. That doesn't mean that if you get this concept down real well that your job is going to go away, or the work is going to do itself. But if we are going to be leaders of the End--if you're each going to be what the Lord has been grooming and preparing you to be--then you are going to

have to learn how to get your strength from the Lord, like the great men and women of God throughout time.

26. You're already on your way to this. But there is a major mindset change that I think most of us, if not all of us, need to have, and that is, to stop looking at the work and thinking, "Boy, that's a lot for me to do; I'd better get started," and instead thinking, "Wonderful! Jesus, here's a good opportunity for You to show Your power. Help me to flow with You and be Your vessel, and please show me specifically what You want me to do."

27. The thing is, you can't learn to rest in the Lord, really rest all your weight on Him, if you're not doing your part in the spirit, and using the spiritual weapons the Lord has given us, and working in the spirit. If you're busy, busy, doing your work the best you can, but mostly working in the physical realm, then when it's time for you to rest in the spirit and spend time getting refilled and tanked up again, you're going to be swamped and hit with all kinds of concerns about things that you haven't gotten done yet.

28. Whereas, if you will make the switch to working in the spirit-and by working in the spirit, I mean using your spiritual weapons to work for you--using prayer as a major tool in your hand, using praise, communicating with your spirit helpers, and using all the spiritual weapons at your disposal--then, when it's time to rest in the Lord, you really can rest, because you know you've been doing your part, and the Lord is taking care of things for you.

29. You'll be able to really let down your weight, and you won't be so tied into the vicious cycle of working, emergencies, and always being behind. You'll have a lot more faith to place your burdens on His shoulders and trust Him to take care of things for you, while you're spending time with Him. (ML 3618)

Quotes from Jesus and Bible verses to memorize:

Through the power of the keys I can renew your mind, lift your spirit, and purify your whole being.

JER.30:17 I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD.

MAT.11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Resting in Me is placing yourself in My hands; it's yielding to Me, so that I can fully possess you. (ML 3621[a])

The ultimate goal of resting fully in Me is that I can think and act through you. (ML 3621[a])

How Jesus taught or fought with this Spiritual weapon:

MAR.6:30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

MAR.6:31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

MAR.6:32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

MAR.6:33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

MAR.6:34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

MAT.14:12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

MAT.14:13 When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

MAT.14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

MAT.14:15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

MAT.14:16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

MAT.14:17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

MAT.14:18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

MAT.14:19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

MAT.14:20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

MAT.11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MAT.11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

MAT.11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Chapter 12

MAT.12:1 At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn and to eat.

MAT.12:2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

MAT.12:3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

MAT.12:4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

MAT.12:5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

MAT.12:6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

MAT.12:7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

MAT.12:8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

MAT.12:9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

MAT.12:10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

MAT.12:11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

MAT.12:12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

MAT.12:13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

MAT.12:14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

MAT.12:15 But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;

MAR.1:30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

MAR.1:31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

MAR.1:32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

MAR.1:33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

MAR.1:34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

MAR.1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

MAR.1:36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him.

MAR.1:37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

MAR.1:38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

MAR.1:39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

MAR.1:40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

MAR.1:41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

MAR.1:42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.