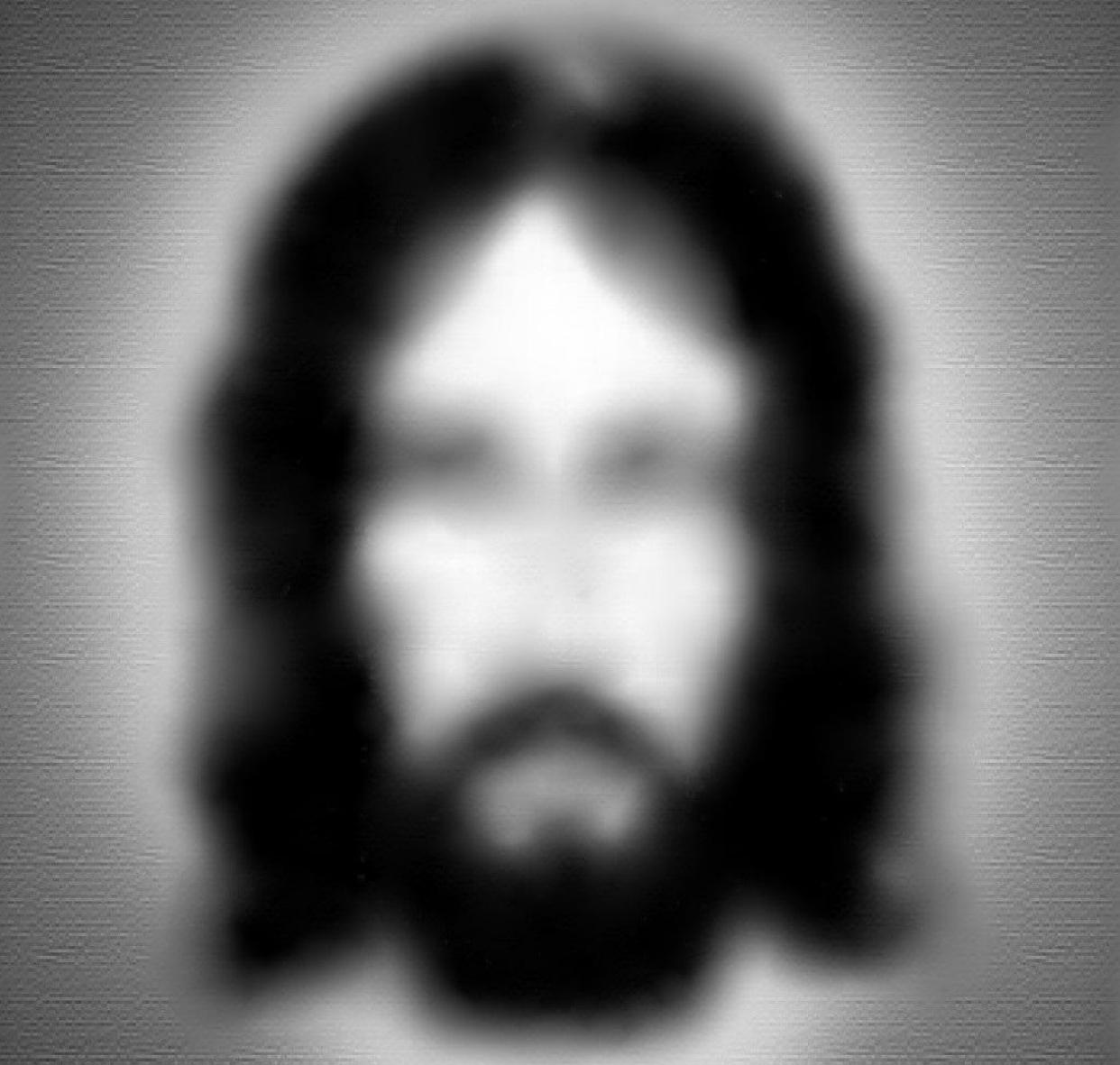


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## temptation in the wilderNESS

# TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS

## CHAPTER 1

**C**ome, let Me tell you of My fight. When I was out there in the wilderness, it was a battle royal with the Evil One.

2 All Hell was let loose on Me. Satan fought with every evil thing, and every thought, and every evil doubt he could find, to try to get Me to give up.

3 I battled as I was buffeted about with giants of doubt flying overhead!

4 The **a** Tempter came to Me in the wilderness—the **b** wilderness of My mind—and let loose all his wild beasts of doubts!

5 Monsters surrounded Me on every side, in an **c** attempt to devour and destroy Me.

6 There were vicious attacks on every side. I was **d** tempted by Satan and was with the **e** wild beasts out there in the wilderness.

7 These beasts I had to fight off, rebuke, and gain victory over—the beasts of *doubts*!

8 It started out **f** subtly. I didn't realize they were doubts, these beasts that surrounded Me.

9 They seemed harmless, but then as Satan tried to lure Me, as he tempted Me, I saw where these doubts could lead, should I accept them.

10 They would only grow. I saw that if I would have *accepted* them, they would grow into wild beasts of doubts that would devour and destroy Me.

## CHAPTER 1

- a** Mt 4:1-3
- b** Rom 8:7-9
- c** 1Pet 5:8
- d** Lk 4:2
- e** Mk 1:13
- f** Gen 3:1
- 2Cor 11:3
- g** Heb 2:18
- h** Lk 4:14
- i** Mk 14:38b
- j** Heb 4:15
- k** Eph 4:27

11 So I fought and tried to ward them off. I fought long and hard.

12 I had not fallen, but I was growing weak, because I was being buffeted about on every side.

13 It was My **g** testing time, and the Tempter was let loose upon Me.

14 Then I realized that I could no longer fight on in My human strength. I realized that I had to have a **h** greater power to win this victory. 15 I did not want to accept these beasts of doubts. But in My **i** flesh, I could not muster up the strength to fight on.

16 I was **j** tempted in all points just like you, yet without sin, because I did not give in. I did not give up.

17 Although the doubts and discouragement and despair hit Me from every side, I **k** did not accept them.

## CHAPTER 2

**I**t was a test that I had to go through, so I would **a** know how you are feeling.

2 When I realized to what scale these monsters of doubts were capable of growing, I heard My Father's voice.

3 It was **b** still and small, but crystal clear.

4 He said, Son, I am fighting for You, that Your faith fail not.

5 That is all I heard, in one distinct moment, and that voice gave Me the courage to carry on.

7 As I heard His voice, I fell to My knees and cried out with the loudest cries I ever uttered in My entire

## CHAPTER 2

- a** Heb 2:17-18
- b** 1Ki 19:12b

life until that time!

8 I <sup>c</sup>wept, cried, and pled to My Father with all that was within Me! I fell down in utter desperation and <sup>d</sup>asked Him to deliver Me from the attacks of doubts that were plaguing Me.

9 I made a decision that I wanted to fight! I wanted to go for it! I wanted to stand! I wanted <sup>e</sup>deliverance!

10 Up until that time, I was on the brink, I was still in the valley of decision. I hadn't sinned, because I hadn't decided.

11 Satan was trying hard to sway Me. He fought hard to win Me. He <sup>f</sup>wanted to convert Me.

12 But <sup>g</sup>when I cried out for help with all that was within Me, it was done.

13 I cried out to My Father with strong tongues and pleading, saying, Deliver Me this day! Fill Me with Your power, that I may fight, that I may stand <sup>h</sup>strong in Your might and be delivered! I don't want this way! I don't accept these doubts! Give Me Your strength, and take them away!

14 It was from that desperation, that decision to yield My all, that <sup>i</sup>plea for deliverance, that My eyes were opened.

15 From that deliverance I was able to find renewed strength.

16 My Father <sup>j</sup>heard and answered. My Father was there all the time.

17 He was waiting and ready, but I had to *decide*. I had to <sup>k</sup>choose. I had to reach out and receive help from His hand.

18 It was from that deliverance that there came the words, <sup>m</sup>Get thee hence, Satan! Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve!

19 As soon as I called on My Father to help Me, I was able to avail My-

**c** Ps 138:3

**d** Ps 119:153

**e** Joel 2:32a

**f** 2Pet 2:19

**g** Ps 56:9

**h** Eph 6:10

**i** Ps 57:2

**j** Ps 66:19

**k** Isa 7:15

**l** Isa 59:1

**m** Mt 4:10

**n** 2Pet 3:9

**o** 1Jn 3:8b

self of the <sup>n</sup>truth of His promise.

20 The Father allowed that time of testing.

21 I had to go through it, as I was about to embark on the greatest mission of all mankind.

22 If I could not have licked the Devil then, in that wilderness, I would not have been able to go on to complete <sup>o</sup>My life's mission that was ahead.

### CHAPTER 3

Just think, if the Devil could have stopped Me then, <sup>a</sup>you would not be here!

2 So he fought hard and long, and he fought in very <sup>b</sup>subtle ways.

3 He used Scripture in very <sup>c</sup>sly ways, intertwined in a tapestry of deceit and lies, carefully woven together with logical, reasonable, understandable, sensible reasoning that appeared to be good and true.

4 Satan knows the Word, yet he twists, he contorts and he connives. He <sup>d</sup>adds a touch of truth with the lie in hopes that he can lure.

5 It looked so good. The things he hit Me with and offered Me were very appealing.

6 Just think, <sup>e</sup>all the kingdoms of the world! That was an inviting offer!

7 Here I was, the <sup>f</sup>son of a humble carpenter.

8 I was grieved with the poverty and injustice and the extreme conditions of the world around Me.

9 My people were poor and persecuted under Roman rule.

10 All about Me was a world of injustice and so many problems.

11 The thought of all the world's riches and what I could do with them was very tempting.

12 Maybe I could have made things better.

13 Certainly it would have solved

### CHAPTER 3

**a** Jn 3:16

**b** 2Cor 2:11

**c** (for an example of this, see Gen 3:1-6 Mt 4:6)

**d** 2Cor 11:3

**e** Lk 4:5-7

**f** Mk 6:3



*"Monsters surrounded Me on every side, in an attempt to devour and destroy Me!"*

the financial difficulties.

14 I could have used these riches to sort things out.

15 That's what the Devil told Me, and it did look inviting.

16 Satan knew I wouldn't go for that right off, because My **g**Father's riches were far greater.

17 He had to try to get Me to doubt My Father.

18 Satan tried to get Me to think My Father had **h**shut Me out of the halls of Heaven and abandoned Me on Earth.

19 After all, Satan told Me, if My Father had abandoned Me and had disowned Me, then why not take this next offer of all these riches of the kingdoms of the Earth?

20 I was in **i**My fleshly body, and **j**life was sometimes hard.

21 I had grown up **k**seeing the poverty and despair of the people, the plight of the poor, and the oppression of the Roman rule.

22 Things around Me were pretty desperate.

23 Now think about what Satan was offering Me—all the kingdoms of the world!

24 That was a pretty big job offer!

25 You talk about System jobs—that was the humdinger!

26 I could have **l**ruled it all! It was very tempting.

26 But **m**deep in My heart, the voice came to Me, It is better to **n**eat herbs than a stalled ox, or to **o**enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

#### CHAPTER 4

**D**uring that time I spent in the wilderness having it out with Satan himself, I learned *the real battle was in My heart and mind*; it was over My very soul.

2 He was trying hard to get Me to

**g** Ps 24:1

**h** Isa 53:4,8b

**i** Rom 8:3

**j** Mt 8:20

**k** Mt 26:11

**l** Lk 4:7

**m** Ps 119:11

**n** Pro 15:17

**o** Heb 11:25

doubt My Father's blessing and riches.

3 He was trying to get Me to doubt My inheritance.

4 He sought to slay Me through so many doubts.

5 As soon as I *said yes* to My Father [and] *cried out to Him in total desperation, pleading for deliverance* from the doubts that were trying to take hold of My mind and My spirit, He **p**delivered Me.

6 It was from that time on that My eyes were opened, and I could see, more clearly, the true battle that was raging, the hypocrisy in it all.

7 These **q**riches and kingdoms of the Earth were going to come to nothing.

8 They were nothing but a **r**facade, hiding the **s**heinous reality behind them.

9 My eyes were opened from that point.

10 In His infinite mercy and all-encompassing Love, [My Father] sent His **t**angels to minister to Me.

11 Oh, that was such sweet relief and a strengthening I needed for My **u**ministry that was about to begin.

12 The **v**angels came and we had sweet communion.

13 They poured out the Word upon Me.

14 They **w**ministered to Me in body and spirit, they fed Me the thing I most desperately needed—the **x**pure, unadulterated Word from My Father above.

15 I feasted on it! I drank it in!

16 They showered Me with it from head to toe, and My healing began.

17 Yes, My healing. **y**Fighting with Satan took its toll.

18 It was a long, hard fight.

19 I had to be **z**rengthened, reenvisioned, refilled.

20 That was the beginning of a whole new life for Me.

21 From that time on I realized that I had to always take enough time for rest and refilling, that 'I had to have My Father's Word, for that was the source of My power.

22 From that time on I began to always take those moments to get away, to <sup>m</sup>rise early in the morning if I had to, and go out to a <sup>n</sup>quiet place and receive this strengthening from Heaven.

**CHAPTER 5**

**T**hat is <sup>a</sup>when My ministry really began.

2 All the years prior to that were my preparation.

3 Although I already had a measure of My Father's Spirit and great power, this time of temptation, fighting these battles and winning the victory over doubts there in the wilderness, brought forth a great decision, which resulted in this deliverance.

4 I <sup>b</sup>overcame! I fought and I won!

5 When I was in the wilderness, at times it seemed the battle would not end.

6 The battle was fierce, and I was tempted to give up.

7 But through it all, and through My deliverance, I was able to receive <sup>c</sup>greater power. I was free from the hindrances of Satan as I was thrust out in a new wave of <sup>d</sup>witnessing that the world had never known before.

8 Yes, I had to get desperate. I had to fight the battle of doubts, and I had to <sup>e</sup>lick the Devil right then and there, or I would not have been able to continue on.

9 Satan was fighting hard, trying to stop My ministry, My testimony.

**I** Jn 5:30  
**Jn** 8:28  
**m**Mk 1:35  
**n** Lk 6:12

**CHAPTER 5**

**a** Lk 4:17-21  
**b** Rev 3:21b  
**c** Jn 1:50b  
**d** Rev 1:5a  
**e** 1Jn 3:8  
**f** Jn 10:10a  
**g** **stakes:** something that may be gained or lost; something valuable risked on an uncertain outcome

**h** Heb 5:8-9  
**i** Heb 7:25  
**j** Heb 5:7  
**k** Ps 104:4  
**Mk** 4:11  
**l** Heb 4:12  
**2Cor** 10:4  
**m**Rev 1:16  
**n** Phil 2:10  
**o** Job 4:4  
**p** Jam 4:7  
**q** 1Tim 6:12

10 He was <sup>f</sup>trying to destroy Me and you and the people of this world.

11 He knew if he could stop Me, he would win the battle of the Earth.

12 It was a testing and purging time.

13 My ministry and My mission were so great that I needed to be purified.

14 I would not have been able to continue on had I not been.

15 The <sup>g</sup>stakes were too high. I could not have doubts plaguing My mind in the days ahead.

16 Therefore, I had to take a stand. I had to pass all those tests.

17 I could not escape the tests, for I am your High Priest and I am touched with the feeling of your battles, your trials.

18 I had to be touched, so I could stand here today with conviction to fight for you.

19 But I <sup>h</sup>passed, and I am here to tell about it.

20 *I am <sup>i</sup>here to fight for you.*

21 When I made that decision to desperately <sup>j</sup>call out to My Father, He sent His <sup>k</sup>angels to minister to Me the Word, and through that Word I carried on. That was My <sup>l</sup>secret weapon.

19 That is the <sup>m</sup>only thing that I could fire back at Satan that would defeat him every time.

20 It did then and it does now, for he hates it.

21 He cannot stand it! He squirms at the thought of the Word.

22 He <sup>n</sup>begins to shrivel up and vanish at the very utterance of it.

23 *I received the Word and I was <sup>o</sup>strengthened.*

24 I wielded it hard and fast right back at the Devil, and he <sup>p</sup>had to flee.

25 I had to win that battle, just as you, too, <sup>q</sup>must win the battle.



*"The angels came and we had sweet communion."*

26 While there on the mount, I called out to My Father, and He filled Me with His Word, and 'Satan did flee.  
 27 And as I began to quote the Word, I was strengthened for the battles ahead.

28 It was My **s**only salvation.

29 From that time on, I had to stay filled up with My Father's promises.

30 The battles grew stronger, but I too, grew stronger, because as I obeyed and as I received the Word, lived in the Word and quoted the Word, I was able to keep My victory.

31 The **t**victory that overcame the world was My *faith in the Word*.

32 I **u**overcame even the death of the cross and I am **v**risen.

33 You, too, can **w**overcome the valley of despair by receiving this power.

34 I had to keep quoting the Word. My **x**faith came, it grew, as I lived in and quoted the Word.

35 As I walked the shores of Galilee, as I **y**healed the sick and tended to the ragged wounds of the lost and the **z**weary, as I loved the **a**woman at the well, as I **b**healed the daughter of Jairus, as I **c**ast out devils, as I **d**raised Lazarus from the dead and brought down **e**miracles and **f**signs and wonders from on high, each time, each of these victories was won through the Word.

36 It was the *Word* that I quoted.

37 It was the *Word* that gave Me the power.

38 It was the *Word* that kept me free from doubts.

39 It was the *Word* that inoculated Me against the lies of Satan.

40 My **g**Father's *Word* gave Me power to win the victory each and every time.

41 After My initial victory in the wilderness on the eve of My ministry, I

- r** Mt 4:10,11
- s** Ps 17:4b
- t** 1Jn 5:4
- u** Phil 2:8
- v** Lk 24:34
- w** 1Jn 4:4
- x** Rom 10:17
- y** Mk 6:56
- z** Mt 11:28
- a** Jn 4:7-26
- b** Lk 8:41,  
54-55
- c** Mk 1:39
- d** Jn 11:43-44
- e** Jn 11:47
- f** Acts 2:22
- g** Jn 14:24
- h** Lk 22:28
- i** Heb 12:3
- j** Jn 2:11
- k** Rev 3:21

continued to pass through test after test.

42 The **h**tests did not stop. The **i**fiery darts of Satan never ceased to be flung at Me.

43 But I was always able to *win the victory*, because I *wielded My secret weapon—the Word*.

44 I *quoted* the Word, I *banked on* the Word, I *fought back with* the Word, and I *overcame the world through* the Word.

45 It was through My faith in the Word.

46 As I began to take even the beginning steps in living the Word, My faith grew; it flourished and continued on.

47 It all began with My initial deliverance from doubts that time on the mount, in the wilderness, as I grappled in hand-to-hand combat with Satan himself.

48 That battle, that victory of calling out to My Father, was the beginning process to set My faith in motion.

49 And I grew through the Word. As I listened, received, and as I gave it out, I grew in faith.

50 Faith to turn the **j**water into wine grew into greater faith to bring down greater miracles, as I continued on.

51 It was not that the Devil never hit Me with doubts again.

52 He tried, he fought hard, but it was My living and quoting and staying filled up on the Word that made the difference.

53 *The Word was My victory.*

54 It was My only hope, and it never failed to see Me through—just as it is your only hope.

55 *It will be **k**your victory*, and it will never fail to see you through.

56 So live in it, swim in it, claim it, and revel in it.

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MY COMMISSION  
ON EARTH

# MY COMMISSION ON EARTH

## CHAPTER 1

**B**efore I left Earth to return to My Father, I told My disciples and the many believers who would follow, <sup>a</sup>“I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there you may be also.” 2 And now, My dear children of David, I want to tell you the good news—that at long last, My mission is nearly complete! Yes, just a while <sup>b</sup>longer and we’ll all be joined together for eternity.

3 I tell you this to <sup>c</sup>encourage your hearts, for it won’t be long now! I tell you this that you might *keep your eyes looking upward to Heaven, that you might live in the <sup>d</sup>Heavenly vision—for it is near!*

4 At this very moment, I Myself am personally tending to every detail of the final preparations of your arrival and return Home, adding final touches to your <sup>e</sup>mansions and your rewards.

5 I’m adding <sup>f</sup>touches of splendor and glory and brilliance where needed, strokes of extra luster, a wee more dazzle and glory and shine—for you, My faithful ones, who are deserving for your jobs well done.

6 As I finish up your Heavenly abodes, as I walk down the avenues of Heaven, checking that everything is in order and ready to <sup>g</sup>receive you, the anticipation mounts within My heart!

7 All who have gone before you in the Heavens eagerly await your arrival. Just to think of this glorious mo-

## CHAPTER 1

- a** Jn 14:2
- b** Heb 10:36-37
- c** 1Th 4:16-18
- d** Lk 21:28
- 2 Cor 4:18
- e** Heb 11:16b
- f** Isa 64:4
- Mt 25:34
- g** Heb 12:22-23

ment makes My heart beat with an excitement unmatched by any other.

8 I scarce can contain the joy I have bursting inside at the very thought of your arrival! Oh, the thrill in knowing it’s only a short while longer till that magic moment when you’ll all be Home at last!

## CHAPTER 2

**I**n the midst of all this excitement, I slip away for a moment of quiet reflection. As I walk the halls of Heaven, taking a few quiet moments alone and in meditation, I pause to reflect a while on that momentous day when My Father called Me to His side to reconfirm <sup>a</sup>My great commission.

2 What a monumental day that was! I knew I was destined since the beginning to <sup>b</sup>fulfill this mission. And I knew that as We were about to discuss the details, it was going to be of great significance.

3 I was about to be faced with the opportunity to fulfill My crowning achievement of <sup>c</sup>all time. I knew that in the decision that lay before Me, I held the awesome <sup>d</sup>power to change the course of world history.

4 So My Father and I walked. We walked and We talked as the refreshing soft breeze of Heaven’s gardens sang sweet tunes of <sup>e</sup>melodic praises in Our honor. It was a sobering time as We looked down from the Heavens and <sup>f</sup>observed the children of men and the state of the Earth under man’s own rule.

## CHAPTER 2

- a** Gal 1:3-4
- b** Jn 4:34
- c** Rev 22:13
- d** Mt 28:18
- Jn 3:35
- Jn 17:2
- e** Rev 15:3-4
- f** Heb 4:13

5 Prior to this time, I had watched and observed the ways of man and the consequences he faced in making his own wrong choices.

6 *Since the beginning of time, I was very intricately involved and active in the affairs of mankind, yet I knew that unless I became flesh and dwelt among you, as one of you, I would not be able to fully understand human ways and be fully touched with the feelings of your infirmities.*

7 *In order to feel as you do, to be tested in all points as you are, I had to become one with you—to take on the form of human flesh in order to become a better high priest—your mediator.*

8 I looked on man's ways with disappointment. For if man, as a whole, had made better choices, they would have not reaped the oftentimes binding, restrictive and hurtful 'results. Yet they so often chose a path contrary to the ways of Heaven.

9 As My Father and I walked, We looked and considered all that We had created, and the cries of mankind rose up in 'Our ears.

10 Heartbroken for the state of the world, We counseled together, for We knew the hour had come that was ordained since the beginning of time—and now We would need to take *m*action to remedy the situation.

### CHAPTER 3

**I**t was then that My Father and I went over the plan that was ordained from the foundation of the Earth, for We both knew this day would come because of man's own choices, when there would be a dire

- g** Jn 8:58
- Pro 8:30-31
- h** Heb 2:18
- Jn 1:14
- i** 1Tim 2:5
- Heb 7:25
- j** Ps 14:2-3
- k** Pro 1:31
- Jer 6:19
- Gal 6:7-8
- l** 1Pet 3:12
- m** Jn 6:39-40

need—and the *a*salvation of mankind would be at stake.

2 Yet once again, My Father presented Me with the choice and a decision that I alone could make. If you, My loves, were to be salvaged from Satan's clutches, if you, for whom We created all the Heavens and all the Earth and whom We love so completely, were to make your way Home again, action needed to be taken.

3 "What must I do, Father?" I asked. "Am I to become a missionary to Earth that salvation may be given to all mankind?"

4 "Yes, My Son, precisely. For You alone, as My only begotten Son, hold the *b*key to redemption in Your hand."

5 In that moment the thoughts raced through My head, just to think of all that this would entail. *Leave the halls of Heaven for a time to venture out on a long journey?*

6 *Leave the halls of Heaven to become a missionary to Earth and the Savior of mankind?*

7 *Leave the halls of Heaven to *d*bear the burdens of all the world on My shoulders, to right the wrongs and *e*break the bands of wickedness that threatened your souls?*

8 *Leave the halls of Heaven to overcome the world and set you free?*

9 *Leave the halls of Heaven and undergo physical 'death that you, My loves, might be set free from death forever?*

10 *Leave the halls of Heaven to win you back, that you might return to My everlasting arms?*

11 Yes, this was My *g*mission, a commission that I could not refuse.

12 The task would not be easy, for in order to accomplish it, I would have to take on the *h*cloak of human flesh.

### CHAPTER 3

- a** 2Tim 1:9-10
- b** Mt 20:28
- c** Jn 3:13,15-16
- d** Is 53:6
- e** Is 61:1-3
- f** Heb 2:14
- g** Jn 6:38
- h** Phi 2:7-8



*"The tears flowed between Us in that difficult moment when it came time for My Father and Me to part."*

I would have to become <sup>i</sup>flesh and dwell among you, become one with you in every way—to live as you live, to feel as you feel, to know joy as you know joy, to laugh as you laugh, to cry as you cry, to suffer pain as you suffer pain.

*13 I would have to take on <sup>j</sup>every one of your burdens—your pain, all your suffering—on My Own frail human shoulders. I would have to die the death of a sinner so that you might rise and live forever.*

14 Looking deep into My Father's eyes and He into Mine, there was no need for further words. Every thought and every intent of My heart was made clear.

15 Neither of Us questioned as We stood in the grace and glory and majesty of Heaven, Our hearts yearning to have all of you, Our precious children, safely Home again.

16 We knew what sacrifice would need to be made. And so unfolded the <sup>k</sup>greatest love story the universe will ever know. For there is no greater love than this—the Father giving His only begotten Son that you might live. And so I prepared for My missionary journey.

## CHAPTER 4

**I**t was amid the cheers and jubilant praises of My Heavenly sendoff, in those last parting moments before My arrival on Earth, that My Father embraced Me in His arms as never before—and We wept. So great a <sup>a</sup>sacrifice was unprecedented in all time, yet We could not change Our minds.

2 Our love for you was pure and steadfast, constant and unchanging, and We had no regrets. Nevertheless,

*i Jn 1:14  
j Heb 2:16-18  
k Jn 15:13  
Ro 5:6-8*

the tears flowed from Our eyes, for the thought of parting was indeed a great forsaking.

3 This remains even now a mystery to you, dear ones, for it will not be until you arrive Home to Heaven that you will be able to completely understand the full depth of this great, great forsaking—what is referred to in Heaven as the <sup>b</sup>“ultimate forsaking,” that you might live.

4 The tears flowed between Us in that difficult moment when it came time for My Father and Me to part.

5 Though inseparable in all Our ways, for a time I would be the Son of Man as well as the Son of God. Yet We knew deep in Our hearts that there could be no price too big to pay in order to save you, Our dear loves.

6 So what seemed bitter tears of forsaking turned to tears of joy, for We knew it would be worth it all—all Our life, all Our love, all Heaven has to offer—to redeem you. *Having you by Our sides once again was well worth all We had to give in order to <sup>c</sup>recapture you from Satan's grip.*

7 For Me, the very thought of leaving the <sup>d</sup>splendor of Heaven and all My glorious surroundings was not nearly as daunting as the thought of leaving My Father's side, for I had always known His direct presence.

8 Although I knew He would always be with Me as I set out on My earthly mission, I also knew that as I took on the cloak of human flesh, I would be venturing out to know Him in a way I had not known Him before.

9 Yes, I, your High Priest, stood in those moments on the brink of the unknown in a sense, for it was not until I became a man and walked in human flesh that I was able to be fully

## CHAPTER 4

*a Heb 10:12  
b Mt 27:46  
c Jn 10:27-29  
d Pro 8:30*

touched with the <sup>e</sup>feelings of your infirmities.

10 It was in becoming one with you, as a human, that I was able to feel as you feel, to experience as you experience, and this was to enable Me to be your High Priest. I had to pass the same tests you must pass. *I had to be tempted in all things as you are tempted, and nothing was to escape Me nor slip by Me.*

11 I knew that I would learn obedience through this experience as a man and through the things I was to suffer as I took on My earthly commission. I knew that as I became one with you in every way, I would never be the same.

## CHAPTER 5

I'm telling you this now, My loves—how I took on the cloak of human flesh, how I am touched with your feelings, how I was <sup>a</sup>tested as you are tested—that this one thought might encourage your hearts.

2 As you enter the great days ahead, let this spark your faith. Think on these things, My loves, and know that if I was <sup>b</sup>tempted in all points as you are tempted, and if I could make it, you can make it too.

3 *I held on to Heaven and Heaven held on to Me—just as Heaven will hold on to you, as you call on Me.* Though the dark days are falling, Heaven will bring you <sup>d</sup>through to victory time and time again.

4 Let this thought encourage your hearts, and remember that in flesh I was no different than you. I had to make the same choices. I was faced with the same tests. I had to experience the same battles and trials.

5 This was My great testing: to be-

**e** Heb 5:2

**f** Heb 5:8

come a man, to take on <sup>e</sup>human flesh and all its frailties and weaknesses, so that you could live forever. Think about this, and let it spur you on in the days to come, that just as I resisted the wiles of Satan, so can you, through My Word and the eternal victory which I have already given you!

6 I was the Son of God, encased in frail human flesh. I took on your form so that I might better understand you. And in order to understand you fully, I had to make Myself <sup>f</sup>subject to the same weaknesses you battle.

7 I had to know what it was like to endure, to fight, to withstand, to resist temptation, to feel weary. In order to fully understand you, I had to <sup>g</sup>experience these things.

8 And yet I came with another mission as well—not only one of understanding you, but helping you to understand Me and My love, and My <sup>h</sup>Father's love.

9 To do that, I had to retain My knowledge of Heaven, My knowledge of My mission on Earth, and the connection with My Father, in order to <sup>i</sup>pass those things on to you and be a sample of the love that we have for each of you. But I had to fight to keep the vision just as you have to fight to keep the vision.

10 When I say that I was no different from you, I mean that at any time I could have chosen to stop what I was doing, to quit the mission of love that I was on. I could have said that it was too difficult, that I was too <sup>j</sup>weary, that I was not received as I should have been. It's much the same with you.

11 *You have more of My Word and My*

## CHAPTER 5

**a** Heb 2:18

**b** Heb 4:15

**c** Lk 22:41-43

**d** 2Cor 1:10

**e** Heb 2:9-10

**f** Gal 4:4-5

**g** Heb 12:3

**h** 1Jn 4:10

**i** Jn 17:6-8

**j** Mt 26:39

*promises than any other people who have ever lived. You have more knowledge of Heaven and My will and My ways and My plan than anyone else who has ever walked this Earth, save Me.*

12 I have put within you the knowledge of these things, and continue to feed you the New Wine of Heaven so that you might have the strength, as I had the strength, to complete your mission.

13 But, like it was for Me, it is your choice. My Father could not do it for Me. Each day I had to decide anew. I had to *rise* early when I was tired in order to go out and commune with My Father and receive strength for the day.

14 So it is with you. The *'same* communication with Heaven is available to you, My precious ones.

## CHAPTER 6

**J**ust as I retained the *knowledge* of Heaven and of My mission on Earth, even so have I given you a clear knowledge of My plan for you, and your mission to bring others to Me, through laying down your life in love.

2 Even as My Father was *proud* of Me, so am I *proud* of you, My precious ones. I love you, and believe Me when I say that I understand. I too was *tested* and *tempted*, and I too felt weary and tired. But My Father gave Me strength to hang on, just as I give you strength, as you look to Me.

3 It won't be long now, My precious loves, before you are joined with Me in Heaven, *never again* to have to experience the severe testings of Earth. I love you.

4 I'm sharing these details with you

**k** Mk 1:35  
**l** Jn 17:21,23

## CHAPTER 6

**a** Jn 17:5,24

**b** Mk 1:11

**c** Heb 11:16b

**d** Mk 1:13

Mt 4:1,2

**e** Rev 21:4

**f** Eph 3:19

Jer 31:3

**g** Jn 17:24a

Lk 22:28-30

**h** Heb 12:2

**i** Rev 3:11

**j** 2Cor 5:14a

**k** Jn 17:23

of how I forsook all and came down from Heaven because I want you to know the great, *immense* love that drives Me to you.

5 I want you to know that though My forsaking was so great, I have no regrets. I want you to know, My dear ones, how greatly I anticipate the day when we will be *reunited* in our Heavenly Home.

6 I tell you this at this time so that you might keep your eyes on Heaven and *let this be the driving force in your lives in the days ahead*. For this truly was My key to victory—*I had to keep My eyes on Heaven. I had to set My face like a flint and live with the *'vision* of Heaven ever before Me, and this pulled Me through.*

7 Therefore look up, dear ones, for the time is *'near* when we will be *reunited* in our Heavenly Home! And oh, what a day that will be! How My love for you thrives!

8 Therefore, draw on this *love* so that it may carry you through the days ahead, even as I, when I walked on the Earth, also learned to draw on My Father's love and it carried Me through. It carried Me back Home to Heaven. My *'love* will do the same for you, as you depend on Me to carry you through.

## CHAPTER 7

**N**ow, My loves, as I'm putting the final touches on your Heavenly abodes, making ready to receive you Home, you too must continue your *preparations*.

2 Make them *sure*, make them *steady*, and make yourselves *ready* for that glorious day, as you prepare yourselves for the final hour.

3 This is your commission now:

## CHAPTER 7

**a** Eph 6:15

**b** Mt 25:1-13

**c** Prepare yourselves, for the night is falling. And remember, I am near.

**4** Open your eyes and know that the time is fast approaching; it is even now at the doors. World conditions are worsening at breakneck speed and there is no turning from the course which they have set themselves upon.

**5** Now is the time, My brave children of David. This is the eve of the great day of miracles! Though the night falls upon the face of the Earth, these are the days when you will **shine**; therefore, prepare!

**6** *This is the eve of the days of great signs and wonders that I will do on your behalf.* Therefore, be glad and let this encourage your hearts, for I am here to see you through.

**7** *Mark your days and use them wisely.* Prepare by continuing to read, absorb, and drink in all that I have rained down upon you these many months.

**8** *Prepare yourselves by hearkening to My voice, by receiving My Words.* Let them be your **guiding light**.

**9** Continue to move forward, ever forward, onward and upward. For as you fix your eyes on Heaven, Heaven will shine down upon your faces, and this will give you strength.

**10** Be encouraged, for the time is near when I will descend from above with a mighty **shout!** Every eye will see, and every ear will hear as I rock the Earth in that day of great and final victory, final triumph, final overcoming, as we are joined once again, never more to part.

**11** It won't be long now, My loves! The day that I have long awaited draws near, and your glory will shine from the ends of Earth and throughout the Heavens.

**12** You will shine with the glory of

**c** Rom 13:11-12

**d** Mt 24:33

**e** Isa 60:2

**f** Dan 11:32-33a

**g** Ps 90:12

**h** Ps 119:105

**i** 1Th 4:16-17

Rev 1:7

**j** 1Pet 5:10

2Cor 4:17

Ro 8:18

**k** Rev 12:11

Mt 13:43

Dan 12:3

**l** Rev 7:9,13-15

endurance and yieldedness. You will shine with the glory of victory. You will shine as soldiers returning from a battle victorious.

**13** You will glow with the light of victory, for in Me you will have **overcome!** Yes, you will shine! Not with your own light, but because of your yieldedness!

**14** You, My brave and valiant ones, will be highly **honored** before all nations, because you held on, as I held on. Therefore be encouraged and prepare to march on strong!

## CHAPTER 8

**I** left the halls of Heaven for you! When My Father commissioned Me to leave the great halls of Heaven to bring you His message of love,

**2** I felt a mix of emotions. On the one hand I was excited with the thrill of a great commission. I was raring to go! I was bursting at the seams to tell the good news, to turn things around, to turn things right-side up on My mission field of the Earth.

**3** And yet in many ways I was scared of falling, and of failing. I struggled and found it difficult to leave the warmth and security of Heaven.

**4** I was tempted to say no, and for a while I almost didn't want to let go. The task seemed too great! The thought of leaving all the splendor and all the glory of Heaven was almost more than I could comprehend or accept at first.

**5** But I obeyed, I went, and I soon found that the love I had within—the love of Heaven—was love enough to sustain Me.

**6** I went out, and it was a rude awakening at first! I quickly learned that it was going to take a little time. My



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Each one was special, each one was different."*

mission was not going to come about in one swift fell swoop of an overnight change. I found that things were not as I had expected.

7 There I was, so eager to see things change and to win others into the Heavenly realm. But My Father, in His loving wisdom, had a plan, and we're all a part of this plan. I had to come to the realization that I, too, needed to learn further precious lessons.

8 And so I continued, and I learned through the things that I suffered. I learned through My obedience.

9 As I kept going, I learned that I could carry Heaven in My heart, and that I could spread it to others. I went, and I learned that Heaven was in Me, a part of Me, and no man could ever take it away. I went, and *I learned that My Father's loving hand would not fail, could not fail. I kept on, and I kept obeying, and the <sup>a</sup>glory of Heaven was made manifest in Me.*

## CHAPTER 9

**L**ook at my sample and be <sup>a</sup>encouraged. As I went, I learned patience, for things were not always as I had expected.

2 Peter, James, John, Andrew and the others didn't always <sup>b</sup>catch on as quickly as I would have liked.

3 They didn't understand at first when I tried to share with them about <sup>c</sup>the great love in My heart, the great love of Heaven, the great love that I wanted to give. I tried to help them, but they needed time to be able to grasp it all.

4 I tried to explain to them about the <sup>d</sup>glory and the splendor of Heaven. I tried to help them see that they, too,

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**a** Jn 1:14

could have it in their <sup>e</sup>hearts, but again, it took some time. Each one caught on at a different pace.

5 So I had to go slow. I had to be <sup>f</sup>sensitive to each individual, to each need. I had to handle each tender heart accordingly.

6 It was a test of My patience and My love. I found that although My Words were important, the <sup>g</sup>living sample of My love was more easily understood. Many times I needed to take the time to love them, to <sup>h</sup>show the way.

7 I kept on, and I learned how to be a plodder. I learned how to take things a step at a time. *I learned <sup>i</sup>faith. I learned how to look up to My Father above. I learned how not to give up. I learned many things through that which I suffered.*

8 I missed the constant peacefulness and tranquillity that I had known in Heaven, but I soon learned it was right there in My heart all the time.

9 It was always with Me—*I just had to tap in and avail Myself of the <sup>k</sup>peace that passed all understanding.* I felt the burden and the press of the people.

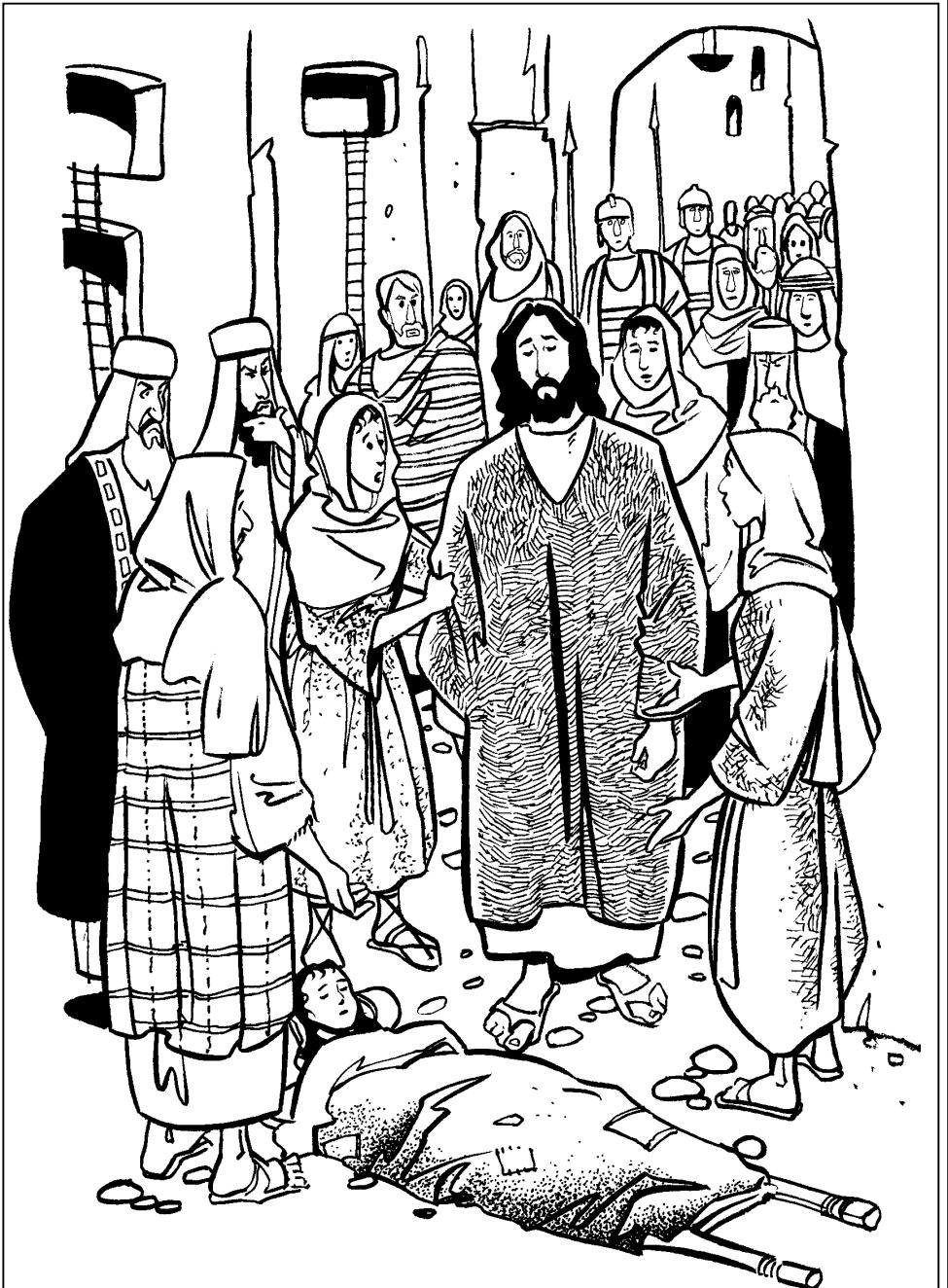
10 I heard the noise and <sup>l</sup>felt the confusion, the worry and the tension. It was so real, and I was right there in the middle of it. I felt their anxiety, I felt their <sup>m</sup>pain. Through it all, I was touched with the <sup>n</sup>feelings of their infirmities, and I learned compassion and tolerance.

11 Often I wanted to be able to just snap My fingers and set all things in order. I could have called down all the <sup>o</sup>legions of Heaven to set things straight. But it didn't work that way, and My Father didn't plan it that way.

12 He knew that I needed to learn, and that I would learn, and that the

## CHAPTER 9

- a** Mt 11:29
- b** Mt 8:24-26
- Mt 17:18-20
- Mk 9:9-10
- Mk 9:31-32
- Lk 9:44-45
- Jn 16:17-18
- c** Lk 24:44-45
- d** Jn 14:2-5
- e** Lk 17:21
- f** 1Ki 8:39
- Ps 139:1-4
- g** Lk 22:27
- Jn 13:14-15
- h** Jn 10:4
- i** Ro 1:17
- j** Heb 5:8
- k** Jn 14:27
- Phi 4:7
- l** Lk 8:45
- m** Is 53:4
- n** Is 63:9
- o** Mt 26:53-54



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others would eventually learn too, and come around to being set free and following closer. He knew that the lessons I was learning and the choices I was making, and others, too, were of far greater importance and would bear far greater fruit. He had a plan and purpose and it was all being accomplished.

13 With each passing minute, with each <sup>a</sup>test of My patience and each test of My faith, I was learning, and I was becoming what the Father wanted Me to become.

14 I was being groomed for greater things ahead. I was being prepared to face the greatest decision of My life.

15 My Father knew the importance of this great decision. He knew how much was hinging on My weak shoulders, yet He was so lovingly preparing Me, teaching Me, guiding Me, strengthening Me. And the others were learning. They, too, were becoming what He wanted them to become. All things were working together for our good.

16 I was learning how to pray. With each situation, each difficulty that would arise, when I was tempted to lose My patience, lose My temper, lose My cool, when I didn't know what to do, I had no place to look but up—up to Heaven, up to <sup>a</sup>My Father.

17 And through it all He taught Me how to pray. Yes, I learned all these things when I went out from My bubble of love, this Heavenly abode. I had all the truth of Heaven within, and yet it took time to teach others. It took 'patience to love. It took wisdom to give. It took longsuffering to keep plodding along day by day.

18 In the days of My flesh when there was a task too big, too hard for hu-

**p** Heb 2:10

**q** Jn 5:30

**r** 2Pt 3:9

**s** Lk 22:42-43

man hands, I came to know the full power of My Father.

19 I learned to lean on Him with all My heart and all My soul and all I had in Me, and in this leaning I found My <sup>s</sup>strength.

## CHAPTER 10

**I** knew that Heaven was real. I knew the love of the Father. I knew the splendor of Heaven! This kept Me going, and it will keep you going too. 2 It lived in My heart, and no <sup>a</sup>problem was too big, no difficulty was too hard, no mountain was too high to take that away. *As long as I kept My eyes on Heaven, I was sustained.* As long as I looked to My Father, He gave the answers that I needed.

3 I was tempted, I was <sup>b</sup>buffeted, and I had to make choices whether to fight on or not. I had to decide if I was going to hold on or give up.

4 Even though I knew all the glories of Heaven, I too, was <sup>c</sup>tempted time and again to give in to peer pressure or to compare Myself with others. I was *tested on My obedience, on My yieldedness, on My faithfulness in even the littlest things.*

5 I had to choose to love. I was tested on My love and how I was going to love. I had to choose to <sup>d</sup>forsake all, and I had to keep forsaking all. I had to choose if I was willing to share those closest to Me with others. I had to decide whether I was going to share love or live selfishly.

6 When the Devil took Me up to a high mountain to show Me all the <sup>e</sup>kingdoms of the world, I had to make difficult choices. *I had to decide if I was going to live a worldly life, or live for Heaven.*

7 I was tempted, and the fight was

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**a** Heb 12:2

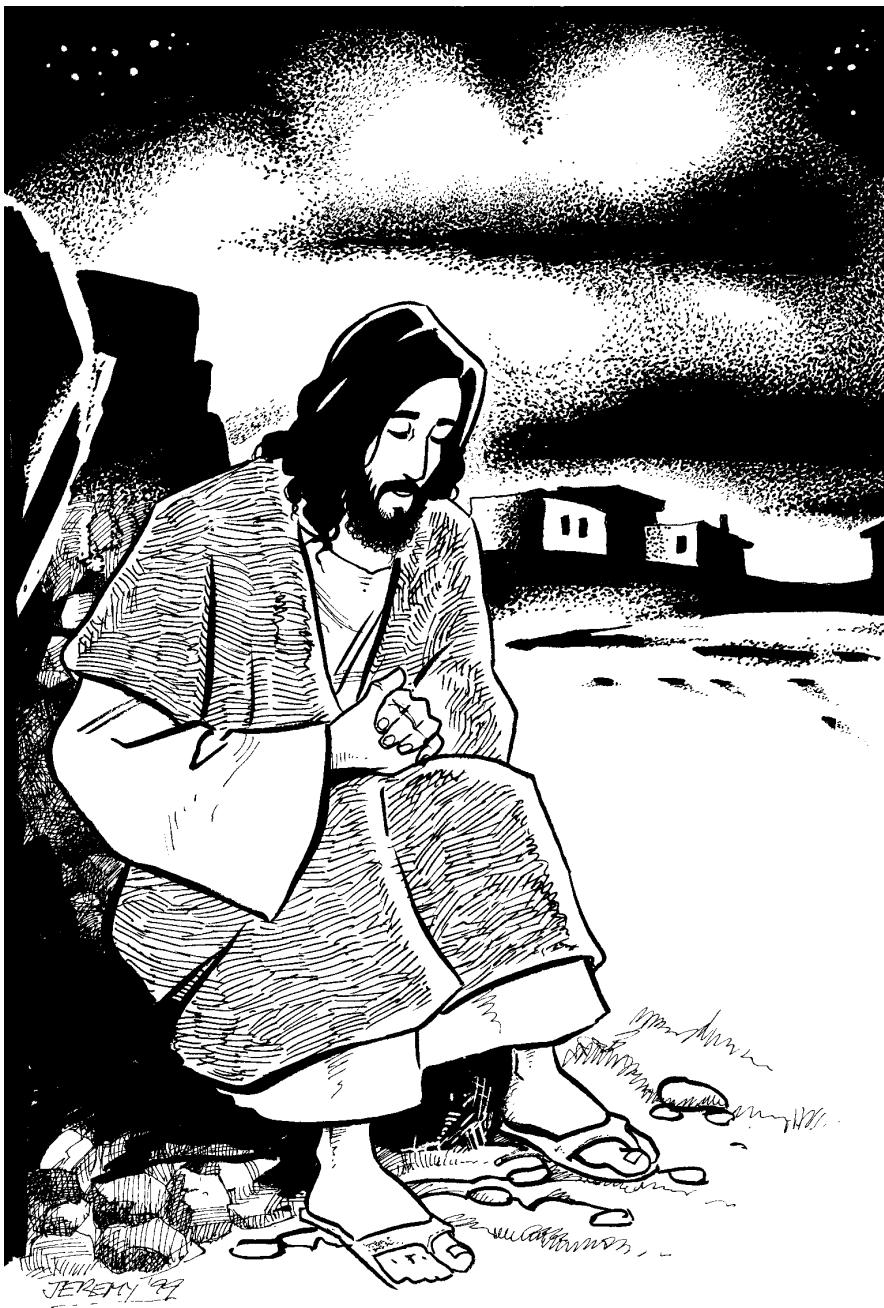
**b** Is 50:6,7

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**c** Is 7:14-15

**d** Phi 2:7

**e** Lk 4:5-8



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long and hard! Finally, I had to make the hardest choice of all—the choice of whether or not I wanted to die for you. But I made the right choice, and I have never regretted it!

8 *I have never been sorry, because you are the 'fruit of My right choices.* You, My precious Bride, are worth every bit of it! Because I made the right choices, here you are in My arms today!

9 So don't forget that as the Devil fought Me, he'll also <sup>g</sup>fight you. But don't be afraid, for I will help you, <sup>h</sup>if you'll look to Me.

10 Just as *I kept My eyes straight ahead, firmly fixed on the Father, and He held me and sustained Me* and helped Me to make the right choices, *'I will do the same for you.*

## CHAPTER 11

Rising a great while before day, I went out into a solitary place, and there <sup>a</sup>prayed.

2 I needed that time alone. I needed that <sup>b</sup>time between Me and My Father—for refreshing, for clarity of thought, heart and spirit, for those were busy days. I was surrounded by My team, who needed so much care, love and training. There was always so much to teach them.

3 They were fun, I enjoyed them! They were wonderful folks. <sup>c</sup>Each one was special, each one was different. Some were simple, some were quite bright and clever, others were talented—special people, I'd say. <sup>d</sup>Each one had his own mind, his own will, his own heritage and background that made him unique, special and different.

4 Learning to <sup>e</sup>shepherd and care for them and lead them was a chal-

*f* Lk 22:28,29

*g* Rev 2:10

*h* Rev 3:10

*i* Heb 2:18

lenge for Me—wooing them, winning them, understanding them, convincing them, cajoling them, staying a step ahead and leading them, encouraging them to follow, even though most of the time I realized that they <sup>f</sup>didn't understand where we were going.

5 It was a great learning experience for Me, as well as a time of My biggest ministry while on Earth in the flesh.

6 But in order to endure and to perform the role that I was called to play during that time, it was imperative that I had those little <sup>g</sup>times away, those little breaks where I could get strengthened, where I could look down the road.

7 I needed times when I could step back from the face-to-face, hands-on care of those around Me and the immediate situations that I had to deal with continually throughout the day while in action with My team, traveling around witnessing, laying the groundwork for all that was to come in the future.

8 You may not see down the road as much as you would like, but *the important thing is that you stay with Me, that you keep your <sup>h</sup>face turned toward Me.* Having done that, as you look back you'll see how I led step by step.

9 *Get away like I did—somehow, some way, some place—for quiet time with Me and Me alone.* Remember how I got up early and went out, up into the mountain to pray? I had to, otherwise I wouldn't have been able to carry on.

10 But when I did, it was so wonderful! In those times I was able to fill up and be refreshed. I would breathe

## CHAPTER 11

*a* Mk 1:35

*b* Lk 6:12-13

*c* Mt 11:25

*d* Rev 2:19

*e* Jn 13:1b

*Jn 10:4*

*f* Lk 18:31-34

*g* Mt 14:23

*h* 1Pt 1:8-9

of the Heavenly air and 'receive power—such magnetic power from on high!

11 When I launched out in the days of My earthly ministry, I had no earthly shepherds to look to. My Father above and My earthly parents had poured into Me. They had prepared Me, and the time came when I was to move on to a new phase of My life. It was during those days that I 'grew into full stature and full usefulness.

12 There were many times that I felt those around Me did <sup>k</sup>not care, that they did not listen, or were not willing to take correction. I felt the burden and the strain and the loneliness of leadership, of shepherding; but it was in those times *I learned to 'lean on My Father, to draw strength from Him, and I found faith to carry on.*

13 I passed many long and lonely hours and was tempted by Satan time and again, wondering if it was really worth it all.

14 When My poor bungling babes, and even My most trusted veterans, seemed aloof, irresponsible, distant, and not pulling the load, this was a test for Me. I was a <sup>m</sup>Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief—sometimes being <sup>n</sup>tempted to wonder if they would ever catch on.

15 I was tempted many times with an overwhelming feeling of "What is the use?" But this compelled Me to look up, to lean heavily on My Father above.

## CHAPTER 12

On My great mission, I faced extreme, difficult conditions. Not only were My disciples and I living in very close quarters, but many times

- i* Mk 9:2-4
- j* Lk 2:52
- Col 2:9
- k* Jn 6:60-66
- l* Mt 14:23
- m* Is 53:3
- n* Mt 17:17-20

the extreme discomforts of living outdoors much of the time took a heavy toll on us physically.

2 While living on the road, we often faced the uncertainty of not knowing where we would <sup>a</sup>lay our heads at night, and this was difficult.

3 It was a fight and took concentrated effort on My part to find a place of quiet and rest where the crowds could not molest.

4 Everywhere I walked, everywhere I went, I was in demand. I was in the limelight of the crowds who expected Me to pour out, or I had to fight off <sup>b</sup>scoffers, scorners and those who would seek to do Me harm. This often was draining, and I was sometimes tempted to fall under the weight of it all.

5 I lived in extreme conditions on every side. I felt the <sup>c</sup>pressure in the confines of My close fellowship with the twelve, and from the multitudes to whom we ministered.

6 I faced many, many long lonely hours, and I longed to have that direct, face-to-face, personal contact with My Father above. I longed for those days of Heaven I once knew, where I was protected within Our bubble of counsel and <sup>d</sup>fellowship, and where I had always received direct, loving oversight.

7 I even came to the point, in a lonely moment, when I felt so <sup>e</sup>forsaken and I was tempted, asking My Father, "Why have You forsaken Me?" Yes, I know. I understand the burdens, the weights that you feel. For I felt the pressures and the burdens and the loneliness of leadership.

8 *It was through all these testings, it was through this precious time that I grew into full stature.* It was through all

## CHAPTER 12

- a* Mt 8:20
- b* Mk 3:20-22
- c* Mk 5:30
- d* Pro 8:30-31
- e* Mt 27:46

these experiences and times of loneliness, when I was tempted to despair, that My 'direct link to Heaven was established.

9 It was during this time that I was put to the test, that I was able to lean wholly on My Father above, and in leaning, find My strength. It was in those lonely, dark hours that *I found in all My leaning that His strength was enough to see Me through.*

10 It was out of what seemed like deep, dark experiences that I discovered the *g*power I had at My fingertips, and not only at My fingertips, but within Me.

11 It was through these trying times that I grew to learn that all this was necessary to make Me into what I needed to be. For had I not passed through these testings—had any of the circumstances been different—I would not have been so desperate to call on My Father.

12 I never would have learned what He was able to do through Me, through My frail fleshly state. I learned that in My flesh I could do nothing, but *in the power of the Spirit, through these deep experiences and trying times, as I called on My 'Father, I was able to avail Myself of His full power.*

13 I became flesh that I might fight for you, that I might understand you, that I might be your 'Intercessor, that I might be your 'Good Shepherd. And all that you are passing through, I will use to make you into what I want and need you to be, if you will only look to Me.

14 For as My Father led Me, carried Me, and worked through Me during My time on Earth, so will I carry you. *'For as My Father was with Me, so am I with you.*

*f* Jn 14:9-11  
*g* Col 1:19  
*h* Jn 5:30  
*i* 1Tim 2:5  
*j* Jn 10:11  
*k* Jn 17:22-23  
*l* Jn 3:31-32a  
*m* Jn 14:12  
*n* Mt 24:12  
*o* Heb 13:5b,6  
*p* Mt 28:20b  
*q* Deu 33:27a  
*Jn 10:27-29*

15 For just as My Father could see the full range, the full picture, so do I. I know and I see and I am able to guide you like no other. I see every angle, not only from an earthly perspective, but from the 'Heavenly.

16 Please remember to take this time. You're going to need it even more than I did, because as I promised, you are going to do even "greater works than I did. The world is even darker now in these Last Days, and *you are going to need even more power than I did when I walked in the flesh.*

17 You are going to need it in order to be able to stem the tide of "iniquity that has covered the Earth. But don't worry! You've got *o*nothing to fear.

18 Keep your eyes right Here on Heaven. Keep coming, keep loving Me the way you have been, and know that I am with you *p*always. I hold you in My everlasting *q*arms.

## CHAPTER 13

**L**ook to My Own example. For when I was faced with the crowds and the multitudes, I knew I could not solve the problems. How was I ever going to come up with *a*enough food to feed 5,000 people from a mere five loaves and two fishes?

2 That was an impossible task! But I did not worry about it! I could not worry about it. I only had to accept, by saying, "Yes, Father, You are right, I cannot do this. I cannot, but You can." And My Father did! He did what I, in My Own strength, could not do.

3 And you know, I did not feed those 5,000 by organizing fishing boats and sending My disciples out to catch fish first thing. I fed the 5,000 *by quiet trust and full assurance, knowing that what*



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**My Father had promised, He was also able to <sup>b</sup>perform.**

4 All I did was look up and <sup>c</sup>cast My burden on My Father. He sustained Me, and He sustained the crowds, and 5,000 ate that day. But I had to truly trust first.

5 I had to take the stand of faith first for My Father to do the miracle. Afterward came the organization and distribution of the goods, but the quiet trust and the stand of faith came first.

6 The situations and the problems and the burdens and the presses of the people about Me were many—the aches and the pains and the agonies of the people, the cries about Me of, <sup>d</sup>“It can’t be done!”

7 Many of My followers were tossed and tumbled about with <sup>e</sup>doubts and discouragement on every side. I heard the <sup>f</sup>cries and the groanings, and they weighed heavily upon Me. The problems at times seemed insurmountable—and they were! It was too hard for human hands.

8 Yet that is when I learned to truly trust, to truly lean, and to cast My cares upon My Father. That is when *I learned not to settle for the human, but to trust in the divine.*

## CHAPTER 14

**I** understand the depth of <sup>a</sup>forsaking, for first I had to forsake My Father to go to earth. And then I had to forsake those that I <sup>b</sup>loved so dearly to return unto My Father.

2 I understand the depth of pain and affliction, for I screamed out in pain as the nails pierced My hands and My feet. And I understand the feeling of being <sup>c</sup>forsaken by those that loved Me, yea, even My own <sup>d</sup>Father, and thus I cried out, ‘My God! My God!

**b** Ro 12:22  
**c** Jn 6:5-11  
**d** Jn 11:39-40  
**e** Lk 9:61-62  
**f** Jn 6:60-61

**Why hast Thou forsaken Me?**

3 And I understand the depth of fear, fear of facing that which is ahead, for the pain and the sorrow that it shall bring. And so I said, <sup>e</sup>“Father, let this cup pass from Me.”

4 And I understand the depth of the feeling of loss when those who loved Me most <sup>f</sup>forsook Me as I was carried away into captivity. And I know the depth of hurt to see one that you love betray you, even as Judas <sup>g</sup>betrayed Me with a kiss.

5 For am I not a High Priest that is touched with the feeling of your infirmity? Do you think that I do not understand these things, and that I do not have great <sup>h</sup>compassion on you?

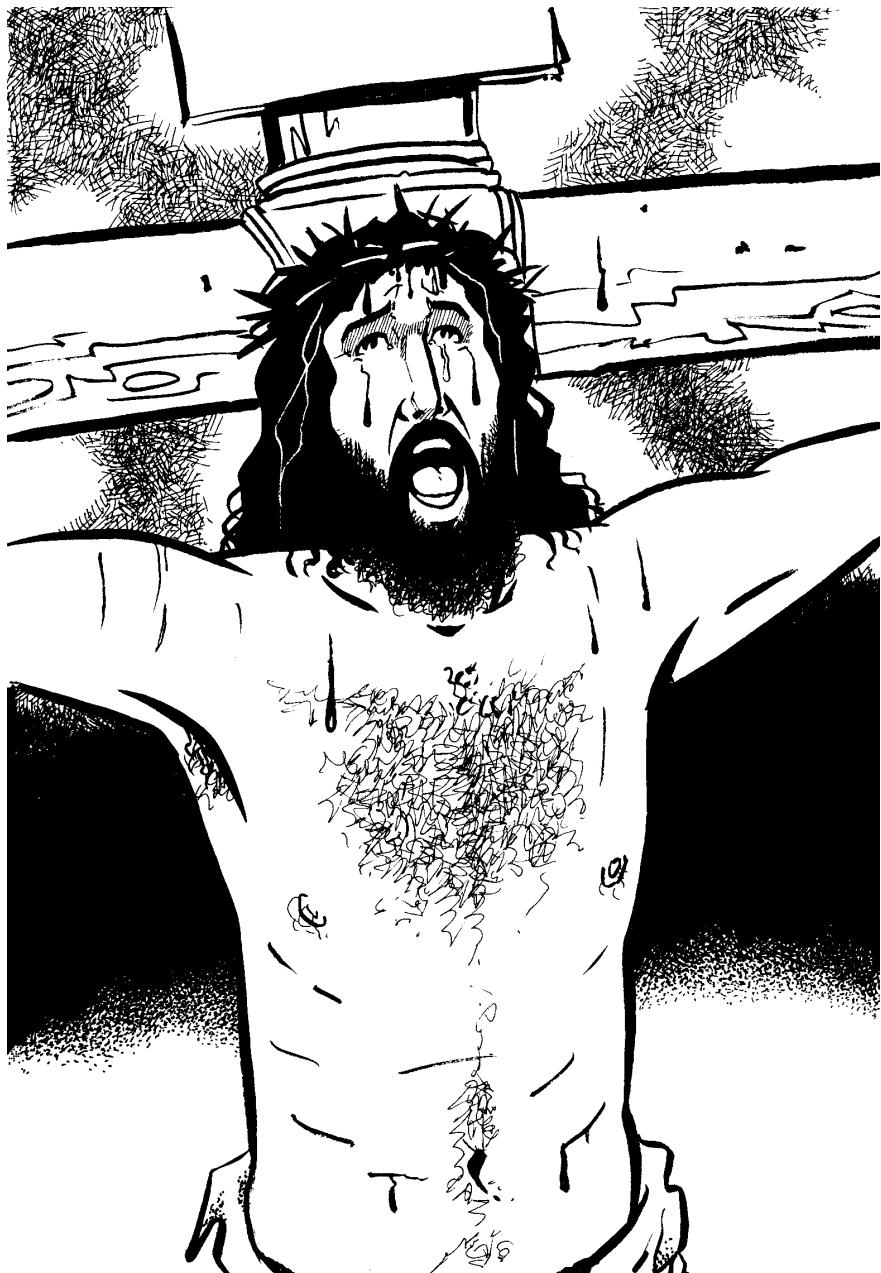
6 My heart breaks for you, to see you in your pain and in your struggle, and in the fire of testing, of trying, of purging.—When you feel so hopeless, so lost, so forsaken, when you grasp with all your might and yet you feel as if there is nothing to grasp any more.

7 And though My Father did not let this cup pass from Me, and though I saw My loved ones flee from My side in time of trouble, and this one that I loved betray Me, and though the nails pierced My hands and pierced My feet, and though with many stripes I was beaten, and though I felt as if My Father had forsaken Me, and though I had to pass through the deepest of Jordan, the Jordan of death, yet it all brought about such great <sup>i</sup>victory, such great renewal, such great salvation.

8 And what if I, when faced with this, had said, “Oh no, I can go no further. I have come to the end of Myself. I have come to the end of My faith, and I cannot believe that if I go through this pain and agony and this

## CHAPTER 14

**a** Jn 6:38  
**b** Jn 16:19-22  
**c** Mk 14:50  
**d** Mk 15:34  
**e** Mt 26:39  
**f** Mt 26:55,56  
**g** Lk 22:48  
**h** Is 40:11  
**i** Lk 7:13  
**j** Is 25:8-9



*"It was not a pleasant thing for Me to forsake nor be forsaken.  
The hurt, the pain, the loneliness, the feeling of loss and of desperation  
were all very real unto Me."*



*"At this very moment, I Myself am personally tending to every detail of the final preparations of your arrival and return Home, adding final touches to your mansions and your rewards."*

suffering that it will bring forth that which has been promised."

9 Think of the loss. Think of the defeat. Think of the victory of the Enemy of our soul.

10 It was not a pleasant thing for Me to forsake nor be forsaken. The *hurt*, the pain, the loneliness, the feeling of loss and of desperation were all very real unto Me.

11 Yes, I had to pass through the depths of the Jordan to bring forth the promise of My Father.

## CHAPTER 15

**W**hen I walked on Earth as a man, as I lived the doctrine that had been given to Me from My Father, I was able to build a solid rock *a*foundation and I was filled with *b*wisdom from above.

2 It was in living the doctrine that I became a wise man. *My source of strength was in living the *c*doctrine—the Word that had been given Me from above.*

3 Had I not lived the doctrine to the *d*full, I might have been able to do some good to help a few of those who sought My help—perhaps a little here and a little there—but I would never have been able to fin-

*j Lk 22:44*

ish the task set before Me.

4 As I followed and obeyed, I discovered that *only in living the doctrine to the full was I able to receive the strength, wisdom and power from My Father above in *e*full measure.*

5 The servant is not above his Lord, and as it was for Me, it is the same for you. *If you want to receive My full power, then *f*live My Words to the full.* If you live My doctrine only in part, you will like-wise only be able to avail yourselves of My strength and power in *g*part.

6 With what *h*measure you follow My Words, by this measure is wisdom, happiness, joy, peace and fulfillment measured back to you again.

7 Following *i*closely on My mission field was what kept Me going and gave Me the strength and power to witness, and this carried Me through. The *h*thrill and the excitement of seeing one soul saved made it worth it all.

8 The many problems and the burdens and pains and press of the people melted away every time I was able to see the *k*mighty power of My Father's hand as I tapped in and wrought miracles.

## CHAPTER 15

*a 1Cor 3:11*

*b Jam 1:17*

*c Jn 7:17*

*d Phi 2:8-9*

*e Jn 17:4-5*

*f Jn 3:34*

*g Act 5:32*

*h Mk 4:24*

*i 2Cor 9:6*

*j Jn 8:28-29*

*k Jn 5:17*

*l Lk 15:10*

*m Col 1:11-13*

*Act 2:28*

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Leave the halls of Heaven to  
become a missionary to Earth  
and the Savior of mankind?

Leave the halls of Heaven to bear the  
burdens of all the world on My shoulders,  
to right the wrongs and break the bands of  
wickedness that threatened your souls?

Leave the halls of Heaven to overcome the  
world and set you free?

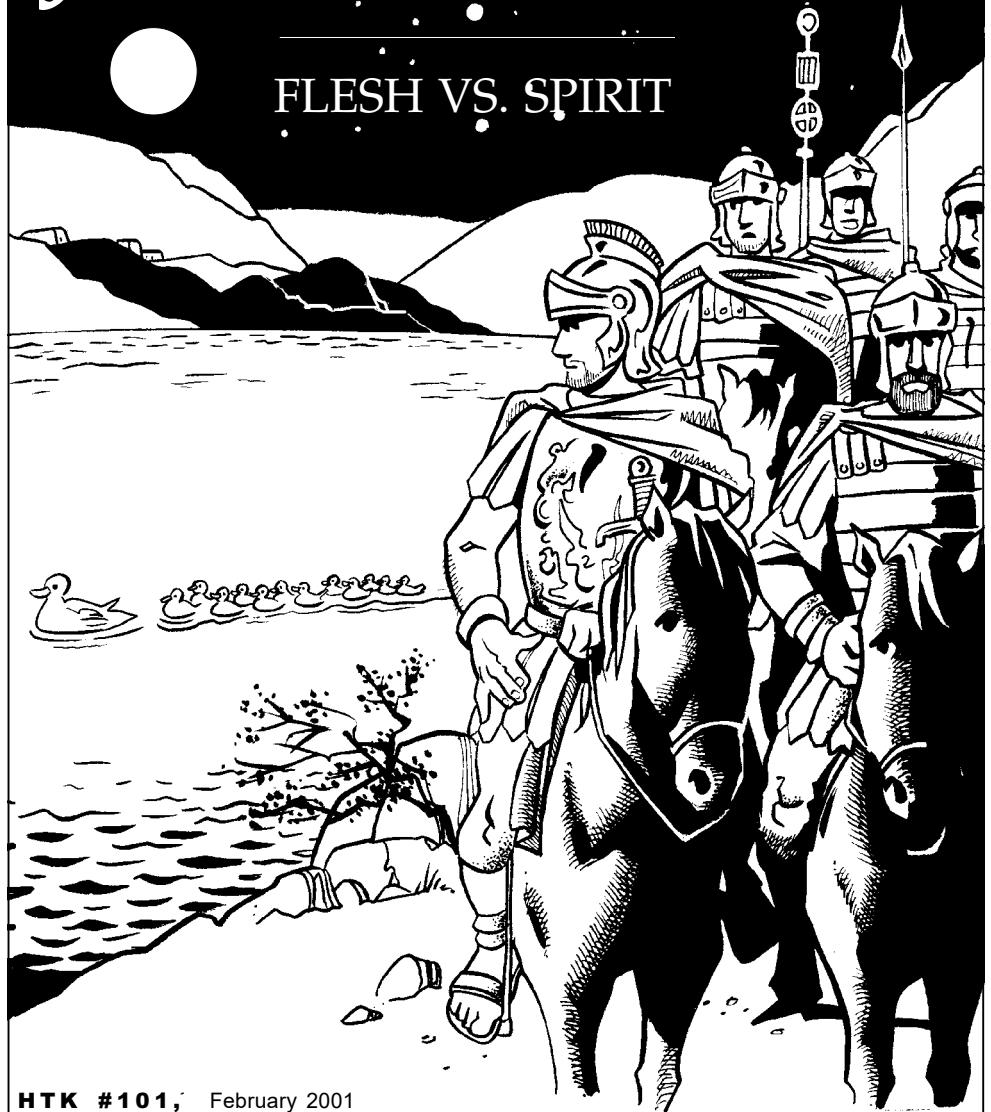
Leave the halls of Heaven and undergo  
physical death that you, My loves, might be  
set free from death forever?

Leave the halls of Heaven to win you  
back, that you might return to My everlasting  
arms?

Yes, this was My mission,  
a commission that  
I could not refuse.

# THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS. CHRIST

FLESH VS. SPIRIT



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# FLESH vs. SPIRIT

## CHAPTER 1

Why don't you come over here where I can hold you close, and let Me share some more intimate details of My life with you?

2 I love talking to you like this, in the privacy of this special cozy place, snuggled up in each other's arms.

3 While I was there on Earth, faithful scribes <sup>a</sup>recorded some of My Words and significant portions of My testimony. But because you're more to Me than a disciple and more to Me than a friend, because you're My Bride, I know you long for Me to tell you more in-depth details about My life. And I enjoy telling you. I love to share My life with you like this.

4 So much happened during My lifetime in the flesh. I had trials and tests, happy times and sad times. I had battles to face and lessons to learn just like you do.

5 And just like you, I learned to obey through the things I experienced. Because I was in the flesh, I had to learn how to yield and obey and follow My Father's will the same way you do.

6 You know that when you <sup>b</sup>yield to Me and follow where I lead you, I will always do great things for you. It was the same with My Father and Me when I was on Earth.

7 He did great things for Me and through Me because I stayed close to Him and looked to Him, because I yielded to His will and <sup>c</sup>I obeyed His

## CHAPTER 1

**a** Jn 20:30-31

**b** Rom 6:13  
Ex 19:5

**c** Jn 8:29  
**d** 1Tim 2:5-6

counsel. But this was a test for Me at times.

8 Because I was in the flesh, I had My share of tests in the flesh, and when those tests came I had to choose to do the right thing, just like you do. Your life is full of choices and decisions, and so was Mine.

9 I'd like to share some more with you now about My experiences as a man of flesh, because I know that this will help encourage your faith that if I could make it, you can make it too.

10 I know when I say this, it's still a little awesome for you to grasp, because you think, "Yes, but You're God's Son! You're part of God, one and the same, so of course You could make it!"

11 I can see why you might think this way, and you likely conclude that even though I was in the flesh, nevertheless, being the Son of God must have given Me a little edge on gaining victories when I was there on Earth. Well, it might surprise you to know that it didn't—at least not in the way you think.

12 Flesh is flesh, and all those who are in the flesh are men and women of like passions. As I've told you before, when I was in the flesh I was tempted in all points, just like you.

13 I had to pass My tests, just like you. Otherwise I wouldn't be able to be your intercessor today, the <sup>d</sup>One Who understands you and knows

exactly what you go through.

## CHAPTER 2

I had a lot of tough situations to confront when I lived down there. There were plenty of obstacles I had to hurdle and overcome.

2 Do you know what one of the biggest lessons I had to learn was? One of My biggest lessons and tests was learning not to lean on the arm of My flesh, but to lean on God, My Father.

3 Yes, I was <sup>a</sup>sorely tested in the battle between flesh and spirit. I had gone to Earth and become a man in flesh and blood. I became flesh so that I could feel like you feel, hurt like you hurt, laugh like you laugh, and experience life as you experience life.

4 Here I had done it, I became flesh—only to discover that one of the most important things I would have to learn as a man of flesh was to lean on the <sup>b</sup>spirit! In simple terms, I had to learn to get back to My beginnings, to get back to the basics!

5 I know what it's like to <sup>c</sup>struggle between flesh and spirit and to be torn between the two. I had to be tempted with this in order to understand you.

6 Had I not been tempted with leaning on the arm of My flesh, I would not be able to help you now to get the victory over this all-too-common ploy of Satan.

7 Every time I was faced with a needy situation, I had to make a decision. I had to choose whether I would try to solve the problems on My Own or I would stop, check in with My Father, acknowledge that I

**a** Heb 2:10

**b** Jn 6:63

**c** Gal 5:17

**d** Jn 5:30

Jn 8:28

**e** Lk 4:6-8

**f** 1Jn 2:16-17

needed help from Heaven, and <sup>d</sup>get My power from on High.

8 The Devil was always on the lookout for ways he could tempt Me with this. As you already know, just as I was about to launch out into My public ministry, the Devil tempted Me with riches, power, and glory when he <sup>e</sup>offered Me the kingdoms of the world.

9 But what you don't know is that when the Devil saw that that didn't work, as I ventured out in My work among the public, he tried to hit Me from a different angle altogether.

10 That slimy Devil would often try to get at Me in more subtle ways. He wasn't blatantly tempting Me any longer with quitting altogether and forsaking the calling I'd been given, but he did try to tempt Me to go about My work leaning on My Own fleshly wisdom.

11 I soon found out that some of these more subtle tricks of Satan were potentially more deadly than some of his more obvious attacks upon Me.

12 One of Satan's favorite tricks was to try to get Me to fall by leaning to My Own fleshly wisdom and understanding instead of listening to Heaven and getting My direction from above.

13 He'd try to tell Me I could do things on My Own, that now that I had ventured out from Home, why not flap My wings a little and see what I could make of Myself—that is, in the flesh! Ha! It sounds so ridiculous now! Nevertheless, this was a big test for Me, because I was in the flesh, so in My fleshly mind it <sup>f</sup>looked tempting.

14 Satan would toss out the thought,



*"When My mother and My father Joseph returned for Me, if I had yielded to this temptation of pride, I would not have had the strength to yield and obey My parents' wishes to return with them to My hometown."*

"Here I am in the flesh and this is all new to Me. And after all, I am the Son of God, so surely even in the flesh, I must be superior to everyone else around. Even My fleshly wisdom must far surpass these others, so why do I need to stop and hear from Heaven, when I can likely solve all these problems on My Own?" Ha! The absurdity of his lies!

15 When this didn't work, he'd try to tempt Me into thinking I didn't have enough time to hear from Heaven on certain things—that because there was always a pressing need, I had to cut down on My time in prayer.

16 Satan knew good and well if he could get Me to lean on My Own arm of the flesh, that I would lose the <sup>g</sup>power I needed to overcome him and set you free.

17 So I had to fight these battles of the flesh and My Own fleshly wisdom and understanding just like you do, because I was in the flesh!

18 Just as your life is made up of constant <sup>h</sup>choices, so was Mine. I had to make choices every day, and all of My choices included this: I had to choose whether I was going to get My directions explicitly from My Father in Heaven or I was going to try and give it a go on My Own and try to solve the problems in My Own fleshly strength and wisdom.

### CHAPTER 3

The battle of flesh and spirit was a definite hurdle that I had to clear if I was going to do the things I knew My Father expected of Me. 2 The only way I was able to hold on and to pass the tests was because

**g** 1 Cor 15:57

**h** Phil 2:5-7

I called out to My Father and He gave Me a <sup>a</sup>plan. And it's when I followed that plan that I found the strength, stamina and wisdom to fight and win.

3 I learned through the things I experienced on Earth, but I also learned through the experiences and mistakes of others.

4 As I observed others around Me, I sometimes had questions about their behavior. When I took these questions to My Father, He answered each one, and I was able to learn through this.

5 Because I asked My Father about everything, He opened My eyes so that I was able to learn from what I saw around Me. I was able to grow this way and avoid making the same mistakes as others.

6 I learned from observing. I learned from others' mistakes.

7 As I did this, it was plain to see that I had something far superior to fleshly wisdom—because everything My Father <sup>b</sup>showed Me always worked out.

8 I had a connection with Heaven, and as long as I kept that connection strong, as long as I <sup>c</sup>heard from Heaven rather than leaning on My fleshly wisdom, I succeeded.

9 The plan My Father gave Me was simple. If I was going to be successful, if I was going to have the strength and stamina, the faith and the wisdom to accomplish My mission, I would have to take time with Him every day.

10 I would have to get away from not only the crowds, but even My closest friends, for a few moments of <sup>d</sup>personal time in the quiet, free from

### CHAPTER 3

**a** Jn 6:38-39

**b** Isa 11:2-3

**c** Jn 5:30

**d** Lk 6:12-13

distraction and alone with My Father, where I could listen and hear clearly from Him.

11 This is why I got up <sup>e</sup>early and went out to pray before the busy day began. This is why I would often hide away or go out to the hills—so I could have this time to look to Heaven and get My direction for the day.

12 This is how I was able to have the strength and the wisdom to carry out My ministry.

13 This is how I was able to work miracles, and how I was able to give answers to those who asked Me questions—because I heard from My Father first and I got My directions from Him.

14 Every time I was going to face a tough situation or do anything of significance, I had to look to My Father alone to see Me through.

15 The Devil was on the job, trying to tempt Me into thinking I could do it Myself. Why not just skip this step of having to hear from My Father and give it a go on My Own? But because I made the right choices, because I made the decision every time to not make a move without hearing from Heaven, I always won in the end.

16 As I followed the plan My Father had given, He opened My eyes to how others around Me had fallen. He showed Me clearly where they had failed.

17 Those who seemed strong in the flesh, who were wise in the ways of the world, who were learned, who were men of understanding in worldly ways and wisdom, knew nothing compared to what My Father was showing Me.

- e** Mark 1:35
- f** Jn 5:19-20
- g** Jn 14:10
- h** Lk 17:21
- i** Jn 14:11
- j** Jn 5:36
- j** Jn 8:28-29

#### CHAPTER 4

- a** Prov 11:2
- b** Isa 14:12-15

18 It became clear as I looked around Me that My fleshly wisdom was no match for what My Father <sup>f</sup>gave Me while I was alone with Him in the spirit. It was clear how superior I was—not because of any great thing of My *flesh*, but only due to the miracle-working <sup>g</sup>power of *God* that I possessed.

19 My flesh was just like everyone else's, but My wisdom far surpassed any wisdom, power or strength on Earth, because I listened to Heaven. Heaven was <sup>h</sup>in Me, and the proof was in the results.

20 The miracles I performed, the power I demonstrated which changed hearts and minds and healed bodies—the power that helped Me overcome the world was My <sup>i</sup>proof.

21 I won the victory because with Heaven's help I passed the tests. I gained victory because I refused to lean on the arm of My flesh, but instead yielded My fleshly self completely to Heaven's power.

22 So this was one of My big tests on Earth, to lean on God, My Father, and not to lean to My Own fleshly mind and understanding. I had to <sup>j</sup>yield and lean on God in Me and not on My flesh—just like you!

#### CHAPTER 4

**A**nother great test I had to pass, and one that is akin to leaning on fleshly wisdom, is the test of <sup>a</sup>pride. The temptation to yield to the pride of life is the great test of all mankind, and I was not exempt.

2 Pride caused the <sup>b</sup>downfall of Lucifer, and it was his hope it would be Mine too, so he tempted Me with

pride.

3 Even though I was born the son of a lowly <sup>c</sup>carpenter, even though I didn't have much to be proud of in the way of worldly riches and education, as I <sup>d</sup>grew and became strong in spirit, the Enemy tempted Me with pride in other ways.

4 It was at the time of that famous feast in Jerusalem when one of My greatest temptations occurred. I was just <sup>e</sup>twelve when I sat among the wise and learned men in the temple, but when I spoke they were amazed at My understanding.

5 This wisdom came from My Father in Heaven; yet Satan whispered in My ear, tempting Me to take the credit to Myself.

6 A short time later, when My mother and My father Joseph returned for Me, if I had yielded to this temptation of pride, I would not have had the strength to yield and obey My parents' wishes to <sup>f</sup>return with them to My hometown.

7 You see, My fleshly pride was telling Me to stand My ground, to declare My independence, to let My parents know that I was master of My Own fate, and to insist on staying there in the temple where I might both learn and further display My wisdom in front of the wise and educated men.

8 Up until that point, it was My Heavenly Father's will that I sit among the elders, for during those few days I was able to learn a good deal from them.

9 It was also during this time that My Father wished to demonstrate there in the temple that His power and wisdom was with Me. During

**c** Mt 13:55-57

**d** Lk 2:52

**e** Lk 2:42-47

**f** Lk 2:48-50

**g** Lk 2:51

this time He was able to reveal this to those whose hearts and minds were open as I spoke in the temple. 10 But at the moment My parents returned for Me, My Heavenly Father had accomplished His purpose, and it was time for Me to change gears. 11 In that moment, as I was tempted with pride to want to ignore My parents' wishes to return home, I shot up a thought in prayer to My Father. As quickly as I called for help, the answer came, right there on the spot, I heard His voice clearly. With simple instructions He said, "You've finished My business here, and now it's time to go. I will help You resist the pride of life as You go and <sup>g</sup>obey Your fleshly parents, for I have given them charge over You."

12 Hearing this word from My Father gave Me the strength I needed to resist Satan's temptation to yield to My pride.

13 Having this word from My Father gave Me the courage to humbly submit to My parents' wishes and return with them to Nazareth, where I obeyed them until it was His time to launch out into My Own ministry.

14 I passed this test of pride as a young boy, and others that were similar. But when My public ministry got into full swing, that's when My fleshly pride was put to the test in yet a bigger way.

## CHAPTER 5

**I**f you think about it, you'll see that it stands to reason I would be tempted with pride. After all, in My days of glory on <sup>a</sup>Earth, though My enemies sought to kill Me, those were also the weeks and months when the

crowds and the masses hailed Me. 2 During My days of popularity, the Devil tempted Me with the pride of life.

3 He tempted Me time and again to take the credit to Myself, to pat Myself on the back and indulge in self-glory for the mighty things My Father did for Me.

4 I could have easily taken the credit for all those miracles, had I yielded to pride. The only way I was able to resist this temptation was to be constantly looking to My Father in Heaven and calling on Him for help.

5 When I did this, He again gave Me a plan. This time it was the humility plan. Whenever I was tempted with pride, He said the way to combat it was to openly give Him all the credit and all the <sup>b</sup>glory, even when My flesh didn't feel like it.

6 This is why I regularly reminded My disciples and those around Me that in Myself, in My flesh, I could not do one mighty thing, and I knew nothing except what the Father showed Me.

7 This was the absolute truth, and voicing it, reminding others of this fact, not only gave rightful credit to Whom credit was due, but it helped Me to continue walking the humble road. I had to constantly give My Father the <sup>c</sup>credit and the glory, and because I did, I was able to resist the temptation of pride.

8 The next step of the humility plan My Father gave Me was this: After I was sure to give Him the credit, I could then reach out and do a humble deed.

9 His advice was never to pass up a <sup>d</sup>needy situation without doing

**b** Jn 5:19  
**c** Jn 12:49-50  
**d** Lk 6:17-19  
**e** Jn 5:30  
**f** Lk 8:41-42  
**g** Mk 10:14-15  
**h** Lk 7:9-10

something about it, and to never pass up an opportunity to do the humble thing.

10 He said, "Ask Me every time. Ask Me what I want You to do in every situation, and I'll make it clear to You. I'll show You what action to take right there on the spot in every situation You find yourself in. I'll show You how You can demonstrate My love through Your <sup>e</sup>humility. Humility, My Son, is the key to combating the pride of life that plagues the flesh."

11 So I followed this plan step by step, and as I did, My Father showed Me how I could put humility into action by getting up and doing the humble thing.

12 As you know, He led Me to take on the role of a servant. Oftentimes He led Me to lay My Own desires aside and reach out to those around Me—whether it was walking out of My way to heal the sick, or stooping to lift a soul that was weary with a sincere smile, a kind word, a warm embrace, or a reassuring pat on the back.

13 There were so many ways He showed Me I could be humble. He showed Me to always lend a listening ear to those who needed to pour out about their <sup>f</sup>troubles, and I was never to be too busy to stop and acknowledge the <sup>g</sup>children.

14 He led Me to give loving appreciation to those around Me, and to show My appreciation through <sup>h</sup>deeds of kindness and love. He led Me to put the needs of others first, before My Own, making sure the others in My company had a place to sleep, enough food, a warm coat



*"I was never to be too busy to stop and acknowledge the children."*

when needed, and a shoulder to lean on.

15 There were endless ways the Father showed Me I could show humility—most of which I have spoken about to you today at various times. And as I followed His instruction every time, I was able to resist the temptation of pride.

16 So you see, I also had to battle and resist these sins of the flesh—not only learning to resist leaning on the arm of My flesh, but learning to resist the pride that threatened Me! But as I resisted, as I turned to My Father instead for His strength and help to keep walking the humble road, that's when He was able to manifest His strength and power through Me. 17 This is how I was able to work great miracles—by walking in humility, by not leaning to the arm of My flesh, but by leaning on the power of Heaven to do through Me what I could not do in My flesh alone.

## CHAPTER 6

My early disciples recorded many of the miracles My Father did on My behalf, but they did not record some of the more "D.O." miracles that I performed, for these would have been either too much for those outside our intimate circle to comprehend and receive, or not wise to disclose at the time for security's sake.

2 Often it was necessary for Me to pull down miracles of amazing protection and supply from Heaven so that My disciples and I could continue our work.

3 It is written that I walked <sup>a</sup>through

*i* Mt 20:28

the crowds unnoticed, and I also found it necessary to call on Heaven for great miracles of protection in order to blind the eyes of both the Romans and our enemies from noticing our presence.

4 One time as we were camped out under the trees in a certain field, Roman soldiers were passing by. As it was the custom at the time to round up would-be troublemakers—and in Roman eyes we certainly fit this bill—had those soldiers spotted us that night, our ministry would have been prematurely ended.

5 So I prayed and asked My Father to do a miracle so they would not see us.

6 As the soldiers rode by in full view of our camp, instead of spotting us, their eyes beheld a lake of calm waters with only an occasional mother duck and her ducklings gliding by. This was not a facade nor an optical illusion, but a miracle of Heavenly power.

7 Today some people might call this a mirage. Scientists theorize and try to explain it away. "An illusion," they call it; "a trick of the eye." Don't be fooled with the "explain away" theories of Satan. I worked many "mirage" miracles during My time on Earth, as I still do today if you have faith and pray!

8 Peter, James, and his brother John were well deserving of the blessing My Father gave them that day on the mountain when the glory of Heaven shone on Me, and Moses and Elias <sup>b</sup>appeared.

9 I knew I could well trust them after that time, because they followed closely and carried out My request

## CHAPTER 6

*a* Lk 4:28-30

*b* Lk 9:28-31

to keep their <sup>c</sup>silence about the incident, as I requested.

10 Because of this, it wasn't many weeks after I was transfigured before them, that I took them up to that same mountain.

11 It so happened at the time, that these same three, Peter, James, and John, were each going through a special time, and I wanted to give them some extra encouragement.

12 As we returned that night to the same spot on the mountain, I looked up to My Father and asked Him to open the windows of Heaven to these faithful ones whom I loved so dearly.

13 They got a good taste of Heaven that night as we were <sup>d</sup>translated into the Heavenly realm for a time of praise and fellowship and Heavenly festivity as only Heaven can provide—including dancing with the houris of Heaven!

14 This was a special miracle from My Father's hand to allow them this Heavenly tour and a taste of Heaven's delights in this way.

15 Needless to say, this event kindled a burning fire within them and gave them a well-deserved boost and strength and inspiration to carry on! It was also a touch of love from My Father to Me, and strengthened Me for the days I was soon to face in Pilate's court.

## CHAPTER 7

**W**alking on the water, even raising Lazarus' fleshly body from the dead, were great miracles, but these obvious signs and wonders were not as great as some of the less-obvious-at-first-sight miracles

**c** Lk 9:35-36

**d** 1 Cor 2:9-10

which My Father worked on My behalf in the hearts of men.

2 Walking on the water and turning water into wine was supernatural, yet the miracle of <sup>a</sup>changing a hardened heart was a far greater wonder and proof of Our divinity.

3 These miracles of healing <sup>b</sup>hearts which My Father worked through Me, and that I in turn work through you today, are the divine work of My hand.

4 False science appears to work great things, but only I can touch a hardened heart. Yes, I did many wondrous acts of raising dead flesh and turning the water to wine, multiplying the food, healing bodies, and calming the angry sea, but it was the less showy, the apparently unseen miracles, that were My greatest works—those performed in the hearts of men.

5 As Solomon asked, <sup>c</sup>"Who can bear a wounded spirit?" Only My miracle-working power can touch and heal a wounded spirit.

6 I worked many miracles in the hearts and spirits of men, women, and children when I walked on Earth, as I still work in the hearts of men today, and these truly are My favorite miracles.

## CHAPTER 8

**Y**et human beings are always seeking spectacular <sup>a</sup>signs, and because of this, I do display awesome, sensational wonders beyond human comprehension.

2 When I walked on Earth, it was not necessary for Me to call down fire from Heaven, nor to breathe fire out of My mouth, nor to split a

## CHAPTER 7

**a** Col 1:12-13

**b** Ezek 36:26

**c** Prov 18:14

## CHAPTER 8

**a** Mt 12:38

Lk 23:8



*"They got a good taste of Heaven that night as we were translated into the Heavenly realm for a time of praise and fellowship and Heavenly festivity as only Heaven can provide—including dancing with the houris of Heaven!"*

mountain in two, nor to call on the armies of Heaven to charge from the sky, for in that day My Father in His wisdom worked differently.

3 When I walked on Earth, healing the sick of the palsy, restoring sight to the blind, and raising the dead was about as sensational a wonder as mankind could handle. Yet today, science has advanced to sometimes do the same.

4 This is one reason why in this day and age, I will work greater miracles through you than I ever did while I walked on the Earth, because today the situation warrants greater things.

5 Today, because iniquity abounds, My grace will abound greater. So will My miracle-working power be displayed in a <sup>b</sup>greater dramatic display!

6 When I was on Earth, I worked countless miracles—many more than are recorded in My written Word of old. But I assure you, today I'll do greater things through you, because the needs are greater.

7 These are the times of drastic measures, and because of this, you will see signs, wonders and <sup>c</sup>miracles in Heaven's full glory!

8 When I stood before Pilate, I told him if it were My Father's will, the <sup>d</sup>armies of Heaven would come to My rescue and fight for Me. It was not My Father's will back then, because such things are reserved for you.

9 I worked countless miracles when I walked on the Earth, yet My greatest miracles are yet to come; I have reserved them for you.

10 Today, as Satan is <sup>e</sup>loosed and

**b** Jn 14:12-14  
**c** Dan 11:32  
**d** Mt 26:53  
**e** Rev 12:12  
**f** Jn 14:21  
**g** Jn 16:12-13  
**h** Rev 3:10  
**i** 1 Jn 2:13-14  
 1 Jn 4:4  
 Rev 17:14

runs throughout the Earth, greater spectacles and greater shows of force will be needed. Because evil flourishes, My Spirit will thrive in you and will sweep the globe in a mighty wave of awesome power!

11 You are My faithful, My chosen of the End, and if you will stay in close communication with Me, I will do mighty works <sup>f</sup>through you.

12 And when the time is right, the armies of Heaven will come down and fight for you, as they avenge all your enemies and those who fight against My righteous Kingdom! This is what will be necessary to fight evil in these Last Days.

13 When I walked on the Earth, I performed countless miracles; some I have shared with you, and others I will <sup>g</sup>reveal to you as I see fit. In the meantime, hang on to these Words and let them encourage your heart.

14 I assure you, the best miracles are yet to come! As long as you <sup>h</sup>stay faithful, keep fighting, and refuse to give up, you're going to see them happen. As long as you keep tuning in and following through on what I show you, together we're going to conquer evil and <sup>i</sup>overcome the world!

## CHAPTER 9

**I** had to constantly be aware of My <sup>a</sup>sample to others and needless to say, I had to stay very close to My Father in order to be the sample He wanted Me to be.

2 I was in the flesh, so I could have made grave mistakes at any time if it were not for prayer and My strong connection with Heaven.

3 I had to fight for it, because after

all, being in the flesh, there were many times My flesh didn't want to do the humble thing right off.

4 Flesh is flesh, and there were many times when, because of My human nature, I didn't *feel* like doing the humble thing.

5 Each time I was tested, I had to yield. I had to <sup>b</sup>humble Myself. I had to step out and obey. In the flesh I had to show Myself weak, yet it was this weakness that was My strength. Yes, My loves, it was the strength of weakness that made Me strong. It was the strength of weakness in the flesh that made Me what I was and enabled Me to pull down the power of Heaven.

6 I was the pioneer of the weakness revolution! Believe Me, I know what it's all about. I know the glory of it, the wisdom of it, and the dire necessity of it. And this is why I'm requiring the same of My children today, *for this is the only way you'll be able to do greater things than I did!*

7 It is given to this Family to do these "greater things"—greater things than I did when I walked in the flesh. But I must tell you, *this will only be given to those who will follow closely, to those who are willing to show themselves <sup>c</sup>weak so that My glory may shine through.*

8 *This is the key if you are to follow closely—you must walk in <sup>d</sup>humility and show yourself weak.* This is what I had to do, and this was <sup>e</sup>My success. I was put to the test many times, just as you are put to the test day in and day out as you're presented with options, through many circumstances and conditions during the day when you must decide to do the

**b** Phil 2:5-8  
**c** Heb 11:34  
Jn 14:12  
**d** Isa 57:15  
**e** Phi 2:8-9  
**f** Jn 5:19-20  
**g** Jn 14:10

humble thing or to pass it by.

9 I had to acquire the habit, just as you must, and it was through prayerfulness and daily seeking My Father that He helped Me each time and I was able to pass the tests.

10 My Father taught Me and led Me and showed Me ways I could do the humble thing each time I looked to Him—and this is how I formed good habits.

11 I was the originator of the "do-the-humble-thing" habit! Yes, I had to learn all the same lessons that you are having to learn today—and in this too I pioneered the way!

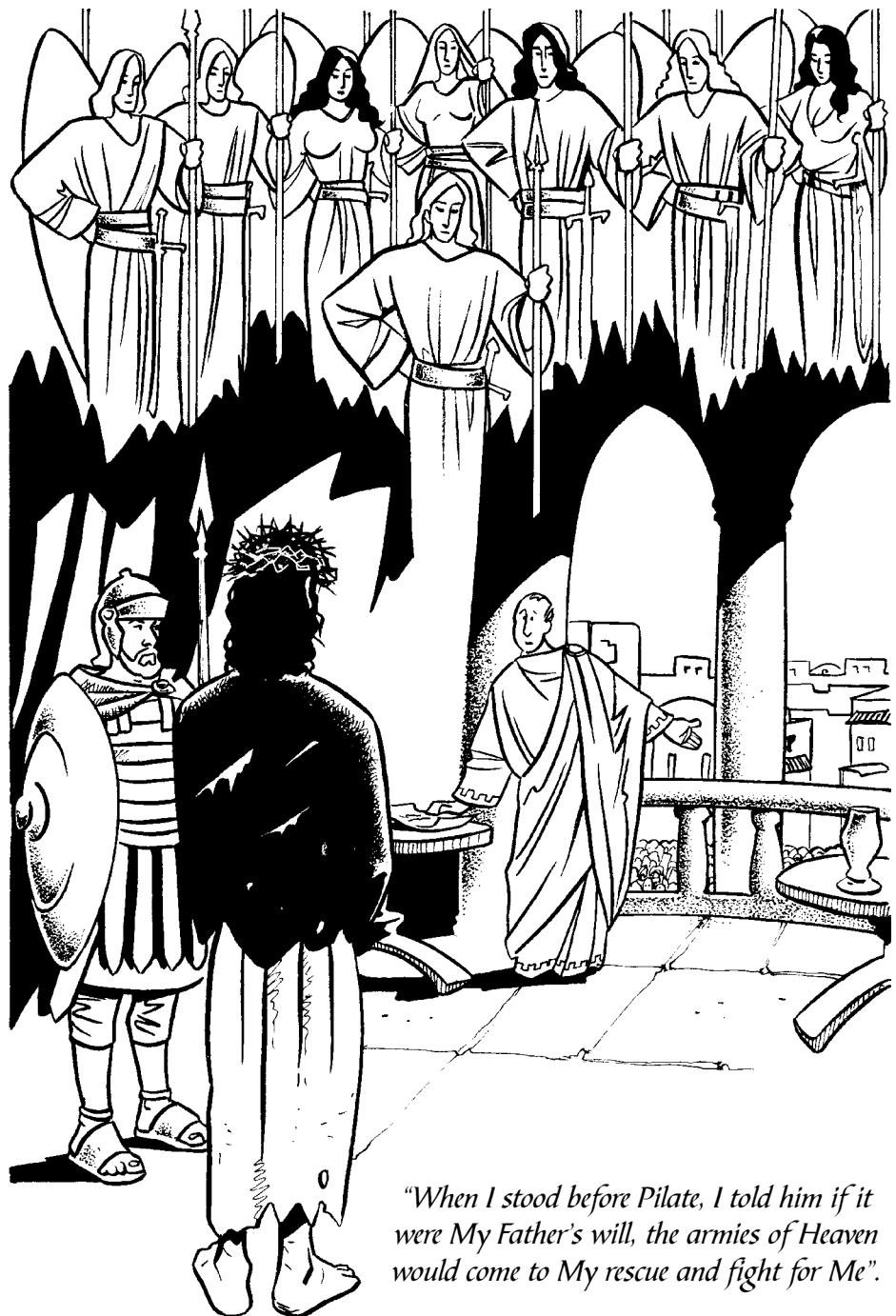
12 I want to share with you *how* it was I formed the humble-thing habit. I had to be aware. I had to be open to Heaven, open to My Father's voice and His suggestions.

13 I had to ask for it—ask Him for ways, specifics, on how I could do the humble thing. I knew I didn't have it in Me—that is, in My flesh—to do what He was requiring of Me. I knew it had to come from Heaven, and that <sup>g</sup>He was going to have to show Me what to do, how to act, what to say. I had to be very prayerful.

14 Doing the humble thing doesn't always come easy to the flesh, and this is why I had to learn it—I had to make it a habit.

15 I learned that if I stayed in close contact with Heaven, I would be shown what the humble thing to do was in each instance. As I did this, I was able to create the habits, until they became part of Me.

16 I had to be the living Word to the people—to be humble and reflect the spirit of love, to walk in humility,



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simplicity, and lowness of mind. I could not merely preach humility and love, I had to be humble and give love.

17 When I walked on the Earth, in order to truly walk in humility, showing Myself weak, I found I had to continually be on guard to not fall into <sup>h</sup>pride.

18 As you know, I was <sup>i</sup>tempted in all points just as you are—and that means all, A-L-L. All points, including My pride.

19 My human pride was tested time and again, for this was a point that Satan would have delighted to see Me fall in, since it was the crux of his own downfall.

20 Take a minute to think about it. It would have been very easy for Me to be lifted up in pride. After all, I was the begotten <sup>j</sup>Son of God. Though I was weak in the flesh, I was strong in the Spirit.

21 And though I was despised and eventually <sup>k</sup>rejected of men, as news of Me spread abroad, as the <sup>l</sup>crowds began to gather around Me everywhere I went, and as My Father wrought great miracles and mighty signs and <sup>m</sup>wonders by My hand, this could have easily gone to My head—thinking it was in My flesh I was able to do such things.

22 I was tested time and again in many ways on My pride, whether I would take the credit to Myself or look to My Father and give Him all the glory. I was tested many times—whether I would do the humble thing or use My gifts to My Own end.

23 When I stood before magistrates and was asked why I did not send forces to vindicate My cause if I were a king, My pride was tested.

24 In My flesh, I wanted to call down

**h** Mt 26:41  
**i** Heb 4:15-16  
**j** Prov 30:4  
Jn 1:14  
**k** Isa 53:3  
**l** Mk 2:1-4  
**m** Jn 5:36  
Lk 2:52  
**n** Mt 26:53-54  
**o** Jn 18:36  
**p** Jn 7:18  
**q** Jn 14:10  
Mk 10:45  
**r** Mk 10:18  
Jn 8:28  
**s** Jn 8:54

the <sup>n</sup>legions of Heaven and show My force and power right there on the spot. But My Father knew a better way, and it was the humble way.

25 My flesh didn't receive great glory in that moment as I stood and replied that <sup>o</sup>My Kingdom was not of this world, for if it were, My armies would fight. But by taking the humble route, by standing back and letting My Father work in the way He knew best, the victory came, and all <sup>p</sup>glory was given to Heaven!

26 It would have been easy to allow the blessings of the Spirit that were Mine to minister to My pride if I hadn't stayed in close touch with My Father.

27 I had to learn to fight against the natural tendency of the flesh I walked in to think that it was so great.

28 When the news about Me went out and the crowds gathered from far and wide, that day when the 5,000 gathered and I fed them from the loaves and fishes, the praise of the people could have really gone to My head had I not resisted the temptation.

29 As I worked miracle after miracle, each time My pride was tested—whether I would let it go to My head or whether I would give My Father the glory and honor that was His due, choosing to walk in <sup>q</sup>humility.

30 A key for Me was in always giving My Father the credit, for in this way I was showing Myself <sup>r</sup>humble.

31 And so it was. I found I had to always point to My Father and give Him all the honor and glory, as I replied, "<sup>s</sup>If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father Who honors Me." I love you!