

BUT IF NOT...!

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What to Do When God Doesn't Answer Your Prayers!
--Is Your **Faith Like Pig Paper Money or God's Good Gold?**

1. A GIRL RECENTLY WROTE US: "I joined the Family for eight months a couple of years ago, and then I left because my face became very spotty. It sounds so silly, but it was my biggest trial! I prayed God would heal me, but for some reason He hasn't. Then I rejoined the Family again recently and have been with them for two months and my face has become all spotty again! I have worked myself into such a state over it that it keeps me from hearing or obeying God like I know I should. Sometimes my face comes out in big boils. I may have prayed myself out of faith, as I've cried out to God so many times!"

**2. "I'VE GOTTNEN SO LOW AND DEPRESSED THAT I
WOULD HAVE KILLED MYSELF** if it wasn't for God's mercy. But I know if **you** pray for me, God'll heal me. I want to serve Him, I want to be free and get my eyes off myself and reach the world for Jesus, but I don't know how long I can go on like this! Please understand: Don't just say it's my pride, but have compassion on me! This is my last hope! I'll be waiting to hear from you and will know you have prayed when my face clears up. Hugs and kisses from one of your little birdies."--(I love **you too!**--MO.)

3. YOU POOR LITTLE GIRL! Won't you know I've prayed for you until your face clears up?--Just like you can't seem to believe God **loves** you unless He **heals** you! This is the **Devil's business** to give you such tests and trials to try to convince you **God doesn't love you** and **He doesn't answer prayer!**--But we **do** and He **does**!

**4. THE VERY FACT THAT THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS WHEN
YOU START SERVING GOD PROVES IT'S A TEST OF THE
ENEMY** and he's trying to discourage you from going on! What is really happening is that the Lord is **letting** the Enemy do it in order to **test** your **faith** and see how much you **really** love the Lord and what **price** you're willing to pay to serve Him! Of course, it could be partly your **diet**: **Maria** had that problem very badly until she came to us and I took her off of **sweets**! Now she's **beautiful**!

**5. BUT THIS CASE SOUNDS TO ME LIKE A DEFINITE
DEMONIC REACTION BY THE DEVIL AGAINST YOUR TRYING
TO SERVE THE LORD!** In other words, the Devil doesn't like it when you're with us. (Prays: O God, have mercy and show her whatever you're trying to show her!) The Lord's probably dealing with you on **pride**, the very thing you're afraid of having exposed and don't want to confess! Because at the root of **all** sin is always **pride**--And the fact that you let it stand in you're way of serving God sounds like you're putting **self** before the Lord's **service**.

**6. IT'S A TEST AND VERY HUMILIATING, BUT YOU'VE
GOT TO GO AHEAD AND SERVE THE LORD REGARDLESS!**
When you prove you love the **Lord** and His **service** more than your **face**, the Lord will probably heal you. You're still making your service for God and your faith contingent on God doing that **first**, when actually it works the other way around.

7. FAITH AND OBEDIENCE COME FIRST, THEN GOD

ANSWERS PRAYER! So many people have told us, "If God will **heal** me, **then** I'll serve Him, **then** I'll believe." It means nothing else in the world but that you're putting **self first**, trying to make a **deal** with God! "If God will serve **me first**, **then** I'll serve **Him**. You work for **me first**, God **then** I'll work for You!"--And He just doesn't work that way!

8. HE STILL HAS THE SAME OLD FORMULA: "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD and **His** righteousness, **then** all these things shall be **added** unto you." The **blessings** don't precede **obedience**. You don't say, "Lord, You **bless** me, **then** I'll obey." But God tests **you** first to see if you'll **obey**, and **then** He can bless you. It's such a common mistake people make!

9. IT'S A REAL TEST TOO, BUT IT OFTEN ENDS IN MURMURING: PEOPLE HOLD IT AGAINST GOD because He won't heal them! "If He'd **do** it, **then** I'd serve Him.--So He doesn't love me, He doesn't care, because He won't **heal** me!" A lot of times even I **feel** like quitting because things don't go just right, but I **don't quit!** I just keep on plugging along and eventually the Lord works things out.

10. IT'S KIND OF A "ME FIRST" ATTITUDE: "You **heal me first**, **then** I'll believe You, **then** I'll obey." It's really a form of **self-righteousness**, because it's **pride**. It's just like the scribes and Pharisees told Jesus: "Do us a **miracle**, **then** we'll believe!"--But He'd already **done** all kinds of miracles and they **still** didn't believe! So He said, "If I'd even raise somebody from the dead you still wouldn't believe, because you don't believe what I've already said!"--So then He **did** raise somebody from the dead--Lazarus--and that's what made them decide they **had** to kill him!

11. THIS BUSINESS OF HINGING YOUR FAITH ON THE ANSWER INSTEAD OF ON THE WORD IS LIKE A WORKS RELIGION! It's like, "Show me!--I'll believe it when I see it!--**Seeing** is **believing!**" But that's not the way **faith** works: With **faith**, **believing** is **seeing!** Faith works on **blind obedience** no matter whether you ever get the **answer or not!** You can't make the answer conditional to your service for God. Though your face may be one big boil you ought to serve Him **regardless!**--Who knows?--It might encourage some poor people who have **worse** problems than **you** to go ahead and serve the Lord!--If they'd see that

you're willing to serve the Lord and not ashamed **regardless** of your handicaps, it might encourage **them** to do the same!

12. **GOODNIGHT!--JOB LOST EVERYTHING!**--His family, his fortune--and finally his **health**--**everything!** He was **covered** with boils from **head** to **toe**, but **he still** said it didn't matter!--It didn't matter if God **killed** him, he'd **still** keep on trusting Him! Job had been serving the Lord a long time, all his life, and look what happened to **him**!



13. YOU JUST CANNOT MAKE YOUR OBEDIENCE CONTINGENT ON YOUR TERMS and the way **you** think God ought to answer, and providing everything goes all **right**. You can't just only be God's **fair-weather** friend! You have to **keep on** serving the Lord even when everything goes all **wrong**! If you're only going to be willing to believe and obey the Lord as long as everything goes all **right**, you won't be believing or obeying very much, because a **lot** of things go wrong when you're serving the Lord!--"Many are the afflictions of the righteous!"

14. IF EVERY TIME YOU HAVE AN AFFLICTION YOU QUIT SERVING GOD, YOU'LL BE A PERPETUAL QUITTER! Of course, sometimes **others** put **you** under condemnation if you're not healed.--They blame it on **you**: "There surely must be something **wrong** with **you**!"--Just like **Job's** counsellors!--All three of them said, "There **must** be something wrong with **you**!" Well, in Job's case it did turn out that something **was** wrong with him: It was his **self-righteous pride**, because he was **proud** of his faith, **proud** he was so good, **proud** he had served God all his life. So God had to let the Devil knock him **flat** to prove he was **nothing** without the **Lord**!

15. SOMETIMES YOU'RE ASHAMED BECAUSE OTHERS ARE ASHAMED OF YOU, and **they** don't even want to have you **around** because **you** look like a **poor testimony**! But **Jesus** had **all kinds of handicapped** people following Him, and He healed all that He could.--But who knows if they **all** got healed? But there are plenty of examples in the Bible of how the people who **kept** after Him and **kept following** Him no matter **what** eventually got healed even when it seemed like He was **ignoring** them!--Like the blind beggar and the woman with the sick daughter and others. The ones who **quit before** they got healed, of course, **never** got healed!

16. GOD WANTS TO TEST YOUR FAITH AND WILLINGNESS TO OBEY BEFORE HE'S GOING TO HEAL YOU, and He wants to see if you'll **believe** and **obey** Him even if you think you may **never** get healed! What's your **healing** got to do with **faith** and **obedience**? **Nothing**!--But your **faith** and **obedience** have a lot to do with your **healing**! Whether you get **healed** or **not** should have **nothing** to do with whether you **believe** or **obey** the Lord or not!

17. YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE AND OBEY THE LORD EVEN IF HE NEVER HEALS YOU! Paul had a thorn in **his** flesh to the day of his **death** to keep him **humble**! He couldn't even be **trusted** with full **health** because it probably would have made him too full of **pride**, because he'd been **honoured** by the Lord in so many **other** ways.--But his thorn in the flesh didn't keep him from **serving God**!



18. AS LONG AS IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO KEEP ON SERVING GOD, YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP ON SERVING Him regardless of whether He ever sees fit to **heal** you or **not**! You may be a whole lot more useful to the Lord with a face full of boils, or a whole lot more **humble** and **believing** with a whole **body** covered with boils like **Job** was, than if the Lord would **heal** you!

19. A LOT OF PEOPLE JUST WANT TO USE GOD: I've known a lot of people whom God healed too **easily**, and then they just took off and went their own way! They were really **lying** to God: They'd sworn up and down if He'd just **heal** them **then** they'd serve Him.--But the minute He **did** they just took off and forgot all about it!

20. ISRAEL USED TO DO THAT ALL THE TIME: "O God, if you'll just **save** us we'll serve You **forever!"**--And the minute He **did** save them they forgot the whole deal and were worse than **ever--more** unbelieving and **more** murmuring and **more** disobedient!

21. I NEVER GOT HEALED THAT WAY. Some of the times when I was nearest to death, which has been a lot of times, I told the Lord, "Well, Lord, I'd **like** to be healed so I could serve You **better**, but I'm **not** going to **stop** serving You just because you don't **heal** me."--And just like Job, there have been plenty of times when I told the Lord, "Well, if You **heal** me, Lord, fine!--But if you want to **kill** me, that's up to **You**!--I'll **still** believe and love You anyway: --That's **Your** business. It's **my** business to **believe** and **love** and **serve** You no matter **what** and not **quit** just because things get **tough** and it looks like You have **deserted** me, and when everything seems to go **wrong**!"

22. LIKE ISRAEL, GOD MAY BE JUST TESTING YOUR FAITH to see if you're going to **believe** and **obey** Him no matter **what**! But the minute they had a little **test** they **quit** believing and quit obeying, and so they **died** and **never** made it, just like so many so-called Christians, especially **churchy** people!

23. THESE SELF-RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE WHO TRY TO TELL GOD WHAT TO DO REMIND ME A LOT OF THE JEWS OF TODAY: They're always saying, "Well, if God is so **good**, then why does He let us **suffer** like this? Why didn't He **save** us? Why did He allow Hitler to **kill** us? Why are we **still** getting kicked around? If God would be **better** to us, **then** we'd serve Him! But He's **mean** to us, so we **hate** Him!" When the fact of the matter is, the minute He **is** a little better to them, then they go their own way and do as they please and forget all about Him!

24. THEY CAN'T BE TRUSTED FOR HIM TO BE BETTER TO THEM!--Maybe He'd even rather have them **hate** Him than **forget** Him!--At least then they **remember** He's **still around** and chastising them for their **sins**!

25. I REMEMBER WE HAD A GIRL AT OUR SCHOOL IN MIAMI WITH THE SAME PROBLEM--some kind of skin affliction--and she had two children and no husband on top of it! She was always saying, "**Why? Why?--Why** has God done this to me? **Why** does God let me suffer like this? I thought maybe when I came to your school and **joined** you, God would **heal** me, but I'm **still** suffering!--He **still** hasn't healed me!--How **come**?" When people start asking God **why** in **that** spirit it is pure **self-righteousness** because the Lord gave me a **Scripture** for her, the

same one God gave **Job**: "Can a **man** be found righteous with **God**?"--Or compared to **God**?

26. PEOPLE WITH THAT SELF-RIGHTEOUS ATTITUDE ARE SAYING, "WELL GOD, IF I WERE YOU, I'D DO THINGS BETTER THAN YOU'RE DOING THEM!--I'd be more righteous!--I'd heal me!" Just like recent popular song: "If I were king!" It goes on to say that if I were king I wouldn't let all these bad things be going on in the world! In other words, "**I'm** more righteous than **God!** **I'm better** than God! I'm more **good** than God! God isn't good, or He wouldn't let all these things happen!"

27. BUT THAT'S JUST BECAUSE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND GOD. They don't understand **what** He's doing or **why** He's doing it, and they'll **never** understand until they have **faith** to **trust** Him that **He knows best!**--It's just like a **child** has to trust a **parent** even though he doesn't understand **why** he must do this or that or **not** do it, or **why** he has to behave this way or that way. He just has to "**Do** it because Daddy **says so!**"

28. HE HAS TO BELIEVE AND OBEY whether he likes it or **not**, because **Daddy knows best**, and he'll probably find out Daddy was **right** in the **long run!** But if he **doesn't** believe and obey, he'll probably find out he was right **anyway**, but the **hard** way!--It's just that simple!--Can't you **see** it? Like a father, I **love** you but must **tell** you!



29. GOD TESTS OUR FAITH TO SEE IF IT'S REAL GOLD FAITH AND WE'LL STILL BELIEVE AND OBEY HIM NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS! He says that "The **trying** of your faith is more precious than **gold**!"--The **testing** of it!--"Yea," He says, "than much **fine gold**!" **Gold** will go through the **fire** and **still** come out **pure gold**, even **purer gold**, if it is **real gold**!

30. BUT YOU TRY PUTTING THAT PAPER MONEY FAITH THROUGH THE FIRE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS! That so-called faith--so-called value, like paper money, is not worth a damned thing the minute it's put to the **test**!

31. THAT'S WHY THE WHOLE WORLD'S PAPER-THIN FINANCIAL SYSTEM IS COLLAPSING RIGHT NOW!--BECAUSE IT IS BASED ON PIG PAPER MONEY INSTEAD OF GOD'S GOOD GOLD! (See Letter Nos. 243, 284, 294, etc.)--You just stick them **both** through the **fire** and **see** which one comes out the best! You'll find that **real gold**--no matter **how hot** the fire or **how long** the fire, **how hot** the **test** or **how long it lasts**--will **still** come out **gold**--even **finer gold**! "Yea, than much **fine gold**!" Because the **fire** burns all the **dross** and the **impurities** away!



32. BUT THAT PAPER PIG STUFF THAT CLAIMS TO BE VALUABLE ISN'T WORTH THE PAPER IT IS PRINTED ON When the **real test** comes, like **now!** The minute it feels the slightest flame it goes up in **smoke** and you've got **nothing** left but a few **ashes** just to remind you of something that wasn't there in the **first** place!

33. THAT'S THE EXACT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REAL FAITH AND SUPPOSED FAITH: Real faith can **stand** the test and **go** through the fire and **still** come out better than ever before, like **gold!** But that something that **looks** like faith, like the **paper-pig-money** which only **looks** like it is valuable, the minute **it** goes through the fire, see what you've got left!

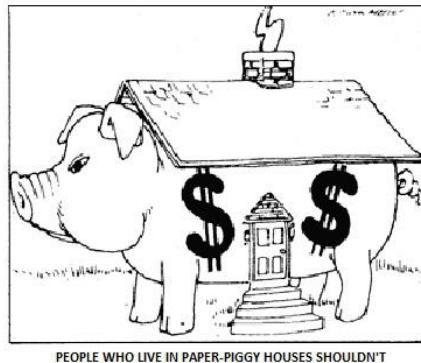
34. GOD DOESN'T JUDGE YOU BY HOW MUCH YOU GIVE.--HE JUDGES YOU BY HOW MUCH YOU'VE GOT LEFT!--And He doesn't even judge you by how much you **claim** to have, but by how much you have when **He** gets **through** with you!

35. IN THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE '30s the guys with great financial paper-pig empires who had all their values written on paper pigs and in paper-pig money and paper-pig bonds and paper-pig stocks and paper-piggy banks didn't survive! They dropped right on through the grate with the rest of the paper-piggy ashes on the paper-piggy ash--heap of a paper-pig system built on paper-piggy **man** by paper-piggy **men** instead of **God** and wound up on **God's ash-heap** for paper piggies!

36. BUT THE ITTY-BITTY FARMERS WITH NOTHING but an itty-bitty plot of land to grow their **food** on and some **real** itty-bitty pigs to keep their families **alive** on lived happily ever after! But the big paper-piggy **financiers** were jumping out of their sky-scraper windows because they'd lost everything they **thought** was valuable, every little paper-piggy they held dear, which weren't worth a damned **thing** when the **real** showdown came just like it is coming again **now!** It all went up in **smoke** with their paper piggy money, paper-piggy stocks and their paper piggy bonds!

37. PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN PAPER PIGGY HOUSES SHOULDN'T STRIKE INFLATIONARY MATCHES OR THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THEY'VE JUST MADE A PAPER-PIGGY ASH OF THEMSELVES!--But people who live in **God's Golden Gates** of

Faith can survive **anything**--even **death!** And can still say, like Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!" And you'll enjoy God's really Golden Gates **forever** after in His really Golden City while the rest, who **claimed** they had faith, are **still** going up in the smoke of the flames of **Hell** because their faith was nothing but **wood, hay** and **stubble** and didn't stand the test of the fires of God's **afflictions** and trials of **faith!**



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38. **SO IF YOU'VE GOT REAL FAITH YOU'LL KEEP ON GOING FOR GOD EVEN IT KILLS YOU!**--And it **will** kill you, because it means **death** to **self** and **pride** and all that damned **self-righteousness** as you **die daily** as people look at that ugly mug of yours and those ugly clothes and

that ugly hole you live in and all that ugly food with such an ugly job as what they call a "paper-prophet peddler", and wonder how you can possibly **stand** it!

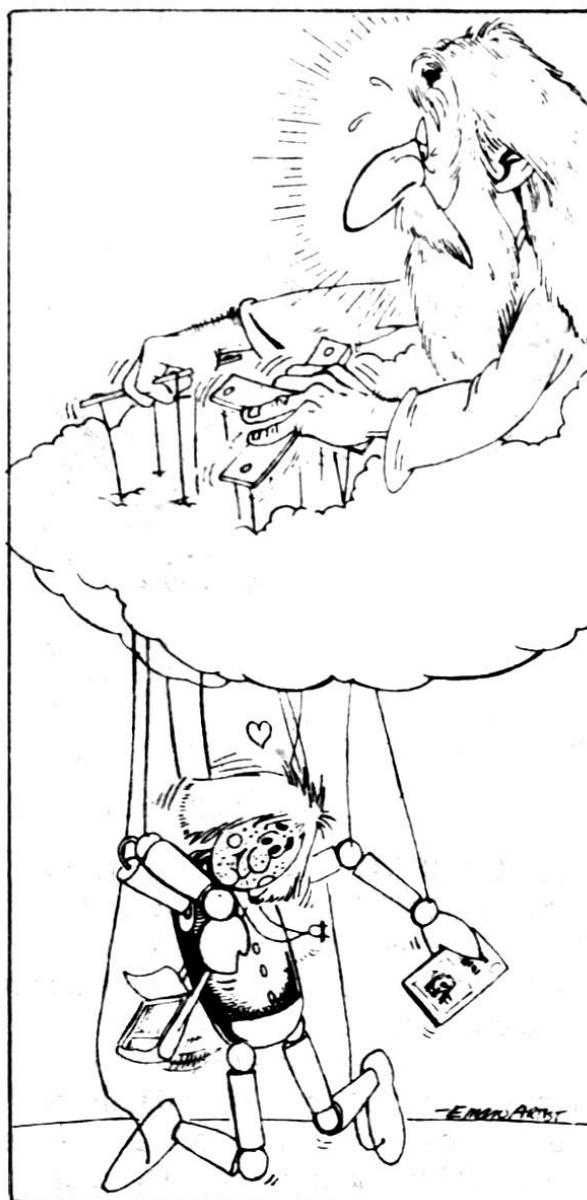
39. THE PROUD PAPER-PIGGY PEOPLE-EATERS THAT DEVOUR THE POOR WOULD RATHER DIE FIRST THAN SERVE GOD THAT WAY!--And they probably **will** die and **rot** in the Desert of **Sin** like the **Jews** did when they refused to believe and obey God, and like most of them are **still** doing, while **you'll** keep on **going** and live **through** it and survive **eternally** even if they **kill** you!--Because you **refuse** to doubt and you refuse to quit no matter **what** happens!



40. I'VE FELT LIKE QUITTING LOTS OF TIMES because I'm so stupid and I make so many blunders and I'm so wicked and have so many sins I don't see how you or even **God** can possibly love me or put up with me! (Tongues and weeping with prophecy, probably from Abraham: "What confessions of truth come from the heart of your father! Behold how he bares his bosom to his beloved!")--But you **do**, because I keep on **going**! I refuse to **quit** because **I believe God!** Therefore I know I **have** to obey Him

and I don't **dare** quit! Too many people believe in **me** and obey **me**, so I can't quit any more than **God** can!

41. WHAT IF GOD QUIT EVERY TIME YOU GAVE HIM A LOT OF TROUBLE?--Then we'd **all** be in a helluva mess! What if God quit every time **you**, **His** face, break out in a bunch of ugly spots and pimples and boils and acne and whatnot?--**You're the only face He's got!**--What if He quit just because you're **ugly** sometimes? You're the only face He's **got** and He's **gotta** keep going no matter **how** ugly you are or **how** bad His **Body** behaves sometimes, in spite of what His **Head** tells it to do!



42. HE'S GOTTA KEEP ON GOING EVEN IF YOU GET YOURSELF ALL TANGLED UP AND IN A HELLUVA MESS! He's gotta keep on trying to pull you through and teach every part of His Body coordination and how to function properly and operate smoothly and gracefully instead of all jerky and twisted and grotesque like the spastics we so often are! He's got to keep on teaching you how to walk even if you seem like a hopeless cripple--**you, His Body!**

43. HE'S GOTTA KEEP ON TRYING TO TEACH YOU HOW TO TALK EVEN IF YOU SEEM TO BE TONGUE-TIED! He's got to keep on **yelling** loud enough so you'll **listen**, even when you've got your fingers in your ears trying **not** to! He's gotta keep on trying to make you **see** the truth and **read** it even when you're so spiritually **sleepy** you'd rather shut your eyes and drift off into the **Devil's dreamland!**

44. HE'S GOTTA TRY TO MAKE ALL THE ORGANS FUNCTION PROPERLY EVEN WHEN YOU ABUSE THEM with the wrong food and contaminants!--And He's gotta try to make you **bear fruit**, the bare little spiritual babbling babies of the Children of God, and even a few sick and misshapen ones rather than none at **all!** When much of the time much of His Body or Bride, like the churches, is doing her best to keep **from** it by either taking the **pill of spiritual genocide**, or **killing** the babies with **hatred** before they're even **born**, or being so **rebellious** toward God He can't even make **love** to them!

45. THAT'S THE KIND OF A BODY GOD HAS TO PUT UP WITH! So why should **you** be griping about a few little **afflictions**?--Look at the mess **God's** Body's in! Only the love, grace and mercy of **God** can ever pull her through by faith and obedience to His Word, or she'd never make it! Even if she's diseased, cripples, disorganised, deaf, dumb, blind and **ugly**, she's **still** gotta **keep going** to take care of her **Children!**--And I'm sure if she **does** God will probably **heal** her so she can even do a **better** job of it!

46. "BUT IF NOT", SHE'S STILL GOTTA KEEP GOING and believing and obeying! Like the three Children of God who went into fiery furnace in Daniel 3: They said, "Our God is **able** to deliver us, but if He **doesn't**, we're **still** not going to bow down to your God-damned **System idol!**"--And it looked like the **end**, because into the furnace they went, and it even killed their **executioners!** But because of their **faith** and **obedience**,

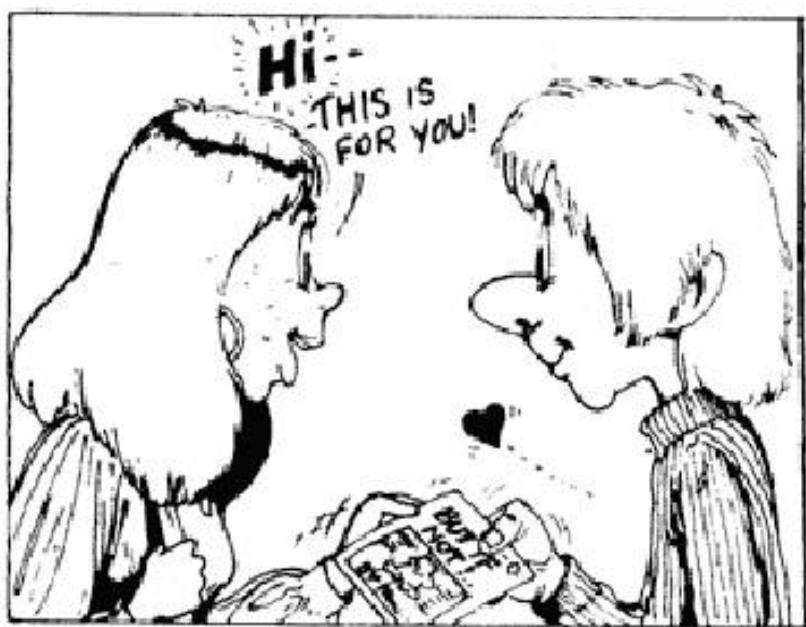
God was with them there, too, and they came out without even the **smell** of smoke on them!



47. LIKE JOB, WHOM THE LORD LET THE DEVIL NEARLY DESTROY by killing his **family** and his **finances**, and almost even killing **him**, but he **still** didn't say "Uncle" to the Devil, not even to his **wife** who told him to **curse** God and **die!** He just **kept on** believing and obeying, with boils from head to toe, sitting on a heap of ashes and wearily scraping away the puss and the scabs and the sores with a piece of broken pottery saying, "Though He **slay** me, **yet** will I trust Him!"--Can **you**?--I hope you don't **have** to get in such a mess as **Job!** But if you **do**, **don't quit, whatever you do!**



48. KEEP GOING FOR GOD! Keep believing and obeying no matter **what** happens! Maybe you'll come out without even the **smell** of smoke on you and with a **bigger** family and **richer** and **healthier** and **happier** and **wiser** than ever, like **Job**--if you will just **hang on** a little longer like he did and **not** give up!



49. **LIKE THE FAMOUS CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES,** wounded, half his men dead or dying and his ship sinking and on fire, when asked by the enemy if he was ready to surrender he screamed, "Hell, no!--We haven't even **begun** to fight yet!"--And he **won**--in the **long** run!



50. **MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN TO FIGHT THE OL' DEVIL YET!** Maybe you haven't yet resisted unto **blood** like **Jesus** did, even unto the **death** of the **cross**! But even though it **killed** Him, only three days later He rose in **triumph** from the **tomb**! Even **death itself** couldn't hold Him down! Medical science is now talking about the "threshold of pain": How much **pain** does it take to **kill** you, and that **some** people's threshold is pretty **low**!--It doesn't take much to **kill** them and they die pretty **easy**!

51. **THE U.S. NOW HAS PROFESSIONAL TORTURE TEAMS TRAINING TORTURERS** throughout the world and they're already torturing people to death in some U.S. dominated countries like Chile and scores of others.

52. **HOW MUCH PAIN IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO KILL YOU?** How much of a **test** can you stand before you **quit** and turn **traitor** and **rat**

on your brethren! It doesn't take much for some! They turn colour easily and take the "easy" way out, like **Judas!**--At least he **thought** it was the easy way till he realised he'd betrayed his own **Saviour!**--Then his conscience hurt him so bad he **hanged** himself!

53. OR WILL YOU TAKE GOD'S EASY WAY OUT: DEATH RATHER THAN DENIAL! Which will it be for **you**? You that **deny** Him He says **He'll** deny before the **Father!** But you that are **not ashamed** of **Him** nor His "**words** before this wicked and adulterous generation" He says He'll **confess** before God and all the Holy angels, even if it **kills** you to do it, like it did the **martyrs**, who live **forever!** Which will you be?--A **doubter, disobeyer and denyer?**--Or a **believer, obeyer and broadcaster** of the truth, even if it **kills** you!

54. IF YOU GO BACK, YOU'LL MAKE GOD SICK! But if you go **on** even if **you're** sick, you'll make God **happy** in the end, even if it means your **earthly end!**--The churches are always talking about "Sudden death, sudden glory!"--That's the way **they** wanna go!--No pain, no suffering, no dying daily!--But even if it means **slow** death, it'll bring you **eternal** glory!

55. WHICH ARE YOU?--A FIGHTER OR A DESERTER, a **keeper-upper** or a **quitter?** "**Many** are the **afflictions** of the **righteous**, but the Lord **delivereth him** out of them **all!**" But let me tell you, the way of the **transgressor** is **hard**, a helluva lot **harder!**--**Hell on earth and Hell hereafter!**

56. SO WHICH WILL IT BE FOR YOU?--ARE YOU GOING TO QUIT JUST BECAUSE OF A FEW LITTLE TRIALS AND PROBLEMS AND AFFLICTIONS, much less **torture** and **crucifixion!**--Or are you going to **keep on going** with **God** even if the Devil's allowed to **kill** you as a **witness** to your **belief** and **obedience** to **God!**

57. I HOPE YOU'LL BE A MARTYR, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE WORD MEANS: A WITNESS!--And what greater witness can you give than to both live and die for Jesus? God bless and keep you! But if He **doesn't**--"but if **not!**"--die for Him and He'll keep you **forever!**

58. COME WITH US AND LIVE AND DIE FOR JESUS AND LIVE FOREVER!--OR YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD! I hope this helps you **make** it! We **love** you!--And **God** loves you!--Remember that no matter **what** happens! He **wants** to heal and help you if He can trust you to **obey** Him.

59. "BUT IF NOT," IF HE DOESN'T HEAL OR HELP YOU YET KEEP ON GOING FOR GOD until He **does** or you **die**, like **Job** thought he was about to. But instead he was **doubly** blessed and lives **forever!**

60. WILL YOU?--PLEASE TRY! We'll be praying for you!--And hope you make it!--Just think of the good **your** suffering has **already** done just by inspiring us to write this letter to help **others!**--And **your** faithfulness can do the same! God bless and keep you keeping on!