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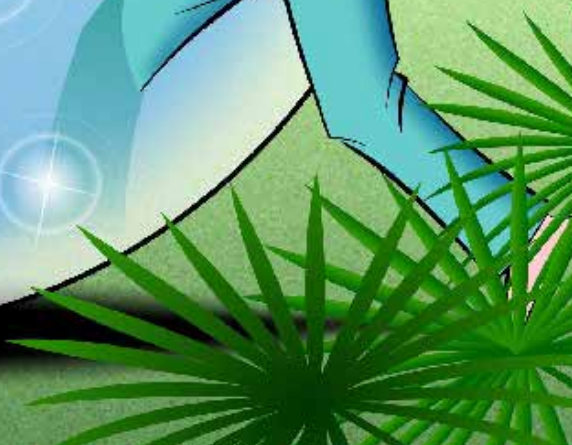
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# PRAYER BUBBLE



# When You Lose My Joy

(Jesus:) Many of My precious brides are so busy. They carry heavy loads, the work just keeps coming, and the day-to-day run of things can be pretty grueling. They are devoted, they're loyal, they want to do their part, they want to be responsible and further My Kingdom. But when things get out of balance, when they become so work-oriented and focused on the to-dos that their whole life revolves around work, meetings, messages, or accomplishments, they lose My joy. That is a signal that something is wrong.

They need to realize that it's not My will for them to lose their joy and happiness under the burden of the work. And in order to maintain that perspective, they must have a balance in their life. It's so easy for the simple pleasures to be pushed out—the simple joys of My creation, loving Me, fellowship, time with children, recreation, time to laugh and smile and appreciate. If those things don't have a place, things are out of balance.

("BEING REWIRED!"  
ML #3412:33-34)



## NOTABLE QUOTE:

**(Dad:) You're constantly busy-busy, doing-doing, going-going, producing-producing, trying to be effective, trying to be efficient. But what you don't realize is that the most important kind of effectiveness is through prayer and through making sure that you go slow enough to really get the Lord's mind.**

**("Feast 2003: What Is Jesus Worth to You?" ML #3433:376)**



MARK BF

**Keys Promise:**

The keys have the power to create, to shape, and to mold any prayer into reality. Call on them when you pray and you will be blessed to see and hear of the mighty miracles and deeds that I will do on behalf of My children now and in the days to come.

**Keys Promise:**

Calling on the keys for someone is not the least you can do, but the most.

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(Dad:) There are different branches of the Prayer Tower throughout the Heavenly City. They could be described as “prayer bubbles,” as they are buildings that look like bubbles in structure. Here anyone can check in with the Prayer Tower without entering it.

(“ACTION THROUGH PRAYER: THE UNDERUSED SPIRITUAL WEAPON!—PART 5,” ML #3414:21)

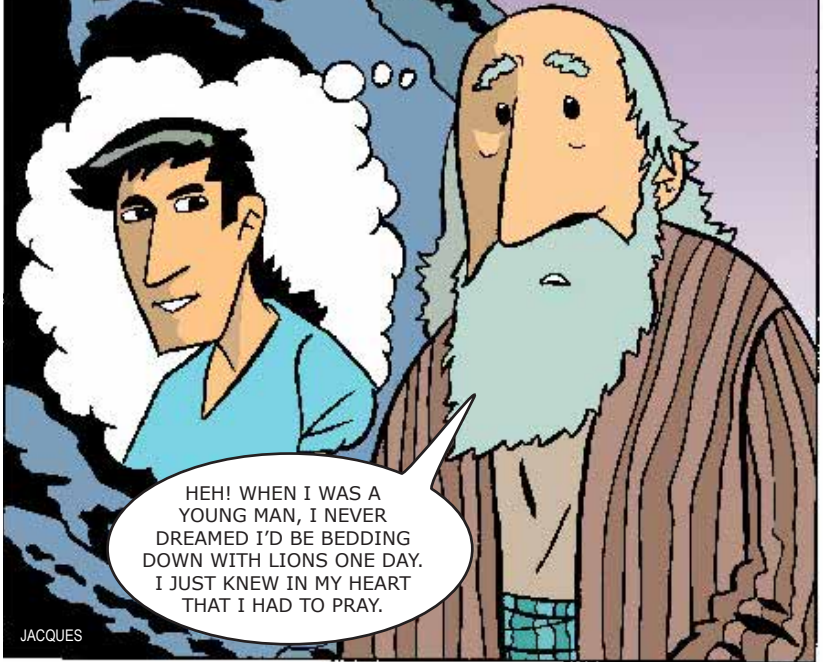
# POWDER

# FOR THE END-TIME HOUR



(Jesus:)

I know that when you think about the Last Days, you feel somewhat excited, but at the same time you kinda worry and wonder if you will have what it takes.



JACQUES

You might wonder, *Gosh, what if I get caught by the Antichrist's soldiers, and they say they're going to kill me unless I deny my faith. What if I just don't have enough faith to stand strong, so I just give in and ... eek!*

Oh please don't worry! Please don't fret. I know how real your fears are to

you, especially because you don't know exactly what to expect, and it seems like it's all going to be a bit overwhelming! But I'll tell you—for those of you who do get into these kinds of situations,

you WILL be prepared, and you won't buckle under the pressure.

I know that seems hard to imagine. But do you think that My prophet Daniel went around his whole life thinking, *Of course I'll keep praying, even if it means I'll get thrown into a den of lions. No probs! Lions?— Sure, I've got the faith for that one!*

Of course not. Daniel's faith for that test was

not given to him until the moment appointed, for a testimony to Me. When I called him to step out by faith and defy the king's rule by continuing his daily prayer and communion time with Me, even though he knew the consequences of his actions, I also gave him the faith and anointing to do it.

So will it be with you! If you are called to do something you feel too

weak to do now, don't worry, for at the time appointed you will be given power for the hour. This is not to say that most of you will be faced with becoming martyrs. For the most part I will call My children to stay on to be witnesses for Me until the final hour.

But know this, that all of you will at one time or other be faced with situations that will stretch your faith. You will feel incapable, but just at that moment that you feel most weak, when you cry out to Me, you will feel My Heavenly anointing come down.

Then you will be so glad that you took the time to prepare yourself spiritually beforehand. You will see that it was worth it all, because in that moment I will reveal My power, and you will feel it without a shadow of doubt. All will know that it is My power through you, and that you have this anointing because you have been with Me.



### Keys Promise:

If you feel worry about the future, call on the keys and I will give you faith instead of fear, and peace instead of turmoil.

(COURTESY OF  
VOICE OF THE MARTYRS.)

# A Russian Captain Finds Jesus!

**R**ICHARD WURMBRAND, A LEADER OF THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH IN COMMUNIST ROMANIA IN THE 1940S, MET A RUSSIAN CAPTAIN WHILE STILL LIVING BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.

I LONG TO KNOW GOD BETTER. I LOVE HIM BUT DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM!

SINCE YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN A BIBLE BEFORE, LET ME READ YOU SOME OF THE WORDS AND PARABLES OF JESUS, GOD'S SON, WHO CAME TO EARTH TO GIVE SALVATION TO ALL WHO BELIEVE.

"AND SEEING THE MULTITUDES, JESUS WENT UP INTO A MOUNTAIN: AND WHEN HE WAS SET, HIS DISCIPLES CAME UNTO HIM: AND HE OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND TAUGHT THEM, SAYING,

JEREMY

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT: FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN: FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK: FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.

BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS: FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED. ..."  
(\*MATTHEW 5:1-6)

"AND JESUS SPAKE MANY THINGS UNTO THEM IN PARABLES, SAYING, BEHOLD, A SOWER WENT FORTH TO SOW..."  
(\*MATTHEW 13:3)

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AFTER RICHARD READ MORE OF JESUS' PARABLES TO THE CAPTAIN...

I CANNOT KEEP STILL, I FEEL LIKE DANCING FOR JOY!

THE PEOPLE MUST HAVE BEEN SO HAPPY TO HEAR THE WORDS STRAIGHT FROM JESUS' MOUTH.

WHAT A WONDERFUL BEAUTY! HOW COULD I LIVE WITHOUT KNOWING THIS CHRIST?

AH YES, HE HAD MANY DISCIPLES, BUT NOT ALL PEOPLE WERE HAPPY. AFTER ONLY THREE YEARS OF HIS MINISTRY ... HERE, LET ME READ IT TO YOU.

"...THEN PILATE THEREFORE TOOK JESUS, AND SCOURGED HIM, AND THE SOLDIERS PLATTED A CROWN OF THORNS, AND PUT IT ON HIS HEAD, AND THEY PUT ON HIM A PURPLE ROBE, AND SAID,

"...THEN CAME JESUS FORTH, WEARING THE CROWN OF THORNS, AND THE PURPLE ROBE, AND PILATE SAITH UNTO THEM, BEHOLD THE MAN! WHEN THE CHIEF PRIESTS THEREFORE AND OFFICERS SAW HIM, THEY CRIED OUT, SAYING,

...THEN DELIVERED HE HIM TO BE CRUCIFIED. AND THEY TOOK JESUS, AND LED HIM AWAY, AND HE BEARING HIS CROSS WENT FORTH INTO A PLACE CALLED THE PLACE OF A SKULL, WHERE THEY CRUCIFIED HIM, AND TWO OTHER WITH HIM, ON EITHER SIDE ONE, AND JESUS IN THE MIDST."  
(EXCERPTS OF JOHN 19:1-6,16-18)



'HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!'

**CRUCIFY HIM!  
CRUCIFY HIM!**

AND THEY SMOTE HIM WITH THEIR HANDS.

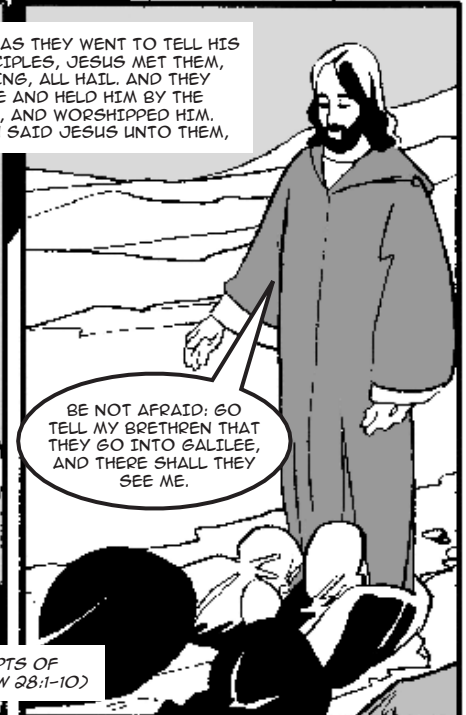




...IN THE END OF THE SABBATH, AS IT BEGAN TO DAWN TOWARD THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, CAME MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY TO SEE THE SEPULCHRE.



AND THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE: FOR THE ANGEL OF THE LORD DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN, AND CAME AND ROLLED BACK THE STONE FROM THE DOOR, AND SAT UPON IT. HIS COUNTENANCE WAS LIKE LIGHTNING, AND HIS RAIMENT WHITE AS SNOW:



(EXCERPTS OF MATTHEW 28:1-10)





# Stirred Up Ambassadors



(Jesus:) You folks need to get stirred up and strengthened in your convictions as My ambassadors. You need to get out there and claim the land! Claim your country for Me! Claim its leaders, its upper levels of society, for Me. Get out there and reach them—and not just gently and lightly, but challenge them to do something for Me and others. Make disciples of your nation. (“Reach the Rich,” ML #3400:57)



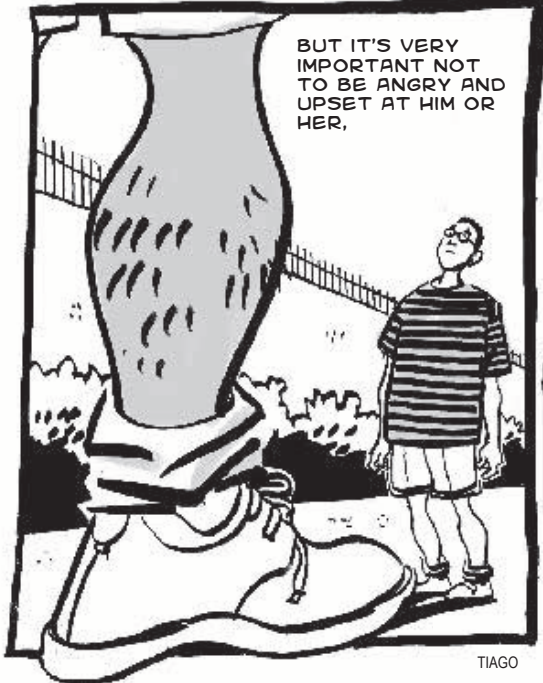
MATTHEW 57

**Keys Promise:**  
Abundant supply, victory, and progress will be yours as you face down and defeat Apotheon in the power of the keys, My Word, and My love.

# Traitor?—Or...



(JESUS:) HAVE YOU EVER HAD A FRIEND REPORT ON YOU? DID YOU FEEL BAD—KIND OF BETRAYED? IT'S HARD WHEN SOMEONE WHO'S A GOOD FRIEND OF YOURS TELLS THE SHEPHERDS SOMETHING THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT THEM TO KNOW OR FIND OUT.



TIAGO

OR LET THE CORRECTION YOU GET BE OVERSHADOWED BECAUSE OF YOUR ANGER ABOUT GETTING "TOLD ON."



IMAGINE A WORLDLING (I'LL CALL HIM JACK), WHO HAS A PROBLEM WITH DRINKING TOO MUCH. ONE NIGHT HE'S AT A BAR VERY LATE AND HAS GOTTEN VERY DRUNK.

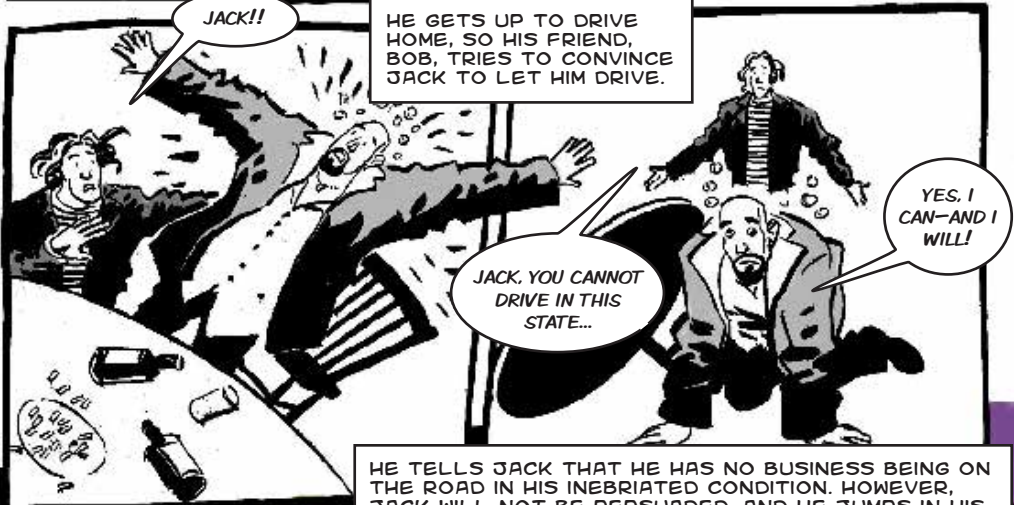


I WILL NEVER TRUST YOU AGAIN, TRAITOR!!



HAD ENOUGH, JACK?

ONE MORE!



JACK!!

HE GETS UP TO DRIVE HOME, SO HIS FRIEND, BOB, TRIES TO CONVINCE JACK TO LET HIM DRIVE.

JACK, YOU CANNOT DRIVE IN THIS STATE...

YES, I CAN—AND I WILL!

HE TELLS JACK THAT HE HAS NO BUSINESS BEING ON THE ROAD IN HIS INEBRIATED CONDITION. HOWEVER, JACK WILL NOT BE PERSUADED, AND HE JUMPS IN HIS CAR AND SWERVES OUT ONTO THE ROAD.



JACK!!!

SCREECH!!!



WHAT DO I DO? HE IS GOING TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT...

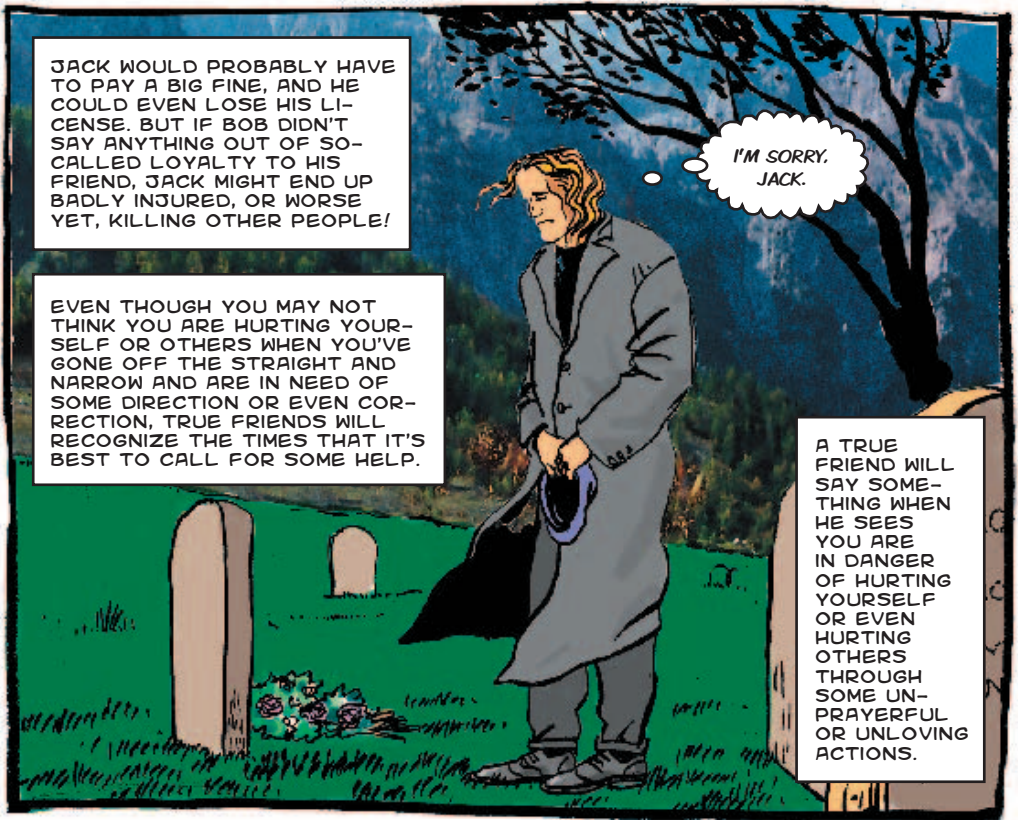
NOW BOB HAS A CHOICE. HE DOESN'T HAVE A CAR, SO HE CAN'T DRIVE AFTER HIM. HE CAN EITHER CALL THE POLICE AND TELL THEM TO GO AFTER JACK, OR HE CAN DO NOTHING AND JUST PRAY POOR JACK DOESN'T CAUSE AN ACCIDENT AND KILL HIMSELF OR A CARLOAD OF OTHER PEOPLE.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? OF COURSE, IF YOU WERE IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, I WOULD EXPECT YOU TO HEAR FROM ME ON THE SPOT ABOUT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION TO TAKE.

I FOUND ANOTHER BODY, CHIEF!

BUT DOES IT SEEM LIKE IT WOULD BE DISLOYAL AND EXTREME OF BOB TO CALL THE POLICE?—AFTER ALL, HE'D BE REPORTING ON HIS FRIEND AND GETTING HIM IN BIG TROUBLE!





JACK WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO PAY A BIG FINE, AND HE COULD EVEN LOSE HIS LICENSE. BUT IF BOB DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING OUT OF SO-CALLED LOYALTY TO HIS FRIEND, JACK MIGHT END UP BADLY INJURED, OR WORSE YET, KILLING OTHER PEOPLE!

EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY NOT THINK YOU ARE HURTING YOURSELF OR OTHERS WHEN YOU'VE GONE OFF THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW AND ARE IN NEED OF SOME DIRECTION OR EVEN CORRECTION, TRUE FRIENDS WILL RECOGNIZE THE TIMES THAT IT'S BEST TO CALL FOR SOME HELP.

I'M SORRY, JACK.

A TRUE FRIEND WILL SAY SOMETHING WHEN HE SEES YOU ARE IN DANGER OF HURTING YOURSELF OR EVEN HURTING OTHERS THROUGH SOME UN-PRAYERFUL OR UNLOVING ACTIONS.

MY WORD SAYS, "FAITHFUL ARE THE WOUNDS OF A FRIEND," AND THAT MEANS THAT IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE ENOUGH, YOU AREN'T AFRAID TO "GIVE IT TO HIM STRAIGHT," EVEN THOUGH IT MAY HURT BOTH YOU AND HIM A LITTLE BIT. AND WHEN YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO LOVES YOU ENOUGH TO "WOUND" YOU IN THIS WAY, YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR SUCH A GOOD FRIEND.

## Notable Quote:

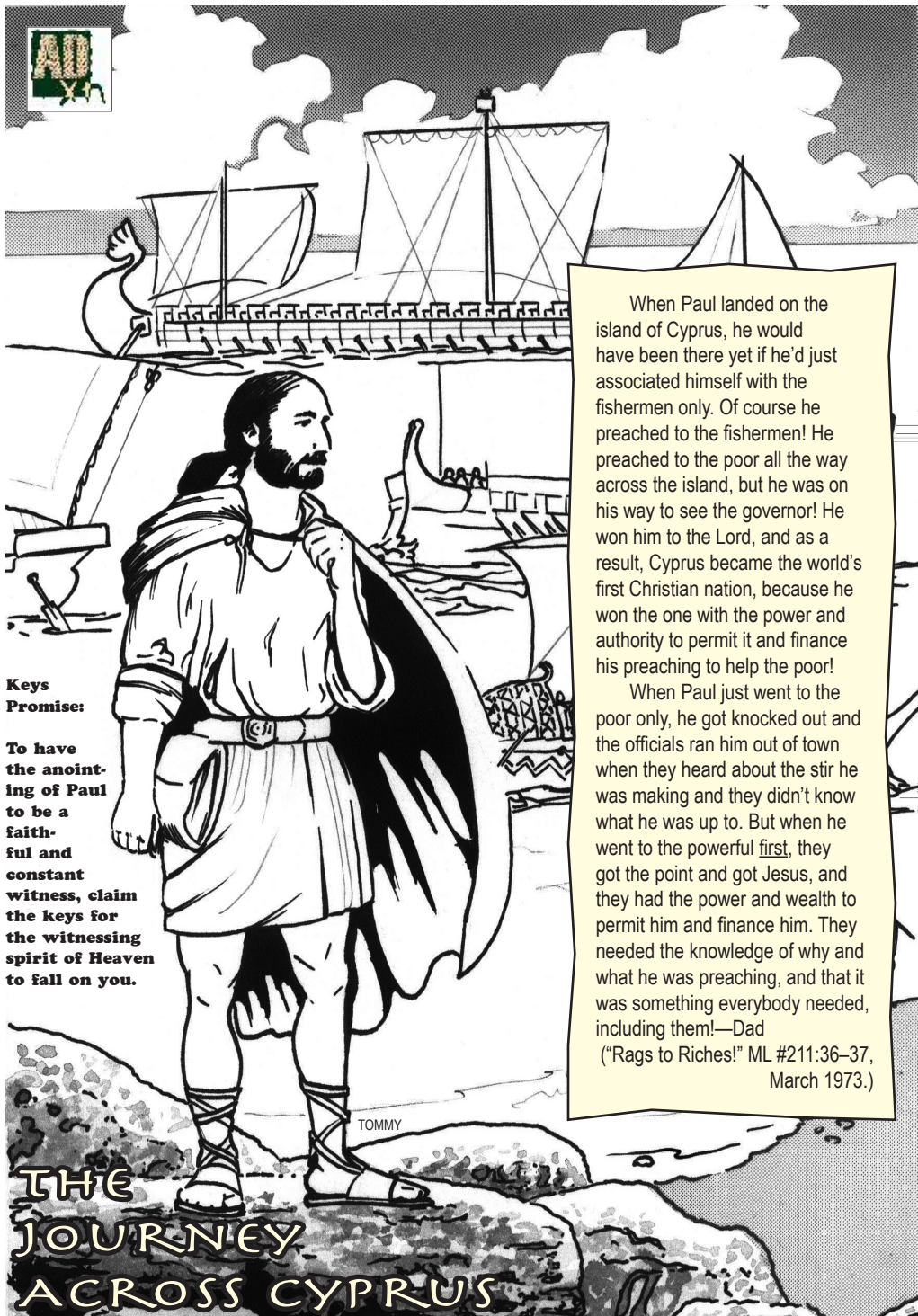
(Jesus:) The truth of the matter, My truth, is just the opposite of the Devil's lies. My Word says, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend (a true friend!), but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." The Enemy's lies, half-truths and words can sometimes come in the form of sympathetic and comforting "kisses," because they feed and minister to your own wrong, distorted, worldly attitudes. But these same "kisses" are deceit—outright lies—and they're designed to end your spiritual growth and ultimately pull you away from Me.

The definition of a true friend in My book is one who is faithful to deliver the truth to you—even if it hurts you or your feelings—because they love you and they care for you. They care for the entire you, which includes your spiritual well-being, your growth, and your closeness to Me. They don't want to see you stumble or fall by the way-side; they value you and your service to Me. They want to see you make it. They want to climb alongside you. They need you. They need you to be there for them when they

fall or stumble, so they do all that's within their power to see you make it.

Their "wounds" in the way of speaking up if something is wrong or off track or the wrong attitude are signs and indications of true friendship. Their standing up for Me and My Word and My truth and the way I'm moving is the very best gift they can give you, because they're extending the hand not only of true friendship but of truth.

("Issues, Part 1!: A real friend is..." ML #3294:83,89,90)



**Keys  
Promise:**

**To have the anointing of Paul to be a faithful and constant witness, claim the keys for the witnessing spirit of Heaven to fall on you.**

When Paul landed on the island of Cyprus, he would have been there yet if he'd just associated himself with the fishermen only. Of course he preached to the fishermen! He preached to the poor all the way across the island, but he was on his way to see the governor! He won him to the Lord, and as a result, Cyprus became the world's first Christian nation, because he won the one with the power and authority to permit it and finance his preaching to help the poor!

When Paul just went to the poor only, he got knocked out and the officials ran him out of town when they heard about the stir he was making and they didn't know what he was up to. But when he went to the powerful first, they got the point and got Jesus, and they had the power and wealth to permit him and finance him. They needed the knowledge of why and what he was preaching, and that it was something everybody needed, including them!—Dad  
("Rags to Riches!" ML #211:36–37, March 1973.)

# THE JOURNEY ACROSS CYPRUS

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PART 2

## Serve Me

(A message from Jesus)



It was no accident that you are in a place of service for Me. Whether you were born or re-born (through Salvation) into the Family, it was My hand that guided you here for a reason!



Just ask yourself, "If I were a person stranded in life without any knowledge of Jesus' love or His care for me, what would I want someone like me to do about it?"



You have a tough missionary life with many daily challenges, but you also have the promise of no impossibilities through the power of the keys I have given to you.



You don't have to spend your life chasing a carrot that's just beyond the reach of your nose. I give you basketfuls of carrots, enough to share with others!



MATTHEW BF





A life for Me is full of change and refreshing new horizons.



By serving Me you've got it made! You have the satisfaction of knowing that your actions are helping people's bodies and souls.



Because you know how much I love you, and that I forgive you when you make mistakes and repent, you don't have to carry the burdens of guilt and condemnation through life.



LORD, PLEASE SHOW US WHERE WE SHOULD WITNESS TODAY...

If you need to know about something all you have to do is ask Me, and because you are serving Me, you have lots to ask Me about!




(Xn: Stay tuned for "Reasons to Serve Me, Part 3.")

# GROW...



THAT LOOKS MORE FUN THAN THIS!

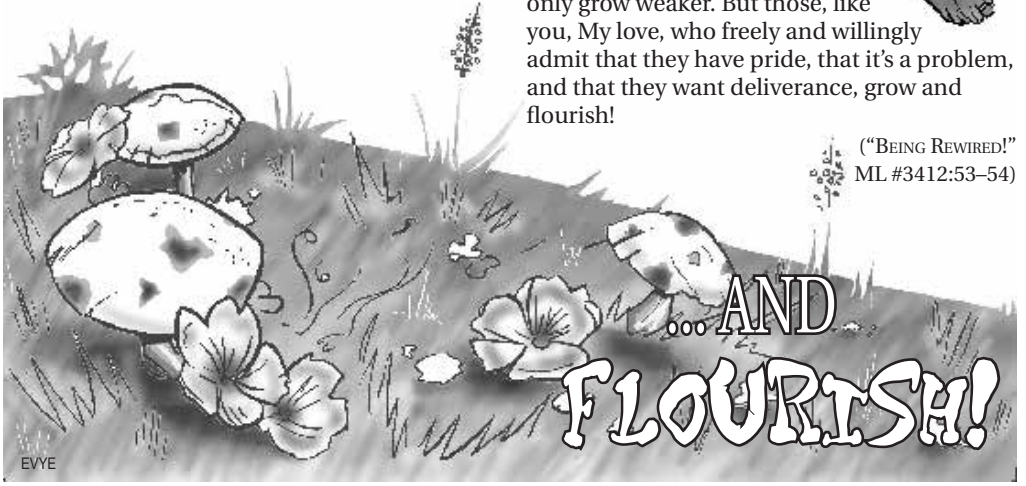
I GOT PRAYER, AND I'M FREE!

 (Jesus:) Every one of My brides has pride. Pride is the nature of man. When you realize that, then it's not a proverbial "big deal" to have prayer against pride, to fight pride, to confess pride, and to work to keep pride in check. Each one of your co-workers, mates, teamworkers and friends has to do the same. No one is exempt from the grip of pride.

Those who refuse to confess and fight it, who shrink away from the opportunities I bring

along to do the humble thing, and who try to hide their pride, only grow weaker. But those, like you, My love, who freely and willingly admit that they have pride, that it's a problem, and that they want deliverance, grow and flourish!

("BEING REWIRED!"  
ML #3412:53-54)



... AND  
**FLOURISH!**

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# If I Had Faked the Resurrection

By Josh McDowell.  
(Courtesy of *Focus on the Family* magazine.)

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.... If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men" 1 Corinthians 15:17,19.

I set out as a young man to debunk Christianity. I met a young Christian woman who challenged me to intellectually examine the evidence for Christianity, and I accepted her challenge. I aimed to show her—and everyone—that Christianity was nonsense.

I thought it would be easy. I thought a careful investigation of the facts would expose Christianity as a lie and its followers as dupes.

But then a funny thing happened. As I began investigating the claims of Christianity, I kept running up against the evidence. Time after time, I was surprised to discover the factual basis for the seemingly outlandish things Christians believe.

One of the most convincing categories of evidence I confronted was this: The resurrection accounts found in the Gospels are not the stuff of fable, forgery or fabrication. I had assumed that someone, or several someones, had invented

the stories of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. But as I examined those accounts, I had to face the fact that any sensible mythmaker would do things much differently from the way Matthew, Mark, Luke and John did in recording the news of the resurrection.

As much as I hated to, I had to admit that if I had been some first-century propagandist trying to fake the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I would have done a number of things differently:

I would **wait** a prudent period after the events before **"publishing"** my account.

Few historians dispute the fact that the disciples of Jesus began preaching the news of His resurrection soon after the event itself; in fact, Peter's Pentecost sermon (Acts 2) occurred within 50 days of the Resurrection. And textual research indicates that the written accounts of the Resurrection, especially the credal statement of 1 Corinthians 15: 3–8, are astoundingly early in origin, possibly within two years of the event. Such early origins argue against any notion that the Resurrection accounts are legendary.

A funny thing happened. I kept running up against the evidence.

I would publish my account far from the venue where it supposedly happened.

Dr. William Lane Craig writes, "One of the most amazing facts about the early Christian belief in Jesus' resurrection was that it originated in the very city where Jesus was crucified. The Christian faith did not come to exist in some distant city, far from eyewitnesses who knew of Jesus' death and burial. No, it came into being in the very city where Jesus had been publicly crucified, under the very eyes of its enemies."

I would select my "witnesses" very carefully.

None of the evangelists dared to "improve upon" or embellish this unseen resurrection.

I would avoid, as much as possible, using any names at all in my account, and I would certainly avoid citing prominent personalities as witnesses. Yet at least 16 individuals are mentioned by name as witnesses in the various accounts, and the mention of Joseph of Arimathea as the man who buried Jesus would have been terribly dangerous if the gospel accounts had been faked or embellished. As a member of the Sanhedrin, a Jewish "Supreme Court," he would have been well known. J. P. Moreland writes, "No one could have invented such a person who did not exist and say he was on the Sanhedrin if such were not the case." His

involvement in the burial of Jesus could have been easily confirmed or refuted.

Perhaps most important, I would avoid citing disreputable witnesses, which makes significant the record of Jesus' first appearances—to women—since in that time and culture women were considered invalid witnesses in a court of law. If the accounts were fabrications, the women would never have been included in the story, at least not as first witnesses.

I would surround the event with impressive supernatural displays and omens.

As Jewish scholar Pinchas Lapide writes, "We do not read in the first testimonies [of the Resurrection] of an apocalyptic spectacle, exorbitant sensations, or of the transforming impact of a cosmic event. ... According to all New Testament reports, no human eye saw the resurrection itself, no human being was present, and none of the disciples asserted to have apprehended, let alone understood, its manner and nature. How easy it would have been for them or their immediate successors to supplement this scandalous hole in the concatenation of events by fanciful embellishments! But precisely because none of the evangelists dared to "improve upon" or embellish this unseen resurrection, the total picture of the gospels also gains in trustworthiness."

I would painstakingly **correlate** my account with others I knew, **embellishing** the legend only where I could be **confident** of not being contradicted.

Many critics have pointed out the befuddling differences and apparent contradictions in the Resurrection accounts. But these are actually convincing evidences of their authenticity; they display an ingenuous lack of collusion, agreeing and (apparently) diverging much as eyewitness accounts of any event do.

I would **portray** myself and any co-conspirators **sympathetically**, even **heroically**.

Yet the Gospel writers present strikingly unflattering portraits of Jesus' followers (such as Peter and Thomas) and their often skeptical reactions (Mark 16:11, 13; Luke 24:11, 37; John 20:19, 25; 21:4). Such portrayals are very unlike the popular myths and legends of that (or any) time.

I would **disguise** the **location** of the tomb or **spectacularly destroy it** in my account.

If I were creating a resurrection legend, I would keep the

tomb's location a secret to prevent any chance that someone might discover Jesus' body, or I would record in my account that the angels sealed it or carried it off into Heaven after the Resurrection. Or I might have taken the easiest course of all and simply made my fictional resurrection a "spiritual" one, which would have made it impossible to refute even if a body were eventually discovered. But, of course, the Gospel accounts describe the owner of the tomb (Joseph of Arimathea) and its location ("At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb," [John 19:41]), and identify Jesus' resurrection as a bodily one (John 20:27).

I would try to **squelch** inquiry or **investigation**.

I might pronounce a curse on anyone attempting to substantiate my claims, or attach a stigma to anyone so shallow as to require evidence. Yet note the frequent appeal of Jesus' disciples, to the easily confirmed?—or discredited—nature of the evidence, as though inviting investigation (Acts 2:32; 3:15; 13:31; 1 Corinthians 15:3–6). This was done within a few years of the events themselves; if the tomb were not empty or the Resurrection appearances were fiction, the early Christians' opponents could have conclusively debunked the new religion. As Dr. Edwin Yamauchi says of

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the citation of the resurrected Christ appearing to more than 500 people in 1 Corinthians 15, “What gives special authority to the list [of witnesses] as historical evidence is the reference to most of the five hundred brethren being still alive. St. Paul says in effect, ‘If you do not believe me, you can ask them.’”

I would **not** preach a message of **repentance** in light of the Resurrection.

**N**o one in his right mind would have chosen to create a fictional message that would invite opposition and persecution from both civil and religious authorities of those days. How much easier and wiser it would have been to preach a less controversial gospel—concentrating on Jesus’ teachings about love, perhaps—thus saving myself and the adherents of my new religion a lot of trouble.

I would **stop** short of **dying** for my lie.

**L**ee Strobel has written, “People will die for their religious beliefs if they sincerely believe they’re true, but people won’t die for their religious beliefs if they know their beliefs are false. “While most people can only have faith that their beliefs are true, the disciples were in a position to know without a doubt whether or not Jesus had risen

from the dead. They claimed that they saw him, talked with him, and ate with him. If they weren’t absolutely certain, they wouldn’t have allowed themselves to be tortured to death for proclaiming that the resurrection had happened.”

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These are not the only reasons I believe in the truth of the Bible and the reality of the Resurrection. But these were among the “many convincing proofs” (Acts 1:3) that I encountered in my attempts to prove Christianity wrong, which eventually led me to the conclusion that Jesus Christ was who He claimed to be and that He really did rise from the dead. It didn’t happen immediately, but eventually I gave in to the truth, and on Dec. 19, 1959, the Risen Christ radically changed my life. I’ve seen Him do the same for countless others, and I pray, if you haven’t done so already, you will let Him do the same for you.

How much easier and wiser it would have been to preach a less controversial gospel.

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(Xn: Additional fascinating reading is “The Case for Christ,” by former skeptic Lee Strobel, posted on the overflow section of the Members Only site.)

# - KANTATA -

(Kantata speaking:) My mother loved singing and she loved music and she knew a lot of songs. She was born in what you know now as Uganda. Then it was called *Buganda*.

My name is Kantata. Because my mom loved music, she chose a name for me that was very close to a musical term. That way, every time she said my name, it would remind her of one of the things she loved most in life.



## LINKUP

Okay, so now that I've introduced myself to you, I will tell you why I'm here! Well, maybe you already have guessed, and that is that I have been assigned to help you on your way to Africa!

This is my first assignment of this sort, so you'll have to be patient with me. But I really had a burden to be a spirit helper to someone who was going to Africa. As you know, these are my roots and I have a burden for those sweet people who face hardship daily, yet many stay cheerful and happy and positive and hopeful. I will help you each step of the way, as you have a rather long journey ahead of you, and you will not get there by leaps and bounds, but it will be step by step. I will help lead you and guide you each step of the way.

linkup

(Xn: The person this message was received for is no longer in Africa, so Kantata is available to help you if you ask her!)

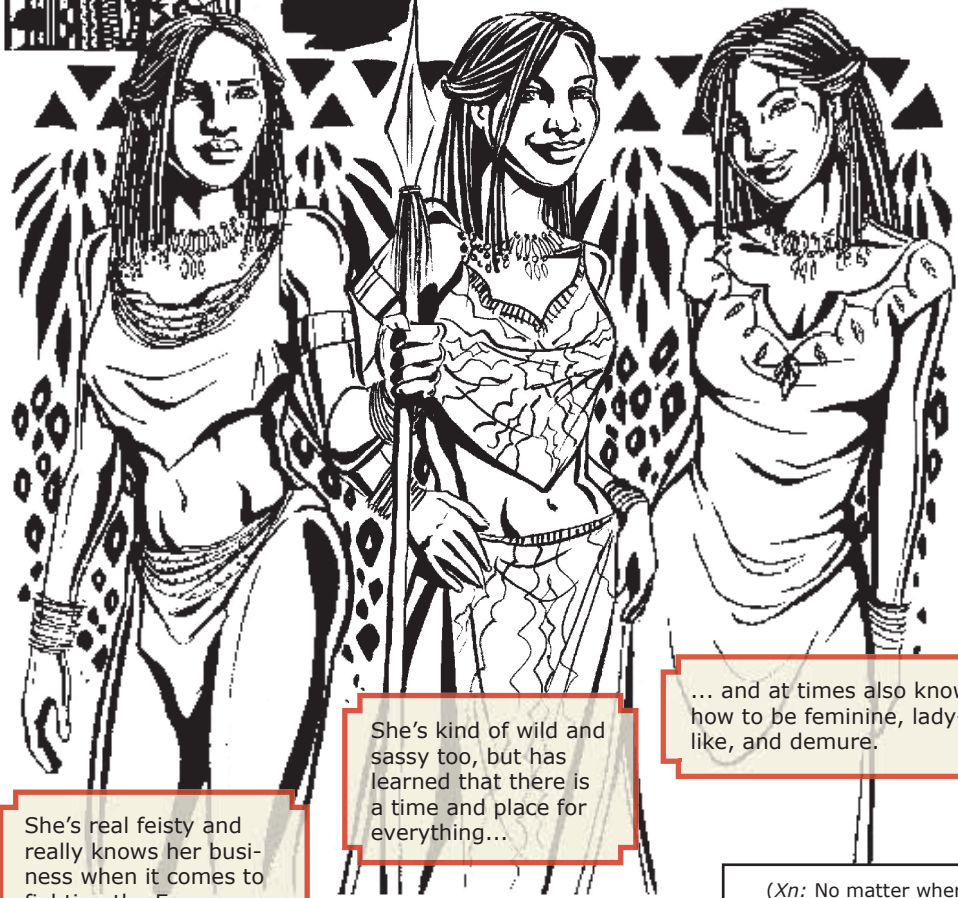
You will need patience, you will need faith, you will need to keep your eye on the goal. I will be behind the scenes arranging things, helping all the pieces fall into place, and helping to keep the Enemy at bay, for he will fight you, you know. But do know that you will never be overwhelmed, you will never be defeated in your goal, as long as you keep to the little dog line and continue to follow the path that He has laid before you.

SABINE



I know that the future right now seems a bit scary to you, but I will always be there with you, and together we will make the journey to your new land. And remember, any time you hear sweet music wafting by your ears, know that it is I, your Kantata, reminding you of my presence! (End of message.)

Vision: I had a vision along with this prophecy of Kantata. She is tall, and a beautiful mahogany color. She has strong features, but refined.



She's real feisty and really knows her business when it comes to fighting the Enemy.

She's kind of wild and sassy too, but has learned that there is a time and place for everything...

... and at times also knows how to be feminine, lady-like, and demure.

(Xn: No matter where you're traveling to be a missionary, you can ask for a special spirit helper to help you along your way!)

And he said unto me, The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way (Genesis 24:40a).



# The Heavenly Man

## Tides Turned in Prison

## Part 4

Yun had fasted without food or water for a total of 74 days, enduring many interrogations in which he pretended to be deaf and dumb. Once the guards realized he was not eating, they tried to force food and water into his mouth but were unsuccessful.

Not satisfied with their schemes, the PSB men put on their thinking caps and came up with

yet another "great strategy" to deal with Yun. They told the other prisoners in Yun's cell, "Yun is a counter-revolutionary political prisoner. Your cell has been influenced by him, which has brought bad luck to you, and yours is the most backward cell in the prison. Therefore everyone must unite and struggle against him. Whoever does this best will be

greatly rewarded and their sentence will be reduced."

The prisoners, while having great respect for Yun, had not accepted Jesus into their lives. Incited by the PSB officials, the evil streak in all of them surfaced and they became obsessed with assailing Yun. These men were degenerate criminals. Now they waited daily to do to Yun what was second nature to them. Regardless of how they humiliated and beat him, nobody would take action against them.

Soon the wrath of God came upon these prisoners. One by one their bodies were covered with boils that itched to the point of being unbearable, and they were unable to sleep day or night. But God protected His son, for Yun was not infected at all and he did not have a single abscess on his body. The prisoners thought this

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to be very strange and made him sleep in their midst. They took the blanket of the monitor of the cell (he was the cruelest and had the worst case of boils) and covered Yun with it. Even so God protected him and he did not have a single boil.

The PSB officials were unable to force Yun to say a single word. If he were to die, how would they give account to their superiors? They had to think of another plan.

In desperation, the PSB allowed his wife Lingling and his mother to visit him

in the hope that he would say something. His older and younger sister and four other brothers in Christ also visited with him and prayed for him. Yun felt great power surge through him. He had already prepared to speak this day. During the visit he spoke to his loved ones, after refusing to speak to his interrogators or anyone else for 74 days. He also ended his fast and held with his loved ones a simple communion of grape juice and crackers, brought by one of his sisters. This took place in the inter-

rogation room with PSB officials looking on. After the meeting ended, it was as if the PSB officials woke from a dream. One of them pounded his fist on the table, and screeched, "What are you all doing here? That's enough! Quickly get out of here! Come someone, carry Yun back to his cell!"

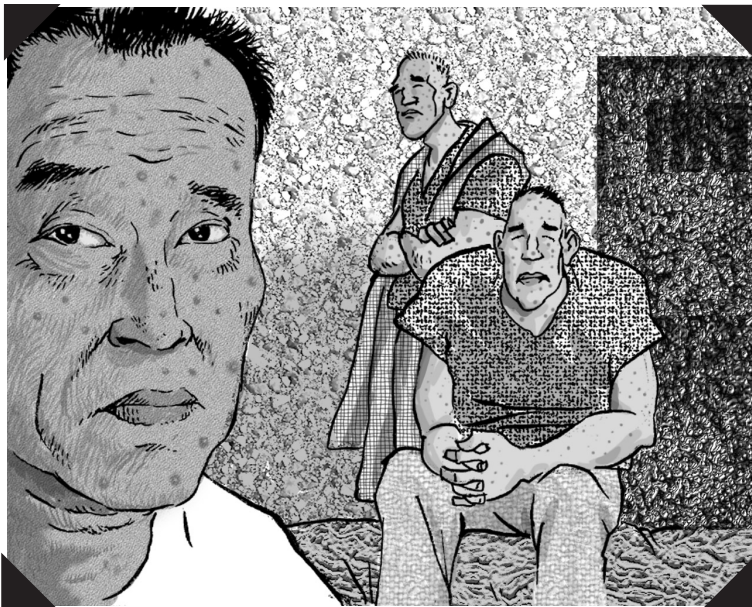
When Yun returned to the number two prison cell, the monitor started kicking him and said contemptuously, "How about it now? Are you still going to pretend to be deaf? Do you plan to go with-

out food any more?" The rest of the prisoners also used many words to humiliate him.

Then Yun was mightily moved by the Spirit of the Lord. He stood up and addressed everyone: "Friends in adversity, today I want to say a few words to you. You must listen attentively." Hearing him speak they were greatly shocked. This man who had fasted for 74 days was now speaking with such dignity and authority. Everybody could not help but have great respect for him.

He continued, "God has sent me here for your sakes. As soon as I entered prison I told you about the Gospel of the cross of Jesus. Moreover, you have seen with your own eyes how I have not taken one grain of rice nor one drop of water for 74 days. I would like to ask you: Over several thousand years of history, who has seen anyone do this for 74 days and live?"

"Today, I stand alive in your midst. Is this not sufficient



proof that my Lord is true and alive? Will you continue to be stiff-necked and resist Jesus Christ? When judgment comes how will you be able to escape the wrath of that judgment?

“Today, the Lord has mercy on you and offers you forgiveness. He has called me to tell you the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins. Therefore each of you should kneel before Jesus Christ, confess your sins and repent so you can escape the judgment and death that will come upon you. Be saved and enter that eternally joyful kingdom of Heaven!”

Those few words were dropped on them like an atom bomb. This group of 15 exceedingly wicked men who had committed all types of crimes fell before the Lord. The first one to kneel down was the monitor of the cell. Then one after another, all of them knelt down. Each one was touched by the Holy Spirit and the sins they had committed

radicals unlimited



passed before their very eyes as if they were seeing a movie, scene after scene. They all began to cry out loud.

Outside the cell the prison guard heard the commotion and rushed inside. He stood rooted to the ground at the scene before him. He did not move for a long time. Seizing the opportunity, Yun baptized these 15 men.

After this they took advantage of the times when they were allowed to leave their cells to go to the other cells. The

Gospel was therefore preached throughout the prison and many prisoners repented and believed in the Lord.

A sister whose husband was not yet a believer lived in a certain village. Their only son developed a terminal illness. The husband agreed to call the brothers and sisters over for prayer. That evening, as more than ten brothers and sisters came, they knelt down and were unable to refrain from weeping as they prayed for Brother

Yun who was suffering in prison.

The husband of this sister heard everyone praying and weeping for Yun in this manner and said, “If my child is healed, not only will I believe in Jesus, but I will arrange to visit this man through contacts in my family.”

God did hear the prayers of these believers and the son of this man was delivered. He was exceedingly glad and two days later he went to the PSB to visit a relative who was an

armed policeman of cadre status.

He told the cadre, "Yun is my nephew, please take special care of him."

He also said, "In prison he did not eat nor drink for

74 days. He is an extraordinary man whose God is true and alive. Whatever you do, don't offend him."

The cadre was shocked to hear him say this because the

cadre was Yun's chief persecutor. He knew Yun's case very well. The fact that he had not starved to death in 74 days was well known by every person in the PSB. From that time

on, the cadre stopped persecuting Yun and was extremely nice to him.

(Xn: Next one coming soon: "The Heavenly Man, Part 5: A Promotion and a Challenge.")

## Message from Jesus

Things that seem impossible are not impossible with Me! When the night seems darkest, then look all the more diligently for the bright star of hope. For the loveliest light comes after the darkest night, and souls that seem utterly lost can become completely redeemed through My blood and the miracle-working power of My love.

So also, pray for My perspective, for My Words, and for My plans. There is a time for everything. A time to fast and a time to eat. A time to speak and a time to refrain from speaking. Just as I led Yun, so will I lead and guide you to know exactly the time for everything as you go throughout your lives, so that you turn down the road of a lost sheep just when that lost sheep is longing most to be saved. Call on the power of the keys of the kingdom, that you be prepared and equipped to face whatever challenge I have for you. (End of prophecy.)

## Keys Promises

The keys are able to turn into a boomerang of blessing or cursing, a balm of comfort and strength, or a rod of judgment. So call upon their judgment power in bringing just reward upon those who rise against you.

Stand back and see the power of the keys do miracles, change minds, soften hearts, bend wills in your favor, as you follow their lead and reap the results. Claim the impossible and release the miracle.

As the need for My supernatural protection and security grows more evident, you will see the power of the keys perform miracles in the midst of "impossible" situations.

As you claim the power of the keys, I will guide you to walk in My footsteps, so that your feet won't fall and your heart won't fear.

**(MAMA:) THE LORD WANTS THE FAMILY TO LOOK A WHOLE LOT MORE LIKE IT USED TO AS FAR AS DEDICATION, FULL-TIME SERVICE, UNITY, COMMUNAL LIVING, HAVING ALL THINGS IN COMMON, WITNESSING FULL-TIME, LIVING BY FAITH, HOME SCHOOLING OUR CHILDREN, ETC.**



**CHURCH OF THE RESCUERS**

LOOK AT ALL THOSE HUGE SHIPS! BECAUSE OF THEIR SIZE THEY WERE FOUND BY THE WARRIORS OF DARKNESS. SO FAR THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED US!

**WE'RE THE ONLY ONES DOING IT, AND THE LORD IS DETERMINED TO PRESERVE THAT SAMPLE.**

**IN FACT, THE NEED TO PRESERVE THAT SAMPLE IS THE MAIN REASON THE LORD WILL ALLOW SUFFERING, PERSECUTION, AND MORE DETRACTORS TO TEST AND TRY YOU...**



THANK GOD HE TOLD US TO COME IN THIS LITTLE BOAT, UNNOTICEABLE...



...SO THAT ALL OF YOU WHO NEED TO WILL MAKE SOME DECISIONS...



BRIAN! AM I EVER GLAD TO SEE YOU!



THANK YOU, JESUS! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



**...EITHER TO GET RIGHT WITH HIM AND LIVE AS YOU SHOULD, OR TO FIND A LIFE THAT IS MORE SUITED TO YOU, EITHER IN A DIFFERENT CIRCLE OF THE FAMILY OR IN THE SYSTEM.**

**("BE TRUE TO THE REVOLUTION! CONVICTION VERSUS COMPROMISE, PART 4," ML #3364:34)**

# A Drug that Deteriorates Your Fighting Ability



(Jesus:) You are addicted to the heady input you get. You don't seek to minimize this in your life—but you must. You must be aware of how this takes a hold on you and pushes you down under its grasp. It's almost as if you're trying to fight for Me and make progress in your life, but you constantly slip away for a drug that deteriorates your fighting ability. It hinders you and comes directly from the one that you're trying to fight. You battle and wonder why you are weary.



You feel groggy and are not able to parry with the Enemy and his blows because of this drug that sedates you and pushes you down.

You don't see the connection, and so you continue to return for more fixes.

My love, you cannot continue like this! It just won't work. You must tear yourself away at all costs. It is difficult for you because it's all so accessible. But I will tell you truthfully what will happen to you if you don't stop: Your life for Me will not survive. You will become totally dead and lifeless—a complete nothing, without joy or a reason to live.

("Exposing Bacchus!")

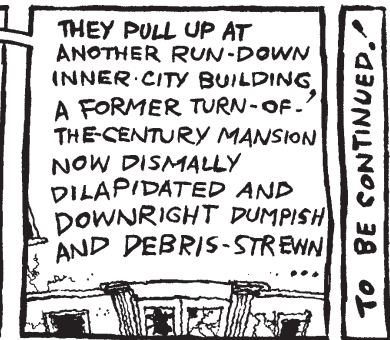
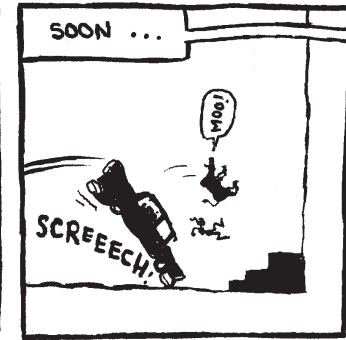
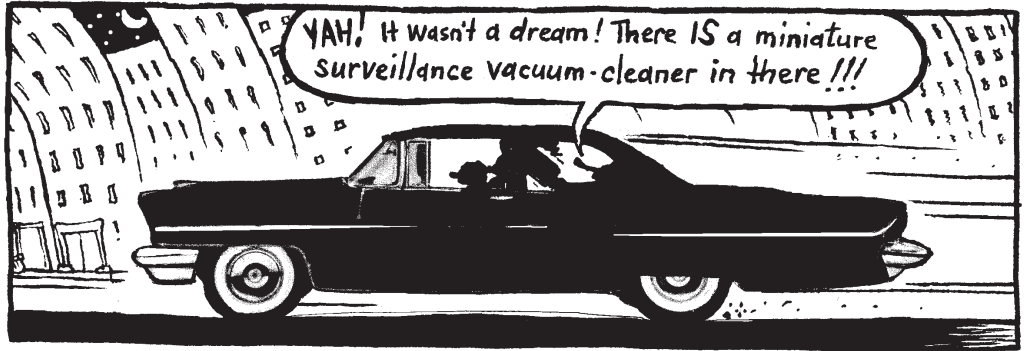
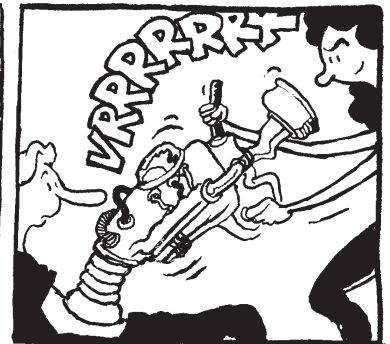
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## Keys Promise:

**New hope, vision, determination and initiative are found in the power of the keys, My Word, and My love. Take hold of that power and you will rise above the Enemy's domain, for he is no match for Me.**





TO BE CONTINUED!