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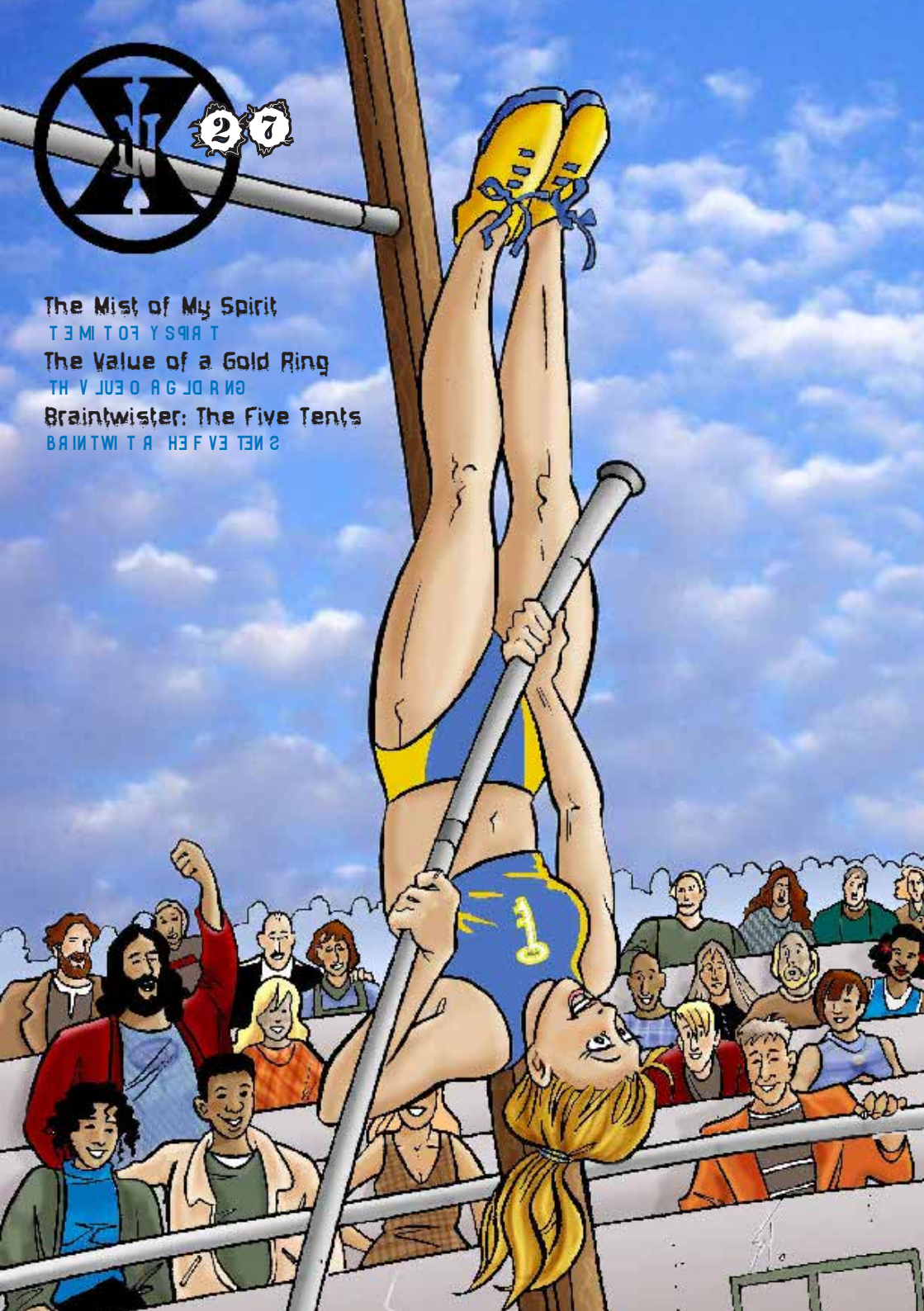
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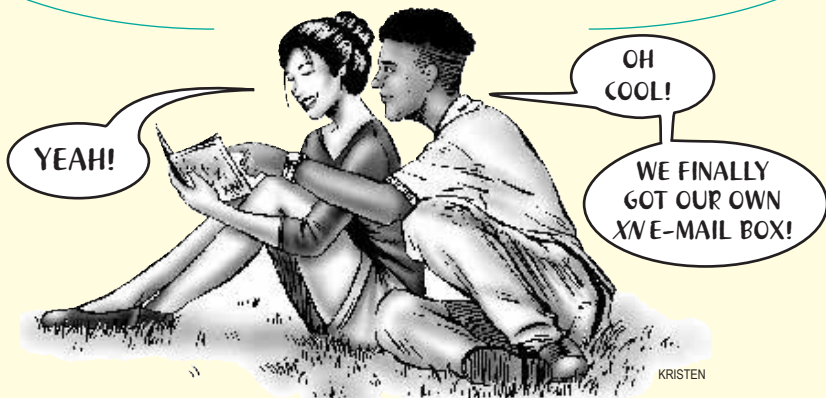
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NOTABLE QUOTE:

(Jesus:) Each hard thing that you face is or can be another opportunity to see a side of Me that you knew was there but haven't yet seen in full action. Men or women who wither in the face of that which they think is unattainable never get to see triumph. But when one lets Me use them, and they see the victory before their own eyes, yet more strength is given to them.

Faith in Me to see them through all impossibilities builds the muscles of the men and women of faith, and they will go on to see yet greater impossibilities conquered. Courage is a result of faith that one can do it, or is at least willing to try. ("Rising Above, Part 1," ML #3379:65-66)



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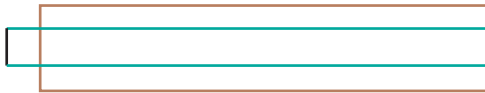
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ANOTHER DAY OF

B (Jesus:) It's CTP day and you're getting slightly bored with helping the poor and needy. You don't think the people you visit every week need you that much, and you figure they could do perfectly fine on their own—or at least they wouldn't know what they were missing since they're so miserable anyway, and it seems like after you're gone they'll be back to their own miserable existence.

Some will have to walk through the dark in this life, so that they may know and fully appreciate My light. Some have not known the love that you have known. But in their breakings I can finally get through to them.

When you take the time to show them what seems like a very small glimpse of My love and light—at least small in comparison to what you have—it affects their life and their future. Many do change, even if it's not seen right away, or evidenced in major ways. And the moments that you took with them to let them see a bit more what I am really like—through your smile



and words of care, the gifts you bring to them, the Word you give them, the food you share with them, the joy of My Spirit in your eyes—takes them to another level of getting closer to Me.

As My future rulers of the world, you will see these people and be around many. Every bit of Heaven that you can pour out now, even if it seems like a small trickle that doesn't do much, is helping to make the people of the world come closer to Me, and to change for the better.

You will be glad for each thing that you did to help another. Their hearts will retain the Spirit you shared, and their lives will reflect the change, even if the materials you shared with them pass away.

Help people's hearts be kept open and soft through reminding them, in whatever way you can, that I am real, that I care for them, and that I love them.



NOTABLE QUOTE: LIFTING DOWNCAST SPIRITS THROUGH OUR LOVE, JOY, AND CONFIDENCE IN THE WORD IS A KEY TO WHAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE AND SETS US APART FROM OTHERS.—DAD (ML #3398:126)

NOTABLE QUOTE: IF YOU'LL GET OUT THERE AND DISTRIBUTE THE TOOLS ON YOUR MISSION FIELD, THE LORD WILL BLESS EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIVES! HE'LL SUPPLY THE MEANS FOR YOU TO KEEP UP YOUR CTPS SO YOU CAN BE A TESTIMONY AND DO YOUR MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL—WITNESS AND MINISTER SPIRITUALLY TO BOTH THE RICH AND THE POOR.—DAD

(ML #3400:136)



NOTABLE QUOTE: A CTP MINISTRY SHOULD NOT BE THE END, BUT MERELY A MEANS TO AN END—A MEANS TO HELP YOU PROMOTE THE WORD AND ACTIVATE YOUR PART OF THE WORLD.—DAD (ML #3400:127)

CARICATURE OF A PROFESSIONAL

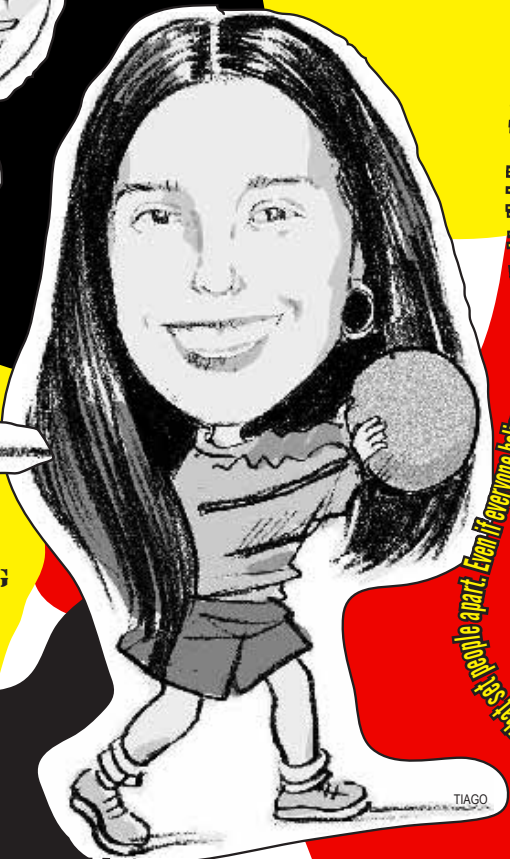
Notable Quote: (1) If you stop to look around you in the family, you'll see that there is plenty of variety, plenty of intelligence, plenty of individuality. Even within a body of believers who are all trying their best to follow the teachings of Jesus in the Bible and the Words of David, there are all kinds of real characters! No two people are alike, and there are many very different people apart. Even if ever you believe and applies the Word to their lives, the World is living, so its fruits are different to each person.

"GOD WANTS YOU TO BE A PROFESSIONAL CHRISTIAN!"
 - STEVE (15), THAILAND

(Passes Personality, TM #38274)



"FOR TWENTY YEARS I SEARCHED FOR EVERYTHING I'VE FOUND!" —SHINE (25, OF TIM), USA



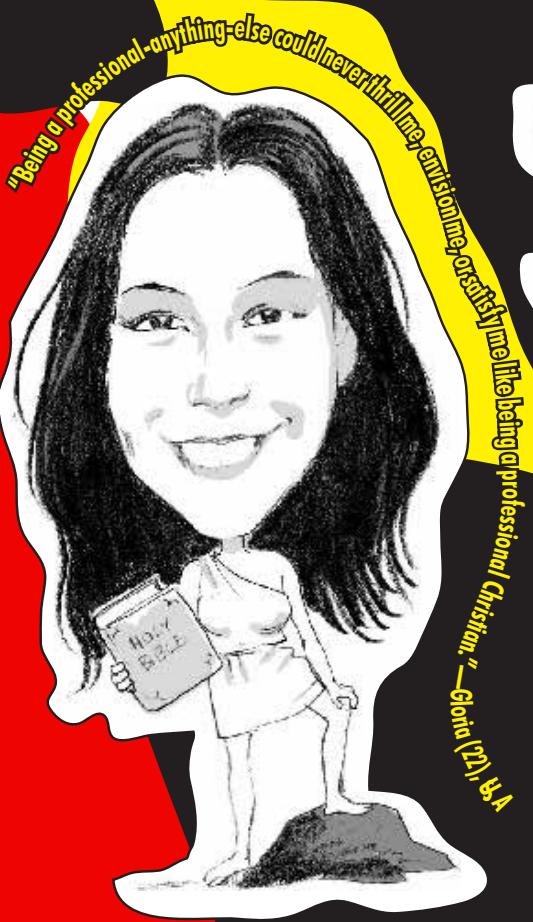
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If they're not saved, they need your witness and manifestation of Jesus' love to help them believe. And if they're already saved, they need your encouragement and sample to help them touch others with the Lord's love too! Isn't that an awesome feeling, to know that when you walk down the street, every person you pass by needs you and needs what you have? ("Be a Missionary!" ML # 3135:158)

Notable Quote: (Mama) Just think about it for a moment: The world needs you! Every single person out there in the world needs you, because they need Jesus in you. If they're not saved, they need your witness and manifestation of Jesus' love to help them believe. And if they're already saved, they need your encouragement and sample to help them touch others with the Lord's love too! Isn't that an awesome feeling, to know that when you walk down the street, every person you pass by needs you and needs what you have? ("Be a Missionary!" ML # 3135:158)

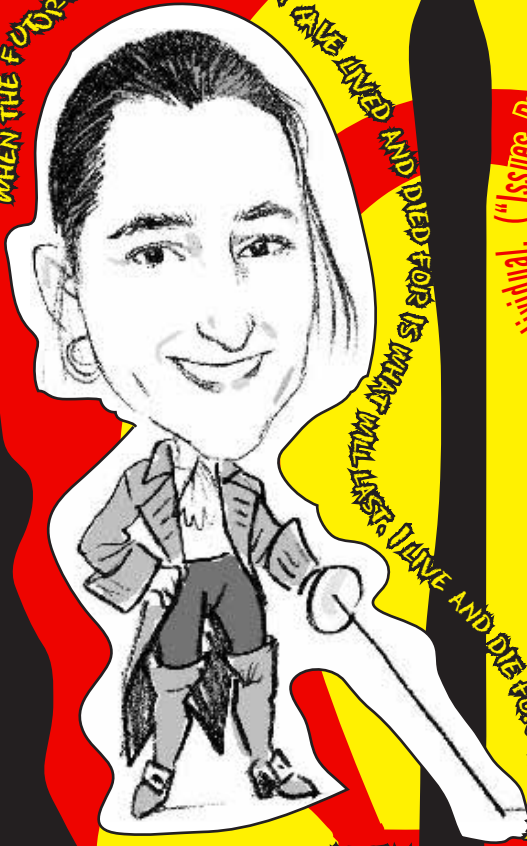


TO BE OR NOT TO BE THAT IS THE QUESTION, CHECKO (13), MEXICO



"Being a professional - anything else could never thrill me, even in the greatest of times, I will like being a professional Christian." — Gloria (22), U.S.A

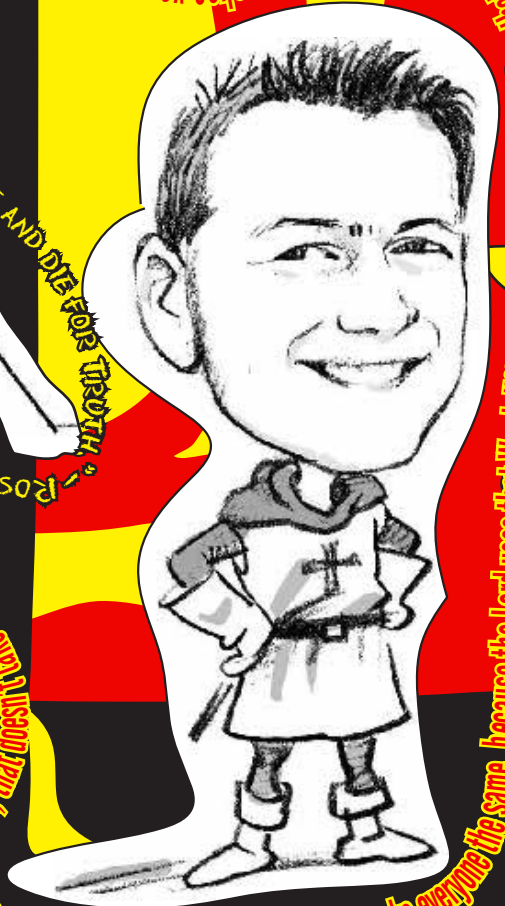
"WHEN THE FUTURE ARRIVES WHAT I CAN LIVE AND DIED FOR IS WHAT YOU MUST LIVE AND DIE FOR TRUTH."



POSTA (20), USA

"Issues, Part 3: Individuality," ML #3302-75)

"TYJ FOR THE REVOLUTION! IT'S A THRILL TO BE IN THE ONLY PLACE ON EARTH THAT HAS THE FULL TRUTH AND WORDS OF DAVID."—DAVID (15), USA



Notable Quote: (Dada) Even if you all read the same Word and memorize the same Scriptures, that doesn't help to bring away your uniqueness. That gives unity, that builds a sense of camaraderie, and that helps you build a strong work for the Lord together, but it doesn't make everyone the same, because the Lord uses that Word differently in each person's life. How the Word is manifested is what makes you an individual.

"BEING A PROFESSIONAL CHRISTIAN IS THE ONLY LIFE I COULD EVER THINK OF LIVING." —SAM (25), USA



"My profession is loving Jesus! Been around for 27 years & plan to be here a lot longer; by His grace!" —Crystal (of Luke), Africa

Notable Quote: (Jesus:) My missionaries are some of the most educated on Earth—not educated in the ways of man, but educated in My ways. They learn the deep things of the Spirit. They learn to hear the voice of God. They learn to understand the Word of God. ("Be a Missionary!" ML-#3135:101)

WHY PREACH OUR MEATY DOCTRINES?

One woman, who is supporting our work, has such a hunger for the Lord and the New Wine. She is Brazilian, so she loves dancing! During our first devotions together I prepared some Word studies, but when confirming it with the Lord, He showed me to instead read "Dancing with Jesus" (FSM #305). She flipped and had tears in her eyes! It meant so much to her that Jesus is so caring and that He likes dancing too, like she does.

Later on we shared about Dad, the Endtime, hearing from the Lord, and she was in awe! I also touched a bit on the Law of Love, and this woman grasped it immediately and kept saying, "This is beautiful! This is beautiful! You can be so honest, you can talk about these things!"

She is begging us to send her material to read. We were a bit hesitant to share these meaty things with her, but seeing how hungry she was, we feel we can't hold back. She said, "Why has nobody told me these things before?"

We have so much to be proud of!

—Isabelle, Miracle, Pavel, and Tabitha, Romania



THE UNIQUE AND WONDERFUL DIFFERENCES

(Jesus:) It's high time to start being proud of the unique and wonderful differences that I've given you! It's time to throw off the ways in which you conform to the world under the guise of seeking to be different. It's time you proclaimed your differences to the world, and watch as they stand in awe and come rushing toward you to find out how they can be different too, like you.

Be proud of the gift of prophecy that I've given you. That's different! How common is it for people to be able to talk to Me face to face, to get My answers to any problem they face? Use it in your witness. Show others how different you are and what a difference it makes in your life and can make in theirs too.

Be proud of your knowledge of Heaven. Everyone's interested in what

happens after this life, so tell them—in detail. Don't be afraid to shock them with the unconventional; you'll probably find out they won't be shocked at all, but rather liberated and dying to know more.

Be proud of the fact that you can talk to dead people—ghosts, spirits, both famous and infamous. That's different! Don't hide your light under a bushel, thinking that it's too weird, too wild, too out of the ordinary, too strange.

The world is seeking new things, different things. They'll think it's so cool that you have a connection to the world beyond through the gifts that I've given you.

Be proud of the fact that you love Me intimately. That's different! So many

of the lost and lonely of the world are sick and fed up with the formal relationships with Me that the churches offer. They want to discover Me in a new way. They need to see Me in a different light, in a way that they can understand, so that they can relate to Me. I have many potential brides out in the world, but I need you to bring them to Me.

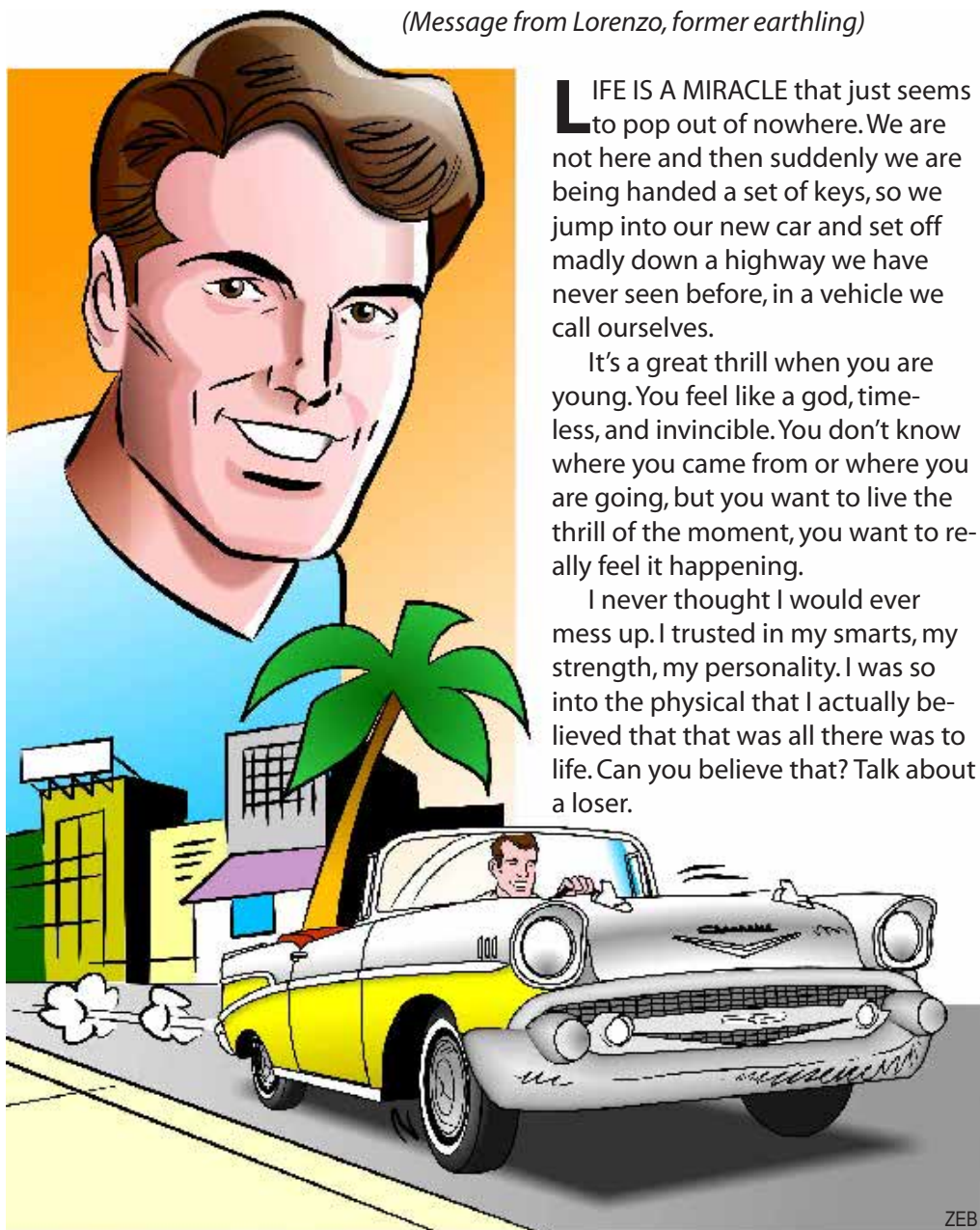
There's so much about you that is different! So don't hide these differences under a bushel, or cover them up with the clothes or fashions or trinkets of the world. Don't conform and be like everybody else. You're different, so be proud of it! You've got the differences that count, the differences that are really different.

("Issues, Part 3: Individuality," ML #3302:6–11)

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Finding the Unseen Me

(Message from Lorenzo, former earthling)



LIFE IS A MIRACLE that just seems to pop out of nowhere. We are not here and then suddenly we are being handed a set of keys, so we jump into our new car and set off madly down a highway we have never seen before, in a vehicle we call ourselves.

It's a great thrill when you are young. You feel like a god, timeless, and invincible. You don't know where you came from or where you are going, but you want to live the thrill of the moment, you want to really feel it happening.

I never thought I would ever mess up. I trusted in my smarts, my strength, my personality. I was so into the physical that I actually believed that that was all there was to life. Can you believe that? Talk about a loser.

You may have heard it said that "pride goes before a fall." I could not have been prouder. It hurts me to see others going the same way I went: driving down the highway of life so proud, so loud, so confident; driving blind till they mess up and hit something or someone.

I was 23 and I didn't think I even needed lights to drive. I thought I could see in the dark. I knew my car. I knew the road and I knew where my friends were likely to be parked, drinking and making out. I thought it would be a cool stunt to race up to them at night with no lights and suddenly pop on the lights and hit the brakes. I wanted to shock and scare and surprise them.

Well, I didn't know there was a detour because part of the road was dug up. I missed all that. I missed a lot of things. I went through my windshield and landed on a rock on my back.



Waking up in a hospital to discover that half your body is useless I can assure you is no fun. From that moment on the joy ride is over. My life as I had come to view it was totally over for me. I went crazy. I screamed, I yelled, I cursed. I hated God. I hated life. I hated having been born. I hated health and happiness. I wanted to die and get it over with.

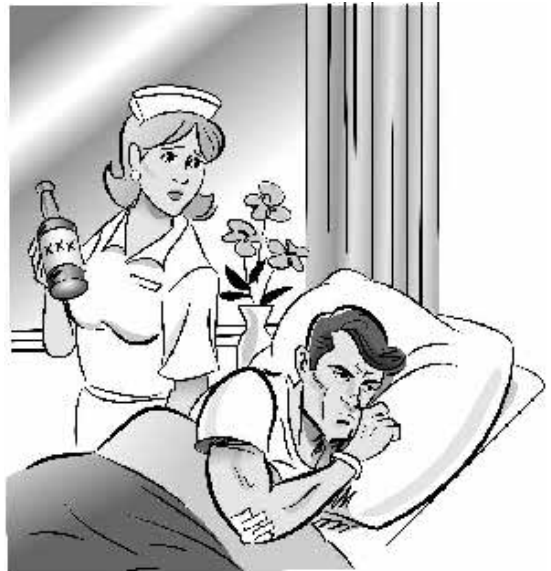


That's about where my mind was at when it happened—an even bigger change in my life than even the accident had caused. No, there was no big flash of light and a voice from Heaven speaking to me. Down the hall from me was the children's cancer ward. One day as I lay in a heap of misery, a skinny young girl in a wheelchair rolled into my room by mistake. She had no hair left from chemotherapy that clearly was not working. She looked up at me, and it was like her eyes

I descended into darkness, rage, and self pity. I was a cripple, a useless piece of meat in a wheelchair, paralyzed from the waist down. I tried to shut my brain off but there was no place to go and hide. I tried drinking my troubles away, getting my old buddies to smuggle booze into the hospital. But the nurses found it right away when they changed the bedding.

The nights were the worst, lying there with nothing to do but think and torment myself with "if only I hadn't" thoughts. I started to plan how I would end it all. I decided that if I could somehow get enough pills of something strong I would take them all at once.

could see right inside at a me I never even knew existed.





Her eyes were like light itself and then she smiled. It was just radiant. So warm, so kind, so understanding. Her teeth were so covered with braces I could hardly see any teeth, but I wanted whatever light she had in that terrible hour.

"Jesus loves you" she said as the nurse, who had been attending to her, finally caught up. "No, no dear, not this room. Your room is a little farther down the hall. You'll get to meet some of the other children."

She left, and I cried like I had never cried in my life. I could not hold it back any more.

I gave in to God that day. I can't explain it. Those words, "Jesus loves you" broke me into a thousand pieces.

I was transformed that day—a changed creature. With Jesus beside me I rose from that

bed and walked again. I did not walk in the physical but I walked in the spirit. Something clicked that day and Jesus was there to take my hand.

I will never forget that healing smile from the little angel Jesus sent along to touch my selfish soul and set it free. At last I was free

of me. I was free from the tiny, silly world I had boxed myself into, that I had tied all my hope and dreams to. Suddenly I was translated into a vast world of the spirit that makes this world look like a cancer ward compared to it.

I went on to live a very happy, rewarding life. I wrote. I painted. I preached. I even married and adopted children.

The physical is only a launch pad for a wonderful spiritual "you" just waiting to emerge, like a butterfly from

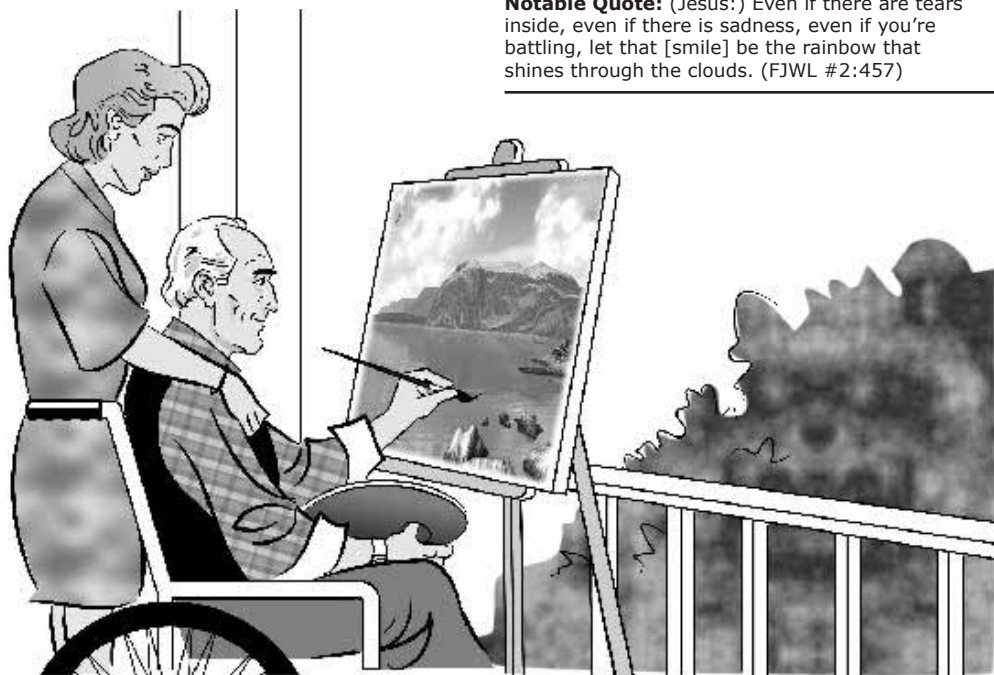


a cocoon. Tragically, you just might miss this incredible transformation if you get too stuck in the physical, encumbered about by all the things of this world, too caught up in the moment, too entangled with your flesh, too enamored with your image. God says that flesh can't inherit His Heavenly Kingdom. Sooner or later we have to leave it behind and go on in the spirit.

I am not saying I never had another trial, I did—many of them in fact. But the difference was that with God's help, my new challenges helped me to grow in dimensions unseen—an inner unseen me that I had overlooked and ignored before. My spirit.



Notable Quote: (Jesus:) Even if there are tears inside, even if there is sadness, even if you're battling, let that [smile] be the rainbow that shines through the clouds. (FJWL #2:457)



Notable Quote: (Dad:) You've no idea how far your love and witnessing and witnessing can go! Just a little love can go a long long way, much further than you would have ever dreamed, if you will just be faithful in your love for the Lord and others and your faithful witnessing to them of the love of Jesus Christ, in Jesus' name! (ML #1333:54)



THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE!



ISAIAH



NO JOB, NO CLOTHES, NO FORMAL EDUCATION—PATHETIC START!

NO PERMISSION FROM THE PRIESTS, NO LICENSE FROM ROME, AND YOU CHOSE A MOTLEY CREW OF NE'ER-DO-WELLS TO BOOT!



(Xn: See "Did God Make a Mistake?" ML #35:25-37)

(1 CORINTHIANS 1:27)

GOD HATH CHOSEN
THE FOOLISH
THINGS OF THE
WORLD TO
CONFOUND THE
WISE...

(Xr: See ML #35:45-46)



THERE'S POWER IN
THE SPIRIT! "WHERE
THE SPIRIT OF THE
LORD IS, THERE IS
LIBERTY!"

(ML #32:26)



THE LETTER OF THE LAW KILLS, STIFLES, OPPRESSES, AND LEAVES NO ROOM FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT, WHEREAS THE FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE; IT LETS PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS BREATHE. IT'S LIKE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, NOT BEING BOUND BY THE LETTER, BUT BEING LED OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS ME.—JESUS.

("BEING REWIRED!" ML #3412:87)



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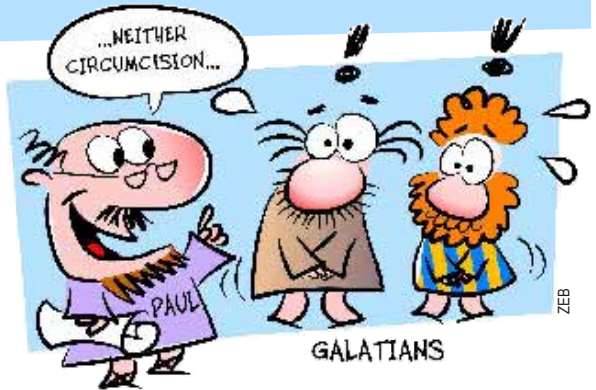
WITH GOD'S ANOINTING
YOU BECOME A FIREFLY
LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT
FOR GOD!

Got the faith?

(A MESSAGE FROM DAD, ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN "ISSUES, PART 13: GOT THE FAITH?"
ML #3430:58-60, 62,67-75,78-80)

 AS PAUL TOLD THE GALATIANS, "IN JESUS CHRIST NEITHER CIRCUMCISION AVAILETH ANYTHING, NOR UNCIRCUMCISION; BUT FAITH WHICH WORKETH BY LOVE" (GALATIANS 5:6).

IN OTHER WORDS, ARE YOUR ACTIONS BASED ON YOUR FAITH IN JESUS, AND ON YOUR LOVE FOR HIM AND FOR OTHERS? ARE YOU DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING BECAUSE YOU



LOVE HIM, AND BECAUSE YOU WANT TO PLEASE HIM AND GLORIFY HIM IN YOUR BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT? IF SO, THEN THERE'S NO SCRIPTURAL LAW AGAINST WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

BUT IF WHAT YOU'RE DOING ISN'T EDIFYING OR LOVING, IF IT'S SELFISH AND CARNAL AND BASED UPON YOUR OWN SELFISH DESIRES AND THE LUSTS OF THE FLESH, IF IT DOESN'T

DRAW YOU CLOSER TO THE LORD OR TO OTHERS, AND IF IT DOESN'T FILL YOUR HEART WITH GOOD THINGS—WITH LOVE AND THE DESIRE TO REACH OUT TO THOSE AROUND YOU—THEN WHAT YOU'RE DOING ISN'T OF THE LORD, IT ISN'T BUILT ON THE ROCK, AND THEREFORE IT ISN'T AN ACT OF FAITH BUT AN ACT OF SIN.

THAT'S RIGHT—IT'S A SIN. DOES IT SURPRISE YOU TO

HEAR ME SAY THAT? YOU WHO HAVE GROWN UP IN THE FAMILY HAVEN'T HEARD THAT WORD MUCH, HAVE YOU? WE'VE KIND OF SHIED AWAY FROM USING THAT EXPRESSION AND TALKING ABOUT THINGS AS BEING "SINFUL," BECAUSE IT SMACKED SO MUCH OF THE CHURCHIANITY SYSTEM.

WHEN THE LORD, IN HIS LOVE AND MERCY, BROKE US FREE FROM THE CHAINS OF CHURCHIANITY AND FROM THE SYSTEM'S RELIGION OF DON'TS, HE TURNED US ON TO A WHOLE NEW RELIGION AND A WHOLE NEW WAY OF LIFE.

JESUS' LOVE AND GRACE AND FORGIVENESS



HAVE SET YOU FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND THE FLESH, BUT HE DIDN'T GIVE YOU THOSE FREEDOMS JUST SO THAT YOU WOULD DRIFT ALONG, GRATIFYING YOUR OWN SELFISH DESIRES AND WEAKNESSES. HE GAVE THEM TO YOU SO THAT YOU COULD BE A HAPPY AND LOVING BRIDE, ABLE TO SHOW THE WORLD A LOVING AND UNDERSTANDING GOD.

"BRETHREN, YE HAVE BEEN CALLED UNTO LIBERTY; ONLY USE NOT LIBERTY FOR AN OCCASION TO THE FLESH, BUT BY LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER. FOR ALL THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, EVEN IN THIS; THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF" (GAL. 5:13-14).

LOVE—THAT'S THE STANDARD. IF IT'S NOT LOVING, IF IT'S NOT FULL OF LOVE AND FULL OF THE LORD'S SPIRIT, YOU'RE NOT AT LIBERTY TO DO IT.

PART OF YOUR LOVE FOR THE LORD IS MANIFESTED IN YOUR OBEDIENCE TO HIM. SO EVEN IF SOMETHING DOESN'T LOOK HARMFUL TO YOU, IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE LORD HAS TOLD YOU NOT TO DO, OR THAT THE RULES OF THE FAMILY DO NOT PERMIT, IT'S JUST LOVE TO BE OBEDIENT—PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

READ THROUGH [THE EPISTLES TO THE EARLY CHURCH] AND LISTEN TO WHAT THE LORD HAS TO SAY



LOVE, THAT'S THE STANDARD!



TO YOU. JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING BADLY ENOUGH DOESN'T MEAN IT'S FAITH THAT'S DRIVING YOU, AND IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT. IN FACT, THE THINGS THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE DOING AND SAYING THEY HAVE THE FAITH FOR ARE DEAD WRONG. SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE NOT ONLY BAD FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR SPIRIT, BUT THEY'RE BAD

FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, FOR YOUR WORK, AND FOR YOUR HIGH CALLING OF WINNING THE WORLD.

I'M TALKING ABOUT MUSIC AND MOVIES AND OTHER WORLDLY INPUT THAT IS SLOWLY POISONING YOU AND CONTAMINATING YOUR SPIRIT. YOU MIGHT DENY—EVEN TO YOURSELF—THAT THESE THINGS ARE AFFECTING YOU. YOU MIGHT SAY YOU HAVE THE

FAITH FOR THEM, AND YOU MIGHT EVEN THINK YOU HAVE THE FAITH AND THE FREEDOM TO DO THEM. BUT THE TRUTH IS, YOU'RE NOT FREE AT ALL, BECAUSE YOU'RE TRADING AWAY YOUR GOD-GIVEN FREEDOMS FOR A MEASLY MESS OF POTTAGE, ALLOWING YOURSELF TO BE OVERCOME BY THE TEMPTATIONS AND THE PULL OF THE ENEMY.





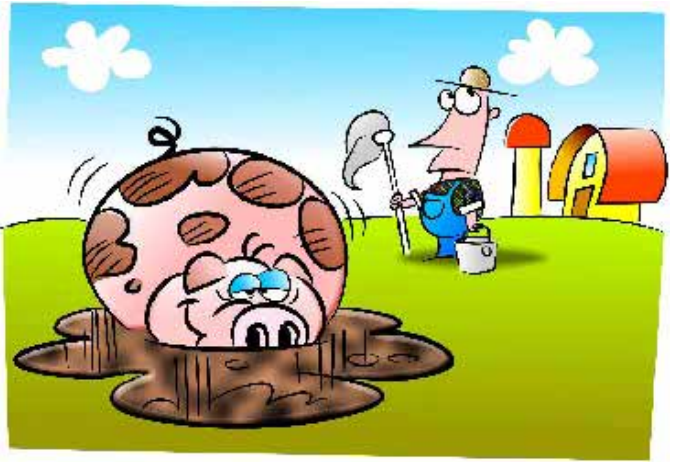
YOU'RE GIVING UP THE WATERS OF LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR BROKEN CISTERNS, WELLS WITHOUT WATER, CLOUDS THAT WILL BE CARRIED AWAY BY THE STORM.

READ 2PETER 2:19-22: "FOR OF WHOM A MAN IS OVERCOME, OF THE SAME IS HE BROUGHT IN BONDAGE. FOR IF AFTER THEY HAVE ESCAPED THE POLLUTIONS OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, THEY ARE AGAIN ENTANGLED THEREIN, AND OVERCOME ... IT IS HAPPENED UNTO THEM ACCORDING TO THE TRUE PROVERB, THE

DOG IS TURNED TO HIS OWN VOMIT AGAIN; AND THE SOW THAT WAS WASHED TO HER WALLOWING IN THE MIRE."

"YOU ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION," FOLKS, "A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PEOPLE, THAT YOU MIGHT SHOW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT. ... DEARLY BELOVED, I BESEECH YOU AS STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS, ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS, WHICH WAR AGAINST YOUR SOUL" (1PETER 2:9,11).

"NEITHER YIELD YE YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS



OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO SIN; BUT YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO GOD, AS THOSE THAT ARE ALIVE FROM THE DEAD, AND YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO GOD. FOR SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER YOU; FOR YE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW, BUT UNDER GRACE.

"WHAT THEN? SHALL WE SIN, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW, BUT UNDER GRACE? GOD FORBID. KNOW YE NOT, THAT TO WHOM YE YIELD YOURSELVES SERVANTS TO OBEY,

HIS SERVANTS YE ARE TO WHOM YE OBEY; WHETHER OF SIN UNTO DEATH, OR OF OBEDIENCE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS? BUT GOD BE THANKED, THAT YE WERE THE SERVANTS OF SIN, BUT YE HAVE OBEYED FROM THE HEART THAT FORM OF DOCTRINE WHICH WAS DELIVERED YOU" (ROMANS 6: 13-17).

DOES THAT SOUND OLD-FASHIONED AND OUT OF DATE TO YOU? IT'S NOT. IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TODAY, MORE REAL, MORE TRUE TODAY THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN BEFORE!



IT'S A WAR OF THE SPIRIT, AND IF INSTEAD OF PUTTING ON THE ARMOR AND THE NEW WEAPONS WHICH THE LORD IS MAKING AVAILABLE TO YOU, IF INSTEAD OF YIELDING YOURSELF TO HIM COMPLETELY AS HIS OBEDIENT SERVANTS, YOU'RE FILLING YOUR MIND AND SPIRIT WITH THE POLLUTANTS OF THE ENEMY, THEN IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOU'LL BE COMPLETELY DEFEATED AND USELESS AS ONE OF THE LORD'S EMISSARIES.

SO COME ON! "FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH, LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE, WHEREUNTO

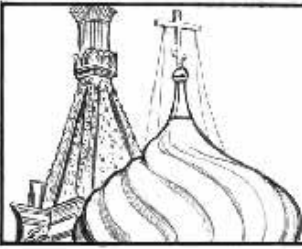
THOU ART ALSO CALLED" (1TIM.6: 12). "NO MAN THAT WARRETH ENTANGLETH HIMSELF WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE, THAT HE MAY PLEASE HIM WHO HATH CHOSEN HIM TO BE A SOLDIER" (2TIM.2: 4). "HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM" (EPH. 5:11). "BE YE SEPARATE, SAITH THE LORD, AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU" (2COR.6:17).

AND IF YOU FEEL YOURSELF WEAKENING IN YOUR CONVICTIONS, OR IF YOU'VE ALREADY



ALLOWED YOURSELF TO BECOME CONTAMINATED BY THE ENEMY'S POISON, IT'S NOT TOO LATE. LET GOD'S WORD STRENGTHEN AND HELP YOU. "NOW YE ARE CLEAN THROUGH THE WORD WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN UNTO YOU" (JOHN 15:3). "THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST YOU" (PSALM 119:11). "IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH; THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING: THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT, AND THEY ARE LIFE" (JOHN 6:63).

THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR DISOBEDIENCE, BELOVED. IT'S INEXCUSABLE. IT WILL WEAKEN YOU AND SAP YOU OF YOUR FAITH AND YOUR LIGHT. DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU. STAY ON THE WALL! YOU'LL BE MUCH HAPPIER AND STRONGER, ENJOYING THE FREEDOMS OF THE SPIRIT WHICH WILL LAST FOREVER, THAN MERELY ENJOYING THE PLEASURES OF SIN FOR A SEASON.



The Value of a Gold Ring

(A dramatized true story. Courtesy Voice of the Martyrs website. www.votm.com)

Name: Nikolai Khamara

Place: Former Soviet Union in the seventies



What kind of men are these? They show joy...

...while suffering. They sing in very dark hours.



When they have a piece of bread, they share it...

...with someone who has none. Morning and evening, they fold their hands...



...and speak to someone whom no one can see.

As they do, their faces shine.



Hey, you two!

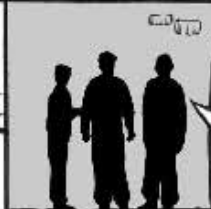
Hello!

I have been watching you for months. You are stuck in a prison cell...

...with criminals like me, but I understand you are here because you refused to deny your faith in Jesus!

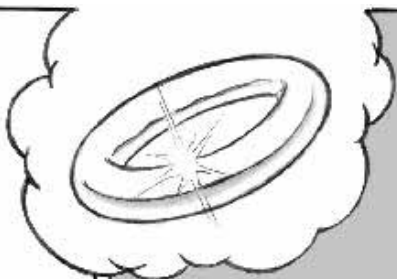


What is your name and what are you in here for?



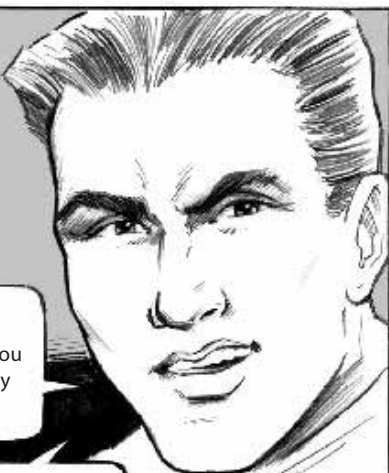
My name is Nikolai Khamara and I am here for robbery. I'm going to spend ten years in prison for my crime. And now I am learning how to commit even greater crimes, which I will do the moment they let me out of prison. Tell me, what do you think of that? I am a lost man! I am a ... how do they say it? A man with no conscience.

Nikolai,
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loses a gold
ring. What is the
value of that
gold ring when
it is lost?

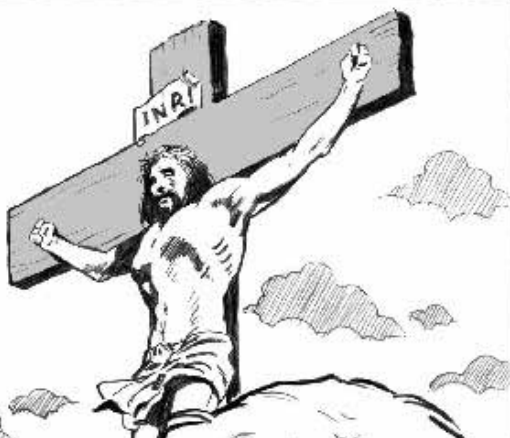


What a foolish question!
A gold ring is a gold ring. You
have lost it, but somebody
else will have it.

Perhaps if you have lost it, it means
that I have it! Heh, heh, heh!



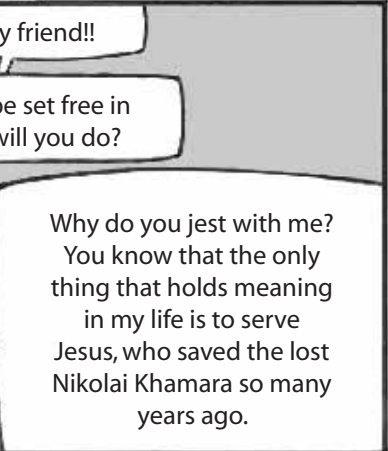
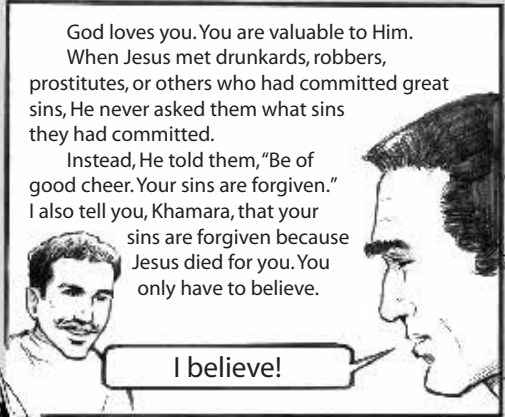
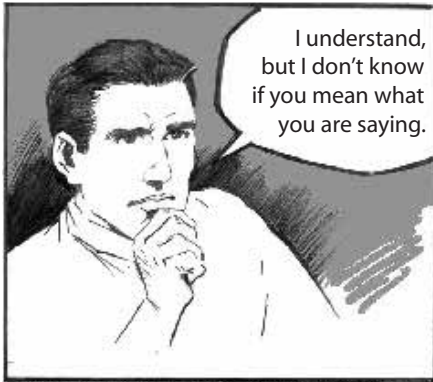
Then what is the value of a lost man?



A lost man, even one who is a thief or a
murderer, has the whole value of a man.

He is of such value that the Son of God
forsook Heaven for him and died on the
cross to save him.







So you will join the underground church despite the risks?



What do the risks mean when I was ready to commit worse crimes than those that had put me in prison in the first place!



Message from Dad

Oh, the value of an illustration or word picture, in the right time and place! Like a word fitly spoken, it's as apples of gold in pictures of silver. A little illustration, like this one about the gold ring, can change a life! Jesus spoke in word pictures and parables, because people love stories and they can visualize them. God bless these Christians who were instant witnesses. They didn't let themselves get down in the dumps because they were behind bars, but they continued serving Jesus.

Prison walls can never stop you from serving the Lord, never forget that. In fact, nothing can stop you from witnessing, if you're determined and you're prayerful, and you shine with Jesus' love. So whether you're in a sensitive country, or a shopping mall that bans proselytizing, or a city bus that's so crowded you feel like you're suffocating, or out in the middle of the boonies with nothing but some old country folk, always look for a way to be a sample of Jesus' love, and always pray to be ready with an answer to him that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you. God bless you!

KEYS PROMISE:

THE POWER OF THE KEYS CAN ENABLE YOU TO HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE OVER YOUR AUDIENCE AND HELP THEM UNDERSTAND, COMPREHEND, AND BE MOVED BY THE MESSAGE AND TRUTH YOU SHARE.

The *Mist* of *My Spirit*



(Vision:) I had a picture of a landscape. A sunny day with blue sky and white clouds, and the green rolling hills to the horizon. In the middle of the landscape was a cloudy mist that was traveling between the earth and the sky. It was moving. The outer stretch of the cloudy mist was moving downward and the inner part was moving upward to the sky. I started to hear the Lord speaking:

(Jesus:) It's a continual movement—you give Me everything, all your burdens and problems, and I send down the washing and anointing of My Spirit. I suck up all the impurities and send down the washing and regeneration of My Spirit.

It's the cycle of life. It's ongoing and happening all the time. Just step into the center of My Spirit and let My cool mist wash away the fluff and dust that you pick up every day. I'll scrub you squeaky clean, and it won't even hurt because the mist of My Spirit is supernatural.

Step inside and look up and give Me all the problems, and let My mist move over you and heal you. It'll regenerate your spirit, polish you inside and outside, then when you're done, everything will look different.



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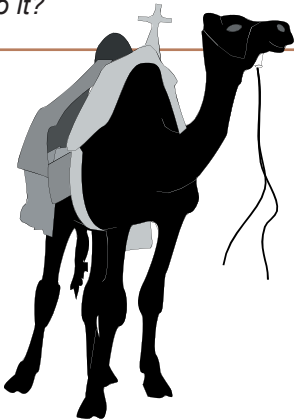
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THE 5 TENTS

(Adapted from "Einstein's Riddle")

Along a small market street in Antioch stand five tents. Each tent is a different color, and belongs to a different merchant. Each merchant comes from a different country, raises a different type of livestock, sells different foods, and has a different number of wives. The twister? You have to find out which merchant raises goats! *Can you do it?*



- The Hittite has a red tent.
- The Edomite raises pigs.
- The Moabite sells fish.
- The green tent is on the left of the white tent.
- The merchant in the green tent sells leeks, garlics, and onions.
- The man with two wives also raises cows.
- The merchant in the yellow tent has four wives.
- The merchant in the middle tent sells bread and flour.
- The Hebrew sells from the first tent.
- The man with three wives sells next to the one who raises camels.
- The man who raises horses sells from the tent next to the merchant with four wives.
- The merchant with five wives sells fine wines.
- The Greek has seven wives.
- The Hebrew's tent is next to the blue one.
- The merchant with three wives is next to the one who sells olives, almonds, and dates.

