

The Fabric of Your Destiny

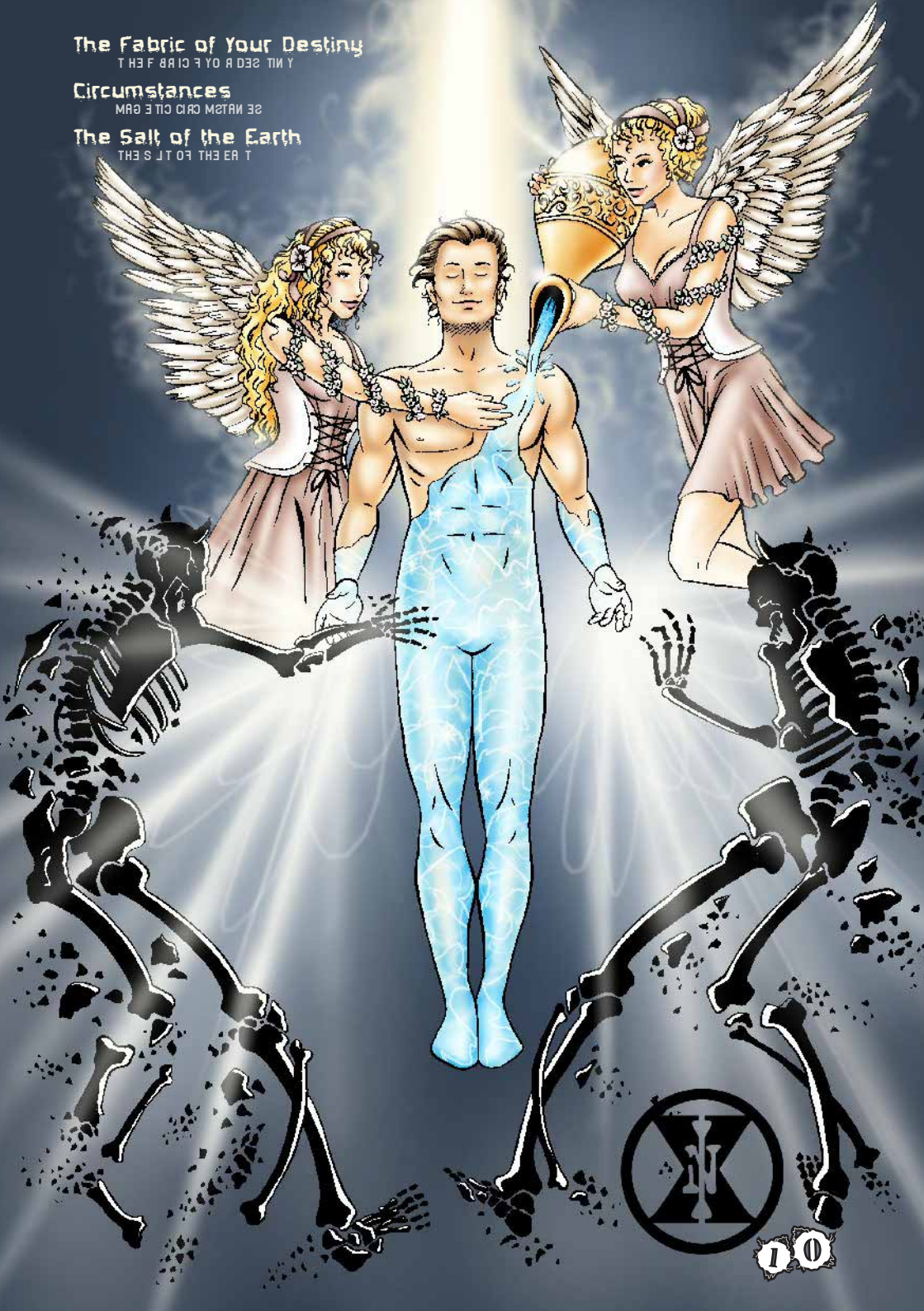
T H E F A B R I C O F Y O U R D E S T I N Y

Circumstances

M A R E T I O C I R C U M S T A N C I A E

The Salt of the Earth

T H E S A L T O F T H E E A R T H



Reading BETWEEN the LINES BY DAW

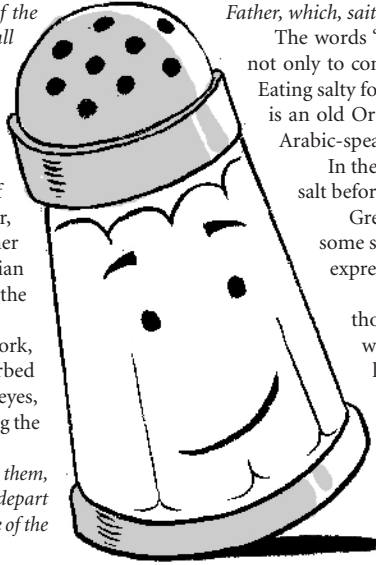
Ye are the salt of the earth: But if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? (Mat. 5:13).

In Jesus' day, salt kept fish and other meats from going rotten. Likewise, without "salty" Christians, the world will rot and be ready for destruction.

Some of the Red Sea salt was of rock and fossil variety. Its outer layer, when mixed with sand, dirt and other impurities, lost its flavor. Our Christian belief, if mixed with the impurities of the world, will lose its value.

The full effect of salt, like our work, is usually unseen. When salt is absorbed by food it "disappears" before your eyes, but you know of its presence by tasting the food that has been salted.

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the



Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me (Acts 1:4).

The words 'assembled together' means, in Greek, not only to convene, but also to be "salted together." Eating salty food together to confirm a pact or treaty is an old Oriental custom, still practiced in some Arabic-speaking countries.

In the Old Testament, babies were rubbed in salt before being swaddled (Ezk.16:4).

Greeks exchanged salt for slaves. However, some slaves were not "worth their salt" as the expression became known from then on.

During their retreat from Moscow, thousands of Napoleon's troops died of wounds that wouldn't heal because they lacked salt in their bodies.

More wars have been fought over salt than over gold.

Special salt rations were given to Roman soldiers. They were known as *salarium argentum*, the forerunner of the English word "salary."



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SALT, CHECK OUT THE OVERFLOW SECTION OF THE MEMBERS ONLY SITE, FOR A POSTING CALLED "INFO ON THE HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE OF SALT."

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(Jesus:)

This time when your life seems all topsy-turvy will draw us closer than before. That might be hard for you to believe, because nothing is like it used to be, and everything is far from stable for you. But, Honey, if you can still believe in Me and My great love and care for you through all this, then beautiful and enduring bonds of closeness with Me can come from this time.

The times when all around you seems crazy and upside down, and you feel alone, insecure, and unloved, are often the times you come to know Me in a new and very real way. Your desperation of spirit and heart right now draws Me to you like a magnet, and once I'm stuck on you, there's nothing that's going to pull us apart.



MAGNETIC CIRCUMSTANCES

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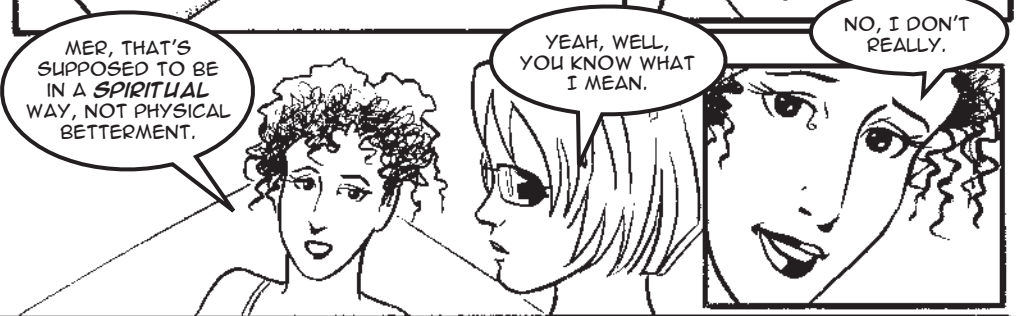
ISN'T THAT
COOL?

Stand out
from the
crowd...

you can
do it!

WHAT?

(Xn: Grab a copy of the GN text this Comic Feature was based on for further study. Now posted on the MO site! <http://www.familymembers.com/pubspages/search.php3?searchpub=28>)



LATER THAT EVENING.

STILL AT IT?

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?

YOU'VE BEEN EXERCISING FOR ALMOST **TWO HOURS**. DIDN'T BURN ENOUGH ENERGY WITH YOUR JOBS ON THE BEACH?

STOP TEASING, JAVIER.

EXERCISING IS FUN!

ACTUALLY, I WAS SERIOUS. WE'RE ALL IN THE LIVING ROOM WAITING FOR YOU...

...OUR ACTIVATED CLASS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

OH DEAR, I COMPLETELY FORGOT. I'LL BE THERE IN A SEC.

THE NEXT DAY

CLAY, YOU EVER THOUGHT OF LIFTING WEIGHTS?

I DID FOR A WHILE SOME YEARS AGO.

I WAS GETTING TOO INTO IT. PUSHING MYSELF UNREASONABLY, AND THE LORD TOLD ME IT WAS STARTING TO AFFECT MY SPIRITUAL LIFE.

EXERCISE AFFECTING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?

I BET YOU LOOKED GOOD. YOU'VE GOT THE PHYSIQUE TO BUILD YOURSELF UP. WHY DID YOU STOP?

WELL, IT'S MORE THE ADDICTION THAT IT BECOMES— TAKING THE PLACE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE.

UH, YEAH, HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.

HMMM.

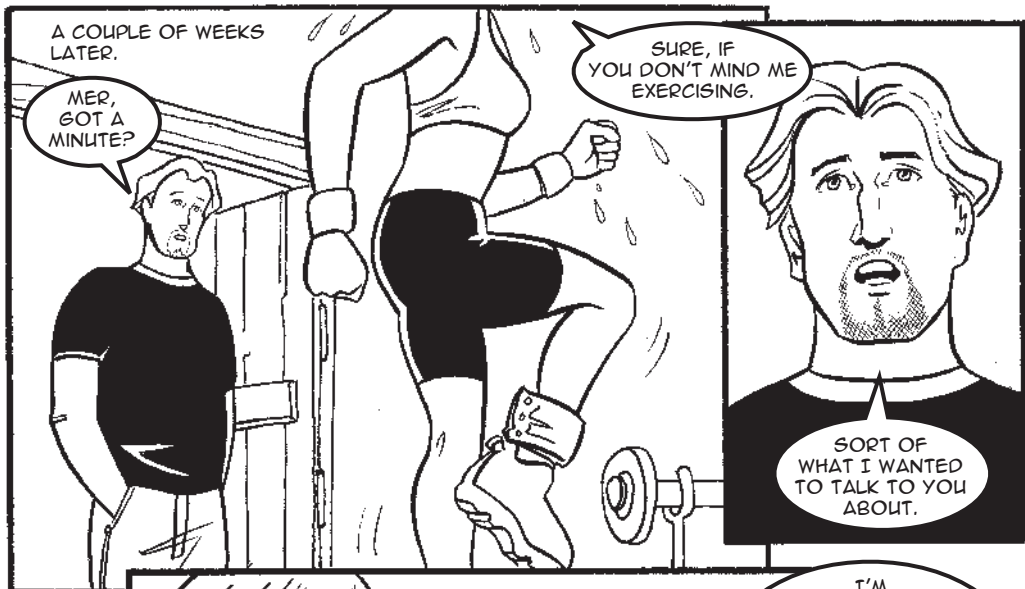
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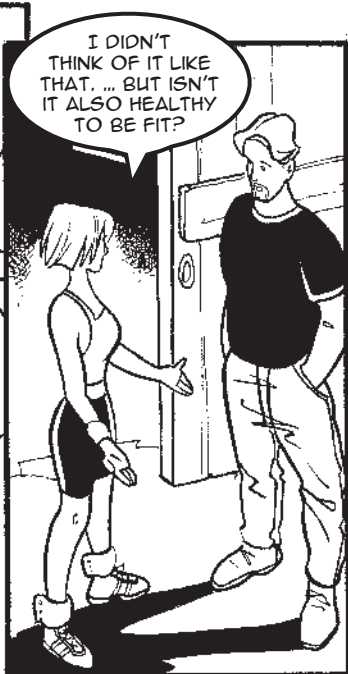
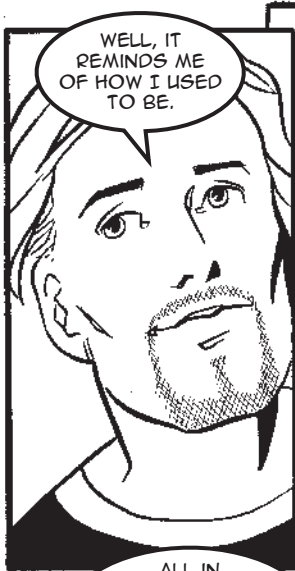
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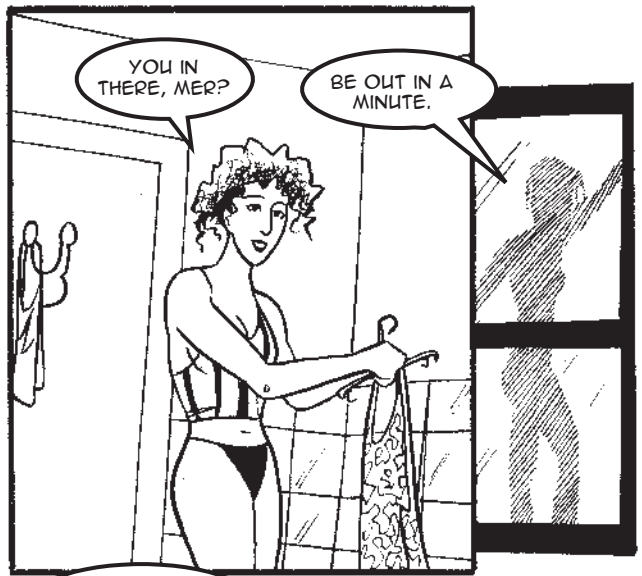
CATCH YOU LATER.

HUFF!
PUFF!









FASHION! IT ALMOST DROVE ME *INSANE*—TRYING TO FIND EVERYTHING THAT WAS IN, KEEPING UP WITH THE LATEST TREND.

I'M SURE JUSTIN WOULD HAVE TALES TO TELL OF ME THEN!

DID YOU SEE IT AS A PROBLEM?

NOT FOR THE LONGEST TIME, UNTIL SOMEONE MENTIONED IT TO ME.

I THOUGHT AT FIRST THAT THEY WERE ENVIOUS BECAUSE I HAD BETTER CLOTHES, WAS BETTER CLUED IN WHEN IT CAME TO FASHION.

BUT THEN THINGS HAPPENED AND I REALIZED HOW MUCH OF AN OBSESSION IT HAD BECOME TO ME.

WHAT DID YOU DO?

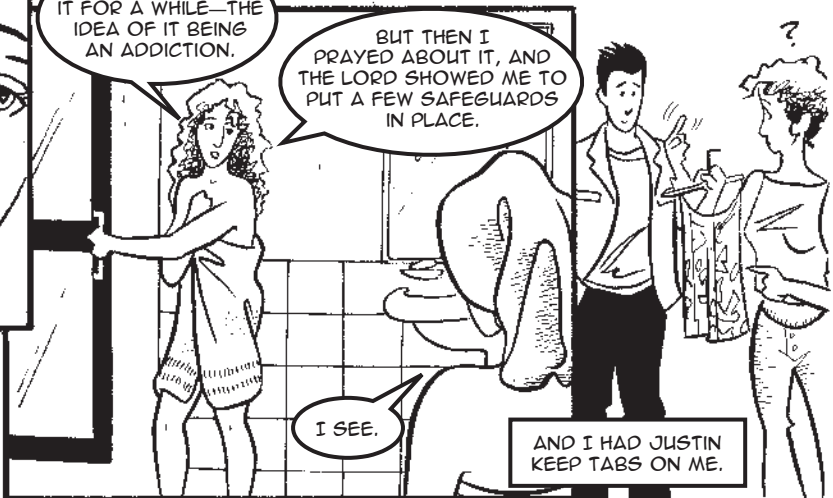
I FOUGHT IT FOR A WHILE—THE IDEA OF IT BEING AN ADDICTION.

BUT THEN I PRAYED ABOUT IT, AND THE LORD SHOWED ME TO PUT A FEW SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE.

I SEE.

AND I HAD JUSTIN KEEP TABS ON ME.

vogue! Fashion!
Mod! VANITY!
Style!



THAT EVENING.

JESUS, I WANTED TO BRING THE QUESTION ABOUT MY EXERCISING BEFORE YOU.

I LIKE EXERCISING. IT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT MYSELF, BUT I WANT TO KNOW IF I'M TAKING IT TO AN EXTREME.

PLEASE SPEAK TO ME, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY, NOT WHAT I THINK.

A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER.

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU TOLD ME LAST WEEK?

THE EXERCISING THING?

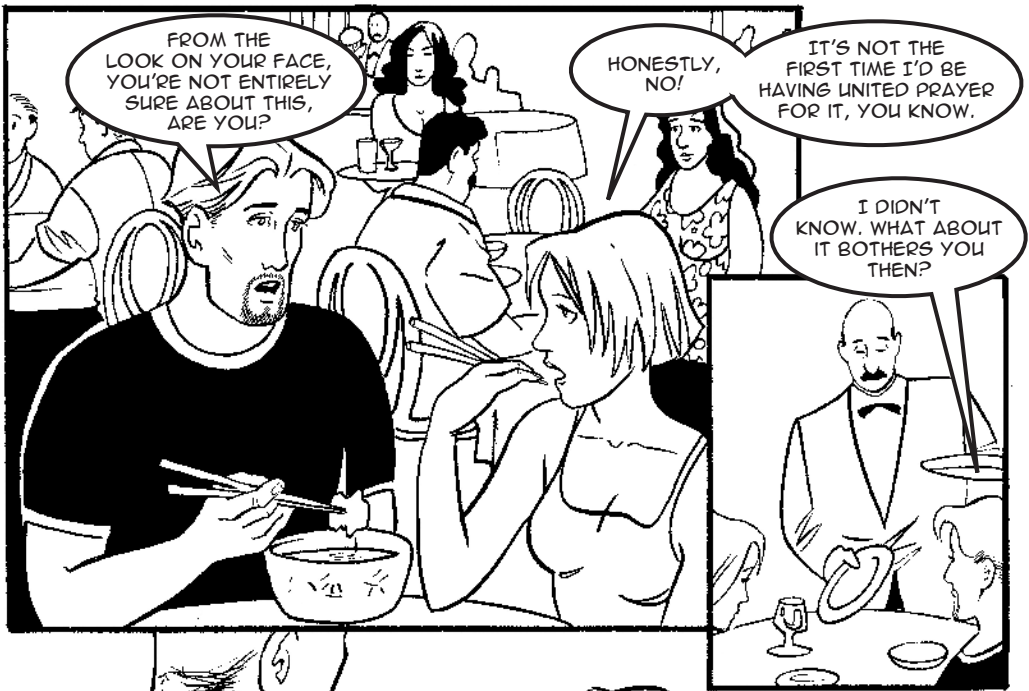
YES. WELL, I PRAYED ABOUT IT. THE LORD SAID THAT EXERCISING IS AN ADDICTION FOR ME...

AN ATTEMPT TO LOOK BETTER AND FEEL BETTER ABOUT MYSELF. ...

...TO BE BETTER THAN OTHERS, TO BE EXACT. ... I DIDN'T THINK OF IT LIKE THAT BEFORE.

HE ALSO SPOKE THOSE "OMINOUS" WORDS:

UNITED PRAYER!



FROM THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE, YOU'RE NOT ENTIRELY SURE ABOUT THIS, ARE YOU?

HONESTLY, NO!

IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I'D BE HAVING UNITED PRAYER FOR IT, YOU KNOW.

I DIDN'T KNOW. WHAT ABOUT IT BOTHERS YOU THEN?



I'VE HAD UNITED PRAYER BEFORE ... FOR THIS **VERY SAME** THING! IT'S BEEN AN ONGOING BATTLE FOR ME.

SO WHAT'S GOING TO MEAN VICTORY THIS TIME?



YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT I WAS READING EARLIER.

TELL ME.



IN THIS GN IT TALKS SPECIFICALLY ABOUT WHY SOMETIMES WE DON'T GAIN THE VICTORY, EVEN AFTER UNITED PRAYER.

AND?

MOSTLY IT'S BECAUSE WE DON'T STAND ON THE VICTORY.

WE DON'T COMPLETELY BELIEVE THAT WE'VE CHANGED

AND THAT DETERMINES WHETHER WE RECEIVE THE VICTORY OR NOT.

MAKES SENSE, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BREAK OUT OF MY HABIT.

DO I EXERCISE A LOT?

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED!

MER, YOU'VE GOT TO USE THE KEYS! YOU'VE GOT TO WIELD THEM.

BUT MOST OF ALL YOU HAVE TO MAKE A CONCRETE DECISION TO FIGHT, AND TO STAND BY THAT COMMITMENT.

HERE, YOU CAN READ THIS IF YOU WANT.

THE KEYS CAN HELP YOU REALIZE WHERE YOU NEED WORK, AND THEN HELP YOU OVERCOME YOUR HABITS, AND DARE I SAY, ADDICTIONS.

YOU DO HAVE A POINT.



THE FOLLOWING DAY.

...THAT ABOUT
SUMS UP MY PRAYER
REQUEST. I'D LIKE
TO CLAIM THIS
PROMISE:

"THERE'S NEVER A
TIME WHEN YOU'RE DESTINED
TO BE BOUND TO THE THINGS
OF THE FLESH, BECAUSE YOU
NOW HAVE THE POWER TO
ALWAYS OVERCOME—THE
POWER OF THE KEYS OF THE
KINGDOM."

OH, ONE
LAST THING!

I NEED YOU
GUYS TO CHECK ME
AND REMIND ME AS
WELL.

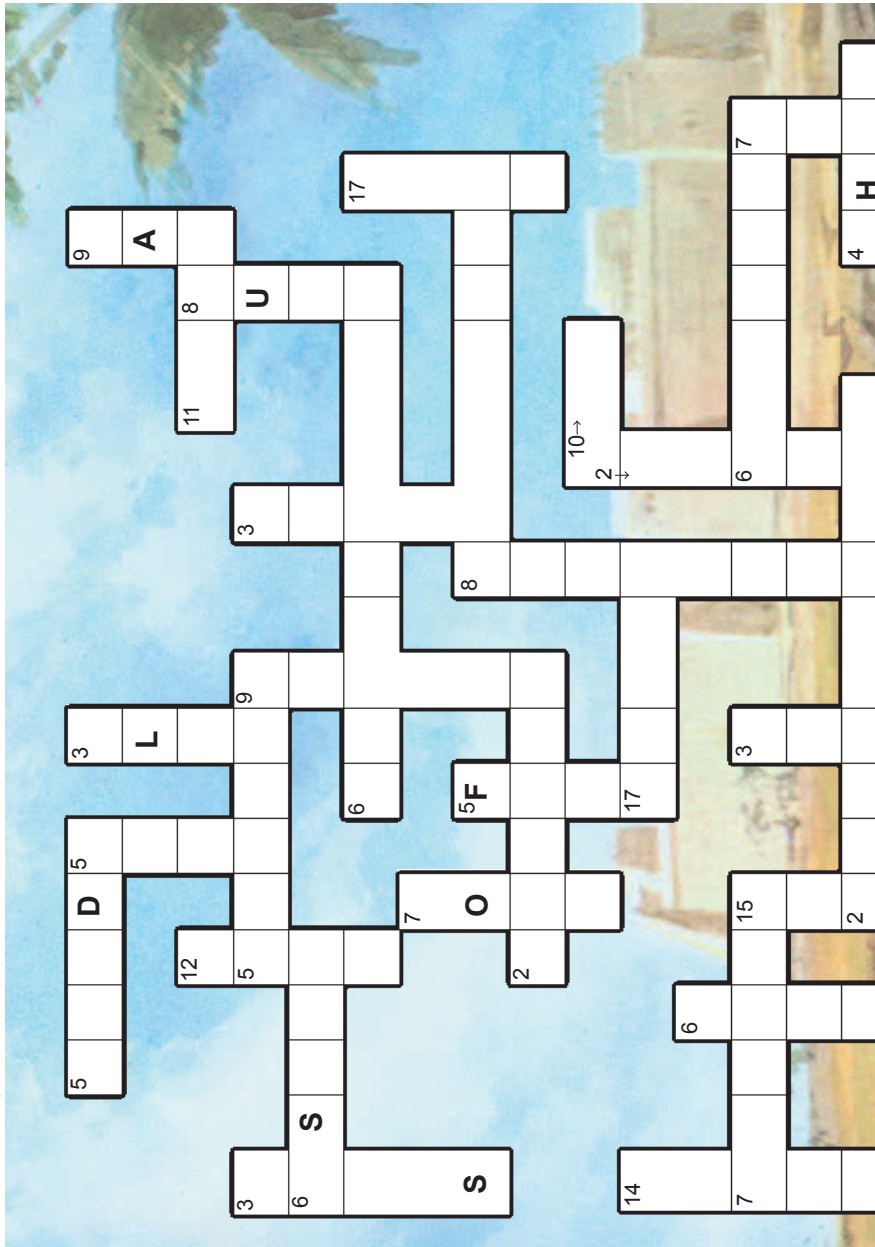
"ALL ATTACKS AGAINST THE EVIL ONE MUST BEGIN WITH A DECISION THAT *YOU* WILL RESIST AND REJECT THE TIES OF BONDAGE THAT HOLD YOU BACK FROM COMING TO KNOW THE FREEDOM OF MY SPIRIT—A LIBERTY THAT IS UNHINDERED BY SELFISH ADDICTIONS, OR BY THE SO-CALLED UNCHANGEABLE HABITS OF YOUR NATURE."

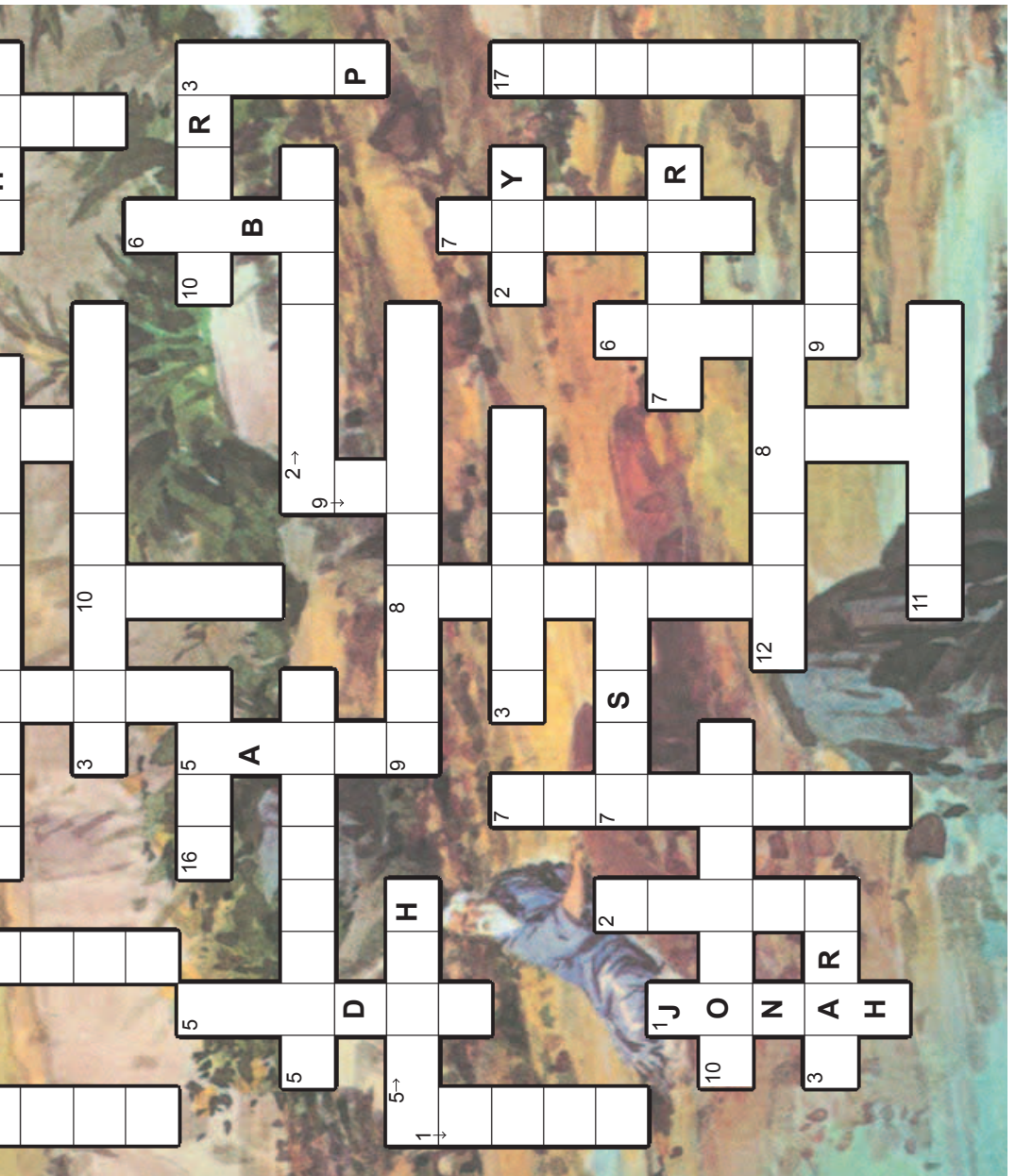
(To be continued.)

C Y D I ?

THE JONAH

The only clue to this crossword puzzle is the book of Jonah from the King James Bible. And because we couldn't fit the chapter AND verse numbers in these small squares, you'll have to figure it out with just the verse numbers! You may want to work in pencil until you're sure any connecting words also fit. No word is used twice, and we've left you a few clues to keep you on track. Can you do it? (Here's a tip: start with the higher verse numbers, since less chapters have them!)





AH CROSSWORD

ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?

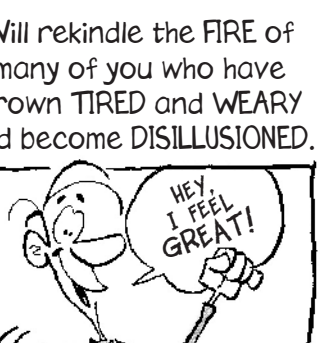
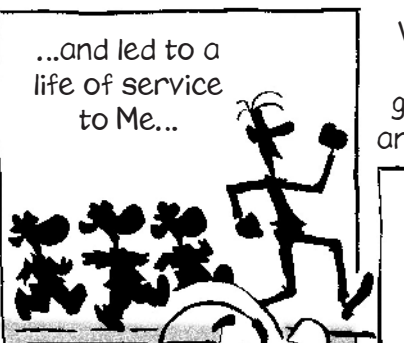
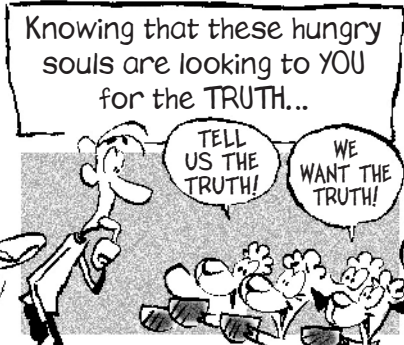
(Jesus:) It is true that times have changed and that the war is a completely different one. The world is a completely different world to reach. The people are different, the mentalities are different, the methods to reach them by are different, and even your second generation and children are different than you were. But that does not change the discipleship standard—the code of Endtime Christians that I've called you to uphold.

"ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?" ML# 3365:31

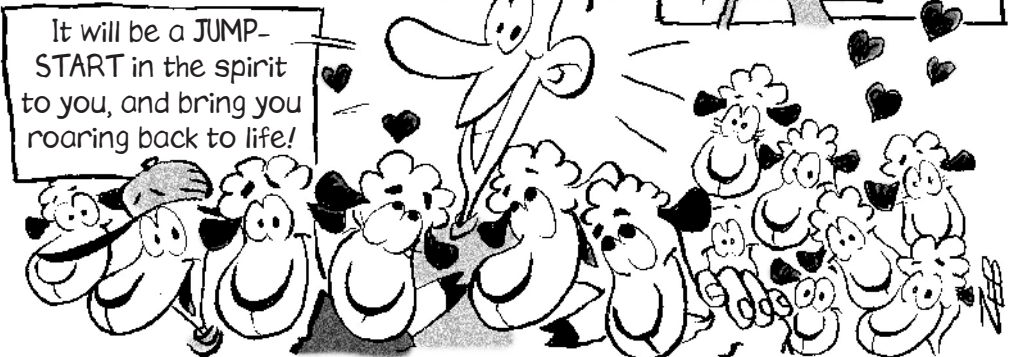


JUMP START

(ADAPTED FROM ML# 3298:176.)



It will be a JUMP-START in the spirit to you, and bring you roaring back to life!



JESUS SPEAKING - ART BY ZEB

LABYRINTH

Enter a world that no man has ever fully seen...

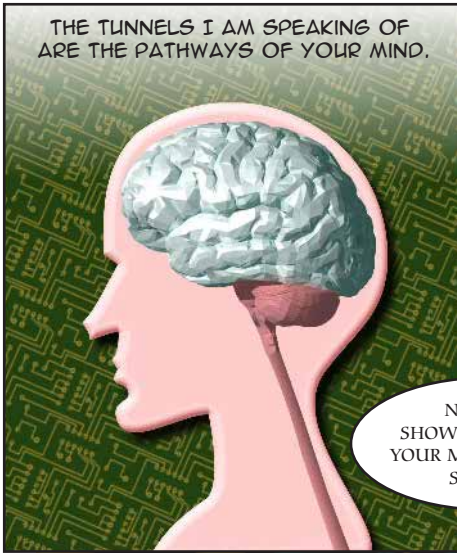
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IT IS A LABYRINTH OF TUNNELS THAT TWIST AND TURN, DIP AND LOOP AROUND. ALL THE TUNNELS MEET EACH OTHER.

THOUGH DIFFERENT TUNNELS HAVE DIFFERENT PURPOSES, THE MATERIAL THAT FLOWS THROUGH ONE EVENTUALLY TOUCHES ALL OF THEM.

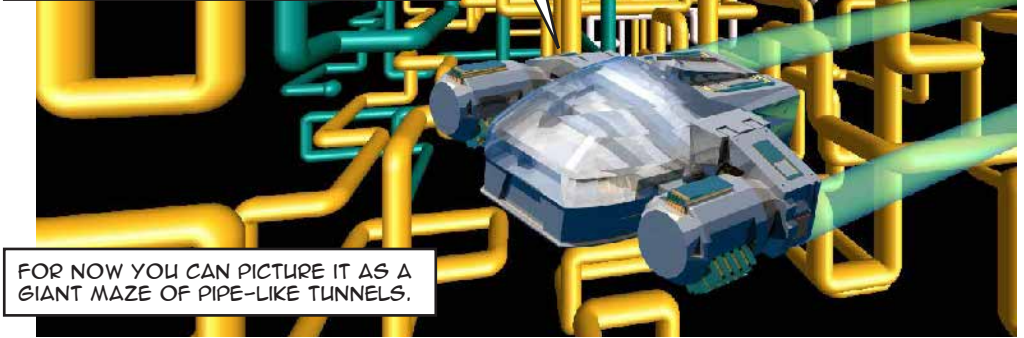
THE TUNNELS I AM SPEAKING OF ARE THE PATHWAYS OF YOUR MIND.

SOME DAY I WILL PERSONALLY TAKE YOU ON A TOUR. WE'LL SHRINK DOWN TO THE SIZE OF AN ATOM AND THEN TRAVEL THROUGH THE FASCINATING WORLD OF THE MIND.



WE'LL SEE IT AT WORK. BUT THAT WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL HEAVEN.

NEXT I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE YOUR MEMORIES ARE STORED!



FOR NOW YOU CAN PICTURE IT AS A GIANT MAZE OF PIPE-LIKE TUNNELS.

YOUR THOUGHTS ARE THE FLUID THAT FLOWS THROUGH THE TUNNELS OF YOUR MIND. LET'S SAY THAT THE FLUID LOOKS DIFFERENT DEPENDING WHAT KIND OF THOUGHTS YOU'RE THINKING, SHALL WE?

WHEN YOU'RE THINKING POSITIVE THOUGHTS ABOUT PEOPLE, THE FLUID IS AN AMBER-COLORED LIQUID, THAT MENDS THE TUNNELS AS IT FLOWS THROUGH WITH ITS SOOTHING, AROMATIC BALM.



BUT WHEN YOU ALLOW CRITICAL THOUGHTS INTO THE LABYRINTH OF YOUR MIND, WITHOUT CHECKING THEM IMMEDIATELY...

THAT TODD!
HE THINKS HE'S SO COOL!

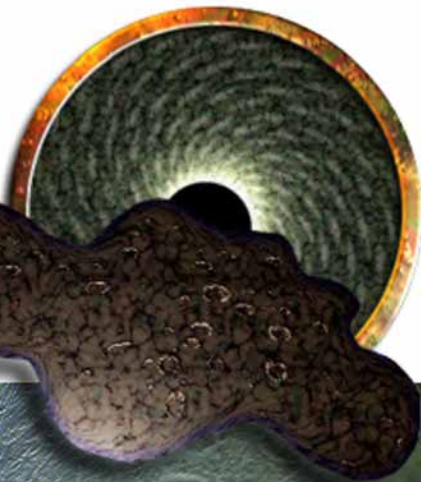
THANKS,
TODD!

YOU'RE
SO SWEET!

PRAISE
YOU,
JESUS!

YOU'RE
THE
BEST!

...THAT IS LIKE SENDING THICK, OOZING BROWN MUD ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THOSE TUNNELS. AS IT FLOWS THROUGH, IT LEAVES BEHIND A THIN LAYER OF MUD TO TAINT OTHER THOUGHTS THAT COME ON THEIR WAY THROUGH THERE.



HOWEVER, THERE IS A REMEDY! IF YOU THINK THOUGHTS OF PRAISE, IMMEDIATELY A GLOWING WHITE ELIXIR FLOWS THROUGH ALL THE TUNNELS OF YOUR MIND AT LIGHTING SPEED, FLUSHING OUT ANY NEGATIVE FLUIDS THAT HAVE BUILT UP AND GIVING YOU A DIVINE EXPERIENCE.

EVERY PART IN YOUR TUNNELS IS CHARGED WITH NEW ENERGY TO HELP YOU HAVE A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK ON LIFE. SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPENS WHEN YOU EMPLOY OTHER SPIRITUAL WEAPONS, LIKE LOVING ME, USING THE WEAPON OF PRAYER, AND SO ON.

SOMETHING VERY SAD HAPPENS WHEN YOU HOLD ON TO A GRUDGE AND ALLOW IT TO INGRAIN ITSELF IN YOUR MIND AS A BITTERNESS.

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIM!



YOU CAN PICTURE THAT AS A BLACK, STICKY OIL SLICK THAT FLOWS THROUGH YOUR MIND.

I CLAIM THE POWER OF THE KEYS TO HELP ME OVERCOME THESE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS!

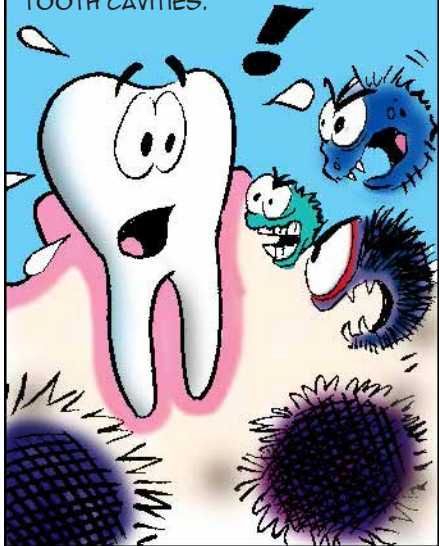
THEN, EVEN IF THE LIQUID OF PRAISE COMES AND FLUSHES OUT YOUR MIND, BECAUSE OF ITS NATURE, THE OIL OF BITTERNESS STICKS TO ONE LITTLE POCKET OF TUNNELS.

IT CAN'T BE WASHED LOOSE FROM THAT PLACE ONCE YOU ALLOW IT IN, UNLESS YOU EMPLOY SEVERAL DIFFERENT SUPERNATURAL LIQUIDS, INCLUDING PRAISE,

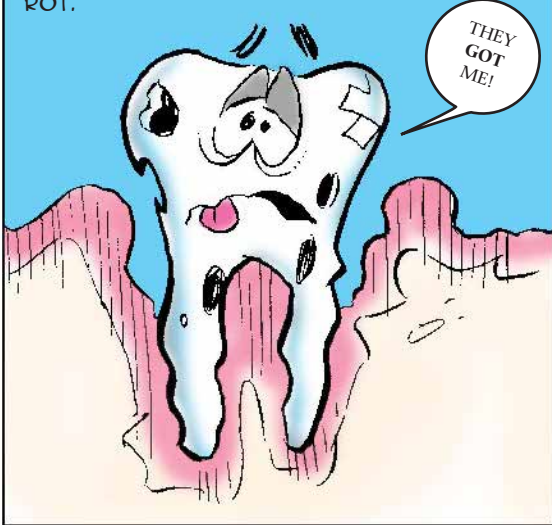
DESPERATE PRAYER, QUOTING AND SINGING THE WORD, AND SEEKING ME THROUGH PROPHECY TO FIND HOW YOU CAN SPECIFICALLY FIGHT THAT POCKET OF RESISTANCE IN YOUR MIND.



YOU CAN THINK OF THE OIL SLICK OF BITTERNESS IN THE SAME LIGHT AS YOU THINK OF TOOTH CAVITIES.



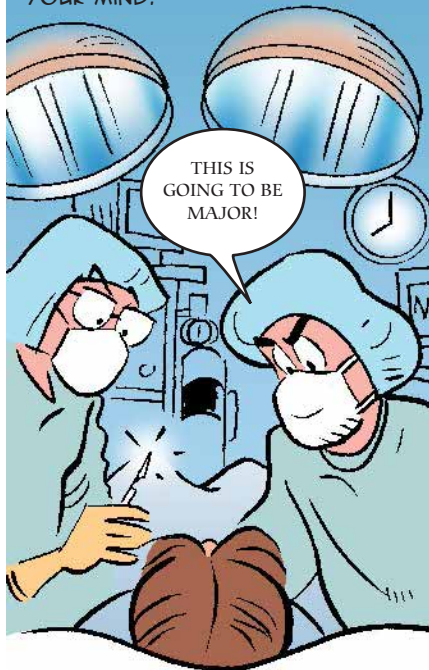
ONCE BACTERIA HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO HARBOR IN ONE OF YOUR TEETH, THEY GAIN A Foothold AND BORE DEEPER INTO YOUR TOOTH, UNTIL THEY CAUSE THAT TOOTH TO ROT.



SIMILARLY, THE OIL SLICK OF BITTERNESS OR THE OOZING MUD OF NEGATIVITY, IF ALLOWED TO LINGER IN THE TUNNELS OF YOUR MIND, WILL EAT AWAY AT THOSE TUNNEL WALLS.

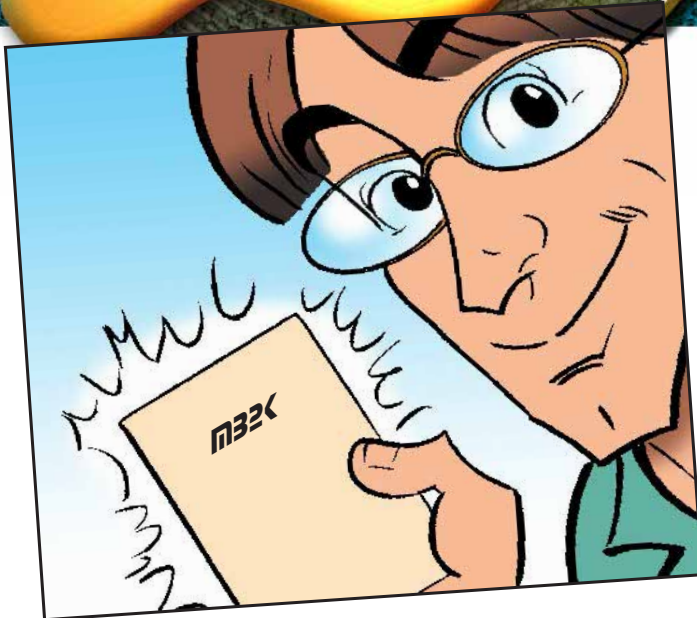


THEN, IF YOU ALLOW IT TO GO ON UNCHECKED, YOU'LL HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIAL OPERATION TO CLEAN THE CONTAMINATED TUNNELS OF YOUR MIND.



SO KEEP THOSE TUNNELS FLOWING WITH THE AMBER-COLORED LIQUID OF POSITIVENESS AND THE GLOWING WHITE ELIXIR OF PRAISE AND THE OTHER NEW WEAPONS.

GIVE ME YOUR WORDS, JESUS!



ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO STRENGTHEN THOSE TUNNELS BY MEMORIZING KEY BIBLE VERSES, SO THAT IN TIMES WHEN YOU ARE BOMBARDED WITH NEGATIVITY FROM THE OUTSIDE, THOSE TUNNELS CAN STAND STRONG AND STABLE, AND NOT CAVE IN.



THE WEAPON OF LOVING ME



(Jesus:) Loving Me can be illustrated like this: You have angels rubbing a blue gel over your body. They pour the gel down into what seems like a glass mold and it fills up from the feet on up. The gel turns into a cool suit of tightly fitting armor that deflects the attacks of the Enemy.

It's both a suit of armor and a weapon that is capable of being "sprayed" out at the enemy, enveloping your attackers in a covering of light. When beings of darkness come in contact with this light, they are dissolved because they can't take it.

The Enemy's fear of the weapon of Loving Me is very great. It is so powerful and mighty that the devils disintegrate into nothing when they are faced with this great and awesome force. They are blasted to bits! They are no more!

Question: Lord, when You say the devils are blasted to bits, and that they're "no more," do You mean they actually cease to exist? Or is that just a description to help us visualize how they are defeated in our lives?

(Jesus:) The spirit world is filled with many mysteries that you will not understand until you come over to this side. It is sufficient for you to visualize the devils being blasted to bits when you use this powerful spiritual weapon of loving Me. It's not like a computer game where a bad guy will keel over and "die" only to come back again next time you play. The Devil never stops attacking, but you can defeat him every time, you can set him back, and you can vanquish the specific little devils from your life so that they are no more as far as you are concerned.

So relish the fight! Use these new weapons, and learn to love destroying the works of darkness, My beloved warriors.



NOTABLE QUOTE:

Every demon has his nemesis which will cause his downfall. The nemesis of Pan is the Word, the Scriptures, the New Wine, anything that builds faith. The written Word will send Pan screaming! The nemesis of Bacchus is loving Me intimately and calling Me to your side as your Husband. When you do that, you show Bacchus that his addictions and trinkets are nothing in your life because I, as your Husband, satisfy all your needs for pleasure.—Jesus (ML #3402:39)

WHEN IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO IT, THERE ARE REALLY ONLY TWO JOBS IN THE FAMILY:

1. BEING A MISSIONARY ON THE FIELD

2. HELPING THE MISSIONARIES THROUGH THE PUBS, OR IN AN ADMINISTRATIONAL AND SHEPHERDING CAPACITY
—ESTHER CLAIRE (28), TAIWAN

SERVING THE LORD CAN SOMETIMES BE A REAL CHALLENGE FOR ME, BUT THE MORE I DO IT, THE MORE I LOVE IT. I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!
—NOAH (24, OF LILY C.), TAIWAN

I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT THE FAMILY WAS THE PLACE FOR ME, AND I'M TRYING MY BEST TO STAY ON BOARD WITH ALL THE NEW MOVES OF THE SPIRIT.

I JUST MADE UP MY MIND THAT I WAS GOING TO STICK IT OUT.
—NICK (22), JAPAN

THAT'S THE COOL THING ABOUT BEING A WITNESSER

—YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ABLE TO COOK A GOURMET MEAL; YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ABLE TO WRITE COMPUTER PROGRAMS;

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PUT IN A NEW ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR FIX THE PLUMBING;

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROLIFIC WRITER, OR EVEN AN ELOQUENT SPEAKER.

NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THE SITUATION IS, IF YOU GIVE THE LORD YOUR ALL, REGARDLESS OF THE SACRIFICE AND SEEMING HURT, THE PAYBACK IS ALWAYS WORTHWHILE.

IT MAKES YOU FORGET THE TRIALS, AND YOU REVEL IN THE BLESSINGS INSTEAD!
—ISAMU (22), JAPAN

I'LL BE THE FIRST TO ADMIT THAT IT COSTS A LOT TO BE A COMMITTED CM YOUNG PERSON. BUT I WOULDN'T—NOT FOR ONE SECOND—WANT TO MISS OUT ON THE EXCITEMENT AND FULFILLMENT

I'VE EXPERIENCED IN SERVING THE LORD.
—LIBBY (19), MIDDLE EAST

YOU JUST HAVE TO LOVE THE SHEEP AND BE WILLING TO USE WHAT YOU DO KNOW OF THE WORD TO FEED THOSE THAT YOU MEET.
—PATIENCE (25), THAILAND

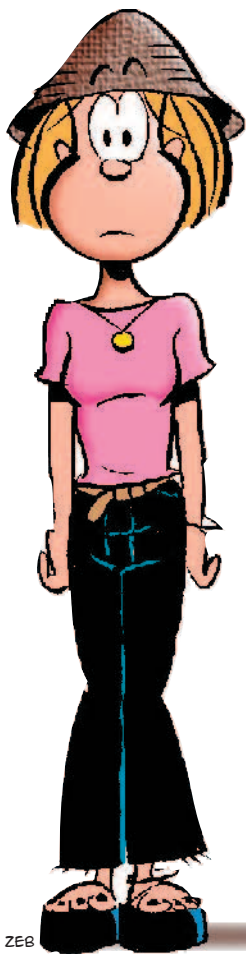
[ON OUR ROAD TRIP] THERE WAS HARDLY A PERSON WE'D TALK TO WHO WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO WITNESS TO. THAT'S HOW WE COULD TELL IT WAS ENTIRELY THE LORD'S DOING; THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE TO WITNESS AND REACH OUT TO.
—COSQUIN ROAD TEAM, ARGENTINA

I FOUND THAT YOU GET TO THE POINT WHERE YOU READ AND GET FULL OF YOUR SUBJECT FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES OR SO, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A GOOD FORTY-FIVE MINUTE BIBLE CLASS.
—AMY (15), ROMANIA

WITNESSES
FROM

PROFESSIONALS

Taken from "Where I Belong, Part 1!" FSM#392



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B (JESUS:) LET ME TELL YOU A STORY. ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A YOUNG TEEN GIRL.

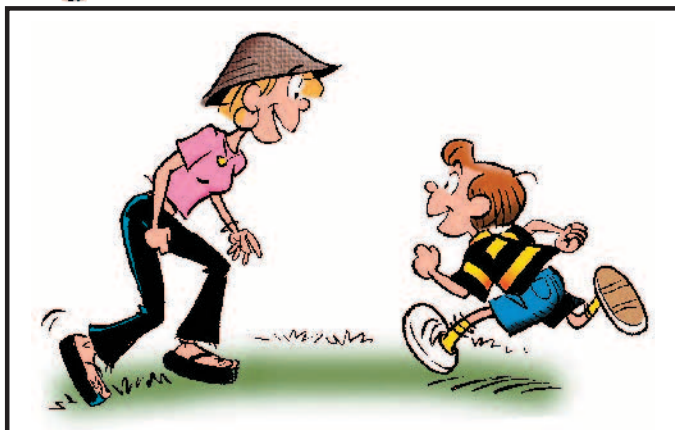
SHE WAS A PLAIN AND SIMPLE GIRL—NOT PARTICULARLY OUTSTANDING IN LOOKS OR TALENT. SHE WAS AVERAGE, IN HER OPINION. BUT SHE LOVED ME DEARLY AND SHE HAD A HEART FOR THE SHEEP.

SHE WITNESSED ON THE WEEKENDS, AND DURING THE WEEK SHE WAS FAITHFUL WITH HER SCHOOL AND HER MINISTRY. THIS GIRL WAS DISCOURAGED ABOUT HERSELF. SHE THOUGHT THAT SHE DIDN'T COUNT FOR MUCH, THAT SHE NEVER MADE A POSITIVE DENT IN HER HOME OR IN THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND HER.

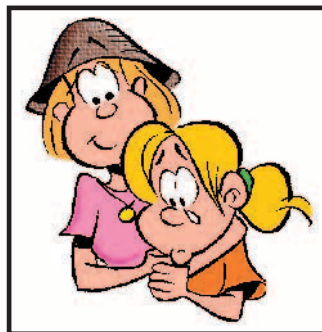
BUT IF I WERE TO OPEN HER EYES NOW SHE WOULD SEE THAT IF SHE HAD NOT BEEN THERE,

OH, HOW DIFFERENT THE LIVES OF THE DEAR ONES AROUND HER WOULD'VE BEEN THEN, AND WOULD EVEN BE NOW:

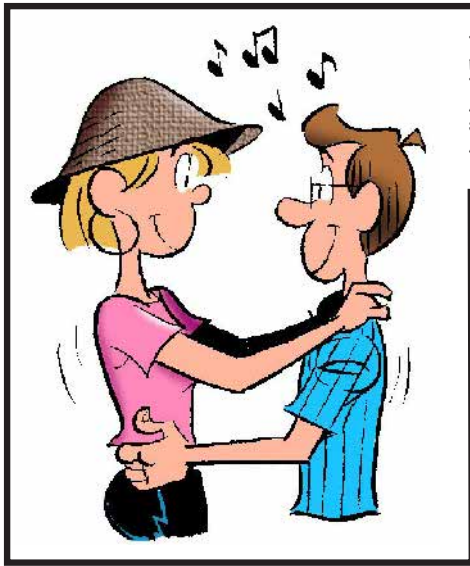
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THE SINGLE MOMMY WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THAT EXTRA TIME OFF THAT SHE NEEDED AT THAT POINT IN HER LIFE, WHILE THIS TEEN GIRL SPENT HER FREE TIME WITH THE KIDS.



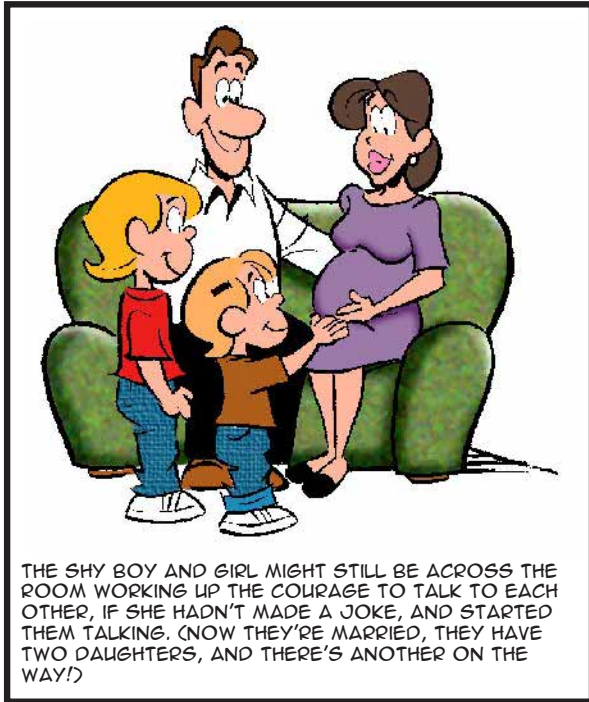
THE SMALL, SHY GIRL, WHO HAD RECENTLY LOST A LOVED ONE, WOULD NOT HAVE RECOVERED AND GOTTEN OVER THE GRIEF AND LONELINESS SHE WAS EXPERIENCING, HAD SHE NOT HAD A FRIEND THERE WHEN SHE SO DESPERATELY NEEDED ONE.



THE UNPOPULAR BOY SHE APPROACHED FOR A DANCE AT THE PARTY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT ONE DANCE BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH HE HUNG AROUND ALL EVENING, TALKING AND LAUGHING WITH SOME OTHER GUYS, SHE WAS THE ONLY GIRL WHO ASKED HIM TO DANCE THAT NIGHT.



THE FRIENDS THAT QUARRELED MIGHT STILL BE ANGRY, IF SHE HADN'T PASSED ON THE GOOD WORD EACH HAD SAID ABOUT THE OTHER.



THE SHY BOY AND GIRL MIGHT STILL BE ACROSS THE ROOM WORKING UP THE COURAGE TO TALK TO EACH OTHER, IF SHE HADN'T MADE A JOKE, AND STARTED THEM TALKING. (NOW THEY'RE MARRIED, THEY HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, AND THERE'S ANOTHER ON THE WAY!)



SO YOU SEE, THE POINT OF THIS EXAMPLE, IS THAT YOU ARE IMPORTANT. THE FABRIC OF YOUR DESTINY IS MADE UP OF SMALL THREADS—THE LITTLE THINGS YOU DO EACH DAY TO SERVE ME AND TO LOVE OTHERS. THERE ARE SHOES THAT ONLY YOU CAN FILL. YOU ARE MINE, AND I HAVE MADE YOU AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A WONDERFUL PURPOSE TO FULFILL. WHAT YOU DO MIGHT NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH NOW, BUT TRUST ME: WHAT YOU DO MATTERS!

NOTABLE QUOTE:

When you want to do something that satisfies you, and you see that I want you to do something different, or something that satisfies your brother or sister or someone else instead, then yield and let Me have My way. As you do this, My nature will become a part of you and I will start to move, act, and live in you.—Jesus (ML #3324.60)



B (Jesus:) Have you ever tried a real spicy food before? Or maybe a spicy sweet, like candied ginger? Kind of makes your mouth burn, but in a good way, doesn't it? It kind of gives your taste buds some variety and a change from the regular, more bland or subtle tastes in life.

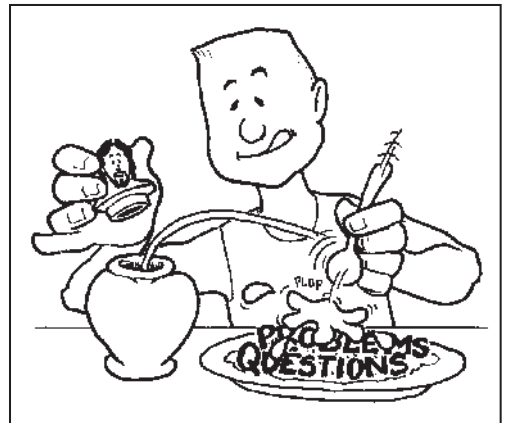
Or maybe you don't care for spicy things, but your taste buds just freak out with pleasure every time

you try a dried salty plum, or a rare and special sweet that's native to a certain country.

I want to be a special taste in your life—one you keep coming back for again and again because you just can't get enough of Me. I know I'm not a kind of food, but the Bible does say "Taste and see that the Lord is good," and whenever you are making mind-to-mind or spirit-to-spirit contact with Me, you are doing just that.

So come back

often. Don't hide Me in the cupboard and just save Me for rare occasions. Let every day be a spiritual taste sensation with Me!



NOTABLE QUOTE:

B acchus will try as hard as he can to make you desire something other than My love and what I have to offer you (ML #3402:14).

