

Part 2

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Dear Family,

1. I love you, and I'm so thankful to be serving Jesus with you. I'm excited about the future and all that the Lord is going to do through us as we continue to obey and put our faith into action every day. I'm thrilled when I think about the ways the Lord is going to use us in the near future to be a stronger force for Him—to reap the harvest of souls and disciples in these Last Days. I'm full of praise when I think about the miracles and answers to prayer that are happening right now, even as I write this, as well as those that are just around the corner. And I'm happy to be able to present to you more messages from our Husband on faith, which will strengthen you in spirit for all that lies ahead of you.

2. I don't think that we will understand faith and all its intricacies and how it works until we get to Heaven. But for now we can learn what we can to better equip us for the challenges of life. Faith is like electricity—we don't have to know exactly how it works, we just have to know that it does work, and that it can benefit our lives today as we put it into action!

Much love,
Mama

How do you know if you have faith?

3. (Jesus:) One simple diagnostic test is found in the poem: “When you're trusting, you're not heard to fret; when you're fret-

ting, you're not trusting yet!” Which are you doing?

4. If your faith is being tested—whether it's with financial problems, lack of personnel, learning a new job, opening a new Home, working with a difficult personality, trusting Me for decisions that your children are making, waiting for Me to answer a specific prayer that you have prayed, feeling alone, health-related issues, marriage problems, anything—take a look at your attitude and ask yourself which is more prominent: faith, praise, and trust?—Or fretting, doubt, and worry?

5. If you want to know where your faith lies, try that little self-test. If you have full faith in Me, then you won't be fretting about the problems, the seeming impossibilities, or the difficulties. Your faith will be planted in praise, and you'll carry My hope in your heart. But if you don't really have faith in Me to come through, then you will be beset with the worries and mental torment of the Enemy.

6. Of course, there will be times in your life when your faith is tested. If you're faced with a really difficult situation, you may be tempted with worry, doubt, or fear of the future. But just because you're tempted with those negative feelings and thoughts doesn't mean that you don't have full faith in Me—as long as you go on the attack against those thoughts and fight to keep taking on My Spirit and attitude of faith.

7. Faith is active. There is nothing passive about faith. Faith is doing! So even if you are tempted with worries or fears, if you are active in your fight against the Enemy and in your desire to hold on to your faith and apply your faith, then your faith will stand and I will come through for you.

8. You can't keep the birds of fear and worry and doubt from flying over your head, but you need to keep them from building a nest in your hair. You need to fight against those worries and attacks of the Enemy becoming a part of your attitude and mindset. It's a fight to hold on to faith, but it's worth every minute of the battle.

9. In addition to this self-test, you can always ask Me if you aren't sure whether or not you have the faith for something. You can't go by your feelings, because they aren't a correct gauge of your faith. You can, however, go by what I tell you. Don't worry if you don't feel like you have faith. Most men and women with strong faith don't have strong feelings. If I tell you that you have faith, then that's the fact you should hold on to.

10. If you're about to take a leap of faith, and you think you may have the faith, as you're trusting Me and counting on Me and you believe that I can come through for you—but you're still not quite sure if your faith is strong enough or adequate enough—ask Me. I'll show you where your faith lies, and if it's not quite centered, I'll show you just what to do so that you can have the full measure of faith that is needed.

11. Faith is an almost insane belief in My ability to come through for you. I always bless faith. When you truly stake your life on faith and throw all other possibilities out the window and expect Me and Me alone to come through for you, I am challenged to do even more for you than I may have originally planned. Maybe I was going to work in a certain way in your life, but because of your almost absurd stand of faith on Me and My

promises, I alter that plan and give you what you are asking for, because your faith is that strong.

The “risk factor” of stepping out by faith

12. (Question from one of you:) When you have to take a leap of faith, there always seems to be a “risk factor” involved—the looming thought of what happens if the Lord doesn't come through for you. What if the Lord chooses not to do what you're specifically asking for, but chooses to do something different? How do you determine whether or not you really have the faith that enables you to take that leap?

13. (Jesus:) True, strong faith is confidence; it's belief, trust, assurance, reliance, and an undeniable dependence on My power. That type of faith doesn't always expect Me to answer in exactly the way you request, but it knows that the end result will be that of My choosing—My highest and perfect will.

14. When you take a leap of faith, be on guard against giving in and cowering at the first lying vanity from the Enemy. You'll start off confident in My promises as you proceed in the direction that I've led you, but then if one little glitch comes up, or some aspect doesn't seem to be panning out as you'd expected, or something even goes completely opposite to what you had imagined or had thought was My will, it's easy to overlook the Romans 8:28 in it and for your faith to quiver. You can be beset by worries and question the accuracy of your connection with Me, and perhaps that of others as well.

15. If you cave in to those thoughts, your faith takes a hit rather than being strengthened. Then when the next launch from the Enemy comes your way, you've grown fearful and weak in your confidence and faith, and the effect on your spirit of faith is more pronounced every time that you give in and let the

Enemy have the advantage. The problem was not that you didn't have the faith to begin with to take that "leap of faith," but rather that you caved in after the Devil's "boos" and attacks against you.

16. How can you prevent that from happening? First, you have to be sure, without a shadow of a doubt, that the direction you're heading in is truly My will. Or if you're not sure what My highest will is—which isn't always a sign of weakness on your part, but simply the way that I choose to work sometimes—then you make the decision to accept whatever outcome I know is best, even if it's the opposite of what you had hoped. You decide right from the start that your faith is not going to be deflated if things don't go according to your plan, because you realize that there's a good chance that I have a better plan.

17. When you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that something is My will, then you can't retract your faith at the first sign of "trouble." When something happens that doesn't seem to favor the way you're heading, you have to make your first reaction one of coming to Me—not of suddenly questioning whether you made the right decision to begin with. (I am, of course, talking about decisions you make in which you've taken all of the right steps in finding My highest will; you've confirmed it with Me and have discussed it thoroughly with all parties involved, and you all are certain of My highest and best.)

18. When you face a glitch in the way you thought things were meant to progress, instead of doubting, you must take it to Me. Ask Me if the little deterrence from the path is what I'd planned, and if so, how you should see it—whether you should reconsider other aspects, or whether I expect you to keep moving ahead regardless of this little change.

19. Sometimes those little deviances from the course as you saw it are tests brought by My hand to increase your faith. There

are other times when I allow those things as a chance to redirect you a little, because I know that as you progress along this path you'll need to make adjustments that you hadn't factored into the equation in the beginning, but which are necessary to bring about My final plan and the best result.

20. Then there are other times when I allow the Enemy to test you, as he did Job, to try your faith and to see the worth of your mettle.—And when you pass through that test victoriously, your faith is infused with greater power. There are also times when I allow things to proceed effortlessly and the end result comes quickly, easily, and as you had anticipated it.

21. Just because some leaps of faith seem to come easier than others, or seem to work out more smoothly, doesn't mean that those are backed up with more faith than others. Sometimes I'm simply using that occasion to grow and stretch you in spirit to help you make needed progress. But a key is being confident that that first leap of faith that you took was My will for you. If your faith is shaky in that respect, or you tend to look for alternative routes if that one doesn't pan out, then chances are your faith isn't really strong—or you just need to be more realistic about where your faith lies.

22. True faith expects the victory, even if there are little glitches along the way. The man of faith will learn to detect the glitches or the parts in the path where he has to proceed blindly as part of the process, and not think that just because the way seems a little hazy at that particular part, it indicates a wrong decision that wasn't based on faith.

23. Your faith has to be nurtured to increase, so when you take that first leap of faith you have to expect that you're going to need to keep working on your faith so that you maintain My outlook as you move forward. It's My outlook that helps you to keep pressing onward when the way seems a little dark, or

you're still waiting to see some positive results of the choice you made.

24. If you're building up your faith during that time by faithfully going over the promises I'd given at the onset of your venture, and you're diligent to give your faith the boost that you need in order to keep trusting and believing Me for the right outcome, then you can trust that I'll come through for you. You'll have the confidence that the leap of faith was My plan for you and what will bring the victory.

25. However, if you take a leap of faith and that's all you do—you don't invest anything more, you don't work to feed your faith more than usual, you don't pray daily and desperately for whatever it is that you are expecting Me to do for you, you don't avail yourself of the prayer power of others—then if I don't come through for you, even if something is My will, don't blame Me. My answering your prayers and doing the miracles that you desire is a two-way street. I need your cooperation, and sometimes that's what's overlooked or missing.

26. Look at the miracles and answers to prayer in the Bible. Sometimes prayers took a while to be answered. Miracles took great desperation. There were steps that those involved had to take in order for My will to be accomplished. Moses didn't just shoot up a short prayer when the Red Sea parted. (See Exodus 14.) There were steps that he had to take. He had to get desperate. He had to ask Me what to do. He had to listen to Me tell him My plan. Then he had to enact My plan. And it wasn't just a matter of lifting up his rod and stretching forth his hand for a moment. It took time for the sea to part so that the children of Israel could walk through on dry land. It was tiring for him to hold up his heavy rod, and to be desperate in prayer at the same time; he grew weary. But what if he had given up? What if he had failed to do what I told him to do? The miraculous story wouldn't have been the same.

27. What if the people hadn't rolled away the stone when I wanted to raise Lazarus from the dead? He would have remained in his grave—even though it was My will to raise him from the dead (John 11:39–45). So a lot depends not just on your faith and confidence in Me, but also your willingness to fight for what you are asking of Me, through prayer, through using the spiritual weapons, through employing the help of others, through doing whatever I ask of you. If you do your part, then I will do Mine.

Faith isn't some great thing, some glorious feeling, or some wonderful sensation, as many may think. It's simply taking God at His Word. Faith is utter dependence on the truthfulness, the faithfulness of God.—*Virginia Brandt Berg*

Doing your part in order to get the results you're after

28. (Jesus:) Faith has to be put into action if you expect to see results. Faith without works is dead (James 2:26). Therefore, if you expect to see the results of your faith, you have to show that you have confidence in your faith and are willing to put it into action and take steps in that direction. Faith on its own is not going to bring the victory about; I require that you take steps toward progress.

29. Some people look on faith as magic—that they just say that they have it, and whoosh, the miracles happen. But that's a bit of an unrealistic outlook on faith, because faith requires action. You must put feet to your faith and do your part so that I can do Mine. Sometimes “doing your part” is taking practical steps and doing something that I show you to do in the physical. Sometimes it's taking action in the spirit, by using the spiritual weapons and by laboring in prayer.

30. Of course, when it comes to needing faith to meet some great need, it usually

means that there is a measure of human impossibility, where you have to rely on Me to come through for you. That is part of the life of faith: You have the faith and trust in Me. You do your part, and in so doing, allow Me to do Mine. However, you have to work on your faith; it's not just a permanent feature in a disciple's life. It's a muscle you work, you tone, and you strengthen—and each challenge you face is another chance for your faith muscle to grow and stretch.

31. When you find yourself in a predicament where you need a miracle from Me, I want you to claim the victory in faith and confidence. I like it when you put Me on the spot and expect Me to come through for you. But you also have to do your part for the sequence of events to take place. You have to do more than casually fling the word “faith” around in your prayers to Me; you have to be confident in your request and be certain that you have done your part to build your faith.

32. What exactly does that mean? Well, for starters, faith will do more than just pray a prayer asking for My help; faith will seek Me for the requirements that I expect of you, the action on your part that will help bring about the miracle—whether that is physical action or spiritual action.

33. For example, let's say you're in need of finances and you bring this request before Me. You have a measure of faith in this respect because I've always come through for you, and even when you've lacked a little, somehow I made it up in the long run. So you somewhat haphazardly proclaim that you have faith that I will come through for you and provide the needed funds.

34. However, you leave it at that, without taking the time to hear from Me for the specifics on what I want you to do in order for Me to provide what you need. As a result, you struggle onward without seeing the significant results of your prayers; your faith is

shaken a little, and you wonder why I didn't come through this time around. But is it really My fault?

35. The question to ask yourself in such a situation is: Did you do your best? Did you do all that I wanted you to? In some cases, you failed to ask Me what I wanted you to do from the beginning, so you found yourself floundering about instead. In such a case it's not that you lacked the faith initially, but instead you failed to take the necessary steps to build up your faith to procure the reward. You failed to recognize the next steps in the procedure to victory, and as a result, the outcome that I wanted to give you was delayed and hampered by the lack of effort on your part.

36. If you'll take that same scenario and fill in those missing elements—after claiming the miracles by faith, you seek Me for My first step and then act on it—you then receive direct benefits through your obedience. As a result, your faith is increased and you're ready to face the next step, and then the next, until you reach your destination. For example, perhaps I would have asked you to do something specific to get the finances you needed, and to read Word to boost your faith in My ability to supply, and to devote 10 minutes of your prayer time every day to claiming My miracle.

37. When you come to the end of a test that stretched your faith—but you persevered and let Me increase your faith, although it required work and effort—the result is the miracle I promised and a boost to your faith.

What to do when things don't turn out the way you wanted

38. (Jesus:) When something doesn't turn out the way you thought or hoped it would, it doesn't necessarily mean that your faith has not met the challenge or the occasion.

One of the fundamentals in calling on Me and availing yourself of the power and weapon of prayer is in allowing Me the freedom to work as I please and as I know is best.

39. Remember, I see waaaayyy out in front of you, and with My great love for you and others involved in the equation, I always have the big picture in mind. But rest assured that when you put Me on the spot and your faith commands action and you are meeting the conditions, you can be guaranteed that the outcome will be for the best—even if it's somewhat different than what you expected.

40. I delight in working contrary to natural expectations, while still holding true to My promises. You may have your goal or desires set on the supply of a certain need, and that's understandable. There are many needs in your lives, all of which are part and parcel of your lives of service for Me. So while you may be petitioning Me and visualizing that need supplied in a certain manner, My eyes are seeing way beyond the supply of just that need.

41. For example, I like to surprise you with My ingenuity in being able to not just answer one of your prayers and supply one need, but in wonderfully answering that prayer and many other related needs and prayers at the same time. Some of you may remember a time in your life when you experienced these types of answers—seeing Me answer one prayer or need with many other little intertwined miracles along the way.

42. Remember that My main concern—the reason for it all—is to win the lost to Me. You, My brides and children of David, are of such incomparable value to Me, because there are no others like you. That's why if there is ever any way I can use you to help in the chain of events of reaching or witnessing or winning others to Me, I will do so. So I may take you on a roundabout path in answering your prayers, but you can know that that path is for a very special purpose and reason. I just work on a higher plane than you do.

43. That's why it's important that when I don't answer a certain prayer or request in the expected or desired way, that you don't look too much to yourselves and even to your own faith and start analyzing your own faith as the possible “glitch in the matrix.”

44. Of course, perhaps on some occasions your faith has not met the conditions, or it needs some fine-tuning or realigning. Or sometimes you want something so badly, and you're determined that it's My will for you, that you can't even hear clearly from Me on the matter. Then you go ahead, thinking that you're proceeding in faith. Then when I bring about My will, you wonder what happened. What happened was that what you wanted, what you “had the faith for,” and even what you thought was My will, was not—I had a bigger and better plan.

45. But more often than not it's a walk of faith, and you learn and grow as you take those steps of faith. Often you discover while taking those steps that I had a higher plan, a greater answer, and the solution was not in your analyzing and picking apart your faith—which can become a work of the flesh—but your part to play was in proceeding in faith in a spirit of trust. That's when faith's twin sister steps on the stage: trust. Faith and trust walk hand in hand, and very seldom do they walk alone.

46. Or perhaps I will answer in such a way that may not look to the natural eye like your faith has been rewarded, but in actuality I'm up the road peeking around the corner—a corner you can't quite see around at present—and I'm giving you an “around the corner” answer, the kind that only I, your awesome, multi-dimensional Navigator, can give.

47. So, My loves, when you get one of those “unexpected” answers and you know you've prayed in faith and met the conditions I've shown you, you can almost always know that I have something bigger and better up My sleeve for you.—One of those cool answers

that you know only I and My helpers could have possibly engineered and brought to pass. And what do those type of answers do?—They engender even more faith, don't they? So it's a win-win situation.

Faith versus desire

48. (Question from one of you:) What exactly does the expression “have the faith for” mean? For example, picture a team out witnessing. They're at a park, with multiple choices of who to witness to. There is a choice between an approachable-looking young person and a more imposing character, such as a wealthy executive. The team, upon examining their alternatives, decide that they “have the faith for” witnessing to the young person, but they “don't have the faith” to witness to the fancy executive, and so they proceed accordingly.

49. It seems to me that sometimes when people say they “don't have the faith” for something, in essence, they plain and simply don't want to do it. Where does one draw the line between one's faith and one's desire? In what situations is it legitimate to use the expression “to have the faith”? Is faith increasable?

50. (Jesus:) Faith, My dear brides, is knowing. When you have faith in Me, you know that I exist, that I love you so much that I died for you and rose again to give you eternal life.

51. When you have faith in My supply, you know that I will provide for My Own—that I am not an infidel, but that I will pour out abundantly according to My riches in glory (Philippians 4:19). When you have faith in My healing, you know that I have the power to heal, that even though the afflictions of the righteous may be many, I will deliver you out of them all (Psalm 34:19)—perhaps not immediately, but in My time and way. When you have faith in My protection,

you know that even though a thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, it shall not come nigh thee (Psalm 91:7).

52. So faith is knowing, and then acting upon it—taking the stand of faith, proving My Word and My promises. You do so because faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). It is the title deed, and because you grab hold of that title deed and go off to see the “house,” you find it there awaiting you, because your faith has provided it. Although it was not seen, it was real, and your faith makes it a reality.

53. So when you say you “have the faith,” you mean that you have knowledge, belief, trust, confidence, and full assurance, either because you have received it as a supernatural gift or because you have read My Word and have taken the stand of faith upon it; you're walking by faith in My promises because you believe them and you believe Me.

54. Many of those who are heard to say, “I don't have the faith for this,” are saying they don't have the desire to do it, that they don't want to do it. Often these dear ones suspect it is My will, or even know it is My will, but they seek to excuse themselves from My will through a lack of faith. They know that others will not make them do something if they “don't have the faith for it,” and they justify and excuse themselves in that way. Rather than saying they'd rather not, they blame it on Me—that I have not given them sufficient faith for it. They pass the buck to Me, even though it ends with them.

55. Don't blame Me for your lack of faith, My dear ones, or use Me as an excuse to get your own way, either by saying that you have the faith for something or that you don't have the faith for it. Be honest and say you want to do it or don't want to do it. Yes, often that will expose your lack of obedience or yieldedness or love, but that places the

problem squarely in your lap, not Mine. It is your problem, after all, for I could give you the faith, obedience, yieldedness or love you need, if you wish it. The problem is not lack of power or ability on My part, but lack of willingness or obedience on yours.

56. Faith comes from reading, receiving, accepting and applying My Word. You read and believe My Word, and then you step out and obey it; you make your stand of faith, you watch Me fulfill My Word, and your faith is increased, it grows. Not only that, but your desire to read and study and apply and obey My Word grows, and it is a wonderful upward cycle.

57. On the other hand, if you read My Word and don't believe it for some reason, then you don't step out and obey it; you don't take a stand of faith, you don't see Me fulfill My Word, and your faith is decreased, it shrinks. Your lack of obedience shrank it. You shot yourself in the foot instead of blasting the Enemy, and that all works to decrease your desire to read and apply My Word. It is a bad, downward cycle.

58. So read and believe and obey My Word. You may find obedience difficult at first, because some of the things I tell you to do are not easy, but they become easier as you do them. Your faith and obedience help them to be that way, because My yoke is easy and My burden is light. If you step out to obey, to make the stand of faith, then your actions become increasingly easier. That's the fruit of obedience. If you do not obey, then your lack of obedience makes things seem increasingly more difficult, harder, and tougher the longer you delay. That's the fruit of disobedience.

59. Stand on My Word and draw your faith from it. Taking the example of the wealthy or imposing-looking executive in the park, you know that the heart of man is the same the world over; that you ought not to judge by outward appearance, but by the

heart; that the rich and the powerful are often the most needy of all, and that it is the particular ministry of the children of David to reach the upper class and the educated.

60. You have great quantities of My Word behind you, so step out and try it, do it, nothing wavering. If I show you that it is My will that you reach this man or woman, don't be limited by what you call your "lack of faith," but what is more often a fear of man. Rebuke and resist and overcome the fear by facing it head-on in the power of My Spirit!

61. Stand on My Word, take action against your fear, and get the victory—and perhaps a wonderful victory for My Kingdom as well, winning the heart and soul of someone who I have specifically arranged to be there in front of you that day, to be ministered to spiritually, and then to minister to you and your loved ones physically as a supporter of your Home. Let your love for lost souls move you and motivate you to reach out in love!

62. I will reward you for your faith and for taking the stand of faith. But when you excuse yourself from My will by saying you don't have the faith for something that I have indicated is My will through My Word or some other way, you reap what you sow. In failing to take this stand of faith, and in justifying yourself by saying you don't have the faith for it, you do decrease your faith. By putting it into words this way and refusing to obey in some little way, you reap what you have sown; you make it even harder for yourself in the future, and you take another step on a downward spiral that will eventually lead to a full loss of faith or discipleship.

63. My dear ones, remember that faith is knowing, and knowing what the truth is. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if you do them" (John 13:17), if you step out by faith and take the stand of faith, seeking to please Me instead of yourself. I promise you that if you seek to please Me, I will please you—and

in ways that you hadn't even thought possible or imaginable! That's the kind of faith I wish to see you have. Have the faith to obey, to love, to yield, to overcome fear, to act out of conviction, to take a stand of faith, and I will bless it.

Faith springs from the heart, not the mind

64. (Jesus:) Faith is at the core of your spiritual being, just like your heart, and from your faith—just like your heart—come forth the issues of life. Faith is your anchor; it's what keeps you going. It's that line that attaches you to Me, and it develops from your love for Me. Your love for Me feeds your faith, and your faith—and its growth—in turns fuels the fire of our love.

65. You wonder: "Will my faith match the needs of the future?" Will my faith be strong and developed enough so that I can be used of You for some of the greater miracles of the future?"

66. I smile, because there's no question that it will be strong enough. Why? Well, you're looking at your faith one way—mainly through your mind in looking at yourself and your own frailties and seeming inadequacies—but I'm looking at your faith in an entirely different manner. I'm looking at your faith through the eyes of love. You ask if your faith will be strong enough, but the real question is, will your love be strong enough?—Because your faith is going to spring from your love for Me.

67. Take, for example, the scenario of a serious accident having suddenly taken place. There is no time to think, there is only time to act—immediately. Someone is in serious danger after a car has careened off the road. You're one of the few people who just so happens to be there at the scene of the accident. Immediate action must be taken or the person will surely die. Do you stand there thinking about it, wondering if you can really

rescue them? Do you stand there whiling away precious moments analyzing the situation? No, something within you gives you the power for the hour, the stronger-than-life-itself urge, impulse, and strength to do whatever is necessary to save the person.

68. Anyone who has ever been part of a similar scenario knows exactly what I'm talking about. Something just wells up inside of you that takes over your mind and everything else and fills your heart. It's sacrificial love. It's duty. It's a supernatural rising to the occasion, knowing that you are there for a reason and you are the one to fill that life-and-death need.

69. This is what makes a hero—someone who does something extraordinary, risking his own life in the bargain. It's a supernatural thing, unexplainable to the mind or flesh, but it has everything to do with the heart. Something wells up within your heart—a powerful love or concern or need—that causes you to step out on the water beyond yourself and your own capabilities and do the impossible.

70. That is how faith will work in the future. It is not given you to have that kind of faith now—or even to wonder if you will have it—because that day has not yet come. But when that day does come—and it will come for each one of My brides—you will know. Your heart will be filled with that supernatural "knowing," and the mind will have very little to do with it. It will be My power and faith flowing into you and through you in an inexplicable manner.

71. That is when our connection and love for each other will meet in an explosive and tangible way and miracles will happen. All that you will need to concern yourself with is being close to Me and having the love connection between us open at all times—so that you will be in precisely the right spot at the right moment.

72. Then, yes, your faith will meet the need, the moment, the hour or crisis at

hand. You won't even be thinking about your faith then—how much you have, or if it will meet the need; it will be irrelevant, because all that will be filling your mind and spirit will be love. My love will be flowing through you and we will be one. Our love will be meeting the moment, and as such, your faith will be meeting the moment as well.

73. Because of the strength of our love connection, My power will be flowing through you in full measure, and “whatsoever you ask shall be done unto you” (Mark 11:24), because what you ask will only be motivated by My love. This is when you, My brides, will be My powerhouses—literal power conduits of My love. Miracles abounding left, right, and center will be the natural byproduct of our love.

74. Does that help to explain faith a little more, My loves? Just remember, you'll never fully understand faith in this life, for it is not given to the finite mind to understand it. The closest you'll get is through understanding and partaking of more of My love—how there really is no depth, nor height, nor breadth I will not scale for love.

75. On the road of faith, or game of faith, or whatever you like to call it, you never lose. It's impossible to lose. It's a learning experience. And just as you continue to grow in love and learn more about My love and love for others, you likewise grow in faith and learn more about faith. But it doesn't do to pick faith apart too much or try to analyze it, or worse yet, dissect your own faith.

76. The best course of action is to simply use it—just as you take steps of love all day long. When you decide to do something loving, or reach out in love to someone, do you wonder if you'll have enough love? No. Once you make that decision, you know you've hurdled the hardest part in applying the effort. You know that I will give you the love, because the love's always there; it's Me moving

and working inside of you. Love is an action muscle, and it grows the more you use it—just like faith.

77. So don't get too deep when it comes to faith. It's wiser to adopt a simple and more childlike view of faith. I guarantee it will get you further. And as far as what you can do toward exercising your faith: don't be afraid to welcome tests and experiences that stretch your faith. And even if afterwards you look back at the situation or challenge and feel that your faith didn't really quite meet the mark, so what? You still haven't lost, because you've grown from the experience. You may not see or understand how you've grown, but you will nevertheless receive the reward of faith no matter what the outcome, and the reward of faith is growth. I always reward those who step forward, stretching their faith, trusting in Me and My promises, even if they feel that the knees of their faith might give way under them.

78. One thing's for sure: Faith is an adventure! It's the adventure of a lifetime, and it will be a lifetime of thrilling rides and ups and downs, taking you to heights—and even depths at times—that will both make you and take you into the Millennium and beyond. After all, that is what faith is fashioning you for: your destiny in ruling and reigning on Earth, something even the angels of Heaven have not been given the training for. Only you—My Own—who have experienced the trials and tests of the faith life here on Earth will be given that high honor and reward.

79. So don't be afraid of any of those leaps of faith that I've promised you are ahead, My loves; you'll be ready for them when it's the right time. It won't be anything that you will have to conjure up or work up in yourself. You'll just know it's time, because I will flood your heart with all that you need to make that leap.