

ISSUE 4

BLADE



That Rotten Feeling



You know that rotten feeling you get when you say something you know you shouldn't have? I *allow* you to feel that way for a reason: it's an automatic subconscious reaction that I built right into your spirit. Just like you feel bad physically, and even sometimes get *sick* when you eat something you shouldn't have eaten, I've made your spirit to react the same way. Whenever you have something in your heart that doesn't belong there, or when you do or say something that's not good and loving, normally you should start realizing it right away.

Of course when someone *keeps* doing and saying things that they know they shouldn't, and they resist the little checks that I give them in the spirit, sooner or later, they'll become

deaf, dumb, and blind to them, like some people in the world who are already *past* feeling and no longer have a conscience. But as long as you're really *trying* to do the right things and stay close to Me, then I'll be able to continue to convict you and give you those checks in the spirit.

I don't mean that I want you to get all down and condemned and depressed and feeling like there's no hope for you. But I *do* want you to feel bad enough that you won't keep doing and saying things like that, and so

you'll be willing to go back and do whatever you can to undo the damage and make things right—even when you didn't mean for it to come out the way it did or when you feel that you weren't the only one to blame.

It's *easy* to make things right if you're willing to *humble* yourself. And if you want to feel better about yourself, that's what you're going to *have* to do. But if you try to defend and *excuse* yourself for being unloving, then things aren't going to get any better, and that yucky rotten feeling will just get worse. But if you swallow your pride and do the humble thing and apologize for what you said or did, then you'll immediately start feeling better. So don't let your pride get the best of you. Let others know you're sorry, and get instant relief.

Walk a Mile



I know you've heard that saying, "Walk a mile in their shoes," but have you ever stopped to think about what that really means? Have you ever tried walking in someone else's shoes for a while? If you have, you've probably found out that it can be pretty uncomfortable. Just like people's feet and shoes are different, every *person* is different, too, and has different needs. When you can put yourself in someone else's place and try to feel what *they* must be feeling and what they're going through, then you've learned one of the biggest secrets of getting along with others. And when you find that you're *not* getting along with someone very well, maybe it's because you're not putting that principle into action.

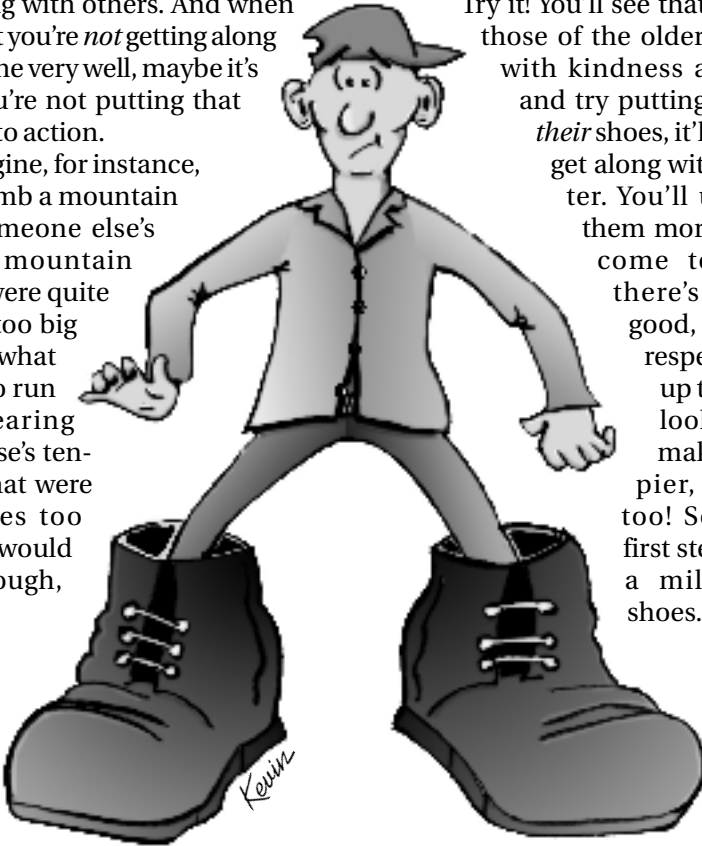
Just imagine, for instance, trying to climb a mountain wearing someone else's big, heavy mountain boots that were quite a few sizes too big for you. Or what if you had to run a race, wearing someone else's tennis shoes that were several sizes too small? That would be pretty tough,

wouldn't it? It would sure make you thankful for your *own* shoes.

Maybe you have a hard time getting along with some of the *older* folks. Have you ever put yourself in their place and tried to walk in their shoes? Whenever there's someone you have a hard time with, just remind yourself about all that they do and sacrifice and endure for Me and for others. It'll help you to appreciate them more and to treat them with more kindness and consideration.

And you know, a little love and appreciation goes a *very* long way.

Try it! You'll see that if you treat those of the older generation with kindness and respect and try putting yourself in *their* shoes, it'll help you to get along with them better. You'll understand them more and you'll come to see that there's so much good, so much to respect and look up to if you only look for it. It'll make you happier, and them too! So take that first step, and walk a mile in their shoes.



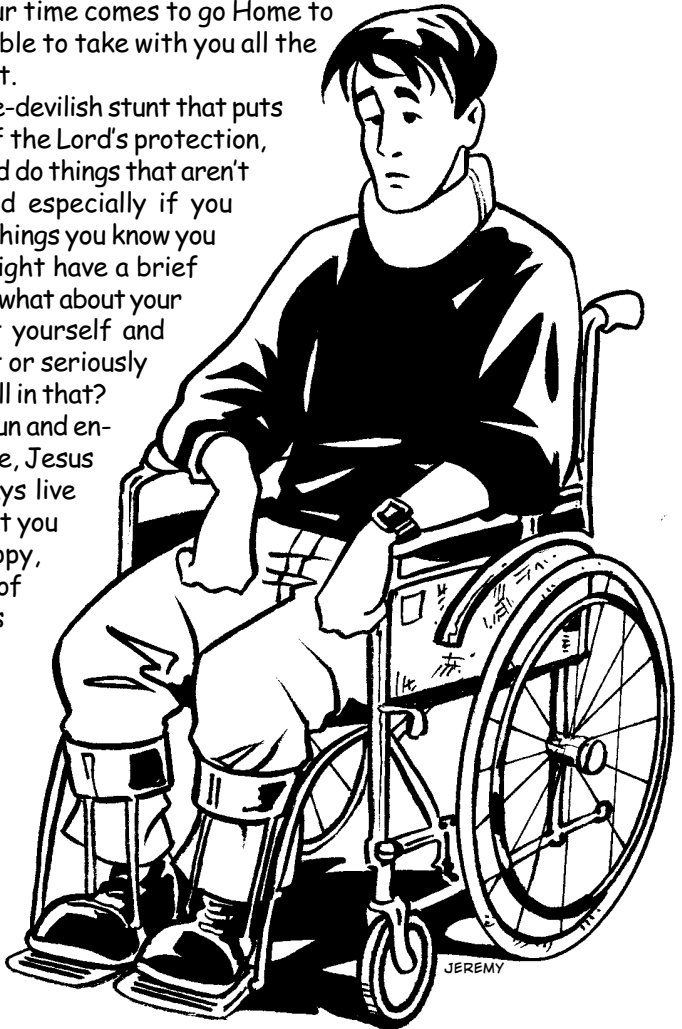
DON'T RISK IT!

(Grandpa:) What do you think is the most important thing in the world to Jesus? What do you think is the most valued and treasured thing in the whole world to Jesus? . . . *You are!*

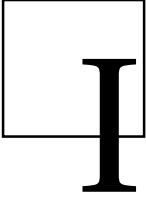
Jesus gave you life. He even gave His very *own* life so that you'd know without a doubt how much He loves you, and so that you'd be able to live happily with Him forever. You belong to the *Lord*, and He made a big investment in you by sending you to Earth, and an even bigger investment when He gave His life for you on the cross. He's praying for you that you'll invest your life wisely, and that when your time comes to go Home to Him in Heaven, you'll be able to take with you all the fruits of a life well-spent.

But if you do some dare-devilish stunt that puts you outside the shadow of the Lord's protection, if you take unwise risks and do things that aren't prayerful or careful, and especially if you tempt the Lord by doing things you know you *shouldn't* be doing, you might have a brief flash of fun and thrill, but what about your future? What if you get yourself and even others killed or hurt or seriously injured? Where's the thrill in that?

I'm all for you having fun and enjoying life. And, believe me, Jesus is too. If you try to always live for Him and do things that you know will make Him happy, He'll give you the desires of your heart and do things for you that'll make you happier than you even thought was possible. But please don't risk your life just for a rush, just for some crazy thrill, or out of pride to show others how tough you are. Jesus loves you; He bought you with His own life. Don't waste it.—Give it back to Him with interest.



DREAMSCAPE

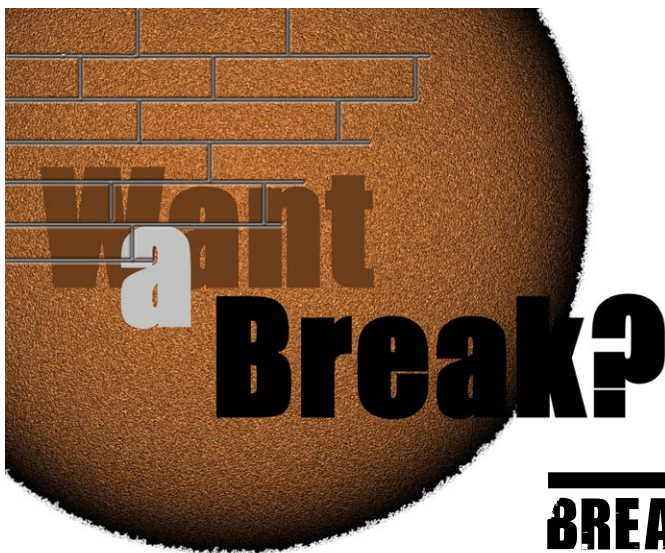


give you dreams that make you feel certain ways for a reason; they're part of My plan. I teach you and train you through your dreams. I test you and try your spirit. If you feel discouraged or depressed in your dream, or that no one loves you, I *use* that kind of dream to spark a hunger in you to reach others who feel the same way. I give you tastes of what people in the world go through, so that you can relate to and have a broken heart for them. I even sometimes let you have an argument in your dream, or say things that hurt others, so you can see the effect it would have in real life.

Dreams have so many purposes. They're like a simulator, a virtual reality. In Job 33:15, I explain that I open the hearts of men in their dreams and instruct them upon their beds in order to take away their pride. I test and try you and present you with decisions in your dreams. If you make the *right* decision, you continue to grow. Even when you make the *wrong* decision, it can sometimes keep you from making the same mistakes in real life and end up having to suffer the consequences for them. In this way I'm able to rewire your thoughts as you sleep. Your guardian angels are also very active in planning your dreams, and they counsel you and help you to make the right decisions.

When you have a *bad* dream, it's often just to get you desperate, or it's an attack of the Enemy, or perhaps you've gone to sleep on the wrong channel, thinking negative thoughts. Dreams like these must be rebuked and fought against. This, too, is part of your training. It stirs you up to fight, and you learn to attack and resist the power of the Enemy.

Pray over your dreams before you go to sleep. And when you wake up, if there's something you remember from what you dreamed, prayerfully ask Me about it. If there's a dream you *can't* remember, don't worry about it. Just pray that your *spirit* will learn whatever lessons I was teaching you, even if you can't remember it in the physical. Everything I do has a reason—it's planned—even your dreams!



BREAK THE CYCLE

I know you sometimes feel misunderstood. You don't like the way you are, and you feel like others are always teasing you and picking on you. You wonder why you can't just get a break! I know it's rough, and I'm sorry that you don't feel like you fit in. But please don't let it worry or upset you. You're very special to Me, and I like you the way you are. Things may not make much sense to you right now, but try not to let those cutting remarks get you down.

You may not realize it, but those people who are making those remarks are going through a pretty rough time themselves. They actually feel pretty insecure, and they're often just covering up by acting that way. But they'll learn! I'll help them to change and to become more mature; it just takes time. For your own sake, whenever someone says something that hurts you, please don't answer back. That'll only make you feel worse.

When something or someone really bothers you, just bring it to Me; talk to Me about it. It may be hard, because you probably really feel like getting back at them, but that won't work. But it does pay to pray.—That really works! You'll find that that's a better solution and will make you feel better than getting all uptight.

Meanwhile, I'll be working in their lives. It may take a little while, and you'll have to be patient. But if you really want a break, then why don't you be the one to break the cycle? Just pray, and ask Me to help you not to take things so personally or get hurt by things so easily. For your own sake, next time you start to feel hot under the collar about something—just pray, and let it pass.

(Grandpa:) The Lord understands what you're going through. He knows exactly how you feel. Even when you don't understand it yourself, when you just can't put your finger on what's happening and why you're battling, *He* knows. Sometimes you don't *have* to understand it yourself, He just wants you to come to Him for comfort and love. He wants to draw you close, where He can hold and comfort and bless you.

You might think, "Oh, great! Thanks, Lord, for giving me a battle just so You can love me! Can't You love me some *other* way instead of making me feel so rotten?" Well, *He's* not making you feel rotten, and He's not punishing you or deliberately hurting you. Battles are just a part of life. I know it's easier said than done, but the key is to go to the *Lord* for your comfort and encouragement—and keep fighting. It'll pass—it really *will*—as long as you keep hanging on and fighting until you see the light at the end of the tunnel.

If you need to know *why* you're having a battle and what the Lord wants to show you through it, then *ask* Him about it or talk to someone about it. Get the answers you need so you don't struggle longer than you really need to. He doesn't want you to

feel alone or hurt or miserable. You just have to trust Him, and He'll be there for you. He's there for you right now!

You might think, "I don't feel *anything* when I talk to the Lord. It doesn't work. I don't feel comforted or anything." But every minute you spend in the Lord's arms and in His Word is strengthening you, and it'll bring you the answers and comfort you need, eventually. Even if you don't feel it right this minute, just keep hanging on, because He's promised to give you help in time of trouble, and He won't fail.

Help

in Time of Trouble





**Mysteries
and
Hidden
Treasures**

Are you the kind of person who loves excitement, intrigue, and mystery? Well, if you are, you've come to the right Person, because *I* love mysteries too! I love it when you search and seek for answers to the problems that you have. And I don't just mean *personal* problems and battles—it could be *anything* that you want the answers to.

For instance, if you read about an exciting and faraway place or if you see a documentary about a mysterious hidden treasure or some mystery from times past, you can ask Me to give you some clues and

speaking to you about it. Of course, sometimes the answer might not be so simple; and some things that I tell you, you'll have to take by faith. But if you really *want* the answers, you can have them!

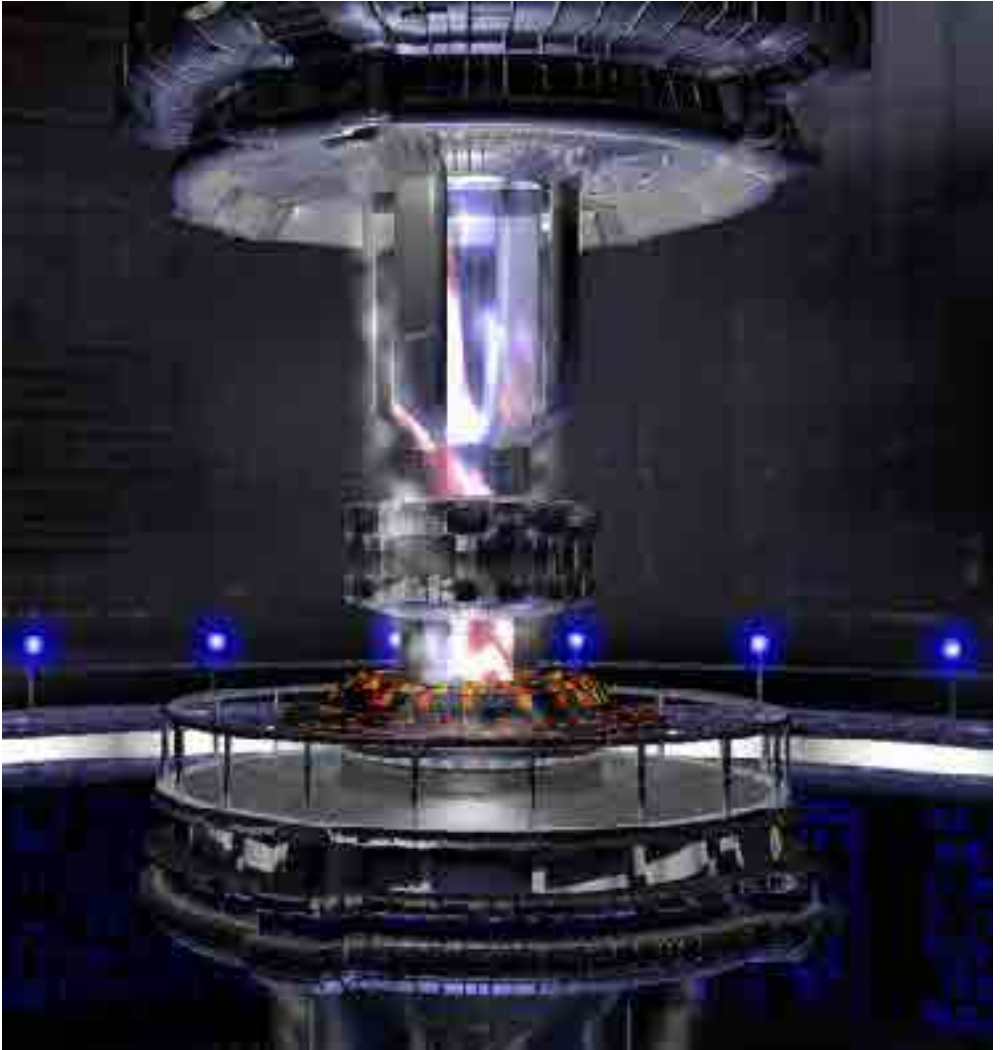
I'm the One Who gave you a mind to want to know things and to discover and find the answers to things. So let's team up and go on adventures together. I can take you on some wild spirit trips and show you things that you never could've imagined. There are so many mysteries all around you!

Foolish man, with all his so-called scientific

knowledge, thinks that he can uncover My secrets, but he can't. He can only truly discover what I *want* him to. And many times, when he thinks he's figured something out, he's actually reached the wrong conclusions, because he's looking for the answers in his own worldly wisdom.

I've got tons of super, wild, and exciting secrets for you! Though I'm saving some for when you get to Heaven, there are lots and lots that you can discover right now if you'll just ask. So have a go! You'll love it!





**POWER
UP!**

(Grandpa:) In all these sci-fi movies, if you'll notice, they always have to stop at some planet to get some substance for refueling their warp drives and propulsion systems. Where do *you* get the fuel for *your* propulsion? It's taking Word time, time to renew, that refuels you. You're going to need super-duper fuel for the Endtime, so you can get your warp propulsion system online and be able to blast far away from the Enemy and his forces.

"Faith comes by hearing." That means when you're getting in the Word, you've got to try to *hear* what He's speaking to you about. He wants to *energize* you, but for you to be able to *receive* this energy in mega supply, you need to be able to open your spiritual ears and tune in to the frequency of His voice. It's like connecting the fuel hose to your energy tank or the power line to the source of energy. Then you just have to flip the switch and start pumping, or in *your* case, start sucking in the spirit.

You have to *want* it; you have to really, really want it. *That's* what flips the switch and creates the sucking power. The Lord says, "Be still and know that I am the Lord," and "Out of Heaven I have made you to hear My voice." So you have to be still; you have to bring your engines to a halt, stop your mind from wandering, and tune in to hear His voice.

It takes an effort on your part to stop all engines and bring your vessel to a complete stop so that you can listen. But the more you do this, the faster you'll be able to energize.—You'll get to where it just flows.

The future is *here*, and you need to get your warp engines online so that you can be energized, and energize the world around you with His Words in this final invasion of the Enemy's Dark Kingdom in this final War of the Worlds. Where are the Lord's Luke Skywalkers? Are *you* going to be one? The Dark Kingdom is amassing their forces and the big invasion is about to begin.



Let Patience Have Her Perfect Work



PATIENCE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST LESSONS that I've had to teach many of My servants through times past. It's a very difficult lesson to learn, so I give to you the same advice that was given to My children thousands of years ago: "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He will strengthen your heart."

Just as your parents tell you that your schooling is in preparation for the future, the *spiritual* schooling that I bring your way is also in preparation for the future. It may not *seem* to you that you're learning that much or accomplishing that much. It certainly didn't *seem* that way to Moses when he was in the wilderness tending sheep. But that was part of My plan. It was necessary, because I was able to teach him things that he would need in his service to Me in later years. I was able to instruct him, and speak to his heart in the quiet hours that he spent with Me. I was able to mold him and make him into the kind of vessel that I wanted him to be. Had he not had that time, he never would've been used as much as I wanted.

Anytime you need help or guidance or counsel, just come to Me, and I'll speak to you and show you great and mighty things that you know not of. I have a great plan in store for you, so hold on to Me through this time, and I'll bring you forth as fine gold, fit for My use.

YOU'VE GOT

A VERY IMPORTANT JOB TO DO!

You might not realize it, but I've entrusted you with a very important job. It's not one that necessarily has a big fancy title to go along with it. But the truth is, it's one of the most important jobs going. Not only are you doing something that's totally necessary and a super help to your whole Home, but at the same time, it's giving you the opportunity to learn the kind of stuff that can help make you one of My very best leaders of the Endtime.



You wonder what in the world you're doing that could possibly be so special? Well, I'll tell you, I've put you in a position where you're a leader and a bellwether to your younger brothers and sisters as well as to the other children in your Home and area. Right now you don't think that's such a big deal, and I understand how you feel. But believe Me, it's a big deal to *them*, because *they* think you're totally cool. They super admire you and watch everything you do. That's why I gave you this job, because *few* people have more influence on them than *you* do.



I know you sometimes resent having to always be thinking about the younger ones and trying to be a good sample to them, when what you'd *really* like to do is just have a good time. But this commission is a very big part of My plan for you right now.



I knew that giving you the responsibility of knowing that the younger ones were going to be watching and copying you at every turn would also help you to become the kind of leader and sample that I need you to be.



It can sometimes be a trial for you to have the younger ones always trying to copy what you do, but actually, it's a big compliment. They look up to you, and they want to be just *like* you. They'll probably follow you wherever you go. It's a pretty awesome responsibility, I know. But I gave you the job because I knew you could be really good at it if you put your heart into it.





I See Great Victories

Blow, blow, blow them all away! Sing, sing, sing them all away! Brush, brush, brush them all aside! When you call, I come and chase away the giants of discouragement. I have but to raise My little finger and poof, they're gone! The giants in the land, the dark clouds—I blow them *all* away.

Poof, poof, poof! Brush them away—these lying vanities of fears and feelings of failure. Poof, poof, poof! Away and be gone, for you have no place here! Poof! Be gone, you giants of despair! See them vanish? Poof, they're gone!

I've been watching you, and with each step, each test, I've been at your side. I see far into the future: the promises, and the great things that I have in store for you. I see the great exploits that I wish to do *for* you and *through* you. I see many, many people that will be won because of you and your faithfulness to Me. I see the multitudes that I will be able to touch, to love, and to win because you're willing to follow Me at all costs.

I see prayers in great number—many, many, many prayers from your lips that I will be able to answer. I see great victories that I will gain through you because of your love and your refusal to give up, because of your earnest, fervent prayers, and because of your faithfulness to march on at all costs and defeat and conquer the giants that appear in the land.