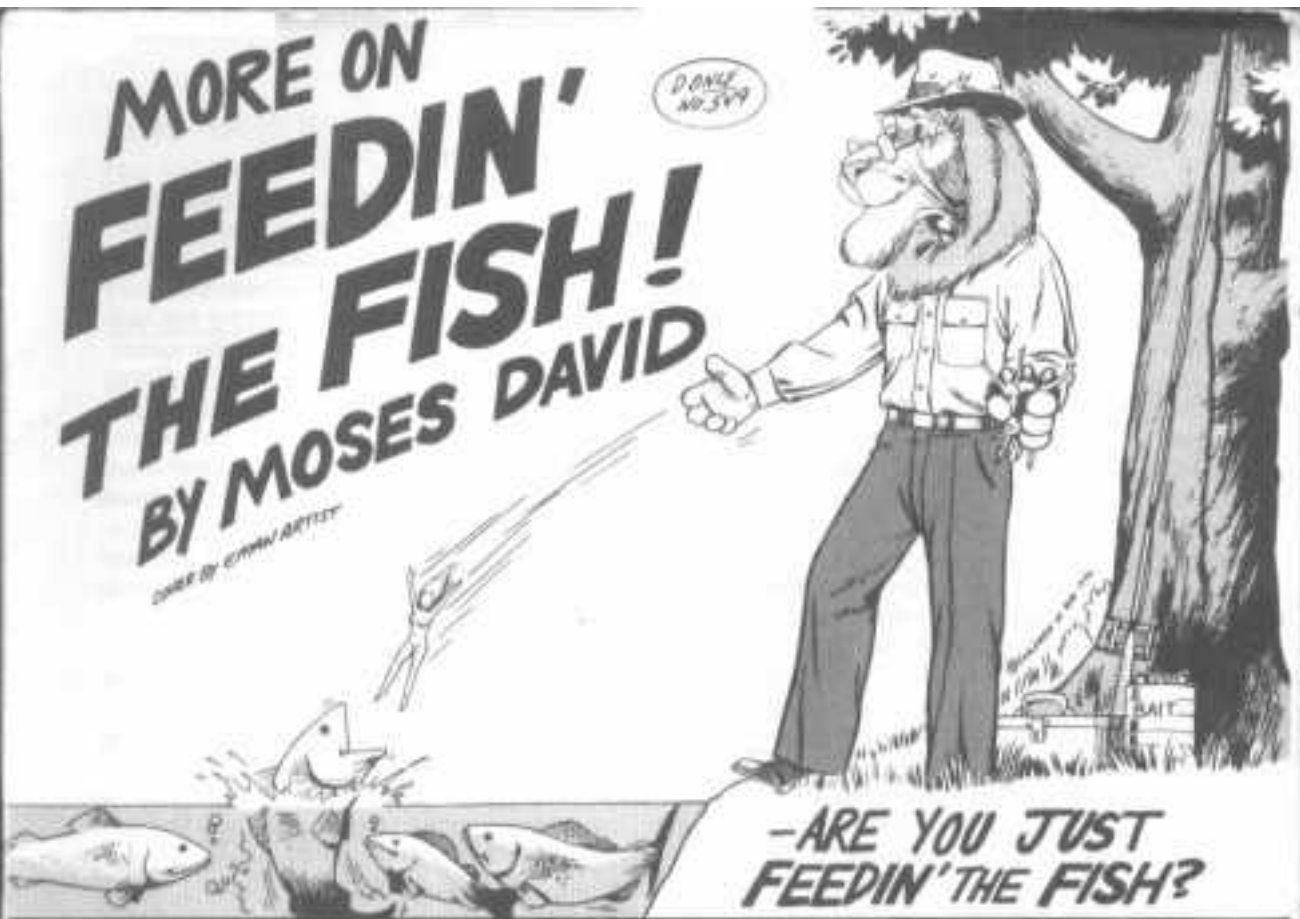


# MORE ON FEEDIN' THE FISH! BY MOSES DAVID

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-ARE YOU JUST  
FEEDIN' THE FISH?



-OR REALLY GOIN'  
AFTER 'EM!

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1. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FUCK 'EM ALL! They sense your spirit, they see your beauty, they feel your love, and you can usually give them about all the affection they really need right on the dance floor without having to go to bed with them. You have your arms around them, you're up against them, you let them kiss you on the cheek and you kiss them on the cheek.

2. FOR GOD'S SAKE, TRY TO AVOID KISSING THEM ON THE MOUTH! They'll try, but just turn gently--don't act offended--but just gently turn your face for a kiss on the cheek. Just try to show them that you understand. It's like I've always said:

3. A GIRL SHOULD NEVER SAY NO! She should seldom say yes, but she should never say no! A flat no is hard for a man to take and may make him lose interest entirely or be hurt. But what you do is, you say "Wait" or "Maybe" or "Later". If you say a flat "No!" they may give up all hope and quit trying. A fisherman doesn't deny the fish the bait--he hooks with it, then retrieves it! I'm afraid that's what happened last night with Max. I think he thought you were saying NO, that he'd never get any love from you, and I think that might have been what made him leave--and he's never been back since! It's kind of hard when you're talking in another language, it really is a little difficult to explain.

4. I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER WE'RE NOT JUST PLAYING SOME KIND OF A GAME--although it is sort of an interesting sport in a way, like fishing, but we are playing for keeps! We have gotten some outstanding people out of this. Right now one of the most obvious is Arthur, how the Lord captured him and in such a short time has put him into a position of such responsibility.

5. SO WHEN YOU WONDER IF IT'S WORTH IT, THINK OF ARTHUR. If you

only catch one like that a year, it's worth it!--Or if you never catch more than one like that in your whole life, it's worth it!

6. YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS GOING TO GET THE BIG ONES. You may have to catch quite a few little ones along the way, and you may even lose quite a few.

7. IT'S SO MUCH LIKE FISHING! That's why we called it that because the Lord Himself pictured it that way. It's amazing! The Lord gave it that name. I got that Flirty-Fishing thing totally in the spirit. (See "Flirty Little Fishy", NO. 293.) I saw all that in pictures just as clear as anything, just like I was watching a movie, it was beautiful! So the Lord Himself gave me a vision of what this kind of fishing is like.

8. THE LORD HIMSELF CALLED IT FISHING! That's what He said in the Bible, "Come, follow Me, and I'll make you fishers of men...From henceforth ye shall catch men!" (Mat. 4:19, Luke 5:10.) Well, if anybody could understand what the Lord was talking about, those fishermen could understand! So like I've said, and I don't know how many times I have to repeat it.

9. A FISHERMAN DOESN'T THROW THE BAIT IN THERE JUST TO FEED THE FISH! If you just go down there because you want to feed the fish and you enjoy it yourself, you enjoy being gobbled up, you'll soon be gobbled and gone! But the bait is only there to try to get the fish on the hook, and to try to keep him from getting the bait without the hook! Now you and your flesh and your spirit and your love and real affection are the bait.

10. BUT PARTICULARLY YOUR FLESH IS THE BAIT. But you don't want to have to give them the whole bait unless you get the hook in their jaw first. Otherwise you're just "feeding the fish", as we used to say when we were fishing but catch-

ing nothing. When we'd come back from fishing all day and didn't catch anything, we'd say, "We've been doing nothing but feeding the fish!"--Meaning they'd been eating our bait but not getting hooked.

11. (MARIA: LIKE ON THE FIRST DANCE WITH A PERSON, THEY'RE USUALLY AFTER THE FLESH FIRST. Like John the orchestra leader--I'd never danced with him before, but I had only just met him the night before and he brought us home. But he needed it so much that from the very first minute I had to dance very affectionately with him, because he needed it so, it couldn't have been anything else.)

12. YOU JUST HAVE TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT. We knew who he was, we knew his friends, we knew his relations, we knew where he worked, we knew he taught school and we knew he was a big fish and a worthwhile catch.

13. NOW SOMETIMES IF YOU SEE A BIG FISH circling around nearby, you may decide, "Well girl, now there is one really worth catching! I am going to put on two or three pieces of your bait on here and really tempt him where he can't resist, and throw it in to him and risk a lot of bait to try to make sure you get that hook in his jaw."

14. WELL YOU JUST HAVE TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT when you need to do that, when you need to give them all the bait you've got, to try to get the big fish. Or in some cases you may just cool it and maybe hardly give him any bait at all.

15. IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE LORD and His Spirit and how important it is, who it is, and God knows how much they're worth and how much you may have to pay to catch that fish. We had to pay plenty to catch Arthur, plenty! But he was worth it, praise the Lord? His story is so encouraging!

16. YOU HAVE TO GO AT IT WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE AND THE RIGHT SPIRIT AND IN REAL PRAYER. You are there to win souls, that's putting it bluntly.

But these people who use the expression all the time "I'm going to go flirty-fishing" so flippantly, a lot of times they don't seem to even know what flirty-fishing is! They seem to think that flirty-fishing is going down there and throwing yourself to the wolves! That's not flirty-fishing! That's just feeding the wolves!

17. SO YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA AND BE LED BY THE SPIRIT. Know how much it's worth, how much you have to give, how much bait you have to give to try to get what kind of fish. What kind of fish are you looking for? You don't want to just catch any old kind of fish, you want to look for really good fish that are really worthwhile fish.

18. IF THEY'RE REALLY REALLY WORTHWHILE FISH LIKE ARTHUR, YOU'RE WILLING TO GIVE THEM ALL THE BAIT and several times or kinds till you finally get them hooked! (Maria: Remember you can't judge by outward appearance only, or just by what they do or whether they're a waiter or whether they're a teacher.) No--it doesn't necessarily mean just the best-looking guy, no. I don't mean you judge by that.

19. YOU JUST HAVE TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT--GOD KNOWS WHO IS READY and who He is already working on, and you probably are just the next link in a long chain of events whereby you finally get them into the Kingdom. So you just have to be led by the Spirit.

20. WE GO IN FIRST OF ALL AND SIT THERE AWHILE FIRST AND STUDY THE FIELD, we study the pond. We look at what fish are there and we keep looking while she may turn down several invitations during that first period. The guys are not surprised if you sweetly turn them down at first, most girls do. That's almost average unless they're awfully eager and the women just can't wait.

21. CHOICE GIRLS ARE CHOOSEY, they

sit there and see first what's available. Sometimes you wait till the whole passing parade goes by, all these guys asking you to dance, until suddenly you feel that little witness of the Spirit, this is the one!

22. IT'S ALL BY THE SPIRIT, it's definitely that you're led of the Spirit. Sometimes Maria gets it, sometimes I do, but then usually we both agree and then I'll say, "Okay, next time he comes around, fine!" Or I'll say, "How about that guy? I have a feeling like maybe..." and she says, "Okay, if he comes over and asks me to dance, I will."

23. (MARIA: SOMETIMES IF I'VE TURNED HIM DOWN and then we discuss it and change our minds, then I have to humble myself if I've been wrong and I have to go over to him and say, "I'll dance with you now if you like!") This is rather rare that she goes chasing after them afterward, except when she has made a mistake.

24. SOMETIMES SHE TURNS SOMEBODY DOWN AT FIRST LOOK that I felt the witness on that that one definitely really was ready and worthy. But maybe she hadn't been studying him as long as I had and had been busy talking or something else, so she just didn't really give him a chance, or he didn't turn her on all that much to want to dance right that minute. So I'd say to her she'd missed the boat and tell her she missed a good fish that I think maybe is worth chasing.

25. YOU EVEN CHASE FISH SOMETIMES, did you know that? (Maria: I caught one just as he was going out the door of a club one night, Joseph! We sat there and watched and watched and watched him until he finally was paying his bill and I had to go get him! I had to walk clear over to the cash register and stop him as he was paying his bill!) Now you don't just do that cold with anybody! You've studied him and you've made a decision on him together, a united de-

cision.

26. IF EVER THE BAIT NEEDS ANYTHING SHE NEEDS A GOOD FISHERMAN! No amount of bait can accomplish anything without a fisherman who knows what he's doing, who's got a hook in you and has you on his line and you follow his leading. Not even the whores operate without a pimp to advise and counsel them, the guy playing your string!

27. THOSE GIRLS DO IT FOR MONEY, BUT WE'RE IN IT FOR SOULS! We don't go to bed with every guy that comes along just because he's got money, we're entirely different. There are a lot of similarities, but it's a whole different kettle of fish!

28. SO WATCH FOR THE WORTHY ONES AND WAIT FOR THE WITNESS of the Spirit. That'd be a nice little thing to help you remember: Watch for the worthy and wait for the witness! Watch for the worthy and wait for the witness--a little thing to help you remember.

29. MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT A GOOD FISHERMAN and he agrees, you both get the witness: "If any two of you shall agree upon any thing" (Mat. 18:19), that's Scriptural. Then once you've decided, go after him!

30. I'VE CHASED FISH LOTS OF TIMES, especially if they were big fish, like in still water lakes or someplace where you could see them. Sometimes a fish that had been eyeing my bait and moved on along, I'd simply cast my line in his direction, just like I do her. She's the bait and if he moves on or we didn't get him the first passby, I'll throw her his direction.

31. (MARIA: JOHN ORCHESTRA (WE HAVE A LOTTA FUNNY NAMES TO DESCRIBE THESE GUYS!)) SAT DOWN WITH US last night, but he hadn't asked me to dance. I wanted to make sure he did, so I made the approach: I said, "I'd like to dance!--Would you like to dance?" He probably would have gotten around to asking me eventually,

but if you're not sure, don't be afraid to ask!) Of course we were already acquainted, introduced, knew each other fairly well, had spent an evening-and-a-half together talking, chatting and friendly, and we knew his friends and everything, so we were already like close friends.

32. SO WHEN YOU KNOW HE IS A LITTLE SHY AND HESITANT ABOUT ASKING YOU TO DANCE THEN YOU SOMETIMES HAVE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE, and the woman politely offers, "Would you like to dance?" That's perfectly acceptable in the best of society if you're good friends. You don't usually do that with a perfect stranger the first time you've ever seen him.

33. BUT WE'RE GETTING MORE BOLD ALL THE TIME! Nowadays if the invitations are a little slow I tell the girls, "Go around the tables yourself and pick out some guy you'd like to dance with." Well, there are so many things about it, you've just got to learn it.

34. IT'S JUST LIKE LEARNING TO FISH!--IT'S AN ART, REALLY AN ART! And it takes all kinds of different ways to catch fish. Once we found a great big channel fish about three feet long that weighed 18 pounds--he was a whopper, a beauty! When I finally caught him, the fisherman down the way smoked it for us, and boy, that was the most delicious meat I think I almost ever ate, that smoked fish!

35. HE WAS TRAPPED IN SHALLOW WATER in this little bay down in the Florida Keys. Apparently at high tide he had come in there, and the little bay was just like a little clear shallow lake about four or five feet deep at the most and about as big as half of this garden here.

36. SO THERE HE WAS, A BIG BIG FISH! Well, I didn't have any kind of tackle or line or anything big enough for anything that big! He'd

have snapped anything I had! I didn't even have a hook that big, nothing! Then I suddenly remembered that the boys had a gig, like a spear for spear fishing.

37. WE DIDN'T HAVE A SPEAR-GUN OR ANYTHING, JUST A LITTLE GIG. Actually a gig was just the thing that you use after you've caught a fish. You've got him on the hook and the line and you're bringing him up the side of the boat, and to make sure you've got a hold of him you jab this little three-pronged gig into him. It really wasn't big enough to pull him in and we had a lot of trouble pulling him in finally as it was nothing but a gig, and you're supposed to have the line and the gig both to lift the fish into the boat.

38. SOMETIMES IT'LL TAKE TWO OR THREE THINGS TO GET SOME FISH INTO YOUR BOAT! But we got our boat, our little rowboat, and we paddled around chasing him all over that bay! I don't know how many times I threw that gig at him! It was on a bamboo pole about six feet long and he was plenty close.

39. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THE WATER that refracts the light, so that when you look at him you may throw it straight at him, but when the gig hits the water it looks like the gig is in two pieces, the water refracts it, so that it looks bent and misses him!

40. SO I WAS MISSING HIM EVERY-TIME, I was shooting over him. Then I realized because of the deceptiveness of the water I had to shoot like I was shooting under him to hit him and I did! Well, it's a long story, but we finally hauled him in and we had us a nice big fish that was good for several delicious meals and sandwiches!

41. SO SOMETIMES YOU'VE JUST GOT TO USE ALL KINDS OF METHODS! The average fisherman carries a whole box of tackle, all kinds of hooks, all kinds of bait, all kinds of

flies and lures and everything you can imagine for all kinds of different fish.

42. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT KIND OF FISH he's going to run into, or what kind of fish he wants, or what kind of fish he thinks are there.

43. THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST UNUSUAL MINISTRY IN THE WORLD! But apparently the Lord Himself was adept at it! Maybe He didn't dance on the dancefloor or in a beer hall, but He obviously went where the fish were and found the ponds where He could fish and get them!

44. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO TEACH HIS DISCIPLES HOW TO DO IT, and did some very strange and peculiar things in the process!--Including sleeping with Mary and Martha!--Which was rather revolutionary, considering they were two unmarried sisters, and I don't know that they ever had any ceremony!

45. BUT I KNOW HE MADE LOVE TO MARY BECAUSE I HAD A VISION OF IT! I always suspected that situation, as He was always staying at these two pretty single girls' house! Well why not? It was no sin for Him! It was one of His normal, natural legitimate physical needs, just like eating or going to the bathroom! Maybe that's a very unromantic way to look at it, but

46. SEXUAL LOVE IS A NECESSITY too, and He was a man, human, and tempted in all points like as we are, the Scripture says so, and yet without sin! (Heb. 4:15.) Now the preachers interpret that to mean that He never had any sex. Well, that shows exactly what they think of sex: It's a sin, always a sin!

47. SEX IS GOD-CREATED SO IT'S NO SIN, unless it hurts or offends somebody. So there was no offense. That's probably why they kept it quiet, so as not to offend some weak narrow-minded people. But there was no sin, no offense, no reason why He shouldn't enjoy the sexual fellow-ship of Mary and Martha!

48. AND HE DID, BECAUSE I SAW MARY MAKING LOVE TO HIM in a vision I had once right in the middle of a climax! Just totally out of the blue--boom!--I mean I wasn't expecting it or anything, I wasn't even thinking about it!

49. THERE'S SOMETHING VERY SPIRITUAL ABOUT A SEXUAL ORGASM. Of course science doesn't believe in those things, so naturally they're not going to try to prove it. But I really believe there's something very spiritual about a sexual orgasm. I frequently flip out in the spirit right in the middle of a sexual orgasm and sometimes I violently explode with a message in tongues!

50. ANYHOW, BACK TO FISHING! NUMBER ONE: One of the most important things you do is choosing your spot on the bank, choosing your vantage point, your location, your table when you go to those clubs.

51. IT IS VERY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CHOOSE THE RIGHT SPOT to sit down where you've got a good view of the whole field. Try not to sit out in the middle of things too much, because then a whole lot of people will be behind you, and it's obvious you're craning your neck to look around at them.

52. YOU SHOULD TRY TO CHOOSE A SPOT AGAINST THE WALL OR IN A CORNER if possible, where you can see the whole room in front of you, and you don't have to turn clear around and look behind you, you can just look this way or that way. Preferably you should sit somewhere near the middle of the room along the side wall or in a vantage corner so that you're not too far at one end where you can't see what's going on at the other end.

53. CHOOSING YOUR SPOT IS ALMOST ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS you can do in flirty-fishing, to choose a spot on the bank from which you're going to fish and where you've really got a good bird's eye view of the whole pond and everything in it.

54. NUMBER TWO: SIT DOWN, GO SLOW, SURVEY THE FIELD AND PRAY! Take a good look at all the fish available, particularly when they're swimming by pretty close, get a good look. Take time to study them and to pray that the Lord will lead you to the right one, somebody who's ready, receptive, responsive, needy, hungry.

55. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THE LORD KNOWS EVERYTHING YOU DON'T KNOW. We didn't know this poor lonely boy, a real handsome fellow sitting there all by himself, was mourning over the recent death of his mother and was very very sad. But he was to later say,

56. "YOU CHANGED MY WHOLE LIFE! You cheered up my whole life and I'm happy now again!" We found out he'd been mourning like that for several months, really moping around over the death of his very dear mother. But after we got ahold of him and worked on him for a little while and Maria showed him a lot of love, the Lord pulled him out of it.

57. SHE NEVER HAD TO GO TO BED WITH HIM but she would have if she had had to. She almost offered to, but he was very very shy. She'd've had to take the initiative and practically drag him into bed, and it isn't necessary with somebody who doesn't really need it or ask for it. She just showed him love and affection and danced with him.

58. HE WAS VERY SHY and never got up to ask a girl to dance. He just sat there drinking his beer. I'll never forget the look on his face when she offered to dance with him! He was actually startled! Now he's all cheered up and even quite bold in asking girls to dance, and thanks us for making him so happy!

59. SOMETIMES YOU JUST GET FED UP! When I'd lost my bait, my hook, my tackle, and even broke off part of my pole I got so fed up and mad I wanted to quit fishing entirely! I just threw what was left in the bottom of the closet and went off and

forgot about it and quit fishing for awhile.

60. BECAUSE IT SEEMED SO DISCOURAGING when I'd almost caught a good fish and then I lost him, or when you just don't seem to be making any progress. If you know anything at all about fishing, I mean regular fishing,

61. WHAT IS YOUR PICTURE OF A FISHERMAN? Just tell me the first thing that comes into your mind when you think of a fisherman. Picture a fisherman, where do you see him? What's he doing?

62. JUST SITTING THERE WAITING! It is a job that requires the most utmost patience of any kind of sport in the world! It is the sport which involves less movement than almost any other sport in the world. Nearly every other sport involves a whole lot of movement.

63. BUT FISHING IS PURE PATIENCE, pure patience! Most of fishing is just pure patience, just sitting there and waiting. Once in a while when you see what you want you get up and go after it, especially if it's a different kind of a fish like that big fish I had to spear.

64. BUT MOST OF THE TIME YOU'RE JUST SITTING THERE. You've got your line out and you've got your bait on display, the girl, but you're just sitting there waiting for some fish to come along and grab it. Then you begin to play with the fish and bring him in if you can.

65. IT TAKES COOPERATION, IT TAKES AT LEAST TWO. The bait can't do without the fisherman, and the fisherman cannot do without the bait. You have to work together as a team, absolutely have to work together as a team. That's the first thing, maybe I should have put that first: First of all, pick your team.

66. WAIT TILL YOU HAVE TO LET HER GO TO BED WITH SOMEBODY and then you'll know how much love you've got for the fish, how unselfish you are and how little jealous you are!

(Maria: And it's hard for the bait too, because I worry about hurting you and making you sit there all the time while I'm off dancing with somebody. I'm always worrying about you!) You don't know how much I enjoy it!

67. A GOOD FISHERMAN ENJOYS FISHING! He doesn't mind sitting there all day or all night while the bait's out there in the water and the fish are circling around and nibbling at it. He's just waiting for that moment when they bite!

(Maria: But sometimes it gets really lonely. I mean not only for you, but I'm thinking about the other fishermen too!)

68. HONEY, MOST GOOD FISHERMEN I EVER KNEW WERE LONERS! It is absolutely not usually one of these big team sports! There are of course rare exceptions in certain types of fishing where they go in with big nets and trawlers and stuff like that. But that's an entirely different story where you go in with a huge net and work as a team together and just pull in everything, good or bad, like mass evangelism!--Billy Graham stuff!

69. THE KIND OF FISHING I'M TALKING ABOUT IS MOSTLY A LONER SPORT. It's the kind of fishing, thank God, that we can all do! Maria and I were alone for years before you folks came along, and it was strictly a loner sport!

70. MOST FISHERMEN I EVER KNEW WERE LONERS!--They like it, they like to be alone, they like the peace and the quiet and they enjoy just sitting there being patient and meditating and thinking and viewing the scenery all day or night. It is usually a loner sport.

71. (MARIA: BUT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO BE FISHERMEN, aren't equipped to be fishermen, so

therefore it's very difficult...)

How many real fishermen do you know who just love to go off and be alone and just fish? Well, we do! We love it! It's a loner sport and Maria and I love it, and it has really proven successful time and again. Anyway, I've always been a kind of a loner.

72. (MARIA: BUT A LOT OF OUR GUYS DON'T LIKE TO BE FISHERMEN as much as you do. They're only pushed into fishing when they have to. They're really going to have to have a lot of victories in the Lord to be able to really operate that way.--And the girl has to have a lot of consideration for them too.)

73. THERE ARE SOME SACRIFICES, but I still feel like David Livingstone: I don't really make any sacrifices. The Lord more than makes up for it. So goodness gracious, I enjoy it! I enjoy every minute of it!

74. ONCE IN A GREAT WHILE I'M A LITTLE BIT WORRIED ABOUT MY BAIT when she's out of sight and I wonder what's happened to her. I wonder if she's way down there deep someplace or maybe she's got caught in the seaweed or something and I'm just wondering what's going on.

75. BECAUSE I CAN'T ALWAYS SEE EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON, so I just have to have faith and trust the Lord and sit there and hold the pole and hope for the best. Sometimes she's disappeared and I thought maybe they'd taken her off and gone off with her someplace because I couldn't find her anywhere, but she always showed up sooner or later.

76. BUT I ENJOY IT! I enjoy sitting there, I know that's my job to sit there and wait while the bait's at work. I have a lot of satisfaction knowing the bait's there doing her job and that the fish are biting!