

From a New Member of Mo & Maria's Personal Staff

Dear Maria, 8 Jan. 78

I can't tell you how happy I am here! I feel almost like I've come home at last. I feel so safe and secure right here close to you. And I don't believe I'm saying that just to try and man-please!

It just really blows my mind—the wisdom and insight Dad has into situations! It was so true what he said about how he doubted that if I'd been a litnesser and actually had to meet the quotas myself if I would have then been so sacrificial and considered it my duty to levy 35% tax against the colonies. I must say I probably wouldn't have! May God forgive me! It's such a heavy lesson, that as a leader we should always put ourselves in the shoes of those that will be affected. A government should be for the people not its leaders! May God forgive me for the way I was out of touch with the colonies and how my opinions were influenced or corrupted by power! I can really see how true it is!

I know, just the few days that I've been here, I almost feel like I've come into a room and the light has been turned on! I know I wasn't as good a shepherd as I should have been, but I sure feel like I could do a heaven of a lot better now! But, it's funny, I don't even want a big title anymore, or any title for that matter! I'd just like to stay right here and be a flunky in the house of God.

(Even if I don't have the necessary talents to be Maria's helper, I'll do dishes or whatever! And I'm not even pushing to be Maria's helper either because I feel like now I have more responsibility than I ever had before!) Anyway, I'm sorry if I'm being presumptuous, but I really wanted to be clear about how I feel! I love you,

Emmanuel

Dear Dad & Maria, 10 Jan. 78
God bless you! I love you!

I just finished reading "The Prodigal Son" and the Lord really laid it on my heart to write you a short note, especially too, after reading last night the three "complaint" letters which you gave me

The scripture that comes so clearly right now is 1 Jn. 3:16—"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." Very sad to say, I think, many of us "leaders" in the Revolution have somehow missed the full impact and meaning of this basic principle of being one of the Lord's shepherds. The good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep!

I know, though, it's only the fault of our selfish selves and our own unwillingness to do what you've said to do in the Letters. I know, because I was a leader in the chain of cooperation, and I know how I sometimes felt. Oh, I thought I was working so hard, but compared to

the sample I've seen here I can hardly believe how much of an ego trip I was really on.

It's not easy to confess these things, but I know many times that I did push and drive the sheep only for my own glory, and even asked them to bear unfair burdens only so my leaders could see that my area was producing, may God forgive me! I can only thank God that the pitiful cries of the poor sheep are finally getting through to you, the true shepherds, and it's so encouraging to see you react so quickly and sincerely to lay down your life, and give so much of your time and energy in responding to their cries! I sincerely pray that out of this seeming defeat will come one of God's greatest victories ever, and that we all can learn to be better, more true shepherds like you!

I'm so, almost, amazed at how relaxed and at ease I feel around you! At first I was a little bit scared, but you've been so concerned about me and so interested in me, now I feel like I've come home at last. I know I really have to "tow the line", even more than ever now, but still I feel like you're here to help me and encourage me, and I know that you're going to be patient with me, even when I make mistakes, because I sure have made mistakes and you're being so patient & loving now! PTL!

I don't think I've ever been asked so many times in one week if I had everything I needed...and the way you had the girls bring the plant for my room and the little nic-nacs for my shelves...and the way Maria spent almost an hour each evening just talking to me and praying with

me and being sure that I even have all the sex I need...and the way Dau has already spent hours of his time listening to my testimony, really taking the time to know and understand me...I mean I could go on and on!! You've really showed that you love me!

So, I know that problems that you're having now with unloving, old bottle leadership certainly isn't your fault, but ours for not following your sample! We like to impress the sheep with our greatness and our faith, we like to see our area produce, we like to have our ideas and our projects, but then we miss the whole point—that a shepherd really doesn't have to do anything but follow the Letters and make sure that the sheep are taken care of, not asking them to do anything that he wouldn't do himself.

You've certainly been a sample of a faithful witness and you have the fruits to prove it. You haven't been too busy to witness and win souls. My God, how could we be too busy? Perhaps we've put the cart before the horse and we've asked the sheep to love and care for us, when we haven't really loved and cared for them! We like to think of ourselves as important leaders, but who is really more important? Who knows, maybe some of our areas are having so much bad publicity because we have been too busy with us and not busy taking care of His sheep as we should, both in and out of the Family!

Anyway, those are just a few thoughts that I wanted to share with you. I love you because you have first loved me.

—Love, Emmanuel

Dear Dad

"Why Don't We Have Sexual Freedom Inside the Family?"

Dear MO,

I would like to ask you a question! For a year and a half (since joining the Family) I haven't had any sexual life, and it has been and is a big battle. I am 28, like sex and need it! There is a sexual freedom with the fish in FF'ing, to meet their needs and show them God's Love that way. Why don't we have this freedom inside the Family, meeting the needs of our own brothers and sisters?

—Mary; Paris.

Dear Mary,

You asked a good question! Dad and Maria just can't understand why some of the Family is living without sexual freedom when he has written so much about it in so many Letters! "All Things Tree" and "Law of Love" are two real good ones written long ago on this, and there's so much in the recent FF Letters on how we should be sexually free within the Family. God bless you, Mary, and may you be able to live life to the fullest and enjoy yourself in His Love!

Brother Visits Whore!

(Daniel of Switzerland wrote an in-

spiring testimony of how he went to a whore to have his sexual needs met. Through showing her the Lord's love, she got saved and now wants a new life. We wrote:)

Dear Daniel,

MO and Maria were so sorry to hear how you had to go to a whore to get your sexual needs met, but were thrilled to hear how the Lord turned it into a wonderful victory and testimony!

MO says, "I've done it and found most of them very receptive and responsive, and even emotional and really hungry for love and the Lord. Some of them were just poor girls who hadn't been able to get any other job—that's the only talent they had, and one which we sure could use. That's what Jesus did in a way. He didn't pay them as far as we know, but he got them saved and lived with them afterward."

God bless you for your faith! They were wondering, though, why one of our sisters did not supply your sexual needs and would like to hear more of the details of why you were compelled to go to someone out of the Family for the love you needed. We should surely be taking care of our own dear brothers and sisters' sexual needs if we are willing to go out FF'ing and meet the needs of those outside the Family! "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Gal. 6:10).

Is Marriage for Everyone?

Dear MO,

I am 27, have been in the Family for 5 or 6 years and am not married yet. I'm afraid of trading my freedom and "youth" for security and becoming an old tired Mom...Marriage seems so deadly permanent...I hope you can tell me if it's not important that I'm not married...Is there something wrong with my attitude? I guess I really have a deep-seated fear of failure in marriage. Love, Hannah.

Dear Hannah,

Greetings in Jesus!...Regarding your question about marriage, Dad and Maria have this special word of counsel for you: "It depends on the individual situation. Babies in our societies can almost choose their own father. We have got more fathers than mothers. We believe in letting people do what they want to do or what they feel called to do. Have you read 'Nuns of Love' lately? We understand that sometimes it is difficult to find a balance but we have got something for everybody, let them take their choice. They can be a prim little housewife with ten children or a whore; whatever they want. They can have the same man for the rest of their life or two or three different ones every day. We have an outfit that can accommodate each and every need and each and every individual." So Hannah, "The door is now open!—Walk in where you will, by your own free and loving choice...you are more than welcome in the King's household in whatever capacity you choose!" ("Choice" 238:15)



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