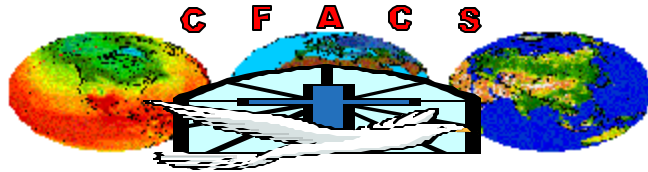


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DEDICATION

The spiritual motivator for my writing comes from the Lord. The inspiration is from a single person who came into my life when I was most acceptable to healing.

I dedicate these writings to her, and to the Pastor who provided me with some of the key words used in some of the writings.

I give special thanks to those individuals who helped with the spelling. Believe you me, there were a bunch of them.

Special thanks to Patricia Anderson who has been a friend and whose family is one as mine, and to my son Scott for teaching me a little about computers.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1942 and I was considered a gifted child. Gifted in that I had an attention disorder, which was not even in our vocabulary in the forties and fifties.

Having failed the first and second grade and finally in 1960 joining the U.S. Army, from which I retired in 1981. I received my G.E.D. and than my graduate studies at the University of Maryland in 1983. I worked for a motivation company for several years before going into direct sales. I had been to several seminars and Marriage Encounter programs for a church group. Later I found that I was also dyslexics, another learning disability.

In 1999, after having been through several marriages and many difficult relationships, I was

called upon to express my thoughts.

The one story, "He called," happened to me while I was thinking about my life and how I could express these feelings to anyone who wished to understand themselves. I do not expect everyone to agree with what I have written, but instead I want to form disagreement, in order for the reader to find his or her own answers.

There will, no doubt, be discord, concerning some of the things that I have written and that some will not like some or all off my thoughts. This is, however, a story about a persons life written in short prose format.

I wrote each item because of what I felt. It was spiritually guided. None of the writings are in order of experience, but instead they were my thoughts on the day I wrote them. I have placed them in alphabetical order for easy of reference.

You will note that at the bottom of each page my name and the date I wrote the item. The writings are not intended to be left in the book form, but instead I hope you will find at least one to hang on your wall.

God bless you.

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AND NOW I WILL SHOW YOU THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY.
IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MEN AND ANGELS,
BUT HAVE NOT LOVE,
I AM ONLY A RESOUNDING GONG
OR A CLANGING CYMBAL.
IF I HAVE THE GIFT OF PROPHECY AND
CAN FATHOM ALL MYSTERIES
AND ALL KNOWLEDGE AND IF
I HAVE A FAITH THAT CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS,
BUT HAVE NOT LOVE. I AM NOTHING.
IF I GIVE ALL I POSSES TO THE POOR
AND SURRENDER MY BODY TO THE FLAMES,
BUT HAVE NOT LOVE,
I GAIN NOTHING.
LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND.
IT DOES NOT ENVY,
IT DOES NOT BOAST,
IT IS NOT PROUD.
IT IS NOT RUDE,
IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING,
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,
IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONG.
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.
IT ALWAYS PROTECTS,
ALWAYS TRUSTS,
ALWAYS HOPES,
ALWAYS PRESERVES,
LOVE NEVER FAILS.
BUT THERE ARE PROPHECIES,
THEY WILL CEASE;
WHERE THERE IS KNOWLEDGE,
IT WILL PASS AWAY.
FOR WE KNOW IN PART
AND WE PROPHECY IN PART,
BUT WHEN PERFECTION COMES,
THE IMPERFECT DISAPPEARS.
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I
TALKED LIKE A CHILD,
I THOUGHT LIKE A CHILD,
I REASONED LIKE A CHILD
WHEN I BECOME A MAN,
I PUT CHILDISH WAYS BEHIND ME.
NOW WE SEE BUT A POOR REFLECTION AS IN A MIRROR;
THEN WE SHALL SEE FACE TO FACE. NOW I KNOW IN PART;
THEN I SHALL KNOW FULLY,
EVEN AS I AM FULLY KNOWN.
AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

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AM I HE OR AM I ME

MANY YEARS AGO I WAS ASKED,
WHY ARE THE GOOD MEN DEAD,
"YET MEN LIKE MYSELF AND MY FATHER, ARE
STILL ALIVE?"

I WROTE, WHILE IN COLLEGE,
"AM I HE OR AM I ME?"

AT THE TIME I DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE
REASON FOR THE QUESTION.

AS THE YEARS PASSED AND I SAW SO MANY
MOTHERS
TAKE OUT THEIR HURT ON THE CHILD,
BECAUSE THE CHILD, REMINDED THEM OF THE
FATHER.

I LEARNED THE REASON FOR MY QUESTION.

I LEARNED THAT OTHER CHILDREN'S LIVES
ARE BEING DESTROYED DUE TO THE PARENT'S
ACTIONS

WHILE THE CHILD, IS STILL IN THE WOMB.

THAT THE ABUSE INFLICTED ON THE CHILD,
IS THE PARENT'S ANGER TOWARD EACH
OTHER.

THE CHILD SUFFERS
AND USUALLY DOES NOT SURVIVE THESE
YOUNGER YEARS.

IF THE CHILD DOES SURVIVE
THEY ARE AFFECTED THE REST OF THEIR
LIVES.

ONLY THE STRONGEST ARE ABLE TO PASS
THROUGH TO ADULTHOOD.
FEW FIND THEMSELVES WITH GOD.

PART OF THE REASON,
I FEEL I NEED TO WRITE SOME OF WHAT I
WRITE, IS BECAUSE I WANT ONE PARENT TO
SEE THE CHILD AS A BLESSING.
BROUGHT ONTO THIS EARTH AS A BLESSING,
NOT AS A MISTAKE. THE CHILD NEEDS LOVE
LONG BEFORE IT TAKES ITS FIRST BREATH.

THAT A MOMENT OF KINDNESS TOWARD OUR CHILDREN WILL CHANGE THE FUTURE WAY THE WORLD THINKS.

DO NOT TRY TO COMPARE THE CHILD WITH, "HE OR SHE LOOK LIKE ONE OF THE PARENTS."

NOR SHOULD YOU SAY, "HE OR SHE REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE," BECAUSE EACH CHILD IS IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, IN THAT EACH CHILD IS GODLY, UNTIL WE TEACH THEM THE WRONG THINGS.

PLEASE READ THE BIBLE WHILE RAISING THE CHILD. BRING GOD BACK INTO THE HOME AND SCHOOL, AND THEN THE VIOLENCE WILL CEASE.

CHARLES 05/01/9

BABIES

THEY HAVE TRUSTED IN YOU.

WHAT YOU TEACH THEM AT FIRST, ARE WHO THEY ARE FOR LIFE.

A NEW FRIENDSHIP IS THE SAME.

WITH WHAT COMES FROM THE HEART STAYS, WHAT IS NOT IS SOON TURNED AWAY.

THE TRIP YOU ARE ABOUT TO MAKE, WILL TAKE YOU FOR A WHILE AWAY.

BUT WITH YOU, TAKE MY FRIENDSHIP.

BABIES ARE FRESH AND NEW, OUR FRIENDSHIP IS TOO.

CHARLES 03/21/99

CHILL

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S UP WITH YOU BROTHER,

BUT CHILL.
YOU MIGHT THINK WE ARE NOT RELATED BUT BY FAMILY GOES BACK TO ADAM AND EVE

SO CHILL!

WHEN I GET READY TO MAKE THE MOVE ON THE SISTER, COLOR WILL NOT MATTER, BECAUSE IT'S ALL GOOD.

IT WILL NOT MATTER!

I AM WHO I AM ON THE INSIDE, NOT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE FROM THE OUT.

YOU CANNOT CHANGE THE LOVE THAT'S HERE FOR THE SISTER NO MATTER WHAT THE FAMILY SAYS.

SO CHILL!

COME ON GIRL YOU KNOW WE LOOK GOOD. IT'S NOT JUNGLE FEVER BUT ITS LOVE FROM THE HEART.

GIVE ME YOUR HAND AND LET'S GET OUR GROVE ON.
COME ON GIRL, YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU, PUT THE COLOR TO THE SIDE.

LET THE BROTHER KNOW IT IS ALL GOOD.

WE COME FROM THE SAME FAMILY, ADAM AND EVE, THEY WERE MY RELATIVES TOO.

SO BROTHER, JUST CHILL.

TAKE MY HAND LET'S WALK DOWN THE AISLES. LET THE PREACHER SAY I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE.

THEN OUR CHILDREN WILL BE YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER.
IT'S ALL GOOD SO CHILL.

Charles 04/21/99

CLOSE YOUR EYES.

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND LISTEN TO WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY.

WHEN I AWOKE THIS MORNING I WAS ALONE,
BUT MY SPIRIT WAS HIGH FOR THE LORD WAS
INSIDE ME.

I WALKED THE BEACH AS THE SUN ROSE.

THE SEAGULLS WERE FLYING WITH THE
BREEZE.

THE WIND BLEW GENTLY AGAINST MY CHEEKS.

A CLOUD WAS OVERHEAD WITH THE WINGS OF
AN ANGEL AND YOUR FACE WAS ETCHED INTO
THE SKY.

A TEAR FELL FROM MY CHEEK, IN SLOW
MOTION IT HIT THE SAND ON THE BEACH.

I SAW MY LIFE DISAPPEAR IN THE SAND,
BECAUSE MY HEART WAS SO MUCH IN LOVE
WITH THE ANGEL IN THE SKY.

I FELL TO THE GROUND IN HOPE OF FINDING
THE LOVE I NEVER HAD.

I KNEW THAT MY HEART WAS STRONG, AS I
HAD YOU PLACE YOUR HAND THERE JUST
YESTERDAY.

AN ANGEL YOU ARE AND I SEE YOU WHEN I
HOLD MY HEAD UP HIGH AND LOOK INTO THE
SKY.

THE BREEZE DRIED THE TEARS IN MY EYES.

I TURNED TO DEPART AND A SEAGULL BECAME
A DOVE AND LANDED AT MY FEET.

IT SHOWED NO FEAR.

I SAW YOUR EYES IN THE DOVE AND THEN I
UNDERSTOOD, THAT FOR A MOMENT, I HAVE
TOUCHED YOUR HEART TOO.

I WIPE AWAY THE TEARS AND SMILED AS THE
DOVE FLEW AWAY. I KNEW THERE WOULD BE
ANOTHER DAY.

Charles 04/15/99

CRAZY FOR YOU BABY

I HAVE NEVER WRITTEN A SONG BUT,
I AM CRAZY FOR YOU BABY.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY
BABY.

BUT WHEN WE'RE APART, I AM NOT WITH
ANOTHER LADY.

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH YOUR LOVE BABY,
BECAUSE YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY.

I LOCKED THE DOOR AND TURNED THE LIGHTS
DOWN LOW.

I PLACED YOUR PICTURE BY THE DOOR. EACH
TIME I WANTED
TO LEAVE YOUR EYES DROVE ME CRAZY.

MY HEART IS FULL OF YOUR LOVE BABY,
BECAUSE YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY.

THE ONLY WAY I CAN FIND PEACE, IS TO READ
THE GOOD BOOK AND
KNOW THAT IF THE LORD WANTS IT TO BE,
THEN I WILL STOP BEING
DRIVEN CRAZY AND THAT YOUR LOVE WILL
COME THOUGH.

MY HEART IS FULL OF YOUR LOVE BABY,
BECAUSE YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY.

WHEN I FEEL YOUR TOUCH I AM BEING DRIVEN
CRAZY.

THE LOOK OF YOUR BROWN EYES REACH INTO
MY HEART
BABY, YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY.

I WILL NOT FIND PEACE BABY, BECAUSE YOU
DRIVE ME CRAZY.

LAST NIGHT I WAS ALONE BUT, YOUR PICTURE
WAS BY THE DOOR.

MY HEART IS FULL OF YOUR LOVE AND YOU

BROUGHT ME TO THE LORD BABY.

EVEN WHEN I SIT ALONE I KNOW YOU'RE WITH ME, BECAUSE IF HE WANTS IT TO BE IT WILL BE.

BUT BABY, YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY. SO JUST CALL AND LET ME KNOW THAT I AM NOT ALONE, BECAUSE I DRIVE YOU CRAZY TOO, BABY.

YOU DON'T KNOW YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY. MY HEART IS FILLED WITH YOUR LOVE BABY. SO JUST CALL AND LET ME KNOW THAT I AM NOT ALONE BABY, BECAUSE I DRIVE YOU CRAZY TOO.

CHARLES 03/02/99

DESIRE

WHAT IS THE LIGHT OF DAY,
IF NOT THE BURNING OF DESIRES.

THE MAN IN ME FEELS THE FLESH
EVEN FROM AFAR.

THE BREATH IS WARM,
FROM THE WOMAN I DESIRE.

EVEN WITHOUT A TOUCH I AM ON FIRE.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A WOMAN SO
CLOSE AND NOT DESIRE?

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE
A SOUL ON FIRE?

WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES AT NIGHT
I SEE HER EYES AND I AM ON FIRE.

I AM A MAN AND MY FLESH IS ON FIRE.

Charles 04/20/99

DOG

I WAS A DOG.

I WAS JUST SITTING BY THE SIDE OF THE

ROAD, WANTING TO BE LEFT ALONE.

THEN ALONG COMES A LADY
AND SHE LED ME AWAY,
FOR SURE IF I MIGHT SAY.

I HAD NOTHING TO DO,
SO ALONG I WALKED WITH HER.

SHE TOOK ME IN AND TAUGHT ME MUCH.

SHE THEN LET ME GO BACK FROM WHENCE I
HAD COME.

THERE WAS NO LEASH OR ORDERS GIVEN.

I COULD EITHER FOLLOW WHAT SHE TAUGHT
OR I COULD CONTINUE TO SIT ON THE SIDE OF
THE ROAD.

WHAT SHOULD I CHOOSE TO DO?

DO I WANT TO SIT HERE ALONE?

THEN A THOUGHT CAME TO ME,
I CAN CHOOSE WHO I WANT TO BE!

FOR YOU SEE, IT WAS ONLY THE DOG IN ME
AND NOT WHO I REALLY AM, BECAUSE GOD
MADE ME A MAN AND AS A MAN I COULD BE
WHAT I CHOOSE TO BE.

NOW YOU CAN SEE, SHE IS BY ME,
AND I AM A BETTER MAN. BECAUSE OF THE
LADY WHO TOOK A STRAY HOME.

Charles 04/02/99

EYES

THINK NOT WHAT I AM.

THINK NOT OF EYES THAT ARE GREEN.

THROUGH THESE EYES I SEE.

I AM NOT BLACK NOR WHITE.

THOUGH MY SKIN IS NOT THE COLOR OF THEE.

MY EYES ARE A MIXTURE OF ALL THOSE THAT CAN SEE.

MY SKIN IS NOT BLACK OR WHITE.

SEE ME CHILD, NOT AS OTHERS.

BUT SEE ME AS YOUR
SISTER, BROTHER, FATHER OR MOTHER.

CHARLES 03/12/99

INSPIRATION

AS I SAT AT MY DESK,
THERE WAS A SUDDEN GLOW THAT CAME
THROUGH THE WINDOW.

I THOUGHT AT FIRST THAT IT WAS THE
HEADLIGHTS OF A CAR,
BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT IT WAS 1
O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

MY NEXT THOUGHT WAS THAT WE WERE
HAVING A THUNDERSTORM,
BUT IT HAD NOT RAINED HERE IN SEVERAL
MONTHS.

NOW I WAS CURIOUS,
SO I LOOKED OUTSIDE,
THE GLOW WAS COMING FROM AN ANGEL.

NOW I HAD NEVER SEEN AN ANGEL BEFORE,
I HAD WRITTEN ABOUT THEM.
I SAW THEIR OUTLINES IN THE CLOUDS.

I KNOW THAT THE BIBLE SAYS,
THAT JESUS COULD HAVE CALLED UPON TEN
THOUSAND ANGELS
TO DEFEAT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE
CRUCIFYING HIM.

I HAD HEARD PEOPLE SAY
THAT I HAD TAKEN THEM UNDER MY WINGS

AS IF I WAS A GUARDIAN ANGEL.

BUT TO SEE ONE BEFORE ME
NOW WAS UN-BELIEVABLE.

MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT
AN ANGEL DOES NOT TALK TO MORTALS.

BUT AS WE SPOKE,
I KNEW THAT THE GODLINESS IN YOU
WAS SO MUCH MORE THAN I COULD EVER
IMAGINE IN ANOTHER PERSON.

THESE PAST FEW MONTHS,
WHICH GOD BROUGHT YOU TO ME,
HAS CHANGED MY LIFE.

I REALIZE THAT WE MAY NEVER BE,
MAN AND WIFE,
THAT GOD'S PURPOSE WAS FOR ME TO SEE
THE LIGHT OF DAY THROUGH YOU.

YOU HAVE BECOME THE MEASUREMENT FOR
ME,
OF ALL THAT I BELIEVE A SOUL-MATE SHOULD
BE.

I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN,
TO LIVE UP TO THE REASON FOR HIM
BRINGING YOU TO ME.

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LIFE

IT BEGINS WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR FIRST
BREATH,
USUALLY AS AN UNWANTED CHILD,
THROUGH THE MISTAKE TWO PEOPLE MAKE IN
A MOMENT OF PASSION.

WE ARE BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD
SCREAMING,
HELD UPSIDE DOWN AND SMACKED,
IN ORDER TO MAKE US TAKE OUR FIRST
BREATH.

WE ARE GIVEN TO OUR MOTHER,
IF WE ARE LUCKY,

SOMETIMES EVEN THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER SHOWS UP.

BUT SOMETIMES, WE ARE TAKEN AWAY BECAUSE WE ARE AN UNWANTED LIFE.

WE DID NOT ASK TO BE HERE, BUT WE ARE HERE ANYWAY.
FIGHTING FROM DAY ONE TO SURVIVE THE SINS
THAT OUR FOREFATHERS PUT ON US.

WE STRUGGLE WITHOUT KNOWING HOW TO SURVIVE OR UNDERSTANDING WHY, WE ARE PASSED FROM HOME TO HOME.

SOMETIMES WE ARE NOT WITH THE PERSON WHO GAVE US LIFE,
NOT ALWAYS IS THAT THE MOTHER OR FATHER, BUT ONE OF GOD'S HELPERS WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE.

IF WE ARE LUCKY,
WE MAKE IT THROUGH THE YOUNGER YEARS AND GROW INTO AN ADULT,
WHO HAS A CHANCE TO CHANGE ONE BABY'S LIFE.

WE ARE ASKED WHY HAVE WE TAKEN ON THE CHILD
THAT NO ONE WANTED TO SEE BECOME AN ADULT.

ASK INSTEAD, IF YOU MUST, WHY SHOULD THE CHILD SUFFER,
BECAUSE OF A MOMENT OF PASSION.

GOD'S CHILDREN ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL.

SO ASK NOT WHY?
BUT, ASK, HOW CAN I HELP?

BE THERE BECAUSE, IF YOU SHOULD LIVE TO DIE AT AN OLD AGE, SOMEONE WAS THERE FOR YOU.
THANK THE LORD FOR SENDING "TILLY" WHEN I NEEDED SOMEONE MOST.

THANK YOU LORD FOR THE ANGEL WHO IS NOW WATCHING OVER ME.

THANK YOU LORD FOR ALLOWING ME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHER SMALL CHILDREN.

TEACH ME TO PASS THE WORD ON TO OTHERS.

CHARLES 05/01/99

LOVE

I ONLY KNOW ONE WAY TO LOVE.

THAT IS TO LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART AND SOUL.
TO GIVE MYSELF TOTALLY TO THE ONE I LOVE.

IN DOING SO I HAVE FOUND,
MOST PEOPLE DO NOT WANT A TOTAL LOVE.

INSTEAD THEY WANT A LOVE THAT CAN BE TURNED ON AND OFF AT A PUSH OF A BUTTON.

THIS IS TEMPORARY LOVE,
IT IS NOT A TOTAL COMMITMENT THAT TWO PEOPLE HAVE THAT WANT TO BE TOGETHER TILL THE DAWN.

OF COURSE THE PROBLEM WITH THIS KIND OF LOVE IS THAT IT IS SELDOM RETURNED.

WE HAVE TO TEMPER OUR LOVE TO ANOTHER HUMAN
YET UN-TEMPER IT TO GOD.

I HAVE NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY WE CAN NOT HAVE THE SAME LOVE FOR EACH OTHER AS WE HAVE FOR GOD.

I ALWAYS WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE THE SAME UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR ANOTHER PERSON AS I HAVE FOR GOD.

IF I AM ASKED WHY NONE OF MY

RELATIONSHIPS HAVE WORKED OUT, I WOULD HAVE TO ANSWER THAT THE OTHER PERSON ALWAYS SETS LIMITATIONS ON HOW MUCH LOVE I CAN GIVE OR RECEIVE.

I LOVE YOU AS TOTALLY WHEN I AM WITH YOU, AS WHEN I AM NOT WITH YOU. IT IS SOMETHING I HAVE NOT LEARNED TO TURN OFF.

IT IS THE WAY I AM. WOULD YOU WANT ME TO BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THAT, ABOUT MY LOVING YOU?

WOULD YOU WANT TO LOVE ANYONE LESS THAN 100% . I CAN GIVE 100% TO GOD AND TO YOU. WITH YOU I CAN STILL GIVE 100% TO MY JOB, WITHOUT YOU I AM BUT ONE THIRD OF A PERSON.

CHARLES 05/04/99

LOVE STORY

I WAS ALONE AND I LOOKED UP INTO THE SKY. IT WAS EMPTY, NOT A STAR NOR MOON WAS IN SIGHT.

DARKNESS WAS ALL THAT COULD BE SEEN IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE, IT WAS AN ERIE SIGHT.

I RUBBED MY EYES AND THOUGHT THAT I WAS BLIND, YET THE HEAVEN WAS EMPTY OF LIGHT.

SUDDENLY TWO STARS APPEARED SPACED EVENLY APART, PIERCING THE DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT.

AT EACH SIDE FOUR NEW STARS SHOWED THE OUTLINE OF EARS, THEN THE OVAL SHAPE OF A FACE, A NOSE AND A SMILE THAT COULD ONLY COMES FROM YOUR FACE.

I REMEMBERED PROMISING YOU THE WORLD AND SAW YOU SMILE,

AS I AGAIN OPENED MY EYES, YOU SAID GOOD MORNING.

I KNEW THEN, YOU HAD GIVEN ME A NEW GALAXY, WHEN YOU BECAME MY WIFE.

CHARLES 04/25/99

MOTHER

I CAME FORTH INTO THIS WORLD BLIND.

I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE.

I WAS NAKED, COLD AND SCARED.

I CRIED OUT OF FEAR OF THE WORLD AROUND ME.

I WAS PLACED INTO YOUR WARMTH AND WAS NURTURED BY YOUR BREAST.

I WAS SECURE BECAUSE, I KNEW YOU WOULD PROTECT ME.

AS I GREW FROM A SMALL WONDERMENT, TO A CHILD. YOU TAUGHT ME TO WALK, TO HOLD MY HEAD UP, TO COUNT MY BLESSINGS AND MOST OF ALL, YOU TAUGHT ME THAT MY DESTINY WAS TO BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE.

YOU GAVE ME THE FAITH I HAVE, THAT AS LONG AS MY ACTIONS WERE THOUGHT OUT BY ASKING MYSELF, "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO (WWJD)?" THEN MY DECISIONS THROUGHOUT MY LIFE WOULD ALWAYS BRING RESPECT HOME TO YOU.

YOU GAVE UP THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE SO THAT I COULD EAT, GET AN EDUCATION AND PASS ON YOUR TEACHINGS TO MY CHILDREN.

YOUR SACRIFICES HAVE NOT BEEN FOR NOTHING, BECAUSE LONG AFTER YOU'RE IN HEAVEN, SITTING BY OUR FATHER, YOU WILL LOOK DOWN AS ONE OF HIS ANGELS, AND YOU WILL SEE THE FRUITS OF YOUR

LABOR.

MOTHER KEEP FAITH, THAT EVEN WHEN I SLIP
AND SOMETIMES FORGET YOUR TEACHINGS, I
AM NOT A LOST SHEEP AND I HAVE ONCE
AGAIN JOINED HIS FLOCK, BECAUSE OF WHAT
YOU TAUGHT ME.

I LOVE YOU, MAY GOD SEE THE GIFT YOU
HAVE BROUGHT HIM.
YOUR CHILD!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM THE CHILDREN
HERE
AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THOSE WE NEED TO SAVE FOR THE FUTURE
AND LIFE EVER-LASTING,
WILL BE SAVED, BECAUSE OF YOU.

CHARLES 04/24/99

NAKED

THERE WAS A VAST DESERT BEFORE ME.
I WAS STANDING ALONE.

THE SUN BORE DOWN UPON ME.
THERE WAS NO PLACE TO SEEK SHELTER.

I WAS WEAK, THIRSTY, HUNGRY AND ALONE.

ALL MY FRIENDS HAD DESERTED ME.
MY FAMILY HAD DISOWNED ME
MY CHILDREN HAD FORSAKEN ME.

THERE WAS NOTHING BUT THE HOT
SCORCHING SUN ABOVE .
I HAD NO CLOTHES TO PROTECT ME FROM
THE HEAT, NO SHOES TO KEEP MY FEET FROM
BURNING.

I WAS NAKED AND ALONE.

I LOOKED INTO THE SKY AND THE SUN
BLINDED ME.
I SAW THE VULTURES COMING DOWN FROM
THE HEAVENS TO PICK MY BONES CLEAN.

I STARTED TO CRY FOR I WAS NOT READY TO
DIE,
I YELLED, " GOD HAVE YOU TO FORSAKEN ME".

HE ANSWERED.
"NO! I HAVE COME TO SAVE YOU."

I HAVE STRIPPED YOU OF ALL YOUR WEALTH,
I HAVE TAKEN YOUR CLOTHES,
I HAVE PUT ALL UNGODLY THINGS ASIDE.
I HAVE DONE THIS SO THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE
ME.

I WAS NAKED BECAUSE HE HAD A PURPOSE
FOR ME.
THAT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SEE UNTIL
EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE
WAS FRESH AND NEW AS WAS A BABY.

GOD BROUGHT ON THE RAIN, THE GRASS
GREW, I WAS PROVIDED FOOD.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME OVER ME
AND NOW, WHEN I SPEAK, THE WORLD
LISTENS TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

MULTITUDES OF PEOPLE READ MY WORKS,
BUSINESS WILL COME TO SHARE THE
KNOWLEDGE I BRING THEM.

I NOW HAVE AN ABUNDANCE THAT I CAN
SHARE.

I HAVE BEEN SAVED,
BECAUSE I WAS NOT FINISHED DOING GOD'S
WORK.

CHARLES 05/02/99

PRACTICAL JOKES

A LOT OF PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND,
BUT GOD HAS A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. I
SHOULD KNOW, BECAUSE HE IS ALWAYS,
PLAYING PRACTICAL JOKES ON ME.

I CAN REMEMBER A FEW YEARS BACK, WHEN
ALL MY BILLS WERE PAID AND SOMEONE SENT

ME \$749.20 THAT THEY OWED ME.
I HAD JUST CASHED THE CHECK AND WAS ON
THE WAY TO BUY SOMETHING I REALLY DID
NOT NEED.

A PERSON PASSED ME IN A NEW MERCEDES ON
THE RIGHT, CUT IN FRONT OF ME AS A TRUCK
IN FRONT OF HER CAME TO A STOP.
THE ROADS WERE WET, AS I PRESSED ON THE
BRAKES, MY CAR SLID INTO THE BACK OF THE
MERCEDES.

SINCE I HAD LIABILITY INSURANCE ONLY,
I HAD TO PAY FOR THE COST OF REPAIRS TO
MY CAR,
WHICH COME TO, "YOU GUESSED IT,"
\$749.20.

AFTERWARDS, I ASKED MYSELF WAS HE
PROVIDING FOR ME BEFORE IT HAPPENED,
BECAUSE HE KNOWS ALL, OR WAS HE LETTING
ME KNOW HE HAS A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR.

I REMEMBER LOOKING UP INTO THE SKY AND
SAYING OUT LOUD, " I BET YOU THINK THAT
IS FUNNY," I KNOW I HAD A SMILE ON MY
FACE,
AND SAID," THANK YOU LORD I NEEDED
THAT."

THERE ARE TIMES IN OUR LIVES WHEN WE
WANT TO QUESTION WHAT GOD DOES
AND AS WE ARE HIS CHILDREN WE HAVE NO
UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASON
WHY HE DOES WHAT HE DOES. JUST AS
PARENTS, OUR CHILDREN
DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT WE DO.

THERE ARE, I KNOW YOU CAN THINK OF
NUMEROUS TIMES, WHEN HE HAS PLAYED A
PRACTICAL JOKE ON YOU.

IF YOU CAN, THEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH
THE SAME LIVING GOD I KNOW.

REMEMBER, BAD THINGS DO NOT HAPPEN TO
US, THERE ARE THINGS THAT JUST HAPPEN,
SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND
WHO IS REALLY IN CONTROL.

CHARLES 05/01/99

PROMISE

BLOW THE WINDS OF ILL TIDINGS.

TURN FROM ME THE HARDSHIPS AROUND ME.

DO NOT ALLOW EVIL TO PREVAIL.

MAKE GOOD THE PROMISE OF SAFEKEEPING.

FORSAKE ME NOT AS I HAVE NOT FORSAKEN
THEE.

ALLOW THE FRESHNESS OF THE CLEANING
BY YOUR RAIN TO CLEAR THE AIR.

DO NOT LET RUMORS CONTROL MY LIFE BUT
LET TRUTH PREVAIL.

LET THOSE, WHO NEED TO KNOW,
KNOW WHO I AM AND KEEP MY SECRETS
FROM THOSE WHO HAVE NO NEED TO KNOW.

ALLOW ME TO RISE ABOVE THE PETTINESS OF
THE MORTAL
AND TO BETTER SERVE YOU.

LET ME FIND PLEASURES IN YOUR GRACE
OTHER THAN PLEASURE IN MATERIAL WEALTH.

KEEP SAFE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NOT FOUND
PEACE.

CHARLES 03/12/99

PASTOR

THE GREATNESS IN A PERSON SHOULD BE
MEASURED, BY THEIR GIVING AND CARING
NATURE.

THE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE WE RECEIVE IS EVEN
MORE IMPORTANT.

ON SPECIAL DAYS SUCH AS MOTHER'S DAY WE
TEND TO FORGET THE ROLE OUR SPIRITUAL

ADVISER PLAYS IN OUR LIFE.

THE KNOWLEDGE WE RECEIVE FROM OUR PASTOR ENABLES US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES AND HOW THEY APPLY TO OUR LIFE.

I BELIEVE THAT IF ONE DEDICATES THEIR LIFE TO GOD AND THEY TAKE ON THE ROLE OF THE PASTOR SUCH AS THE ONE I KNOW, THEN HE OR SHE BECOMES THE MOTHER AND OR FATHER OF ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN.

IN DOING SO, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PASTOR GOES BEYOND THE PROVIDING OF SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE, BUT HE OR SHE TEACHES THEIR CONGREGATION HOW TO SURVIVE IN TODAY'S WORLD.

THEY THEN BECOME OUR PARENT ROLE MODEL, AND THUS NEED TO BE GIVEN THE RESPECT AS SUCH ON A DAILY BASIS, AS WE WOULD GIVE OUR PARENTS.

MAY THE PASTORS THEN UNDERSTAND THE INFLUENCE THEY HAVE ON THEIR CONGREGATION AND THAT THEY USE THEIR POWERS AS HE WOULD WANT THEM TO.

IF THEY SHOULD MAKE A MISTAKE, MAY GOD GIVE THEM THE STRENGTH TO ADMIT IT.

THAT HE PROVIDES THEM WITH THE WISDOM TO CORRECT THE MISTAKE.

BECAUSE ABOVE ALL ELSE, THE PASTOR IS SUBJECT TO ERROR AS ANYONE AND WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND AND ALWAYS SUPPORT THEM.

THE REASON THEN WHY I AM WRITING, "THE PASTOR", IS THAT WHEN THE PASTOR, SUCH AS THE ONE I KNOW, TAKES ON GOD'S WORK UNSELFISHLY, THEN HER FAMILY IS ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN AND WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE HER OR HIM ON SPECIAL DAYS.

SINCE MOTHER'S DAY HONORS MOTHERS, THEN I WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THE FEMALE

PASTORS, AS THE LIVING MOTHER OF ALL WITHIN HER REACH.

BLESS YOU, AND MAY YOU FIND THE CORRECT SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE TO PASS ON TO GOD'S CHILDREN.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

CHARLES 05/01/99

RACE

TO MOVE QUICKLY FROM ONE POINT TO THE NEXT.

TRYING TO BE IN FRONT OF OTHERS WITH WHOM YOU ARE RACING.

OR IS RACE SHOWING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ONE GROUP OF PEOPLE OVER ANOTHER?

COULD RACE ALSO BE THE DIFFERENCES THAT ARE FOUND IN EACH OF US?

HOW ABOUT A RACE TO FIND GREATER UNITY IN ALL INDIVIDUALS, RATHER THAN THE DIFFERENCES!

IF I CUT MYSELF I BLEED.

THE COLOR OF MY BLOOD IS THE SAME AS THE COLOR OF YOUR BLOOD.

IT IS RED. NOW IT MAY BE A DARKER RED, OR LIGHTER RED, OR THE SAME COLOR RED DEPENDING ON WHAT WE EAT.

BUT NON THE LESS, IT'S RED.

IF WE HAVE THE SAME BLOOD TYPE AND EITHER OF US SHOULD NEED BLOOD THEN MY BLOOD, IF IT IS HEALTHY BLOOD, IS AS GOOD AS YOUR BLOOD AND THE REVERSE HOLDS TRUE.

THE REST OF OUR BODY PARTS ARE ALSO INTERCHANGEABLE, GIVEN THAT THERE IS A MATCH.

SO INSTEAD OF SEEING SOMEONE AS A DIFFERENT RACE, SEE THEM AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH IDEAS THAT YOU CAN SHARE AND

EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE.

RACE TO EMBRACE THEM WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ALL CAME FROM ONE MAN AND THAT THE CREATOR WAS ONE GOD.

RACE TO GIVE THEM THE NEW MEANING OF THE WORD RACE.

LET THERE BE AN UNDERSTANDING THAT RACE DOES NOT MEAN THE OUTSIDE DIFFERENCES BUT IT IS THE RACE AGAINST TIME TO BRING ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN BACK TO HIS HOUSE.

RACE, IS THE SPEED WE NEED TO INCREASE OUR TEACHING TO OTHERS, TO ENSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE RAISED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE FOUND IN THE BIBLE AND NOT ON THE STREET.

RACE IS TO FORGET THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE RACISM IS TAUGHT AT HOME, IN THE SCHOOL AND ON THE STREET.

THEN WHY IS NOT THE RACE TO TEACH THE BIBLE, WHICH IS NO LONGER TAUGHT IN THESE THREE PLACES?

REMEMBER THE WORD RACE, AS THE JOB WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE.
I SEE YOU AS MY BROTHER AND SISTER.

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU SEE ME?
IF IT IS OTHER THAN A HUMAN WITH THOUGHTS AND FEELING, THEN FIND NEW MEANING IN THE WORD RACE.

CHARLES 03/27/99

SHIPS PASSING IN THE NIGHT!

I WAS AN OLD PIRATE SHIP THAT HAD SEEN TOO MANY FIGHTS.
MY SAILS WERE TORN,
MY MAST WERE BROKEN.

I HAD FOUGHT HARD AND LONG IN TOO MANY

STARLESS NIGHTS.

I HAVE SEEN THE BLOOD OF MY MASTER ON MY HANDS.

I WAS TAKING ON WATER AND SINKING FAST.
I WONDERED WOULD THIS BE THE LAST BATTLE
BEFORE I SURRENDERED TO THE DEEP?

MY MASTER WAS YELLING OUT ORDERS TO FIX THE SAILS,
TO TURN THE SHIP INTO THE LIGHT.
SLOWLY I FELT THE SHUDDER OF MY SOUL.
DOWN DEEP IN SIDE THE WOOD CREAKED AND STRAINED.

BUT I TURNED INTO THE LIGHT.

THERE YOU WERE, COMING STRAIGHT AT ME.
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SHIP I HAD EVER SEEN,
YOUR SAILS WERE FULL AND YOUR SPEED WAS GREAT.

MY MASTER YELLED, THERE SHE IS,
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.
TURN HARD TO PORT,
LET'S SEE HOW SHE FIGHTS.

THEN YOU TURNED TO BARE YOUR CANNONS
AND WITH A FULL BLAST YOU BROAD-SIDED ME,
WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.

I KNEW YOU WERE GREAT
BECAUSE THE LORD WAS YOUR GUIDE.

I KNEW I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE
WITH THE SHIP THAT PASSED IN THE NIGHT.
YOU THREW OUT LINES TO THE SOULS IN THE SEA,
AND SAVED ALL BUT ME.

AS I SLOWLY SUNK BENEATH THE SEA,
I HEARD YOU SAY
"IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT MY HURT WOULD GO AWAY,
I TOO COULD LOVE YOU AS A GREAT LOVER OF GOD'S SHEEP".

CHARLES 04/19/99

SMILE

I SAW THE SMILE ON YOUR FACE,
THE WONDERMENT IN YOUR EYES,
THE BEAUTY IN YOUR WALK,
THE WARMTH IN YOUR HEART,

WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME,
I FEEL THAT I HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY AN
ANGEL.

HOW CAN I NOT LOVE YOU?

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME
TO UNDERSTAND HOW ANYONE
COULD DO ANYTHING TO HURT YOU.

YOU HAVE HEARD BEFORE.
"HOW DO I LOVE YOU,
LET ME COUNT THE WAYS."

I CANNOT COUNT FAR ENOUGH.
YEARS WOULD PASS BEFORE
I EVEN GOT PART OF THE LIST DONE.

I CAN ONLY START BY SAYING
MY HEART STOPS AS SOON AS I SEE YOU.
ALL OF MY TROUBLED PAST IS GONE,
AND ONLY YOUR SMILE REMAINS IN MY HEART.

I KNOW THAT YOU AGAIN MUST LEAVE SOON
BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS NEAR AND AT MY SIDE
EVEN WHEN THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US IS
FAR.

NO MATTER WHAT, THANK YOU FOR LETTING
ME MAKE YOU SMILE.

I WILL LOVE YOU UNTIL THERE IS NO
TOMORROW, PLUS ANOTHER DAY.

Charles 04/12/99

SMILE, I AM WITH HIM.

MY EYES ARE CLEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
YEARS.
AS I LOOK DOWN UPON THE EARTH AND SEE
MY CHILDREN, I NO LONGER FEAR.

I NOW AM LIKE THE CLOUDS,
MY SOUL IS AT REST,
I AM WITH HIM AND I SMILE.

MY CHILDREN, DO NOT CRY
NOR BE UNHAPPY.
SMILE NOW, WHEN YOU LOOK INTO THE SKY.

WE ALL MUST ONE DAY MAKE THIS TRIP.
THE JOURNEY IS LONG,
THE TRIP THOUGH, ONCE HERE, IS SHORT.

IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE WE HAVE ALL
GATHERED TOGETHER.
LET IT BE A MOMENT TO BE REMEMBERED.
LET IT BE A TIME THAT WE DO, NOT JUST FOR
THE DEAD,
BUT LET IT BE A TIME FOR THE LIVING AS
WELL.

REMEMBER ME FOR MY GOOD,
THAT I PASSED ON TO YOU,
AND THEN I WILL KNOW THAT MY TIME ON
EARTH WAS NOT LOST.

CRY NOT,
SMILE, FOR I AM WITH HIM.

CHARLES 02/24/98

SOUL-MATE

I SAW A GLASS OF WATER ON THE TABLE
IT WAS HALF FULL.
NEXT TO ME WAS THE WOMAN I LOVED,
SHE TOO HAD A HALF-FULL GLASS OF WATER.

NOW IF WE MIXED THE TWO GLASSES OF
WATER TOGETHER
WE WOULD HAVE A FULL GLASS OF WATER.
HALF WOULD BE HERS AND HALF MINE.
BUT WHAT IF I HAD A GLASS OF OIL AND SHE
WATER, THEN WE WOULD MIX THEM, WE
WOULD HAVE A HALF GLASS OF WATER AND A
HALF GLASS OF OIL.

SOUL-MATES, THEN MUST BE THE SPIRITUAL
MIXTURE OF TWO MINDS, WHICH ALLOW EACH
TO FIND THEIR OWN PLACE WITHOUT TAKING

THE SPACE OR IDENTITY OF THE OTHER.
THE MIXING OF THE WATER MADE THE GLASS
FULL.
AS IF THE MIXTURE OF TWO INDIVIDUALS
SHOULD MAKE THEM WHOLE AND AS ONE.

LIFE IS A NEVER ENDING SEARCH OF PEOPLE
PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR GOD, IN DOING
SO THEY ARE MAKING THEMSELVES READY FOR
THEIR SOUL-MATE.

WHEN WE MAKE A DECISION THAT A PERSON IS
THE ONE WE WANT TO SPEND OUR LIFE WITH
ARE WE DOING SO OUT OF LONELINESS
OR ARE WE SPIRITUALLY BEING DIRECTED?

AS SPOKEN, LOVE YOURSELF, FIND YOUR
DIRECTION WITH GOD, AND THEN GOD WILL
PROVIDE YOUR SOUL-MATE.

HAVE FAITH, THAT IF YOUR DIRECTION IS
GOD,
THEN BE FULFILLED IN THAT, IF IT IS TO
SERVE GOD WITH A MATE, THEN USE THIS
BLESSING TO FULFILL HIS TEACHING.

SOUL-MATES FIND MEANING IN EACH OTHER
NOT JUST IN ONE. IT IS THE COMBINATION OF
THE WORK OF TWO INDIVIDUALS GOING IN
THE SAME DIRECTION THAT DETERMINES IF
YOU ARE SOUL-MATES.

REMEMBER! "NOW OF THESE THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. THE GREATEST IS
LOVE".

MAKE SURE THEN, THAT LOVE IS NOT
MISDIRECTED. FIRST GOD, SPIRITUALLY
COMPATIBLE, PHYSICALLY DESIRABLE,
WITH BOTH HAVING THE SAME GOALS.
THEN YOU HAVE A SOUL-MATE.

CHARLES 04/23/99

THE CHILD WE CANNOT SEE.
NEED NOT CRY MY FLOWER OF THE NIGHT

WHO HAS NOT SEEN THE SUNSHINE SO
BRIGHT?

ON THE BEACH WE WALK HANDS HELD TIGHT.

THERE ARE ABOVE US THE BIRDS IN FLIGHT.

THERE IS THE SOUND OF THE WAVES
CLEANSING OUR SOUL.

WE ARE THE CHILDREN THAT HAVE LONG
WAITED FOR THE TIME,
THAT IS NOW BEFORE US.

THE CHILD WITHIN US IS THE SHADOW OF OUR
SOUL.

WE NEED NOT FEAR TO BE OURSELVES
BECAUSE OF THE TRUST
A CHILD SHOWS.

REMEMBER THE CHILD IS NOT YOURS OR MINE
BUT IT IS US
WHILE HOLDING HANDS.

FEAR NOT THE FLOWER THAT SHOWS IN THE
NIGHT BECAUSE WHEN IT IS TIME
THE SHADOWS WILL BE YOURS AND MINE.

Charles 03/19/99

TIME

IN THE BACK OF GOD'S HOUSE YOU WILL
NOTICE THERE IS NO CLOCK.

BUT YET, EVERY SUNDAY EACH PERSON THAT
COMES INTO GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS
CHECKING TO SEE WHEN THE PASTOR WILL BE
FINISHED, SO THEY CAN GO ON TO
SOMETHING ELSE.

IN GOD'S HOUSE WE NOW HAVE A CLOCK,
BUT THE HANDS HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

NOW THE CLOCK IS STILL TICKING,
AND TIME IS STILL PASSING US BY.

WE CAN NOT STOP TIME, TIME BEGAN BEFORE

WE WERE BORN,
IT WILL CONTINUE LONG AFTER WE ARE
GONE.

SO THEN, THE ONLY TIME WE HAVE IS WHEN
WE ARE SPIRITUALLY WITH GOD.

WHEN YOU COME TO HIS HOUSE ON SUNDAY,
YOU ARE HERE TO TAKE WITH YOU THE
KNOWLEDGE THAT IS PRESENTED BY THE
PASTOR, SO THAT THE REST OF THE TIME
WHEN YOU ARE NOT IN GODS HOUSE, YOUR
TIME WILL BE SPENT SPREADING HIS WORD.

THE QUESTION WAS ASKED, "HOW DO YOU
CONVINCE A NON-BELIEVER THAT JESUS IS THE
SON OF GOD IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A BIBLE TO
QUOTE VERSE AND SCRIPTURE FROM?"

THE ANSWER CAN BE FOUND WITHIN US,
ONCE YOU HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE.

KNOWLEDGE, IS WHAT YOU TAKE FROM HIS
HOUSE, TO TEACH HIS PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIM.

KNOWLEDGE, IS WHAT IT TAKES TO TURN A
NON-BELIEVER INTO A BELIEVER.

KNOWLEDGE, IS THE OPENING OF YOUR MIND
AND THEN THE SPEAKING OF HIS WORDS
THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS, WORDS, OR WHAT
YOU HAVE WRITTEN.

THE NEXT TIME YOU WONDER, "WHEN WILL I
BE LEAVING GODS HOUSE?" ASK INSTEAD,
"WHEN WILL IT BE MY TIME TO SIT BY HIM?"

WILL I HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO BE PREPARED?

AM I READY?

IF I AM NOT READY, THEN I NEED TO SPEND
MY TIME HERE ON EARTH PREPARING MYSELF
AND PASSING HIS WORD ON TO OTHERS.

MY TIME HERE WILL FULFILL HIS REASON FOR
PLACING ME HERE, IF ONLY FOR A BRIEF
MOMENT, WHEN I AM SPREADING HIS WORD.

BECAUSE IN THE SCHEME OF ETERNITY THERE
IS NO TIME.

IT IS LIKE THE CLOCK WITH NO HANDS!

CHARLES 04/15/99

TRUE STORY

I WAS BORN.
I DIED.
THE END.

P.S.

WHERE DID I GO?

MY BELIEF IN GOD WILL GIVE ME DIRECTION.

I MAY NOT KNOW WHICH ROAD TO TAKE,
BUT GOD KNOWS.

HE PLANTED THE SEED
LONG BEFORE I WAS BORN.
HE KNEW THE ENDING,
BEFORE I WAS GONE.

WE ARE ONLY HERE TO MANIFEST THE
SACRIFICE
THAT THE LORD MADE IN GIVING HIS ONLY
CHILD
TO SAVE OUR SOUL,
THAT ERASED THE SIN OF OUR FIRST PARENT.

WE DID NOT KNOW SIN.

NOW WE SIN.

IF WE DO NOT FOLLOW HIS SON'S TEACHINGS,
WHICH DIRECTION DO YOU THINK WE WILL
TAKE AFTER DEATH?

I WAS BORN, I DIED.
IS NOT THE END
BECAUSE THERE IS LIFE WITH GOD
AFTER OUR SOUL LEAVES THE FLESH.

CHARLES 04/28/99

TRY

THE QUESTION IS ALWAYS ASKED, DO YOU
KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO LOSE?

THE ANSWER IS NO!

BECAUSE, I HAVE NEVER LOST!

TO LOSE IS TO NOT TRY!

TO WIN NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME, IS
TO TRY!

EVERY VICTORY IN LIFE SHOULD BE MEASURED
BY YOUR TRYING.

SO MANY TIMES WE ARE MEASURED
BY THE MONEY IN OUR POCKET OR THE CAR
WE DRIVE.

BECAUSE OF THIS FALSE MEASUREMENT WE
ARE NOT MEASURING THE PERSON,
BUT IN FACT WE ARE MEASURING WHAT WE
ARE TAUGHT.

NOW IT IS NOT TO SAY
THAT MEASURING SUCCESS
BY HAVING BIG CARS, LARGE ESTATES OR
PLENTY OF MONEY
IS A BAD MEASUREMENT.

BUT THAT DOES NOT MEASURE
THE PERSON'S FAITH IN GOD, NOR THE
PERSON'S HEART.

TO NEVER QUIT, TO NEVER ACCEPT FAILURE,
TO KEEP ONES FAITH,
IS THE TRUE MEASUREMENT OF A PERSON.
TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE TODAY
AND VISUALIZE WHERE YOU WILL BE
TOMORROW,
IS HOW WE REACH OUR DESTINY.
GOD DID NOT PUT US HERE TO FEEL SORRY
FOR OURSELVES.
INSTEAD WE ARE HERE TO BE TESTED BY HIM,

TO SEE IF WE ARE WORTHY TO SIT BESIDE HIM
IN HEAVEN.

SO THE NEXT TIME YOU THINK THAT THINGS
DID NOT GO THE WAY
YOU THOUGHT THEY SHOULD.
THINK ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE
GAINED
AND HOW MUCH CLOSER YOU ARE TO THE
LORD.

GOD SEES ALL.
YOU'RE AS LITTLE AS A SPECK OF DUST,
BUT YET HE SEES YOU AND HAS A PLAN FOR
YOU.
YOU CAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIS PLAN OR
NOT. THE DIFFERENCE WILL BE,
"WHO AT JUDGEMENT DAY WILL BE SITTING
WITH HIM?"

WILL IT BE YOU?

I KNOW I WILL BE THERE.

ONLY A PERSON THAT HAS BEEN TESTED IS
ABLE TO OVERCOME!

Charles 04/15/99

VANITY

MEN WRITE TO GLORIFY THEIR OWN EGO.
THEY WRITE ABOUT THEIR CONQUEST OVER
EVIL.

THE BATTLES THEY HAVE WON.
THE WOMEN THEY HAVE TAKEN.

BUT FEW WRITE ABOUT THE KINDNESS
AND BEAUTY OF CONSIDERATION.

FEW IF ANY FIND,
THAT BEFORE ALL ELSE,
YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS
IS GREATER THAN THE BEAUTY
THAT IS SEEN FROM THE OUTSIDE.

VANITY IS WHAT MEN WRITE ABOUT
AND WHAT WOMEN LISTEN TO.

MANS GREATNESS
IS MEASURED BY MANS CONQUEST.
WOMEN BY THEIR BEAUTY.

YOU THOUGH ARE ABOVE ALL THOSE
NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF YOUR BEAUTY
BUT IN ADDITION YOU ARE
CARING, GENTLE AND CONSIDERATE.

Charles 04/14/99

WHERE ARE THE GOOD MEN?

IT IS NOT FROM ME YOU SHOULD HEAR, WHY
THE LORD WANTS US TO BE SAVED.
BUT IT IS FROM HIS LIPS YOU MUST HEAR.
"COME TO ME AND FIND FAITH IN THAT ALL IS
FORGIVEN FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRULY SORRY
FOR THEIR SINS.

I COME BEFORE YOU AS AN OUTSIDER WHO
HAS LOOKED THROUGH THE GLASS AND I
HAVE SEEN BOTH SIDES.

I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS TO SIN, AND TO BE
SINNED AGAINST.
AND YET I HAVE NEVER SET ASIDE THE
WORDS," THAT NO MATTER WHEN I ASK FOR
FORGIVENESS IT IS GRANTED BY THE LORD
WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED."

I COME AS AN OUTSIDER AND THE FIRST THING
THAT I NOTICE IS THAT THE PURE OF HEART
THAT SIT HERE, ARE WOMEN OF THE LORD.
BUT FEW IF ANY ARE MEN OF THE GOOD
WOMEN.

I ASKED ONE OF THE ELDERS WHY THIS WAS
SO, AND SHE COULD NOT GIVE ME AN
ANSWER.

I ASKED, COULD I ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT. SO
THE PURPOSE OF WHAT I PLACE BEFORE YOU
IS, " WHERE ARE THE MEN"?
I AM NOT HERE TO JUDGE YOU. NOR AM I
HERE TO JUDGE YOUR FRIENDS, HUSBANDS OR
ASSOCIATES.

I ONLY WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE
LORD BROUGHT HIS SON TO ATONE FOR OUR
SINS, THEN WHY IS IT TODAY ONLY THE
WOMEN ARE COMING OUT TO SPEAK HIS
NAME?

I SEE THIS HERE AND IN OTHER CHURCHES
AND I SEE THE CHILDREN AROUND US
WITHOUT A FATHER TO GUIDE THEM.

I SEE THE STRUCTURE OF OUR SOCIETY
DESTROYED DUE TO THE LACK OF CHRIST IN
OUR FAMILIES.

WOMEN OF GOD. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME WHY
IT IS THAT THE MEN ARE NO LONGER AMONG
US AT THE TIME OF WORSHIP?

PLEASE ADVISE ME WHY YOU'RE HERE AND YET
HAVE NOT BROUGHT WITH YOU THE FATHER
OF YOUR CHILDREN.

I WAS RAISED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A
FATHER.

I SAW THE DEATH OF A SISTER. I SEE THE
BIRTH OF CHILDREN OF WOMEN WHO SAY
THEY FOLLOW THE LAWS OF THE SCRIPTURES.

I HEAR THE VOICES OF WOMEN WHO SAY
THERE ARE FEW IF ANY GOOD MEN AROUND.

SO THEN, WHY IS IT THAT YOU'RE HERE WITH
THE CHILD AND NOT THE FATHER?

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MEN I SPEAK TO YOU, SEEK NOT THE
UNGODLY. BUT SEEK THE WOMAN WHO IS
PURE IN HEART AND SOUL.

WANT NOT THE FLESH FIRST, BUT FIRST, TURN
TO THE LORD AND FIND YOUR PLEASURE IN
KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED.
IF YOU WONDER WHY YOU ARE ALONE, FIRST
WONDER WHY YOU HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM
WHAT YOUR MOTHER TAUGHT YOU AS A
CHILD.
WOMEN DO NOT QUESTION WHY THERE ARE

SO FEW GOOD MEN. BUT INSTEAD ASK WHY I HAVE AROUND ME THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFERENT BELIEFS THAN I?

EVERYONE SHOULD BELIEVE IN THEIR OWN WAY.

NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW SOMEONE JUST BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER IDEAS.

BUT IF THE PEOPLE YOU ARE AROUND SELL DRUGS, IF THEY STEAL, IF THEY FORNIFICATE WITHOUT MARRIAGE, IF THEY COMMIT ADULTERY,

SHOULD WE NOT FORGIVE THEM AND BRING THEM WITH US TO WHERE WE BELIEVE AND TRUST THAT IT WILL BRING THEM CLOSER TO THE LORD?

AGAIN I AM NOT HERE TO JUDGE YOU BUT ONLY TO ASK THAT YOU ASK YOURSELVES WHERE ARE THE MEN?

CAN WE TRULY SAY THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE LORD WHEN WE ARE ALONE AND WE ARE AFRAID?

ASK ME WHY I AM HERE? THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE, I FOLLOWED A GOOD WOMAN.

IT MAY BE THAT I WILL LEAVE WITHOUT HER, BUT WHAT IF I TAKE WITH ME AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS A GREATER PURPOSE? WHAT IF I FIND MYSELF BACK IN THE HANDS OF GOD?

THINK! IF ONLY ONE OF YOU CAN BRING A PERSON BACK TO HIS FLOCK, WOULD THAT NOT BE THE GREATEST GIFT YOU COULD GIVE?

I AM NOTHING BUT A SHADOW OF A PERSON WITHOUT FAITH AND I CANNOT BE WHOLE WITHOUT LIVING THE LIFE THAT GOD WANTED ME TO LIVE.

YET I DID LIVE OUTSIDE UNTIL ONE GOOD WOMAN BROUGHT ME BACK TO HIM.

I AM NOW THE KEEPER OF MY SOUL. I NOW PLACE MYSELF IN THE HANDS OF THE LORD. I HAVE RENEWED MY FAITH BECAUSE OF ONE THING.

I HAD FORGOTTEN THAT WITHOUT A GOOD WOMAN I AM DESTINED TO FAIL.

IF ONE WOMAN CAN TURN AROUND ONE MAN, WHO IN TURN BRINGS OTHERS TO GOD WOULD NOT THEN WE ALL BE DISCIPLES OF GOD?

Charles 03/25/99

WONDERMENT

WHY HAVE I FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ONE UNATTAINABLE?

IS IT NOT A WONDERMENT THAT LOVE IS NEVER THE JOY THAT WE FIND IN STORIES?

USUALLY IT SEEMS THAT ONE FALLS IN LOVE AND THE OTHER WANTS TO BE A FRIEND.

OF COURSE THEN THE OTHER FALLS IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER WHO SAYS THE SAME.

WE GO THROUGH LIFE LOOKING FOR OUR SOUL MATE, BUT HOW MANY TIMES DO WE END UP WITH INSTEAD A CELLMATE.

LOVE IS A WONDERMENT!

I HAVE LIVED AND HEARD SO MANY STORIES ABOUT WHAT ONE WANTS, BUT FEW WERE ABOUT THE LOVE THAT WAS EASILY FOUND.

I MET A GIRL,
WE FELL IN LOVE AND LIVED HAPPILY EVER

AFTER, IS FOUND IN STORIES.

BUT IN TRUTH
LOVE-FOUND IS SELDOM RETURNED
AND WHEN IT IS THERE
IT ALWAYS HAS A PRICE TO PAY.

WE SEARCH SEA TO SEA,
WE READ ALL THAT CAN BE READ.
WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.

BUT DO WE UNDERSTAND FIRST LOVE
YOURSELF AND THE REST CAN BE HAD.

LOVE IS A WONDERMENT
AND THAT IS ENOUGH TO BE SAID.

CHARLES 04/20/99

YOU CALLED!

HE CALLED;
I DID NOT ANSWER THE PHONE.

HE CALLED AND LEFT A MESSAGE,
I HEARD HIS VOICE AND ERASED IT.

I TOOK THE PHONE OFF OF THE HOOK;
HE GOT A BUSY SIGNAL.

HE CAME TO MY HOUSE,
KNOCKED ON MY DOOR;
I HID BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

WHEN I WAS IN BED
I COULD HEAR HIS VOICE,
I WAS AFRAID TO SHUT MY EYES.

FINALLY, WHEN I LEAST EXPECTED IT,
ON A SUNDAY NIGHT,
WHEN I WAS WITH FRIENDS,
HE CALLED.

I HAD NO PLACE TO HIDE.
A COLD CHILL PASSED THROUGH MY BODY;
SWEAT BROKE OUT ON MY FOREHEAD.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

HE SAID, "THIS IS GOD I NEED YOU!"

LORD, I ANSWERED,
I AM NOT READY, I AM AFRAID,
PLEASE CALL ON SOMEONE ELSE
TO DO YOUR WORK,
I DO NOT HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE
TO BRING EVEN MYSELF BACK TO YOU,
LET ALONE ONE OF YOUR LOST SHEEP.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

"ANYTHING YOU NEED I WILL PROVIDE YOU,"
SAID THE LORD,
"ANY WORDS THAT NEED TO BE WRITTEN I WILL GUIDE YOU,"
SAID THE LORD.
MY CHILD I HAVE BEEN TRAINING
YOU FOR MANY YEARS AND NOW YOU ARE READY.

TAKE MY STAFF.
IT IS TIME I STOPPED CARRYING YOU AND IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE MY WORD TO MY
CHILDREN.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

CHARLES 04/26/99

TAKE ME BACK

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DEDICATION

The spiritual motivator for my writing comes from the Lord. The inspiration is from a single

person who came into my life when I was most acceptable to healing.

I dedicate these writings to all the people who see themselves, and to the Pastor who provided me with some of the key words used in some of the writings.

I give special thanks to those individuals who helped with the spelling. Believe you me, there were a bunch of them.

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CHARLES 04/28/99

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Twenty years ago I walked away from my beliefs. I never knew that I had taken another path. I had spent a year in Vietnam and come back and found that nothing was the same. It took me several years of downward spiral to end where I was before the writing of this prose.

I had left a marriage and two children, started school while still in the military, remarried an Officer while I was a Master Sergeant. While married to my second wife I went on to get my college degrees and then sold motivational tapes and did lectures.

The second marriage lasted five years and because she had been hurt by the person before me and left the church, we never had a chance. She was a good woman and I believe one of the best influences in my life

Later I went through four more marriages, each having its own problems and each ending the

same way. It never occurred to me that I would ever be married but once because of my strong religious belief.

I searched for several years believing that the problem was not I, but that the women I had chosen were the cause of all that was happening to me.

It was not until February 1999 did I met a Godly woman. She brought me back to the church and made me realize the deeper meaning of a relationship.

I had several hundred women throughout these twenty years and I had seen more than my share. But I let the devil direct my actions and I was not even aware of what had taken place.

God bless you.
Charles 05/17/99

I would like to direct you to the fact that each writing is written so that the reader can find that they are not alone and no doubt there will be discord.

You will also note at the bottom of each page my name the date I wrote the item. I have placed them in alphabetical order for ease of reference. These writing are not intended to be left in the book, but instead I hope you will find at least one to hang on your wall.

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I WISH YOU WOULD BEAR
WITH ME IN A LITTLE FOOLISHNESS.
DO BEAR WITH ME!
I FEEL DIVINE JEALOUSY FOR YOU,
FOR I BETROTHED YOU
TO CHRIST TO PRESENT YOU
AS PURE BRIDE TO HER ONE HUSBAND.
BUT I AM AFRAID THAT AS
THE SERPENT DECEIVED EVE BY HIS CUNNING,
YOUR THOUGHTS WILL BE LED A STRAY
FROM A SINCERE
AND PURE DEVOTION TO CHRIST.
FOR IF SOME ONE COMES
AND PREACHES ANOTHER JESUS
THAN THE ONE WE PREACHED,
OR IF YOU RECEIVE A DIFFERENT SPIRIT
FROM THE ONE YOU RECEIVED,
OR IF YOU ACCEPT A DIFFERENT GOSPEL
FROM THE ONE YOU ACCEPTED,
YOU SUBMIT TO IT READILY ENOUGH.
I THINK I AM NOT IN THE LEAST INFERIOR
TO THESE SUPERLATIVE APOSTLES.
EVEN IF I AM UNSKILLED IN SPEAKING,
I AM NOT IN KNOWLEDGE;
IN EVERY WAY WE HAVE MADE IT
PLAIN TO YOU ALL THINGS.
DID I COMMIT A SIN IN ABASING MYSELF
SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE EXALTED,
BECAUSE I PREACHED GOD'S GOSPEL WITHOUT COST TO YOU?
I ROBBED OTHER CHURCHES BY ACCEPTING SUPPORT
FROM THEM IN ORDER TO SERVE YOU.
AND WHEN I WAS WITH YOU AND WAS IN WANT,
I DID NOT BURDEN ANY ONE,
FOR MY NEEDS CAME FROM MACEDO'NIA.
SO I REFRAIN AND WILL REFRAIN
FROM BURDENING YOU IN ANY WAY.
AS THE TRUTH OF CHRIST IS IN ME,
THIS BOAST OF MINE SHALL NOT
BE SILENCED IN THE REGIONS OF ACHA'IA.
AND WHY?
BECAUSE I DO NOT LOVE YOU?
GOD KNOWS I DO!

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CHILD

I AWOKE.
 THE DARKNESS WAS ALL AROUND ME.
 I WAS WARM AND SECURE.
 THERE WAS A LIGHT COMING THROUGH ABOVE ME
 AND TWO HANDS REACHED OUT AND TOOK ME UPWARD.
 I SAW SEVERAL HUGE OBJECTS LOOKING DOWN UPON ME.
 I UNDERSTOOD NOTHING THAT WAS BEING SAID.
 MY MOUTH WAS FULL OF FLUID,
 MY BODY WAS COVERED WITH SLIME.
 I WAS HANDED FROM ONE OF THE GIANTS TO THE NEXT,
 EACH TAKING TIME TO CLEAN AND DRY ME.
 I FELT COLD AND BECAME AFRAID.
 I STARTED TO CRY,
 I WAS THEN GIVEN TO THIS PERSON.
 I HEARD THEM SAY,
 "YOU'RE A PROUD FATHER OF A BABY BOY."
 HE TOOK ME INTO HIS ARMS
 GAVE ME HIS NAME
 AND THEN PLACED ME INTO THE ARMS OF WHAT THEY CALLED MOTHER .
 AS I GREW, SLOWLY. I WOULD LEARN THAT THE FATHER WAS THE ONE THAT PROVIDED ME WITH STRENGTH
 AND THE MOTHER GAVE ME WARMTH.
 ALTHOUGH LATER IN LIFE
 I WOULD UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
 BIOLOGICAL FATHER AND THE FATHER .
 THE ONE PLANTED THE SEED,

THE OTHER MADE IT GROW.

THE FATHER WHO TAUGHT ME THE WAYS OF
THE LORD
AND STOOD BY ME WHEN EVERYONE SAID HE
WAS A FOOL
KNEW THAT I WAS ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN,
AND THAT MADE ME GODLY.

I WOULD COME TO KNOW LATER IN LIFE AS I
GREW INTO AN ADULT
THE LESSONS MY FATHER TAUGHT ME.

GODLINESS IS HOW YOU ARE WHEN THERE IS
NO NEED TO BE GODLY.

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CONDEMN

WHERE WAS I WHEN THE LORD PASSED OUT
PARENTS?
HAVE I BEEN CONDEMNED TO A LIFE OF
POVERTY?

AM I NEVER TO RAISE ABOVE THE NOTION
THAT I AM TO FAIL?

HAVE I BEEN IMPRINTED FOR LIFE?

I AM A PRODUCT OF MY ENVIRONMENT!

DID GOD PLACE ME HERE TO FAIL?

I WAS CONDEMNED BEFORE I WAS BORN,
MY PARENTS WERE ALCOHOLICS.
THEY WERE ON WELFARE.
I AM THE WRONG COLOR.,
I AM TOO SHORT, TOO FAT, TOO TALL.

EVERYONE IS AGAINST ME.

I LEARNED TO FAIL. I DO IT WELL.

SUCCESS, NEVER, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU WONDER HOW I KNOW? MY FATHER SAID
SO.

MY GRANDMOTHER TOLD ME EVERY DAY.
MY MOTHER MADE ME BELIEVE IT.

WHAT THEN WENT WRONG?
WHY IS IT THAT IF THEY ALL KNEW THAT I
WOULD FAIL,
HOW COME I WAS THE FIRST TO GET
A COLLEGE EDUCATION?

IF I WAS TO FAIL, WHY IS IT I RETIRED FROM
THE MILITARY
WITH TOP RANK AND AWARDS.

THE REASON WAS THAT I DID NOT LISTEN,
WHEN THINGS WERE SAID THAT I COULD NOT
SUCCEED, I WORKED HARDER.

I KEPT FAITH IN THE LORD.

I KNEW THAT I HAD A CALLING AND THAT
WHEN THE
DAY CAME I WANTED TO BE PREPARED.

WHEN ANYTHING IS SAID THAT YOU ARE
CONDEMNED TO FAIL
IT IS BECAUSE OTHERS WANT TO
KEEP YOU DOWN.

REMEMBER GOD WANTS YOU TO SUCCEED,
IT IS UP TO YOU AND NO ONE ELSE.

CHARLES 06/02/99

EVIL

I HEARD THE WORD SPOKEN FROM TIME TO
TIME.

NOT REALLY UNDERSTANDING WHAT EVIL WAS.
I HAD GIVEN THOUGHT THAT EVIL
MAY BE THE DEMON WE CANNOT SEE.

WHAT I DID NOT KNOW WAS
THAT EVIL IS THE WAY WE BE.

YOU SEE, IN EACH OF US
THERE IS A DEGREE OF EVIL.

WE DO EVIL DEEDS,

OR ARE WE JUST EVIL?

HAVE YOU EVER MET A PERSON YOU DID NOT LIKE
AND LATER SAID, "THAT IS AN EVIL PERSON"?

I HAVE THOUGHT THAT NO ONE WAS EVIL.

THEN I REALIZED THAT MAYBE THE DEVIL CAN BE FOUND IN ANYONE,
WHEN WE ARE NOT ALWAYS PREPARING, OURSELVES FOR HEAVEN.

REMEMBER THE WORD EVIL IS FROM THE WORD DEVIL.

CHARLES 05/10/99

DEATH

I WAS BORN WITH A SOUL.
THERE WAS BUT ONE SIN THAT I HAD TO OVERCOME.

I KNEW NOTHING OF THE WRONGS AND EVIL WAYS OF THOSE WHO WISHED ME HARM.

I TRAVELED THE ROAD OF LIFE AND LEARNED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG.

I COULD CHOOSE TO FOLLOW ANY PATH I WANTED.

ONE THING WAS CERTAIN, ALL PATHS WOULD END WITH DEATH.

THE DIRECTION I WOULD TAKE AFTER DEATH WAS NO LONGER MINE.
IT WAS NOW IN GOD'S HANDS,
WHO WILL JUDGE ME FOR MY DEEDS WHILE ON EARTH?

HAVE I THOUGHT WHILE HERE,
"WHERE WILL I BE FOR ETERNITY?"

HAVE I CHOSEN THE RIGHT PATH AND SPOKEN

HIS WORD?

DID I INTERVENE IN A HOLLY WAY INTO OTHERS LIVES?

WERE MY ACTIONS BEFORE MY DEATH IN HONOR OF HIS NAME?

DEATH IS SOMETHING WE ALL SOME DAY MUST FACE.

IT IS A JOURNEY THAT STARTS WITH OUR FIRST BREATH AND ENDS WHEN HE CALLS.

HAVE WE PREPARED OURSELVES FOR THE FINAL RESTING PLACE?
WILL OUR SOUL BE IN HEAVEN?
AND WILL WE BE ONE OF HIS ANGELS?

DEATH AWAITS US ALL
BUT FOR A FEW IT IS THE TIME TO SAY I HAVE DONE GOD'S WORK.

EVIL WAS NOT IN ME
AND I SPOKE HIS NAME
WHILE HERE IN A GODLY WAY.

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EVIL I WAS!

IT WAS NOT MADE CLEAR WHY I HAD TO TRAVEL THE
PATH I TOOK THESE PAST TWO DECADES.

IT NEVER WAS SAID THAT THIS IS THE WAY THAT I WAS TO BE.

I NEVER SAW THE FORK IN THE ROAD.
NOR REALIZED THAT I HAD STRAYED.

I TRY NOW TO JUSTIFY MY EVIL WAYS.
EVEN THOUGH I DID NOT SEE THE DEVIL IN ME.

IT IS SO EASY YOU SEE,
TO FIND FAULT IN YOU THEN ME.
I THOUGHT THAT I WAS DOING A GOOD DEED,
AND I NEEDED NOTHING IN RETURN.

YET WHEN WRONG WAS DONE TO ME,
I DID WRONG TO THEE.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT TWO WRONGS
DO NOT MAKE A RIGHT.
I THOUGHT I WAS BETTER THAN THAT.

BUT NOW WHEN I LOOK BACK,
MY WRONG WAS GREATER BECAUSE
IT WAS TO GET EVEN AND TO DO HARM
WHEN I KNEW BETTER.

YOUR EVIL DEEDS WERE DONE BECAUSE YOU
DID NOT KNOW BETTER, BECAUSE YOU WERE
WITHOUT
GOD'S PLEASURE

MINE WAS DONE USING GOD AS MY SAVIOR.

THE EVIL IN ME
DID NOT SEE
UNTIL MY EYES WERE OPENED.

I NOW KNOW THAT EVIL DOES
AS EVIL SEES.

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FAITH

A FEW DAYS AGO A STORY WAS TOLD TO ME
ABOUT
A MAN'S BELIEF IN THE LORD.
HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD,
YET BECAUSE OF ALL THE TROUBLES HE WAS
GOING THROUGH,
HE NEEDED THE LORD TO SHOW HIS FACE.

A SHORT VERSION OF THE STORY IS THAT
THE LORD DID SO
AND THE MAN THEN KNEW THE TRUTH SO HE
BELIEVED.

YESTERDAY I READ AN ARTICLE WHICH ASKED,
"WHERE WAS GOD WHEN THE CHILDREN IN
OKLAHOMA WERE KILLED?"

THERE IS OF COURSE THE DISCIPLE ASKING,

AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS,
THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO PLACE HIS HAND
ON THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST SO THAT HE
COULD REGAIN HIS FAITH.

NONE OF THESE STORIES ALONG WITH ANY
STORY
THAT QUESTION, "IS THERE A GOD?" SHOWS
FAITH.

AS YOU READ THE DIFFERENT PROSE
CONTAINED HEREIN,
NOTE NOT ONCE DO I QUESTION IF THERE IS A
GOD,
BUT INSTEAD I TALK TO GOD ONE ON ONE.

WHEN I MAKE A DECISION
AND THE DECISION TURNS OUT WHAT I
PERCEIVE TO BE WRONG,
AND I WERE TO QUESTION THE OUTCOME OF
THE DECISION,
WOULD I BE SHOWING THAT I HAVE FAITH?

FAITH THEN, TO ME, IS THE UNCONDITIONAL
ACCEPTANCE
OF THE OUTCOME OF YOUR ACTIONS
OR THE ACTION OF OTHERS,
AS BEING GOD'S WILL.

IF I WERE PROFESS MY LOVE
FOR SOMEONE WHO CLEARLY STATES,
THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS.
AM I SHOWING FAITH OR STUPIDITY?

IT IS FAITH IF THEY NEVER RETURN THE SAME
LOVE
AND I ACCEPT IT AS GOD'S WILL.

IT IS STUPIDITY IF THE LOVE IS NOT
RETURNED
AND I FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF.

FAITH IS NOT GOD PROVING THAT HE EXISTS,
BUT FAITH IS SAYING GOD I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND,
BUT I DO NOT QUESTION THE OUTCOME
OF YOUR DECISION.
I HAVE SEEN MANY OF MY LABORS NOT
BEARING THE FRUIT THAT

I THOUGHT I WAS TO RECEIVE.
BUT I KNOW IT IS GOD'S WILL.
KEEP FAITH AND NOTHING ELSE WILL MATTER.

CHARLES 05/27/99

FORGIVENESS

YOU CAME TO ME FOR A FAVOR
YOU CONFIDED IN ME
WHEN YOU NEEDED SOMETHING.
I FORGIVE YOU

YESTERDAY YOU PROMISED ME A CALL,
YOU WERE UNABLE TO CALL.
I FORGIVE YOU.

LAST WEEK YOU SAID YOU WERE COMING BY,
YOU WERE UNABLE TO MAKE IT.
I FORGIVE YOU.

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO YOU SAID THAT YOU
LOVED ME,
YOU MOVED IN WITH ANOTHER PERSON.
I FORGIVE YOU.

LAST YEAR WHEN WE WERE MARRIED YOU
GAVE BIRTH,
I WAS NOT THE FATHER.
I FORGIVE YOU.

I GAVE THE CHILD MY NAME WHEN NO ONE
ELSE WOULD,
YOU TOOK ME TO COURT FOR CHILD SUPPORT
EVEN WHILE LIVING WITH THE BIOLOGICAL
FATHER.
I FORGIVE YOU.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO YOU LEFT TO VISIT YOUR
FAMILY,
YOU HAD AN AFFAIR
I FORGIVE YOU.

THERE IS NOTHING YOU COULD DO THAT
I WOULD NOT FORGIVE YOU FOR.

BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WHEN I DO WRONG,
GOD WILL FORGIVE ME,
BECAUSE I STAY WITHIN HIS GRACE

AND I AM NOT AN EVIL PERSON.
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FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF

I REMEMBER WHEN I HAD NO SHOES.
I REMEMBER WHEN THERE WAS NO WATER.
I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS GIVEN MY SISTERS
CLOTHES TO WEAR,
BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE MONEY TO BUY
CLOTHES FOR ME.

I REMEMBER A LOT OF THINGS GROWING UP IN
A
DYSFUNCTIONAL HOME AS A BOY.

I REMEMBER BUILDING MY FIRST BIKE
FROM PARTS I FOUND IN A JUNK YARD.

I REMEMBER SLEEPING IN HALLWAYS.
HELPING MY GRANDMOTHER START HER
FURNACE.

I REMEMBER ALSO BEING ABLE TO WALK,
RUNNING TO SEE MY FRIENDS, BUYING MY
FIRST CAR.
(A 1948 CHEVY. FOR TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS)

I REMEMBER LEAVING HOME.
I DID NOT DRINK FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
AND HAD WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS.

I REMEMBER WHEN MY CHILDREN WERE BORN.

I REMEMBER NOT HAVING ANY MONEY, BILLS
WERE NOT PAID.
YES I REMEMBER EVERY TIME I FELT SORRY FOR
MYSELF.

I STOPPED AND REMEMBERED ALSO HOW
LUCKY I AM.

THROUGH ALL OF THIS AND MANY MORE
MEMORIES I ALWAYS REMEMBERED
JESUS AND HOW MUCH MORE
HE WENT THROUGH THAN I.

IT'S HARD NOT FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF.
WHEN IT'S DARK AND
YOU DO NOT HAVE MONEY TO TURN THE

LIGHTS ON.

BUT INSTEAD OF FEELING SORRY FOR
YOURSELF,
REMEMBER JESUS. HE DIED ON THE CROSS
SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THESE MEMORIES.

WE ARE TODAY WHO WE ARE BECAUSE OF OUR
PAST.
LEARN AND GROW.

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HELL

THE HOLE I DUG,
IS THE HELL I AM IN.

HELL IS WHERE I MAKE IT.

I CAN LIVE IN HELL.
I CAN FEEL LIKE HELL,
OR I CAN LOOK LIKE HELL.

YOU CAN GO TO HELL!

I'VE BEEN TO HELL AND BACK.

CERTAINLY WE NEVER SAY, WHEN WE ARE
MAD,
"GO TO HEAVEN."

IS HELL THEN A STATE OF MIND,
OR A PLACE WHERE OUR SOULS
WILL SPEND ITS TIME UNTIL THE DAY OF
RECKONING?

IF WE CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK,
THE WAY WE ACT,
AND WHAT WE SAY.
WILL WE STILL GO TO HELL?

WE COULD, POSSIBLY, YOU THINK,
CHANGE WHERE OUR SOULS WILL GO.

STOP THEN YOUR EVIL THOUGHTS,
AND YOUR LIFE WILL NOT GO TO HELL.

AND IF YOU LIVE RIGHT

OUR SOUL WILL NOT EITHER.
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JEALOUS

WHY IS IT YOU HAVE AND I DO NOT?

I DESERVE SO MUCH MORE THAN YOU.

FOR ONE, I AM BETTER LOOKING.

IF I WERE TO MAKE A LIST OF WHAT I SHOULD
HAVE,
BECAUSE, WELL! I JUST DESERVE IT.

WHO SAYS I AM INSECURE,
JUST BECAUSE I SAW YOU TALKING
TO SOME ONE ELSE?

YOU HAVE A NEWER CAR THEN MINE.
YOU MUST OF STOLEN IT.
YOU SURELY CANNOT AFFORD IT.

JEALOUS, ME? NEVER!

WHEN YOU CAME TO CHURCH YOUR HAIR WAS
DONE,
YOU HAD A NEWER DRESS,

SO WHAT! I COULD CARE LESS.

YOU NEED TO BE JEALOUS OF ME.

BECAUSE WHEN I LEAVE GOD'S PLACE
YOU ONLY TAKE YOUR FINE CLOTHES AND
FAKE HAIR WITH YOU.

I TAKE GOD'S GRACE.

SO IF THERE IS TO BE JEALOUSY LET IT BE
FOR THE RIGHT THING
AND NOT INSECURITY.

CHARLES 05/24/99

KISS

"KISS IT AND MAKE IT BETTER,"
IS WHAT WE SAY TO A CHILD.

"KISS ME AND I WILL BE GOOD,"
ARE WORDS WE HEAR.

A KISS DOES SO MUCH,
EVEN ON THE CHEEK.

KISSING SHOWS AFFECTION BETWEEN ALL,
WHETHER IT IS
BETWEEN A MAN AND WOMAN
OR BETWEEN FRIENDS.

A KISS TELLS SO MUCH
WHEN TWO PEOPLE ARE SAYING THEIR VOWS.
THE PREACHER SAYS ,
"I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE,
YOU MAY NOW KISS THE BRIDE."

SOMETIMES A KISS CAN BE EVIL WHEN PLACED
ON THE WRONG LIPS,
MANY A TIMES IT IS PASSION THAT LEADS
TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

BUT A KISS BETWEEN FRIENDS
IS LOVING, CARING AND SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE
ITS PLACE.

WHEN YOU HURT YOUR FINGER,
LET ME KISS IT AND MAKE IT BETTER.

WHEN YOU FALL I WILL BE THERE
TO KISS YOUR CHEEK AND PICK YOU UP.

IF YOU ARE SAD I WILL
PLACE MY ARMS
AROUND YOU.

I WILL WHISPER IN YOUR EAR
I LOVE YOU.

BECAUSE ABOVE ALL ELSE,
I AM YOUR FRIEND,
YOUR LOVER,
ALL IN A GODLY WAY.
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LOVE!

I LOVE YOU!
I HAVE STRONG DESIRES FOR YOU!

I FIND YOU SEXY!

YOU CAME INTO MY LIFE
AND I BARED MY SOUL TO YOU.

I PULLED OUT ALL THE
TRICKS I KNEW.

BECAUSE I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU.

I TRY TO HIDE MY DEEPEST THOUGHTS
IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE SINS
I HAVE COMMITTED.

I TRY TO SMILE WHEN THERE IS PAIN IN MY
HEART.

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU
CAN EVER KNOW OR FEEL.

MY DEAREST ANGEL,
PLEASE DO NOT TURN ME AWAY.

GIVE ME THE TIME THAT IT
WILL TAKE TO MAKE PEACE
WITH GOD AND MYSELF

I LOVE YOU!
YOU ARE MY MORNING AND NIGHT.

I JUST SAW YOU AND YOU KISSED MY
CHEEK, IT MEANT MORE THAN HAD WE
SHARED A
MARRIED MOMENT.

YOU ARE MY HEART AND SOUL,
WHEN I AM AROUND YOU I KNOW
THAT I CAN BE WHO GOD WANTS
ME TO BE.

MY ANGEL, I LOVE YOU.

FOR THIS REASON ALL I WRITE
IS FOR YOU. FOR I WANT TO BE NAKED WITH

MY SOUL
BEING PROTECTED ONLY BY YOU.

I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE.
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

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LUST

A THOUGHT OF YOU,
BRINGS FORTH SO MANY RESPONSES.

MY BODY GOES THROUGH SO MANY CHANGES.

JUST THE OTHER DAY
AS YOU STOOD IN FRONT ME,
I HAD MANY UNGODLY THOUGHTS.

I SAT DOWN IN ORDER NOT TO
LET ANYONE KNOW,
HOW MY THOUGHTS WERE
ABOUT LUST AND WANTING YOU.

I DID NOT TRY TO HIDE MY THOUGHTS,
IN FACT I EVEN LET YOU KNOW THAT WITH MY
LOVE COMES THE
FEELING I HAVE FOR YOU AS A MAN HAS FOR A
WOMAN.

IN THE PAST WHEN I HAD THESE FEELINGS
ABOUT A WOMAN
I THOUGHT I HAD TO PROVE MYSELF
AS A MAN, BUT WITH YOU,
I KNOW I CAN WAIT.

I CAN WAIT FOR THE TIME WHEN IT IS RIGHT.

IT'S HARD!

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, BEING IN LOVE WITH
YOU.

THERE ARE MANY SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

I HAVE LUST FOR YOU,
BUT BECAUSE I ALSO HAVE
RESPECT AND TRUST IN YOU.
I CAN WAIT FOR THE DAY WHEN MY LUST IS

FOR
MY WIFE.

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MONEY

YOU QUESTION WHERE DID MY MONEY GO?
I GAVE IT AWAY.

FRIENDS STOLE IT FROM ME.

STRANGERS NEED IT MORE THEN ME.

I WAS GENEROUS WITH MY MONEY.

NOW I HAVE NONE.

NO I DID NOT SET A LITTLE TO THE SIDE,
NOR DID I INVEST IT WISELY.

I KNEW HOW BUT FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

NOW I LIVE ON THE STREET.
YOU HAVE A FINE HOME.

YOUR PAYMENTS ARE MADE,
A BILL COLLECTOR CAME
AND TOOK MINE AWAY.

MONEY!

WELL I THOUGHT THERE WAS MORE.

WHY I REMEMBER JUST AS IF IT WERE
YESTERDAY.
I HAD FINE CARS, A GOOD HOME, AND PLENTY
OF CLOTHES.

YES I GAVE IT AWAY.

I HAD IT ONCE AND I WILL GET IT AGAIN.

THIS TIME THOUGH MAYBE I SHOULD PUT
SOME ASIDE, JUST IN CASE.

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PLEASE

PLEASE REMEMBER
ME BEFORE ALL ELSE.
I WALKED IN YOUR PATH
BEFORE YOU
AND I HAVE NOT
FORSAKEN THEE.

YOU HAVE DRIFTED FROM ME,
AND NOW YOU HAVE RETURNED.

YOUR EVIL WAYS
HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE,
AND I BRING TO YOU
A FAIR LADY TO SHOW YOU
THERE ARE RIGHTEOUS
ONES AMONG YOUR FRIENDS.

FORSAKE ME NOT
AND I WILL GUIDE YOU BACK TO HIM.
I SAY TO YOU
PUT YOUR EVIL WAYS TO THE SIDE.

YOU WERE ONCE IN MY GRACE
AND I FOUND GODLINESS IN YOU.
THE GODLINESS REMAINS,
THOUGH IN YOU SUB-CONSCIOUS MIND.

BRING FORTH THE HIDDEN THOUGHTS,
LET ME AGAIN GUIDE YOU.

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PLEASURE

YESTERDAY I SEARCHED FOR PLEASURE.

UNDERSTANDING THE PLEASURE OF THE
FLESH.
NOT KNOWING THE PLEASURE OF THE SOUL
AND MIND.

I SEARCHED THE STREETS
AND SOMEHOW ENDED IN GOD'S HOUSE.
AS I SAT THERE AND SAW THE GODLINESS
OF THE PEOPLE AROUND ME
AND THE SMILE ON YOUR FACE,
I KNEW THAT THE PLEASURE

OF THE FLESH WAS,
ALTHOUGH PLEASANT,
THE PLEASURE IS TEMPORARY.

THE DAWN IS NEARER
THAN WE WANT TO BELIEVE,
OUR SINS ARE ADDING UP
FASTER THAN WE CAN SEE.

YOUR TOUCH,
IS NOT ONLY PROVIDING WARMTH
TO THE FLESH,
BUT ALSO TO THE SOUL.

AS WE SPOKE
AND BRIEFLY HELD EACH OTHER,
I CAME TO REALIZE THE
FAILURE OF PAST RELATIONSHIPS
WAS DUE TO THE LACK OF
GODLINESS IN MYSELF
AND IN MY MATE.

I SAY TO YOU THEN BECAUSE
I HAVE BEEN TO THE DARKER SIDE,

TURN TO GOD
AND FIND YOUR MATE,
THAT IS NOT EVIL
BUT ONE THAT IS GODLY.

ONCE THE SPIRITUAL SIDE IS EQUAL THE
FLESH WILL FIND GREATER PLEASURE.

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POOR OR BROKE

YOU HAVE HEARD SAID MANY TIMES I KNOW,
"POOR IS A STATE OF MIND, BROKE IS A
TEMPORARY SITUATION."

IF POOR IS A STATE OF MIND HOW CAN I
HAVE MY MIND RE-ADJUSTED?

IT TAKES A REASON.
SIMPLY SAID,
YOU HAVE TO WANT TO RE-ADJUST YOURSELF.

I AM A POOR BEGGAR WITH NO PLACE TO GO,

I HAVE NOTHING BUT HOLES IN
MY POCKETS.

IF I CAN JUST FIND A DOLLAR,
I COULD BUY A BOTTLE.
MAYBE TO MORROW,
I WILL LOOK FOR A JOB.

I HAVE NOT HAD A BATH SINCE THE LAST
RAIN.
IT HAS BEEN SIX WEEKS TO THE DAY.

I WILL ALWAYS BE POOR.
HERE IS A QUARTER,
ONLY NEED SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS MORE.

PASSED A CHURCH, I WAS ASKED INSIDE, GAVE
THEM MY QUARTER,
NOW I WILL NEED A WHOLE DOLLAR.
SURE COULD USE THAT DRINK.

NICE FOLKS THOUGH.
THE PEOPLE TOOK ME IN.

HAD A BATH TODAY AND A CHANGE OF
CLOTHES.
I SURE LOOK GOOD, FELT WARM BEING OUT
OF THE COLD.

MET A LOT OF FRIENDS. GOT A JOB,
FIRST PAY CHECK,
WANT TO BUY A BOTTLE,
BUT THEN I COULD LOSE MY NEW FRIENDS.
WENT TO CHURCH INSTEAD.

STARTING SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.
TOOK A BATH EVERY DAY,
BEEN SIX MONTH SINCE MY LAST DRINK.
GOT A PLACE TO LIVE AND NEW CLOTHES.

SOMETIMES I AM BROKE, BUT NOW IT IS TEN
YEARS LATER
AND I HAVE NOT BEEN POOR
SINCE GIVING MY LAST QUARTER
TO GOD IN THAT CHURCH
BY THE ROAD.

CHARLES 06/02/99

PRIDE

DO NOT BE SILLY AND ACT LIKE A CHILD!

YOUR CHILDISH WAYS WERE TO BE SET ASIDE
WHEN YOU BECAME A MAN.

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT I CANNOT HELP?
IS YOUR PRIDE SO STRONG AND YOUR MIND SO
WEAK.

YOU PUT FAITH IN THE LORD
I HEAR YOU SAY.
BUT YET WHEN I BRING HELP YOU TURN
THEM AWAY.

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN STAND ALONE?
DO YOU FEEL THAT EVIL IS WHAT THEY BE?

I CAN NOT DO ALL,
I SEND MY ANGELS AND HELPERS,
YET YOUR PRIDE
WILL CAUSE YOU TO FALL.

YOU GAVE AWAY ALL YOUR WEALTH,
IN MY NAME YOU CALLED
AND ASKED MY HELP.

YOU THINK YOU CAN QUESTION ME?
PUT YOUR PRIDE TO THE SIDE.

LET THOSE IN YOUR LIFE
THAT WILL HELP YOU,
NOT USE YOU.

THE SPIRITS THAT ARE IN YOUR PAST ARE
GONE,
NOW BRING FORTH THOSE
I SEND THAT WILL PROVIDE.

I SAID, "I WILL FEED YOU."
I SAID, " I WILL CLOTH YOU."
I SAID, " I WILL PROVIDE WHATEVER YOU
NEED."

NOW YOU QUESTION ME!

YOU SAY I CAN NOT PROVIDE FOR YOU THE
WAY I WANT!

I AM YOUR FATHER!
I AM GOD!

TAKE WHAT I GIVE THE WAY I GIVE IT!

PUT YOUR PRIDE TO THE SIDE!

CHARLES 05/17/99

PROFESS TO BE GODLY

IT IS NO WONDER THAT I AM SO CONFUSED,
THE PEOPLE AROUND ME PROFESS TO BE
GODLY.

I HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY SINNER SAYING
THAT I AM A SINNER,
BUT EACH DAY I HEAR THAT I AM A CHRISTIAN.
I AM A CHURCH-GOING PERSON.

HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HEAR "I PROFESS MY
SINS
AND ASK GOD FOR FORGIVENESS?"

THERE ARE SO MANY EVIL PEOPLE AROUND US
THAT WE BECOME CONFUSED BY THE WORDS
WE HEAR THEM SPEAK.

I REMEMBER, THAT EACH TIME
I HAVE ENTERED IN TO A NEW RELATIONSHIP
HOW THE OTHER PERSON SAID
ALL THE RIGHT THINGS,
THAT WAS UNTIL I WOULD NOT PAY
THEIR BILLS OR DO EXACTLY WHAT THEY SAY.

I USED TO STARE IN WONDERMENT ON SUNDAY
MORNING
WHEN I SAID IT WAS TIME TO GO TO CHURCH
AND THEY CAME BACK WITH
MAYBE NEXT SUNDAY, THIS IS THE ONLY TIME I
CAN SLEEP LATE.

WHEN YOU ARE GODLY YOU DO GODLY THINGS
YOU REMAIN GODLY IN YOUR ACTIONS,
WHEN YOU CANNOT BE SEEN
AND YOU WOULD ACT THE SAME AS IF
OTHER GODLY PEOPLE WERE AROUND YOU.

TO PROFESS TO BE GODLY,
WOULD BE THAT YOU ARE NOT GODLY
BECAUSE IF YOU MUST PROFESS IT
THEN YOU ARE NOT SHOWING YOUR
GODLINESS.

REMEMBER YOU CAN PROFESS YOUR SINS
BUT YOU MUST SHOW YOUR GODLINESS.
CHARLES 05/14/99

REPUTATION

WE ARE KNOWN BY WHOM WE ARE SEEN
WITH.

WE THEN BECOME WHO THEY ARE.

IF WE ARE AROUND UNGODLY PEOPLE,
WE ARE THEN CONSIDERED UNGODLY.

EVEN THOUGH ASSOCIATION SHOULD
NOT BE A FACTOR, IT IS HUMAN NATURE
TO ASSUME THE WORST IN OTHERS.

HOW IS IT THAT THROUGH ASSOCIATION
WE CAN TAKE ON THE CHARACTER
OF OUR SURROUNDINGS?

HAVE YOU NOTICED DRUG USERS HANG OUT
TOGETHER,
SMOKERS FORM THEIR OWN GROUP, PEOPLE
WHO DRINK BEER
HAVE BIG BELLES, AND SO ON.

IF THAT THEN IS THE CASE,
AND YOU WISH TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES
OF GETTING INTO HEAVEN,
WHERE SHOULD YOU HANG OUT?
WHAT TYPE OF PEOPLE SHOULD YOU HANG
OUT WITH?

THE ANSWER IS NOT SIMPLE,
BECAUSE IF YOU ARE ONLY ASSOCIATING
YOURSELF
WITH GODLY PEOPLE HOW DO YOU SAVE
THOSE WHO NEED SAVING?

THERE THEN IS A FINE LINE THAT NEEDS TO BE
WALKED.

YOU HAVE TO BE STRONGER THAN THE SINNER
AND HELP RAISE THEM TO YOUR LEVEL,
RATHER THAN YOU GOING DOWN TO THEIRS.

SO THE CHALLENGE IS TO SURROUND YOUR
SOUL AND SPIRIT
WITH THE RIGHT THOUGHTS AND THEN
PROVIDE THAT
KNOWLEDGE THROUGH YOUR DEEDS AND
ACTIONS
TO THOSE YOU COME IN CONTACT WITH.

CHARLES 05/26/99

SINNER

I AM A SINNER.
I HAVE SINNED.

I DO NOT WANT TO BE A SINNER.
BUT I AM.

I DO NOT KNOW WHEN I BECAME A SINNER.
IT JUST HAPPENED.

I DID NOT GO OUT AND SAY TODAY
I WILL DO SOMETHING SINFUL.

I DID NOT PLAN TO SIN.
I JUST WOKE UP THIS MORNING AND
DISCOVERED THAT I AM A SINNER

ITS IS LIKE BEING AN ALCOHOLIC.

IT STARTED WITH LITTLE LIES,
TAKING LITTLE THINGS,
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT I WAS A SINNER.

I NEVER EVEN SAW THE DAY WHEN I BECAME A
SINNER.

BUT ONE PERSON SHOWED ME MY SINFUL
WAYS.

DO NOT LET IT BE SAID THAT ONE GOOD
PERSON
CAN NOT BRING YOU BACK TO GOD.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS
KNOW YOU'RE A SINNER,
AND WANT TO BE SAVED.

THEN GOD WILL SEND AN ANGEL
TO SAVE YOU

AS HE HAS DONE WITH ME.
I WAS A SINNER
AND NOW I AM LEARNING
HOW TO BE BACK IN GOD'S GRACE.

CHARLES 05/26/99

TAKE FOR GRANTED

LOVE IS A CHERISHED FEELING
THAT SHOULD NEVER BE TAKEN FOR
GRANTED.

IT IS LIKE A CHILD THAT LEAVES FOR SCHOOL,
ONLY NEVER TO RETURN.

IT IS SO DEAR AND CAN NOT BE BOUGHT.

IT IS THE FIBER OF WHAT WE ARE WHEN WE
STAND BEFORE GOD.

IN EVERY SCRIPTURE THERE ARE WORDS
WRITTEN.
IN EACH PAGE YOU WILL FIND REFERENCE TO
LOVE.

OUR LOVE CAN BE DESTROYED,
WHEN WE NO LONGER LOVE OURSELVES.
WHEN WE FORSAKE OUR BELIEVES.
WHEN WE STRAY FROM THE TEACHING OF
CHRIST.

IF WE TAKE GOD FOR GRANTED,
THEN WE TAKE FOR GRANTED THE
LOVE SOMEONE HAS FOR YOU OR ME.

YOU HAVE BEEN HURT.
I DID NOT HURT YOU.
DO NOT TAKE MY LOVE AS A FAKE LOVE.

I AM NOT AN IDOL.

I AM A MAN THAT WANTS YOUR
LOVE IN RETURN.

BUT I WILL EARN THAT LOVE FROM YOU,
FOR I RESPECT YOU AND KNOW
THAT I MUST PROVE THAT
I AM WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE.

I DO NOT TAKE THAT FOR GRANTED.
EVEN WHEN I FEEL IN MY
HEART THAT IT IS RIGHT AND ONE DAY WE
WILL BE ONE.

CHARLES 05/26/99

TAKE YOUR SOUL BACK

I LOST MY SOUL SOME HOW.
THOUGHT I HAD PUT IT AWAY FOR AWHILE.

LOOKED ALL OVER FOR IT.
CHECKED MY POCKETS,
HAD HOLES IN THEM.

COULD NOT FIGURE OUT WHERE I HAD LOST
IT.
SOMEHOW IT JUST GOT MIS-PLACED.

LITTLE THINGS I DID.
SO WHAT! CAN'T ALWAYS DO WHAT JESUS
WOULD DO.

I REMEMBER WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE.
IT WAS THE KINDNESS AND LOVE.
I HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT OTHERS
FIRST.

I SURE MISS IT, FELT GOOD INSIDE.

I WAS AROUND SOME PEOPLE THE OTHER DAY.
THEY WERE SMILING AND HAD A GLOW ABOUT
THEM.

GOT TOO CLOSE.
I RAN AWAY.

SAW THEM AGAIN. STILL SCARED, BUT ONE
TOUCHED ME.

I FELT THEIR SPIRIT INSIDE ME.

IT SAID LET'S GO AND PRAY WE MIGHT FIND
WHERE YOU LEFT YOUR SOUL.

BEEN HANGING OUT NOW
FOR A WHILE
WITH MY NEW FRIENDS.
I AM STILL WALKING IN
THE DARK WHILE THEY ARE IN THE LIGHT.

LOST MY SOUL SOMEWHERE, NOT SURE WHEN,
IT JUST WAS NOT THERE.

DID A GOOD DEED TODAY.
WANT TO CHURCH AND PRAYED.

FOUND MY SOUL.
IT WAS SAFE IN THE HANDS
OF MY GUARDIAN ANGEL.

I NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL
AND PRAY TO THE LORD THAT NEXT TIME I
LOOSE MY SOUL IT IS TO GOD.

CHARLES 06/02/99

TEARS

I FELT SADDENED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS.
A TEAR FELL FROM MY EYE .

LONELINESS CREPT INTO MY SOUL.

I COULD TURN AWAY AND GO BACK
TO BEING SOMEONE I ONCE WAS,
OR I COULD KEEP FAITH IN MY FATHER.

THE DECISION WAS ALWAYS MINE.

YEARS AGO I WENT THE PATH THAT LEAD ME
AWAY,
NOW BECAUSE OF YOU BRINGING ME BACK
I MUST MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

IT IS NOT EASY TO BE IN LOVE WITH AN
ANGEL.
IT IS NOT EASY KEEPING YOUR FAITH
AND TRUST IN THE LORD.

NOR WAS IT EASY FOR JESUS TO
DIE ON THE CROSS.

IT IS NOT EASY BECAUSE IF IT WERE, THEN
THESE WORDS COULD NEVER
BE WRITTEN WITH MEANING
AND LOVE FOR YOUR GODLINESS.

DO NOT FORSAKE ME,
I WILL OVERCOME.

STAY WITH ME, I WILL PROVIDE.

BE THERE AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND
THAT I MUST SUFFER SOME NOW
IN ORDER TO BE WITH YOU
IN THE SAME GODLY WAY.

MY FAITH HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER.
MY LOVE FOR GOD IS UNSHAKABLE.
YOUR GRACE IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME.

THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE
I LOVE YOU!
I WANT THE WHOLE WORLD TO KNOW.

Charles 05/18/99

TEASE

YOU COME TO ME AND SAID, "LOVE ME."

YOU PROVIDED THE NEED
THAT I TRY TO WITH HOLD.

YOU COME BY DRESSED
IN A WAY THAT I PROTEST

THE MANLINESS
IN ME SHOWS.
I HAVE NO CONTROL
OVER THE DESIRE THAT
I NOW POSSES.

YOU ARE ALL THINGS I HAVE
NEEDED AND YET NEVER FOUND.
YOU REEL ME IN

AS A FISHERMAN DOES A FISH.

YOU LET ME GET CLOSE
ONLY TO RELEASE ME
BACK FROM WHENCE I WAS.

TO PLAY WITH THE MIND,
YOU DESTROY THE FLESH.
TO LET ME KNOW THAT ONCE
YOU HAVE CAUGHT ME
I WILL ALWAYS BE IN YOUR GRACE.

YOU GAVE ME ENOUGH LINE
SO I FELT FREE TO FIND
THE WAY I WANT TO BE.

BUT BRING ME BACK IF I
HAVE STRAYED TOO FAR.

YOU HAVE TEASED ME WITH WORLDLY GOODS
AND FEMALE FLESH.

NOW IT IS TIME THAT I FACE THE TEST.

YOU NOW TEASE ME WITH A
GODLY WOMAN.

I KNOW NOT HOW TO ACT.
BUT HELP ME TO FIND
A DESTINY WITH HER
AND STAY WITHIN YOUR GRACE

FOR LORD YOU TEASE ME WITH WORLDLY
GOODS
THAT MEAN NOTHING WITHOUT HER THERE.

CHARLES 05/17/99

TEMPTATION

I HAD NO CONTINENCE.

I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE CONTINUOUS.

I HAD NO SELF-RESTRAINT MY PASSION WAS
GREAT.
I FELT IT NECESSARY TO HOLD YOUR HAND TO
TOUCH YOUR FLESH.

MY NEEDS WERE STRONG,
TEMPTATION WAS EVERYWHERE AROUND ME.

I WANTED TO MAKE LOVE,
TO POSSES THE FLESH.

THE SERPENT LEAD ME TO YOUR BREAST,
MY EYES AT FIRST SAW THE FLESH.

THE SCENT OF YOUR BODY DREW ME NEAR.

ALL THE REASONS THAT THE SERPENT
POWERS
CAME TO BARE.

I WAS WEAK, MY HEART WAS COMING
THROUGH MY CHEST.
MY BREATHING WAS FAST, WHENEVER WE
TOUCHED.

I TRY TO HOLD BACK THE MANLY DESIRES.

I KNOW I MUST WAIT FOR THE WORDS TO BE
SAID
"YOU ARE MAN AND WIFE."

BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK.
YET I MUST NOT SURRENDER AND
KEEP FAITH WITH THE LORD.

CHARLES 05/17/99

THEE AND ME

I WRITE OF EVIL.

TO DO SO I MUST WRITE ABOUT
RACISM.

I FOUND MYSELF IN LOVE WITH A PERSON SO
GREAT
THAT GOD PLACED A HALO ABOVE HER HEAD.

SHE WALKED THE WALK AND TALKED THE
TALK.

MY CONCERN FOR HER WAS
THAT SHE WOULD FALL FROM GRACE.

SO MUCH DID I LOVE HER,
THAT I TRIED TO GIVE HER REASONS TO
WALK AWAY.

I SAW EVIL PREVAILING AROUND HER.

MY LOVE WAS SO GREAT THAT I DID NOT WANT
ANY HARM TO COME TO HER.
MY THOUGHTS WERE NOT ABOUT
MYSELF BUT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HER
WELL BEING.

IN 1 KINGS 2, 3v16
THE DECISION HAD TO BE MADE
WHICH WAS THE MOTHER OF THE LIVING
CHILD.
KING SOLOMON WAS TO SPLIT THE
LIVING CHILD IN HALF.
THE REAL MOTHER GAVE UP THE
CHILD IN ORDER TO SAVE THE
CHILD'S LIVE.

I WOULD GIVE UP THIS WOMAN
IF I FELT HARM WOULD COME TO HER.

TO LOVE SOMEONE OUTSIDE YOUR RACE AND
RELIGION
CAN BE A RISK, THAT ONLY THE STRONG CAN
OVERCOME.

IT IS EVIL THE WAY WE MUST THINK.

BUT I FIRST MUST PROTECT HER FROM HARM.

I LOVE YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE,
I WILL SAY NO MORE,
ABOUT WHAT WE ARE.

YOUR GRACE AND BEAUTY
IS ABOVE ALL ELSE.

CHARLES 05/17/99

TOUCH

I WAS TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL.

I FELT IN LOVE SO FAST.

THE LOVE WAS THE MOST GODLINESS
THING I HAD EVER FELT.

I WAS TOUCHED BY AND ANGEL.

SHE IS NOT ALL ABOUT THAT,
UNTIL SHE SMILES,
AND SAYS MY NAME.

THERE ARE WOMEN MORE
BEAUTIFUL AND SEXIER
I SUPPOSE.

OF COURSE I WOULD NEVER KNOW.
SHE IS THE MEASUREMENT
OF WHAT GOOD
AND EVIL SHOULD BE.

I WAS TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL.
NOW WHAT DO I DO?

MY LIFE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.

THE ROOM LIGHTS UP.
MY HEART IS FULL.

AS YOU WOULD EXPECT
MY FRIENDS ARE MAD AT ME.

BECAUSE I NOW
SEE THE TRUTH.

ONCE TOUCHED BY
AN ANGEL NO ONE ELSE WOULD DO.

MY ANGEL WORE A PRETTY RED DRESS SUNDAY
GAVE ME A HUG
AND SAID, "I LOVE YOU BABY."

I COME A LITTLE CLOSER
TO SEEING THE LIGHT.

WHEN I WAS TOUCHED BY MY
GUARDIAN ANGEL ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

KEEP FAITH IN GOD
AND HE WILL PROVIDE ONE FOR YOU TO.

CHARLES 06/02/99

TWO FACES OF EVE

I WAS MARRIED SEVERAL TIMES.

THEY ALL HAD A BIBLE
AND PRAISED THE LORD.
TOOK ME TO CHURCH,
AND THEN ON THE WAY HOME
RAISED HELL.

WHILE DATING THEM THEY ALL KNEW
HOW TO TALK.

EACH MAKING ME BELIEVE
THAT I WAS MEANT TO BE WITH THEM.

THEY WOULD SAY,
ALL THE RIGHT THINGS,
UNTIL THEY HAD ALL MY MONEY.

EACH GOT A CAR
AND ROOMS FULL OF FURNITURE.
BUT NONE GOT THE SPIRIT.

THEY TRIED TO BREAK ME, AND CHANGE MY
WAYS
TOLD ME I WAS WRONG AND I COULD
GO THEIR WAY OR THE HIGHWAY.

I KNOW NOW THAT EACH HAD TWO FACES.
THE ONE THEY SHOWED AT FIRST AND THE
OTHER WHEN IT WAS TOO LATE.

IF AT FIRST YOU SEE
THE PERSON TO BE UNGODLY
JUST KNOW THAT THEY
ARE OUT FOR THEMSELVES AND
RUN AWAY.

JUDGE THEM NOT FOR WHAT THEY SAY,
BUT MEASURE THEM FOR WHAT THEY DO.

STILL BELIEVE THOUGH,
THAT THE TWO FACES OF EVE
WILL BE WHAT IS GOOD FOR HER AND ME.

WE WILL WALK IN EACH OTHERS SHADOW
WHEN NEEDED

AND IN THE LIGHT AT ALL TIMES
WITH GOD.

THANK YOU LORD
FOR NOW I KNOW.

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YOU ARE IN CONTROL

YOU
ARE
IN
CONTROL

THANK YOU GOD
CHARLES 06/03/99

YOU CALLED!

HE CALLED;
I DID NOT ANSWER THE PHONE.

HE CALLED AND LEFT A MESSAGE,
I HEARD HIS VOICE AND ERASED IT.

I TOOK THE PHONE OFF OF THE HOOK;
HE GOT A BUSY SIGNAL.

HE CAME TO MY HOUSE,
KNOCKED ON MY DOOR;
I HID BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

WHEN I WAS IN BED
I COULD HEAR HIS VOICE,
I WAS AFRAID TO SHUT MY EYES.

FINALLY, WHEN I LEAST EXPECTED IT,
ON A SUNDAY NIGHT,
WHEN I WAS WITH FRIENDS,
HE CALLED.

I HAD NO PLACE TO HIDE.
A COLD CHILL PASSED THROUGH MY BODY;
SWEAT BROKE OUT ON MY FOREHEAD.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

HE SAID, "THIS IS GOD I NEED YOU!"

LORD, I ANSWERED,
I AM NOT READY, I AM AFRAID,
PLEASE CALL ON SOMEONE ELSE
TO DO YOUR WORK,
I DO NOT HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE
TO BRING EVEN MYSELF BACK TO YOU,
LET ALONE ONE OF YOUR LOST SHEEP.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

"ANYTHING YOU NEED I WILL PROVIDE YOU,"
SAID THE LORD,
"ANY WORDS THAT NEED TO BE WRITTEN I WILL GUIDE YOU,"
SAID THE LORD.
MY CHILD I HAVE BEEN TRAINING
YOU FOR MANY YEARS AND NOW YOU ARE READY.

TAKE MY STAFF.
IT IS TIME I STOPPED CARRYING YOU AND IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE MY WORD TO MY
CHILDREN.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

CHARLES 04/26/99

TAKE ME BACK

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DEDICATION

The spiritual motivator for my writing comes from the Lord. The inspiration is from a single

person who came into my life when I was most acceptable to healing.

I dedicate these writings to all the friends who see themselves, and to the Pastor who provided me with some of the key words used in some of the writings.

I give special thanks to those individuals who helped with the spelling. Believe you me, there were a bunch of them.

Special thanks to; Debbie Leakey who has been a friend.

CHARLES 04/28/99

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I have been a warrior all my life. As a young child when my parents moved from one neighborhood to another I would have to fight the meanest kid on the block. My parents moved numerous times and I made only one real friend during those younger years.

Later at the age of seventeen, I joined the Army and throughout the twenty-two years that I served, not one person became a real friend.

After leaving the military at the age of thirty-eight I found myself, after work, associating with black families. One of which was a family with over twenty children and the father was a man whose heritage was part Cherokee Indian and part African. His sons and daughters taught me the meaning of friendship. He died several years ago from alcoholism. His son died a few years earlier in a car accident. Tony was like a brother and his father (George) was, for years, my father as well. I was always welcomed home. They were always very proud of me. Later one of his daughters (Tina) died from cancer and then one of his wife's (Aggie) passed on two years ago from a stroke. I do not go there any more. It seems that my roots were destroyed when those four people died

I still have my extended family (Pat) in Merritt Island, FL., which is a story of its own. In addition my friend; and business partner, Bob Schalit, (part Jewish and part Apache Indian), he

has been my mentor these past ten years.

Nor should I forget to mention my English proof reader (Margo) who has become a friend these past few years through association with common goals.

There have been others who have said they were my friends and these stories have yet to be told.

The real reason for the writings of "Volume Three" is because of six hours of time given to me by a person I hope I will never lose; at least I will never lose her friendship and respect. She is from Honduras and a proud Black American (Debbie). Her Godliness comes through every time I am near her. Having her friendship is worth all the treasures in the world.

Charles 06/04/99

I would like to direct you to the fact that each of the writings are written so that the reader can find that they are not alone and no doubt there will be discord and thoughts that will be different then the author.

You will also note at the bottom of each page my name and the date I wrote the story. I have placed them in alphabetical order for ease of reference. These writings are not intended to be left in the book, but instead I hope you will find at least one to hang on your wall.

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213 MY FRIENDS, THE LORD LOVES YOU, AND IT IS NATURAL FOR US TO THANK GOD FOR YOU. GOD CHOSE YOU TO BE THE FIRST ONES TO BE SAVED. HIS SPIRIT MADE YOU HOLY, AND PUT YOUR FAITH IN THE TRUTH.

14GOD USED OUR PREACHING AS HIS WAY TO INVITING YOU TO SHARE IN THE GLORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

15 MY FRIENDS THAT'S WHY YOU MUST REMAIN FAITHFUL AND FOLLOW CLOSELY WHAT WE TAUGHT YOU IN PERSON AND BY OUR LETTERS.

16 GOD OUR FATHER LOVES US. HE IS KIND AND HAS GIVEN ETERNAL COMFORT AND WONDERFUL HOPE. WE PRAY THAT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND GOD THE FATHER

17WILL ENCOURAGE YOU AND HELP ALWAYS TO DO AND SAY THE RIGHT THING.

3 FINALLY, OUR FRIENDS, PLEASE PRAY FOR US. THIS WILL HELP THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE LORD TO SPREAD QUICKLY, AND OTHERS WILL RESPECT IT, JUST AS YOU DO.

2 PRAY THAT WE MAY BE KEPT SAFE FROM WORTHLESS AND EVIL PEOPLE. AFTER ALL, NOT EVERYONE HAS FAITH.

3BUT THE LORD CAN BE TRUSTED TO MAKE YOU STRONG AND PROTECT YOU FROM HARM.

4HE HAS MADE US SURE THAT YOU ARE OBEYING WHAT WE TAUGHT YOU AND THAT YOU WILL KEEP ON OBEYING.

5I PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU TO BE AS LOVING AS GOD AND AS CHRIST.

6 MY DEAR FRIENDS, IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, I BEG YOU NOT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF YOUR PEOPLE WHO LOAF AROUND AND REFUSE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS WE GAVE YOU.

7YOU SURELY KNOW THAT YOU SHOULD FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE. WE DIDN'T WASTE OUR TIME LOAFING,

8AND WE DIDN'T ACCEPT FOOD FROM ANYONE WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT. WE DIDN'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN TO ANY OF YOU, SO NIGHT AND DAY WE WORKED AS HARD AS WE COULD.

9WE HAD A RIGHT NOT TO WORK, BUT WE WANTED TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR YOU.

10WE ALSO GAVE YOU THE RULE THAT IF YOU DON'T WORK YOU DON'T EAT.

11NOW WE LEARN THAT SOME OF YOU JUST LOAF AROUND AND WON'T DO ANY WORK, EXCEPT THE WORK OF A BUSYBODY.

12SO FOR THE SAKE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE ASK AND BEG THESE PEOPLE TO SETTLE DOWN AND START WORKING FOR THE LIVING.

13DEAR FRIEND YOU MUST NEVER BECOME TIRED OF DOING RIGHT.

14BE ON YOU GUARD AGAINST ANY FOLLOWERS WHO REFUSE TO OBEY WHAT WE HAVE WRITTEN IN THIS LETTER. PUT THEM TO SHAME BY NOT HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM.

15DON'T CONSIDER THEM YOUR ENEMIES, BUT SPEAK KINDLY TO THEM AS YOU WOULD TO ANY OTHER FOLLOWER.

16I PRAY THAT THE LORD, WHO GIVES PEACE, WILL ALWAYS BLESS YOU WITH PEACE. MAY THE LORD BE WITH ALL OF YOU.

17 I ALWAYS SIGN MY LETTERS AS I AM NOW DOING: PAUL.

18I PRAY THAT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WILL BE KIND TO ALL OF YOU.

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AN ULTRA-MOTIVE

HAVE YOU EVER HELD A BIRD IN YOUR HAND?
 IT IS A WONDERMENT THAT YOU WILL NEVER
 FORGET.
 THE TRUST AND LOVE IS THE DIFFERENCE,
 BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

A FRIENDSHIP IS THE SAME.
 YOUR FRIEND MUST TRUST IN YOUR ADVICE.
 THEY MUST BE ASSURED THAT YOU
 DO NOT LEAD THEM ASTRAY.

THE MOTIVE BEHIND ADVICE GIVEN
 TO A FRIEND, MUST COME FROM THE HEART
 AND
 WITHIN THE WORDS OF "WHAT WOULD JESUS
 DO?"

WHEN GIVING OR SEEKING ADVICE,
 ASK YOURSELF,
 "WHAT IS MY MOTIVE FOR CHOOSING THIS
 FRIEND?"

AM I GIVING ADVICE OR RECEIVING ADVICE
 FOR SELF-BENEFIT?
 WHAT IS MY ULTRA-MOTIVE?

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DECISIONS THAT I
 HAVE MADE, THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE MADE,
 HAD I THOUGHT ABOUT THE ULTRA-MOTIVE.

I HELD THE PERSON'S FATE IN MY HANDS
 AS I HAD DONE WITH A SMALL BIRD.
 ONE SMALL MISTAKE AND I HAD THE POWER TO
 DESTROY OR HELP THE PERSON.

GOD GAVE SOME OF US THE POWER TO BRING
 HIS
 TEACHING TO HIS FLOCK.
 BUT THE POWER IN THE WRONG HANDS,
 HAS BROUGHT DOWN NATIONS.

FRIENDSHIP IS A WONDERFUL THING,
 HOWEVER, SELECT YOUR FRIENDS CAREFULLY.
 IF YOU'RE LUCKY YOU MIGHT HAVE ONLY
 ONE REAL FRIEND. THE REST MAY HAVE
 ULTRA-MOTIVES
 AND HIDDEN AGENDAS.
 CHARLES 06/11/99

ARE YOU IN THE ZONE?

IMAGINE A LARGE MUDDY POOL OF WATER,
 SO WIDE YOU CANNOT WALK AROUND IT
 AND YET YOU MUST GET TO THE OTHER SIDE.

IMAGINE YOUR FRIENDS THROWING YOU A
 ROPE,
 TO PULL YOU THROUGH THIS LARGE MUDDY
 MESS.

THAT IS WHAT YOUR LIFE IS LIKE WITHOUT
 CHRIST.

NOW IMAGINE THE SAME MUDDY WATER,
 YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALL WITH CHRIST.

THE SUN COMES OUT AND YOU SEE THE LIGHT.
 THE MUD BECOMES HARD,
 YOUR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS WALK OVER TO YOU
 AND LEAD YOU TO THE OTHER SIDE.

BUT SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY LIES,
 HOW DO YOU KNOW THE CHRISTIANS
 FROM THOSE WHO LIE.

I CALL IT, LIVING IN THE ZONE.

IT IS A TEN FOOT AREA
 SURROUNDING A TRULY GODLY, CHRISTIAN

PERSON.

I FOUND IT BY ACCIDENT,
I FOUND THAT WHEN I AM WITH A TRULY
CHRISTIAN PERSON
THAT ONCE I STEPPED INTO THE ZONE
I DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THEIR PRESENCE,

I FIND THAT I AM NOT ABLE TO HAVE
TOTAL PEACE UNLESS I AM WITHIN THIS ZONE.

ONCE OUTSIDE THIS ZONE I WAS UNEASY
AND ALONE, BUT TRUE CONTENTMENT WAS
FELT
WHILE I WAS WITHIN THIS TEN FOOT AREA.

THE ZONE OF BEING AROUND A CHRISTIAN IS
MUCH GREATER
THAN THE AURA FOUND AROUND A PERSON
WHO HAS NOT FOUND CHRIST.

PUT YOURSELF WITHIN A FEW FEET OF YOUR
PASTOR
THAN WALK AWAY SLOWLY,
FEEL THE ZONE AS YOU SLOWLY WALK AWAY,
FROM THE PASTOR.

THE POWER OF THEIR PRESENCE IS FELT,
USE THIS MEASUREMENT TO CHOOSE YOUR
FRIENDS.
YOUR JOB, AND YOUR MARRIAGE PARTNER
BE WITH CHRIST

CHARLES 06/24/99

COMMUNICATE

I LOVE YOU.

CAN I HELP YOU?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DO YOU NEED ANYTHING?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT?

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO COMMUNICATE,
WHEN YOU SAY THE ABOVE TO A PERSON
YOU JUST MET?

THERE WAS A LADY I SAW WHO LOOKED
LIKE SHE NEEDED HELP.

IN ASKING THE ABOVE I WAS COMMUNICATING
MY
WILLINGNESS TO HELP.

BUT IN DOING SO, WAS I WILLING TO LISTEN?

TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH SOMEONE
YOU MUST FIRST BE AN ACTIVE LISTENER.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASK ANY OF THE
ABOVE QUESTIONS, WITHOUT HEARING THE
RESPONSES.

SO IF TRYING TO HELP A FRIEND,
JUST BE THERE, LISTEN, PROVIDE NO ADVICE,
LET THE PERSON COMMUNICATE THEIR
PROBLEMS,
AND IN AS FEW WORDS AS POSSIBLE
ASK THEM WHAT DO THEY THINK JESUS
WOULD DO?

REMEMBERING THAT PROFESSIONAL ADVICE
SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE PROFESSIONAL
AND NOT TO A LAYMAN.

OFFER SUPPORT, LOVE, CARING AND A DESIRE
ON
YOUR PART, TO BRING THEM TO GOD
FOR PRAYER AND GUIDANCE.

COMMUNICATION IS A TWO WAY STREET,
INFORMATION MUST FLOW IN TWO DIRECTIONS

CHARLES 06/11/99

CONFUSION

I FEEL LIKE A FALLEN STAR.
FLYING ACROSS THE SKY AT THE HEIGHT OF
NIGHT.

I WILL BE BURNT OUT BEFORE I HIT THE
GROUND,
FROM THE FRICTION OF AIR PASSING AROUND
ME.

I HAVE NO DIRECTION AND FALL
TO EARTH IN THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE.

I HAVE ONLY LIVED FOR THE MOMENT
AND ONCE THE LIGHT IS GONE I AM NO MORE.

WHEN I WAS BIG AND STRONG
AND THE EARTH'S AIR HAD NOT CONSUMED
ME
I HAD TRAVELED WITH THE SPEED AND
STRENGTH
OF THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE UNIVERSE.

YOU COULD LOOK UP AND CALL ME BY NAME.

NOW I AM BUT A SPECK OF LIGHT.
I HAD FORGOTTEN THE REASON FOR BEING
HERE.

I WAS CONFUSED BY MY FAILING LIGHT.

AS I PASSED THROUGH LIFE I HAD NO
PURPOSE.

MY REASON FOR BEING WAS UNKNOWN.

I HAD NOT KNOWN THAT THE DECISION I HAD
MADE
WOULD LEAD ME TO DESTRUCTIVE ACTIONS.

MY CONFUSION HAS CAUSED THE PATH I HAVE
CHOSEN.
I HAD MADE THE CHOICE UNKNOWINGLY
OF THE DESTRUCTIVE PATH THESE DECISIONS
WOULD TAKE.

THEN I SAW THE LIGHT JUST BEFORE THE
IMPACT,
IT CAME FROM THE BOOK.

THE TITLE SAID NOTHING AND YET PROVIDED
SO MUCH.

CONFUSION WAS CREATED BY NOT READING
THE BOOK
AND LIVING MY LIFE AS HE WOULD EXPECT ME
TO DO.

MY FLIGHT PATH WAS REDIRECTED, I PICKED

UP NEW MASS,
I WAS AGAIN THE SIZE OF BEFORE AND GIVEN
A NAME.

MAN!

THANK YOU GOD FOR HAVING YOUR WORD
WRITTEN
IN THE BIBLE FOR ALL TO READ
AND THE FRIEND WHO CARED ENOUGH TO
SHOW
ME THE WAY HOME.

CHARLES 06/11/99

CRY

TENDERLY I HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS,
FEELING THE WARMTH OF YOUR BODY NEXT
TO MINE.
I HAVE SO MUCH HURT BUILT UP INSIDE ME,
THAT AS SOON AS YOU PUT YOUR ARMS
AROUND ME
I START TO CRY.

I HAVE NOT CRIED FOR YEARS,
BECAUSE MEN WERE TAUGHT FROM BIRTH,
THAT CRYING WAS A WEAKNESS,
THAT MEN COULD NOT SHOW.

I TELL YOU, OF ALL THE HURT AND PAIN THAT
I HAVE BEEN THROUGH.
I OPEN MY SOUL SO THAT YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND.
I BARE MY HEART TO YOU,
MY FRIEND I TRUST YOU.

IT IS HARD TO TRUST ANYONE THE WAY THAT I
TRUST YOU.
BECAUSE OF THE NUMEROUS TIMES I HAVE
ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE HURT.
BUT YET I TRUST YOU.

I TRUST YOU, BECAUSE OF YOUR COMPASSION
AND LOVE FOR GOD,
I TRUST YOU, BECAUSE I NEED TO AGAIN FIND
TRUST IN MAN KIND.

MY DEAREST FRIEND,
PLEASE DO NOT FIND FAULT IN ME,

MY FAULTS ARE KNOWN BY ME,
BUT INSTEAD HELP ME TO REPLACE MY
MISGUIDED WAYS,
WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS
EXPECTED OF ME
AS A TRUE BELIEVER OF GOD.

UNDERSTANDING THAT I LOVE YOU,
IF YOU SAY THAT I AM A FAILURE,
THAT I CAN NOT DO ANYTHING RIGHT,
AND ASK WHY I MUST BREAK EVERYTHING.
THEN KNOW, I SEE MYSELF AS YOU SEE ME
THROUGH YOUR EYES.

IF YOU SEE ME AS A CHILD OF GOD,
A SHEPHERD OF HIS FLOCK,
A BELIEVER OF THE BIBLE,
AND A RIGHTEOUS PERSON,
THEN THAT IS WHAT I WILL BE.

TAKE AWAY THE NEGATIVES THAT SURROUND
US,
AND SPEAK ONLY OF THE POSITIVES.

WHEN I DO WRONG,
KNOW THAT IT WAS NOT MEANT TO BE
AGAINST YOUR WAY OF THINKING,
BUT IT IS, THAT I DID NOT KNOW THAT YOU
THOUGHT IT WAS WRONG.

I CRIED THE OTHER DAY BECAUSE I HAD MADE
YOU ANGRY,
AND I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.

CHARLES 07/21/99

CULTURE OF ETHICS

IF TRULY KNOWN WE HAVE FEW ETHICS,
IN FACT MANY OF US CHOOSE WHAT IS
ETHICAL
NOT REALLY UNDERSTANDING THE
DIFFERENCE.

THE CULTURE OF ETHICS IS THE BELIEF THAT
IF IT
IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE MASS THEN IT IS
ACCEPTABLE BY ALL.

THE PROBLEM WITH THIS IS THAT THE
MAJORITY ARE NOT CHRISTIANS
SO THEIR STANDARDS ARE THE WRONG
MEASUREMENT.

WE SEE EVERY DAY PEOPLE JUSTIFYING THEIR
ACTIONS
IN THE NAME OF GOD.

I HAVE TWO VERY GOOD FRIENDS, BOTH I
KNOW
WITHOUT A DOUBT ARE GOOD CHRISTIAN
PEOPLE.

YET ONE WILL GO INTO A STORE AND SAMPLE
A PIECE OF CANDY
WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT EVEN THOUGH THERE
IS A SIGN
THAT SAYS PLEASE LEAVE A NICKEL FOR A
SAMPLE

THE OTHER RECEIVED A DISCOUNT,
FROM A SALES PERSON EVEN THOUGH BOTH
KNEW
THAT ONLY THE EMPLOYEE COULD RECEIVE
THE DISCOUNT.
THE FEW DOLLARS THAT WERE SAVED
WAS MONEY TAKEN FROM THE OWNER,
AND IF CAUGHT THE SALES PERSON COULD
HAVE BEEN FIRED.

I EXPLAINED TO BOTH PEOPLE THE
WRONGNESS OF THEIR ACTIONS
AND YET BOTH JUSTIFIED THEIR ACTION
WITH,
" IT WAS GOD'S WAY OF STEPPING IN AND
HELPING THEM."

GOD DOES NOT LEAD YOU TO BE DISHONEST,
WHEN HE STEPS IN, IT WILL BE IN A GODLY
WAY.

FOR THE CULTURE OF ETHICS TO BE CORRECT
WE MUST NOT USE A MEASUREMENT
THAT IS ACCEPTABLE BY THE MAJORITY
BUT WE MUST SET NEW STANDARDS
THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE TO A CHRISTIAN.

THE MAJORITY COMMIT ADULTERY,
AND MANY OTHER PRACTICES THAT ARE NOT
ACCEPTABLE
WHY THEN SHOULD NOT OUR NATION OF
CHRISTIANS
ESTABLISH THE STANDARD FOR ALL OTHER
NATIONS TO FOLLOW.

AGAIN IT IS SIMPLE,
"WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"

CHARLES 06/24/99

DRUGS

I HAVE A FRIEND,
WHOSE DAUGHTER DATES
A MAN WHOSE BOSS DEALS IN DRUGS.

THE OTHER DAY A DRUG DEAL WENT BAD
AND THE BOSS AND ONE OF HIS ASSOCIATES
WERE KILLED.

THE BOSS AND THE DAUGHTER'S FRIEND
DID NOT LIKE WHITE PEOPLE,
AND MY FRIEND HAS A NINETEEN-YEAR OLD
SON WHO IS GOING DOWN THE SAME PATH.

FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS
I HAVE BEEN TELLING MY FRIEND
THAT AS LONG AS A PARENT DOES NOT SET
LAWS AND RULES
THAT ARE IN LINE WITH GODS TEACHING
AND THAT THE PARENT DOES NOT PRACTICE
TOUGH LOVE ,
THAT THE DIRECTION THE CHILDREN GO
WILL BE THE FAULT OF THE PARENT.

MY FRIEND WENT WITH THE TWO
DAUGHTERS,
TO VISIT THE WIFE OF THE DEAD MAN.
THE WIFE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN SELLING
DRUGS)

IN DOING SO MY FRIEND SUPPORTED THE
ACTIONS OF THE DRUG DEALER,
AND RE-ENFORCED TO THE FAMILY THAT
SELLING DRUGS WAS ALL RIGHT.

I SUGGESTED THE YOUNGER SON SHOULD BE
TAKEN,
TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO A DRUG DEALER,
BECAUSE CHANCES ARE, HE WILL END UP THE
SAME WAY.

NEEDLESS TO SAY MY FRIEND IS NOT TALKING
TO ME.

IT IS DIFFICULT AT BEST TO RAISE A FAMILY
WHEN THERE ARE TWO PARENTS
AND NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO AS ONE
PARENT,
HOWEVER IF AS A PARENT YOU FOLLOW ONE
SIMPLE RULE
THAT RAISING OF CHILDREN BECOMES SECOND
NATURE
WHEN RAISING THEM WITH GODS LAWS,
THEN AS THE CHILD GETS OLDER
THEY WILL HAVE THE PROPER PRINCIPLES

WE CAN ALL FIND MANY REASONS WHY
OUR CHILDREN TURN OUT THE WAY THEY
HAVE
AND NOT ALWAYS AS A PARENT
WILL THE PARENT BE THE CAUSE OF THE
PROBLEM,

HOWEVER IF THE PARENT DID NOT TEACH
CHRISTIAN STANDARDS THEY FIRST MUST
QUESTION THEMSELVES.

WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING AT HOME?

CHARLES 07/21/99

ENEMY OR FRIEND

JUST LIKE A FRIEND TO BRING ME BREAD
DURING FASTING.

THESE WORDS ARE SO TRUE,
BECAUSE IN MOST CASES A FRIEND WANTS
TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS
BY BRINGING YOU DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL.

IF A FRIEND IS ON DRUGS,
THEY WILL BRING DRUGS TO YOU,

IF THEY COMMIT ANY WRONGFUL ACT,
THEY WILL WANT YOU TO BE PART OF IT.

THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT YOUR FRIENDS
THEY ARE YOUR ENEMY
THEY HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE EVIL SPIRITS
TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM GODLINESS.

YOUR JOB IS TO SHOW THEM THE WAY TO
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
BY YOUR ACTION BEING THE
LIVING TESTAMENT OF THE BIBLE.

IT IS HARD TO CHANGE YOUR FRIENDS,
IT IS EASIER TO STAY WITH THE DEVIL YOU
KNOW.

IF YOUR FRIENDS ARE NOT LIVING BY THE
STANDARD
THAT A CHRISTIAN WOULD,
YOUR SALVATION WILL BE ONLY TO REMOVE
YOURSELF
AND ASSOCIATE WITH A NATION OF FRIENDS
THAT
ARE WITH CHRIST.

IT IS NOT AN EASY TASK TO MOVE IN ANOTHER
DIRECTION
BUT YET IT IS YOUR ONLY SALVATION.

IT IS EASY TO JUSTIFY A FRIEND,
WITH THEY MEANT ME NO HARM.

A YOUNG MAN WENT TO JAIL THE OTHER DAY,
HIS ONLY CRIME WAS BEING WITH HIS FRIEND
WHILE THEY KILLED A LADY.
NOW HE IS FACED WITH LIFE IN PRISON

ARE THEY MY FRIENDS OR MY ENEMIES?

WHAT MEASUREMENT DO YOU USE?

MY FRIENDS ARE CHRISTIANS ARE YOURS?

SEE YOU IN HEAVEN.

BLESS YOU FRIEND FOR BRINGING ME HOME
TO GOD.

CHARLES 06/24/99

FOUNDATION

I DUG IN TO THE EARTH THREE FEET DEEP,
SIXTY FEET LONG AND FORTY FEET WIDE.

I Poured water and dirt into these
trenches
thinking it would hold the house
I wanted to build.

I soon found that all I had made
was mud and a mess.

I had not laid the proper foundation,
and I had no idea why.

I had traveled the road of what I had
thought
was friendship.

Entered into marriages, only to have
everything destroyed,
as if a tornado sucked me up into itself.

I had spent more than half my life,
building houses that would not stand
the test of time.

My back was rounded, my head was
looking down.
I tripped and fell in to the mud I had
created.

A hand reached out.
Handed me the Bible,
"Your foundation lies within these
pages,"
my angel said.

As I read, the mixture needed was given
to me,
I set forth to build a new foundation.
Using the strongest steel,
the best concrete

Months have passed my friendship
grew stronger.

I REALIZED BETTER TO HAVE ONE GREAT FRIEND THAN A HALF DOZEN BROKEN MARRIAGES

SOON I HOPE TO PLACE A STRUCTURE ON THE FOUNDATION.

IF IT IS GOD'S WILL.
IF NOT WITH HER THEN SOME ONE WITH THE SAME BELIEFS.

A GODLY WOMAN IS THE ONLY GOOD FOUNDATION FOR A HOUSE TO BE BUILT ON.

CHARLES 06/11/99

FRIEND

YESTERDAY WHILE WAITING IN LINE, A TALL MAN, WITH VERY PALE COMPLEXION, RED HAIR AND GREEN EYES, WAS CARRYING HIS SON .

THE CHILD LOOKED LIKE HIS FATHER, AND MUST HAVE BEEN AROUND THREE YEARS OLD.

THERE WERE SEVERAL PEOPLE IN FRONT OF ME, AND I WAS IN FRONT OF THEM, AND THEN SEVERAL MORE PEOPLE BEHIND THEM.

THE LITTLE BOY LOOKED UP TO HIS FATHER, AND ASKED, "DADDY CAN I HAVE AN APPLE?"

I FOLLOWED THE LITTLE BOYS HAND WITH MY EYES, AS HE REACHED OUT AND POINTED TO THE BASKET OF BIG RED APPLES NEXT TO THEM.

THE FATHER LOOKED DOWN AND SAID, "NO SON."

THE BOY ASKED AGAIN, "PLEASE FATHER CAN I HAVE AN APPLE?"

THE FATHER AGAIN SAID, "NO SON."

THERE WAS NO ANGER OR HARSHNESS IN THE FATHER'S TONE, JUST FIRMNESS.

I SAID TO THE BOY, " MAYBE IF YOU SAID. "DADDY IF YOU WILL PLEASE LET ME HAVE ONE APPLE I WILL SHARE IT WITH YOU."

THE BOY AGAIN LOOKED AT HIS DADDY AND SAID,
"DADDY IF YOU BUY ME AN APPLE I WILL SHARE IT WITH YOU."

THE FATHER BENT OVER AND LET HIS SON PICK OUT A BIG JUICY RED APPLE.

BY THEN THEY WERE NEXT TO THE CASHIER. THE BOY SHOWED HIS BIG APPLE TO THE MANAGER AND ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE STORE WERE GLEAMING WITH JOY.

THE MANAGER SAID, " THAT'S ALL RIGHT SON, THE APPLE IS YOURS FREE."

THE BOY SAID, " THANK YOU," AND SMILED AT HIS FATHER.

I ASKED, " ARE YOU STILL SHARING HALF OF THE APPLE WITH YOUR FATHER?"

THE THREE YEAR OLD BOY SAID, " NO, HE DID NOT BUY IT."

ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE STORE STARTED LAUGHING LOUDLY.

EVERY ONE TOOK HOME A MEMORY AND THE FATHER AND SON JUST BECAME FRIENDS.

I AM SURE WHEN THE THREE YEAR OLD BECOMES A MAN, HE WILL TELL HIS SON THIS STORY. WHEN THE FATHER IS OLD AND CAN NOT WALK, I CAN SEE THE YOUNG BOY, AS A MAN, BRINGING AN APPLE TO HIS FATHER.

GOD WORKS IN WONDEROUS WAYS AND HE BROUGHT HIS CHILDREN TOGETHER TO SHARE IN THIS MOMENT, ONLY ONE DAY AFTER I WROTE SEED AND ONLY ONE DAY AFTER WE TALKED ABOUT ROTTEN APPLES.

THANK YOU GOD.

CHARLES 06/16/99

GODS GRACE

I WENT TO THE EAST AS FAR AS I COULD GO,
TILL I REACHED THE OCEAN EDGE.

THERE ABOVE ME WAS A STAR SO BRIGHT,
I FELT THE GLOW TOUCH MY HEART.

I KNEW THAT IF I REACHED OUT, WITH MY
HAND,
THAT SURELY I COULD GRASP THE STAR
AND PLACE IT NEAR MY HEART.

AS I REACHED OUT, AT FIRST,
I FAILED.
FALLING INTO THE SALT WATER, WHICH
BURNED MY EYES.

I FELT THE SALT WATER TASTE,
UNSURE IT WAS MY OWN TEARS
OR THAT OF THE OCEAN WATER.

I STOOD AGAIN, REACHED OUT,
GRASPING THE STAR BY ONE HAND,
BRINGING IT SLOWLY TO ME I SAW
THE STAR WAS AN ANGEL
WHO CAME TO PROTECT ME FROM HARM.

SLOWLY THE LIGHT SURROUNDED ME TILL I
GLOWED AS
BRIGHT AS THE BRIGHTEST STAR.

THE SPIRIT CAME OVER ME,
FROM THE ANGEL I THOUGHT WAS A STAR.

CHARLES 09/27/99

HEAR ME!

HEAR ME WHEN I SPEAK,
FOR THE WORDS ARE FOR YOU.

MY HEART IS AN OPEN BOOK,
WITH PAGES TORN AND MISSING.

I HAVE BEEN READ BY MANY,
AND TOSSED ASIDE.

LEAVING ME WITH A BURNING PAIN,
THAT WILL NOT SUBSIDE.

YOU! LOOK INTO MY EYES,
AND SEE THE TRUTH,
THROUGH THESE EYES,
MY SOUL IS AN OPEN BOOK.

I WANT YOU AS MY WIFE,
BUT I AM AFRAID TO LOSE YOU,
AS MY FRIEND..

HEAR ME AS I SPEAK,
FOR MY WORDS ARE FROM THE HEART.
KNOW, WHEN I SAY I AM YOUR FRIEND,
I AM ALSO SAYING I LOVE YOU.

I AM NOT ONE TO LIE,
NOR DO I TAKE FRIENDSHIP LIGHTLY.

CAN I BE BOTH, A FRIEND AND YOU MY WIFE?
MUST I MAKE A CHOICE,
AND JUST BE A FRIEND FOR LIFE

HEAR ME WHEN I SPEAK,
DO NOT JUST LISTEN,
BUT UNDERSTAND THE WORDS.

I LOVE YOU, AS A FRIEND,
BUT DON'T MAKE ME CHOOSE

SOMETIME IN THE NIGHT,
REPEAT THESE WORDS,
IF I HAD TO CHOOSE
WOULD I WANT TO LOSE
HIM TOO?

I AM YOUR FRIEND FOR LIFE,
BUT CAN I HAVE YOU ALSO AS MY WIFE?

HEAR THESE WORDS NOW,
FOR I WILL NOT SAY THEM AGAIN,
FOR FEAR OF LOSING A FRIEND.

I LOVE YOU,
THANK YOU FOR COMING INTO MY LIVE.

CHARLES 06/22/99

HIDDEN AGENDA

I HAVE NEVER KNOWN WHERE THE TRUTH LIES,
I BELIEVE ALL THAT IS SAID,
I TRUST THAT GOD WILL GUIDE.

ONLY NOW HAVE YOU MADE ME REALIZE,
THAT THE TRUST WE HAVE,
IS BASED ON A HIDDEN AGENDA.
I HAVE FOUGHT HARD TO KEEP MY FAITH,
I LISTEN TO THE WORDS SPOKEN BY FRIENDS,
ONLY TO FIND THAT THE FRIENDS WERE NOT MINE.

I CARE NOT TO SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH,
NOR DO I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALL ABOUT LIES.

I ASK THEN THAT YOU READ THE WORDS,
FOUND IN THE BIBLE AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

IF YOU FIND THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP IS JUST FOR YOUR BENEFIT,
THEN YOU HAVE A HIDDEN AGENDA.

I LOVE YOU, SHOULD NOT BE SPOKEN LIGHTLY,
IT SHOULD COME FROM THE HEART,
AND RESERVED FOR THE ONE YOU LOVE,
WITH ALL YOUR HEART.

A HIDDEN AGENDA IS WHAT MOST FRIENDS HAVE,
THEN IF SO, ARE THEY TRULY FRIENDS,
OR DOES ONE JUST HAVE A BROKEN HEART?

WORDS THAT RHYME ARE FINE,
WORDS SPOKEN FROM THE HEART ARE TRUE.

NO HIDDEN AGENDA CAN BE FOUND,
WITH I LOVE YOU,
WHEN IT IS FROM THE HEART.

HIDDEN AGENDA IS WHEN WE SAY,

"I LOVE YOU"
BUT REALLY MEAN I THINK YOU'RE NICE
AND I LIKE YOU.

FRIENDS MUST SEPARATE THE TWO,
TO BE FRIENDS ONLY IS,
"I LIKE YOU,"

TO BE LOVERS,
"I LOVE YOU,"
THEN WE HAVE NO HIDDEN AGENDA

CHARLES 06/24/99

INDEPENDENCE

WE ARE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF WHAT OUR FOREFATHERS
A COUPLE OF HUNDRED YEARS AGO HAD DONE.

OUR ANCESTORS FOUGHT WITH THE BRITISH TO ALLOW THE FUTURE
GENERATION TO HAVE TAXATION WITH REPRESENTATION.

AT THAT TIME IT WAS DETERMINED TO SEPARATE THE STATES
FROM RELIGIOUS CONTROL.

NOT ALL THAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE CONSTITUTION WAS
APPLICABLE TO THE WHOLE POPULATION.

WOMEN WERE NOT ALLOWED A SAY IN THE GOVERNMENT
AND AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE CONSIDERED PROPERTY OF THE SLAVE OWNERS.

FROM THIS RAGGED PAST SEVERAL CHANGES TOOK PLACE AND AMENDMENTS WERE MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION

TWO OF WHICH AFFECT THE RIGHT FOR WOMEN TO VOTE AND FREEDOM GIVEN BACK TO BLACK AMERICANS.

THESE CHANGES ARE TODAY TAKEN FOR GRANTED AND MANY INDIVIDUALS OF ALL RACES, CREED, NATIONALITY AND

RELIGION DO NOT SHOW UP TO VOTE.

AS WE LOOK AROUND WE WOULD FIND THAT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAVE MORE IN COMMON TODAY BECAUSE OF THE BATTLES FOUGHT BY OUR FOREFATHERS.

I AM A RETIRED SERGEANT, I HAVE SPENT TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF MY LIFE DEFENDING THESE RIGHTS, EVEN AFTER LEAVING THE MILITARY I STILL DEFEND THESE RIGHTS BY BEING AN INFORMED REGISTERED VOTER.

MY FATHER FOUGHT IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND I SERVED TIME IN VIETNAM.

I DON'T DOUBT THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE HERE THAT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF A FAMILY MEMBER WHO FOUGHT FOR THE FREEDOM THAT WE NOW HAVE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I DON'T DOUBT THAT WE HAVE HERE INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN BE A REGISTERED VOTERS BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE TIME.

OUR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE COMES FROM THE MASS DEFENDING THE RIGHTS WE FOUGHT AND DIED FOR THESE PAST COUPLE OF HUNDRED YEARS.

I ASK THE SAME THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASKED, "ASK NOT WHAT THE COUNTY CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR THE COUNTY?"

REMEMBER THE WORDS OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING
"FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST."

CHARLES 07/04/99

MENTOR

I HAVE CHOSEN MY MENTOR,
BASED ON THE TRUST I HAVE.

BUT HAVE I CHOSEN ONE THAT WILL BRING ME

BACK.

MY MENTOR WAS ONE FIRST, WHO TAUGHT ME WELL.
NOW IT IS ONE WHO TEACHES ME NOT TO ASK WHY.

I ASK MYSELF WHEN I DO NOT KNOW,
WHY HAVE I TO MAKE THE CHOICE?

MY MENTOR TAUGHT ME TO HAVE FAITH IN GOD,
AND I CAN NOT FAIL.

WHEN SHE SAYS, "I LOVE YOU,"
I KNOW IT MEANS, "GOD LOVES YOU".

MY MENTOR,
IS TEACHING ME HOW TO READ THE BIBLE,
I HAVE FOUND THROUGH MY MENTOR A NEW DIRECTION.

HOW SIMPLE IT IS TO LIVE
OUR LIVES IN THE WAY ALL PASTORS
TRY TO LIVE THEIRS.

NOT ALWAYS CAN WE NOT FAIL,
BUT TO READ THE BIBLE,
AND LIVE ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES,
SURE IS EASIER THAN LIVING A LIE.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A MENTOR,
IF THE ONE CHOSEN IS IN JAIL,
AS DO SO MANY LOST SOULS.

FIND WHERE YOUR MENTOR HAS BEEN,
AND THEN ASK WHERE IS OUR MENTOR GOING?

REMEMBERING, THAT IF IT IS NOT,
"WHAT WOULD JESUS DO,"
YOU SHOULD RUN AND HIDE.
BECAUSE ALL ELSE IS A LIE.

I TRUST MY MENTOR,
BUT I TRUST FIRST IN GOD.

FOR THE LORD IS MY MENTOR,
AND JESUS HAS ASSIGNED MY PASTOR,
TO TEACH ME HIS WORD.

RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH,
BY READING THE BOOK.

CHARLES 06/24/99

NATION

WHEN I WAS YOUNG,
I TRAVELED FAR AND WIDE.

EACH TIME I ARRIVED IN A NEW NATION,
I TRIED TO BLEND IN WITH THE LOCAL
POPULATION,
OF THE NEW NATION THAT I WAS IN.

EACH TIME I FOUND THAT IT WAS EASY TO FIT
IN,
IF I SPOKE TO NO ONE.

BUT AS SOON AS I OPENED MY MOUTH THEY
SOON KNEW,
THAT I WAS NOT ONE OF THEM.

RETURNING TO CHRIST,
IS ONE IN THE SAME.

I SAT IN THE BACK UNTIL I COULD LEARN,
THE LANGUAGE OF THE NATION OF
CHRISTIANS.

YOU MAY FIND THIS HARD TO UNDERSTAND,
THAT ALL YOU SEE IS BUT A LIE.

THAT IS, UNTIL THE TRUTH IS SPOKEN,
FROM THE VOICE'S THAT HAVE FOUND THE
WORDS
GIVEN BY JESUS AND FROM THE BOOK THAT
ONLY
THE TRUTH CAN BE KNOWN .

THE NATION OF CHRISTIANS HAVE A
LANGUAGE OF THEIR OWN.
IT IS THE SMILE AND CARING THAT IS FELT,
WHEN YOU ARE IN THEIR PRESENCE.

WHEN A CHRISTIAN REACHES OUT THEIR
HAND,
YOU NEED NOT CHECK BY COUNTING IF YOUR

FINGERS ARE STILL THERE.

A NATION OF CHRISTIANS COME NOT,
WITH RACE, CREED, COLOR OR RELIGION,
A NATION OF CHRISTIANS COME WITH THE
TRUTH,
AND TEACHING OF THE GOOD BOOK.

I HAVE TRAVELED FAR AND WIDE,
ONLY TO COME HOME,
HERE WITH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN CHRIST.

IF YOU ARE HERE NOW,
WELCOME HOME FROM THE NATION OF
CHRISTIANS
AND JESUS CHRIST.

CHARLES 06/24/99

POWER

YOU, AS MY FRIEND, HAVE THE POWER TO
DESTROY ME.

THE POWER WAS GIVEN OF FREE WILL BY ME
TO YOU.

I AM BUT A CHILD,
WHEN I AM WITH YOU AND I AM IN YOUR
TOTAL CONTROL.

I QUESTION NOT A WORD THAT YOU SPEAK TO
ME,
I TRUST EACH THING YOU DO, AS YOU MEAN
ME NO HARM.

IF EVER YOU NEED ME,
I AM FOREVER YOUR SERVANT.

YOU HAVE OPENED THE GATES OF HEAVEN
FOR ME,
AND YOU CAN DO NO WRONG.

MY TIME IS YOURS, AND I GIVE IT TO YOU FREE
OF WILL,
IT IS THE MOST VALUABLE TREASURE I OWN.

YOU HAVE OPENED THE DOOR TO THE

UNIVERSE,
AND I HAVE FOUND A DEPTH NOT BEFORE
KNOWN.

BECAUSE OF YOU,
I CAN NOW SAY WORDS, BEFORE UNKNOWN
TO ME

THERE IS NOT A DAY
WHEN MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT ABOUT YOU.

BEFORE KNOWING YOU, THERE WAS NO
DIRECTION TO MY LIFE,
AND NOW THE DIRECTION IS TOWARD THE
LIGHT.

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND
HOW A FATHER CAN LET HIS SON DIE
FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL MAN KIND.

BUT YET, WHEN YOUR SON WAS PLACED UPON
THE CROSS
HE TOO KEPT FAITH IN YOU.

MY GOD IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES,
KNOW, I TOO SEE YOU AS NOT ONLY MY
FATHER,
BUT ALSO AS MY FRIEND.

WHEN TIMES ARE HARD I KNOW YOU HEAR ME,
AND YOU ANSWER MY PRAYERS.

I TOO, VISIT YOU AS GOOD FRIENDS SHOULD,
AND I TOO WILL RESPECT YOUR TIME,
AND I CALL UPON YOU FOR GUIDANCE
IN THIS LIFE.

MY LORD, THE FATHER OF JESUS AND ALL MAN
KIND,
I WORSHIP YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND I TURN TO
YOU
FOR THE ANSWERS NOT KNOWN BY ME.

CHARLES 07/18/99

PRAYER ONE

CRY NOT MY SOUL,

YET LET IT BE KNOWN,
HOW DEEP THE PAIN IS.

FEAR NOT TO LET THE TEARS FALL,
FOR PAIN IS BUT FOR A MOMENT.

ALLOW OUR FAITH TO BE THE TUNNEL
FOR THOSE WE SEE.

KEEP FAITH IN THE GLORY OF THE LORD,
AND OUR PATH WILL BE FOUND.

ALLOW NOT THE NEGATIVES OR ANGER
CONTROL OUR EMOTIONS,
BUT INSTEAD TURN OUR LOVE FOR GOD
TOWARD THE EVIL SURROUNDING US.

BY THE GRACE OF OUR LOVE,
A BASE IS TO BE FOUND,
FAR GREATER THAN THE MIND CAN IMAGINE.

FOR THE FOUNDATION IS BEING BUILT,
AND LOVE IS BEING MANIFESTED.

WE SEEK A DESTINY YET UNKNOWN,
AND OUR PAIN IS FELT,
VISIBLE ONLY TO A FEW.

WE ARE ONE WITH THE LORD,
AND OUR SPIRITS ARE JOINED AS ONE.

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PRAYER TWO

GIVEN THE BREATH OF LIFE,
THE SIGHT TO SEE,
AND THE WILL TO LIVE.

LET THE MOON RISE BEFORE US,
AND THE LORD PROTECT US.

AT THE EVE OF DAY KNEEL AND PRAY,
THAT TOMORROW AWAKES A LOVE,
THAT TRUE FRIENDS CAN SHARE.

WE GATHER, NOT ONLY AS A CHRISTIAN
GROUP,
BUT WE TOGETHER ALSO AS FRIENDS.

LOVE IS MANIFESTED,
FIRST BY THE FRIENDSHIP FOUND.

WE ARE FIRST AS FRIENDS,
BECAUSE OF WHAT WE SHARE,
IN OUR JOURNEY TO FIND THE GRACE OF THE
LORD.

LOVE, WITHOUT FRIENDSHIP,
IS A JOURNEY NEVER COMPLETED.

ONCE STARTED, WITH FRIENDSHIP,
THROUGH THE JOURNEY
IS THE BEGINNING TO THE END.

LOVE ONCE INSIDE US,
THE DESTINATION IS KNOWN,
AND MANIFESTED BY THE LOVE OF GOD.

CHARLES 07/18/99

PRAYER THREE

RELENTLESSLY WE SEARCH FOR TRUE DIVINE
GUIDANCE.

WE LONG FOR A GREATER RELATIONSHIP,
WITH GOD AND OUR INNER SELF.

THE PAIN THAT WAS PART OF OUR PAST,
IS FOREVER GONE,
AND GREATER HAPPINESS,
AND BELONGING NOW EXISTS.

WE SEARCH FOR HIS GLORY,
AND WE FIND IT HERE IN HIS HOUSE.

WE LOOK INTO THE EYES THAT SEARCH DEEP
INTO THE SOUL,
AND WE FIND LASTING PEACE AND
FRIENDSHIP.

NO LONGER,
DO WE TRAVEL DOWN THE EVIL ROAD,
BUT OUR PATH IS DIRECTED BY GOD.

NO GREATER LOVE CAN BE FOUND
AS THE LOVE FOUND, WHILE IN HIS GRACE

AND GLORY.

AS WE LEARN,
WHILE ON OUR JOURNEY,
WE WILL WANT TO SHARE
THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE AND WARMTH,

GIVE INTO THIS FEELING OF BELONGING,
EVEN WITH THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US,
THE GLORY OF THE LORD WILL UNITE US.

BE THANKFUL OF THESE DIFFERENCES,
BECAUSE WE ARE AT THE CROSSROADS
OF A FAR GREATER REASON FOR BEING.
OUR DESTINY IS KNOWN BY ONE FAR GREATER
THAN US.

DO NOT BE CONFUSED BY THE DOWNWARD
SPIRAL OF EMOTIONS,
BUT LOOK UPON THE UNKNOWN AS A TEST OF
OUR FAITH.

CHARLES 07/18/99

PREY

WE HAVE A NATURAL INSTINCT TO SURVIVE,
EVEN WHEN WE HAD NO NEED,
WE WERE TAUGHT TO TAKE.

YOU SAW ME LIVING IN THE WILD, HUNDREDS
OF YEARS AGO.
OUR INSTINCTS THEN WERE LIKE THE GREAT
LION.

WE HUNTED FOR OUR FOOD.

LIFE WAS NOT SHOPPING AT STORES,
BUT IT WAS TO MAKE IT, TO TOMORROW.

WE PREYED UPON THE EARTH AND WERE FEED
BY THE GROUND.

WE MATED TO REPRODUCE
AND ONLY THE STRONGEST SAW THE DAWN.

BUT THESE TIMES ARE OF THE PAST
AND STILL WE MUST SURVIVE,
WE NEED NOT PREY UPON OUR FELLOW MAN.

NOR, SHOULD WE COVET HIS GOODS,
WE NEED NOT PREY UPON FRIENDSHIP ONLY
TO DESTROY.

WE GATHER IN CLUSTERS,
ONLY TO HAVE ONE TAKE CONTROL.

WE PREY UPON THE EMOTIONS OF THE
WEAKEST
AMONG US IN ORDER TO FEEL THE POWER WE
HAVE.

WE NO LONGER MATE FOR REPRODUCTION,
BUT INSTEAD FOR PERSONAL SATISFACTION.

WE TAKE FOR THE TAKING AND NOT FOR
WHAT WE NEED.
WE WASTE MORE THAN TWICE OF WHAT WE
NEED.

WE PREY UPON THE WEAK AND ONLY FIND
GLORY IN THE STRONG.

THIS IS NOT WHAT WAS TAUGHT,
BUT IF YOU MUST FIND SATISFACTION
IN THE GAME

FIND PREY IN THE LORD'S HOUSE, FOR THERE
THE
STAKES ARE MORE THAN SEEING THE DAWN.

TAKE THE HAND OF A FALLEN SOUL AND LEAD
HIM BACK TO GOD.

CHARLES 07/18/99

PRIVATE OR PUBLIC

WE SHARE INFORMATION
MEANT ONLY FOR EACH OTHER.

WE DO SO OUT OF TRUST
IN THE FRIENDSHIP WE SHARE.

WE BOTH KNEW THAT THE INFORMATION

WAS NOT FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION,
IT WAS IN PRIVATE YOU TOLD ME,
AND YET AS YOUR FRIEND,
I SHARED IT WITH ALL.

I COULD NOT UNDERSTAND,
WHAT I HAD DONE WRONG,
NOR HOW I HAD LOST YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

IT SEEMED SO INNOCENT WHEN I TOLD THE
STORY.

TO ME IT WAS JUST SO FUNNY.

I DID NOT UNDERSTAND,
THAT IS HOW A RUMOR HAD STARTED.

IT HAPPENED BECAUSE,
I HAD MADE PUBLIC A PRIVATE MOMENT
YOU HAD SHARED WITH ME.

I MEANT YOU NO HARM,
I JUST THOUGHT OTHERS SHOULD KNOW.

I GUESS IT IS BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE LIKED
AND THEY LIKED YOU.

NOW YOU DO NOT SPEAK TO ME,
NOR TO THOSE, SO CALLED, FRIENDS.

IF I HAD ONLY KNOWN HOW TO KEEP YOUR
TRUST
AND NOT SHARE A PRIVATE MOMENT.

I MADE PUBLIC THE INFORMATION YOU
SHARED
AND NOTHING WILL EVER BE THE SAME.

I LOST A FRIEND, BECAUSE I COULD NOT KEEP
MY MOUTH SHUT.

CHARLES 07/18/99

PROFESS TO BE A FRIEND

I AM YOUR FRIEND,
IT IS SO BECAUSE EVERY TIME I NEED YOU,

YOU ARE THERE.

OF COURSE I AM YOUR FRIEND,
JUST THE OTHER DAY YOU LENT ME MONEY.

I REMEMBER, JUST LAST WEEK IN FACT
WHEN I HAD NOTHING TO DO
AND EVERYONE I KNEW WAS BUSY
I CALLED UPON YOU.,

YOU MUST BE MY BEST FRIEND,
LAST WEEK WHEN YOU NEEDED A RIDE
YOU UNDERSTOOD I WAS TOO BUSY,
WATCHING MY FAVORITE PROGRAM.

I EVEN REMEMBER BORROWING YOUR
CLOTHES,
OF COURSE I LOST THEM AND NEVER PAID YOU
BACK.

OH, BY THE WAY SOME FRIENDS AND I ARE
GOING AWAY FOR A FEW DAYS,
CAN NOT PAY YOU BACK NOW WHAT I OWE
YOU.

SORRY YOU DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO GO
WITH US.

YOUR KIDS ARE SICK AND YOU NEED SOMEONE
TO WATCH THEM,
I WOULD, BUT WE ARE GOING TO THE BEACH.

YES! IT IS GREAT TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE YOU,
WHEN EVER I NEED YOU, YOU'RE ALWAYS
THERE.

TRIED CALLING YOU LAST WEEK, YOUR
NUMBER WAS DISCONNECTED,
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN DO
THIS TO A FRIEND.

I HEARD YOU GOT MARRIED
AND I DID NOT GET INVITED,
SOME FRIEND YOU TURNED OUT TO BE.

GEE, I WONDER WHY NO ONE CALLS ME ANY
MORE.
I SURE AM LONELY.

OH WELL, WHO NEED FRIENDS ANY WAY.

CHARLES 07/18/99

PROFILE OF A FRIEND

CULTURE :

BLACK ___
 WHITE ___
 ASIAN ___
 SPANISH ___
 OTHER ___
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

HAIR:

BACK ___
 BROWN ___
 BLOND ___
 A LOT OF HAIR ___
 SOME HAIR ___
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

EYES:

BROWN ___
 GREEN ___
 BLUE ___
 MIXTURE ___
 GLASSES ___
 NO GLASSES ___
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

RELIGION:

SAME AS MINE ___
 DIFFERENT THEN MINE ___
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

MOVIES:

MYSTERY ___
 COMEDY ___
 RELIGIOUS ___
 OTHER _____
 EXPLAIN _____
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

MUSIC:

R & B ___
 BLUES ___
 GOSPEL ___
 COUNTRY WESTERN ___
 OTHER ___
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

HEIGHT:

SAME ___
 LARGER ___
 SMALLER ___
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

WEIGHT:

LARGE ___
 MEDIUM ___
 SMALL ___
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

INSTRUMENT :

PLAYS ONE ___
 DOES NOT PLAY ONE ___
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

RESIDENT:

IN THE USA ___
 IN THE VIRGIN ISLAND ___
 OTHER _____
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE:

NEAR THE OCEAN ___
 NEAR A LAKE ___
 OTHER _____
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE :

yes ___ no ___
 IF YES WHAT TYPE _____
 DOES NOT MATTER ___

DO YOU BELIEVE IN SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE:

yes ___ no ___
 NO OPINION _____

AFTER YOU'RE MARRIED DO YOU BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS TWO PEOPLE AGREE THAT THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON THE TYPE OF SEX _____ THAT THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS _____

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS. WHAT TYPE OF SEX DO YOU NOT BELIEVE IN? _____

WOULD YOU MARRY A FRIEND WHO HAS BEEN MARRIED BEFORE BUT WHO HAS SINCE TURNED TO GOD

yes ___ no ___ IF NO WHY NOT

-

IF YOUR FRIEND HAD CHILDREN BY A PRIOR RELATIONSHIP WOULD YOU HELP RAISE THE CHILD yes ___ no ___

HOBBIES:

GOLF ___

TENNIS ___

HORSES ___

SWIMMING ___

WOULD LIKE TO LEARN _____

OTHERS _____

EDUCATION:

SAME AS MINE ___

GREATER THEN MINE ___

LESS THEN MINE ___

DOES NOT MATTER ___

AGE:

OLDER THEN ME ___

SAME AGE ___

YOUNGER ___

DOES NOT MATTER ___

IF YOU COULD CHANGE THREE THINGS ABOUT YOUR FRIEND WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

I WOULD CHANGE NOTHING _____

1.

2. _____

3.

WHAT WOULD YOU ADD TO THE LIST THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU IN PICKING YOUR FRIEND.?

1. _____

2. _____

IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND THAT LOVES YOU VERY MUCH WHY WOULD YOU NOT ONE DAY MARRY THIS FRIEND?

1

2. _____

WOULD YOU WANT BOTH YOU AND YOUR FRIEND DID THE SAME THING FOR A LIVING

yes ___ no ___

DOES NOT MATTER ___

WOULD YOU MARRY A FRIEND THAT IS BROKE BUT WHO HAS PLENTY OF POSSIBILITY

yes ___ no ___

DOES NOT MATTER ___

GIVEN THAT YOUR FRIEND ONE DAY WANTS TO MARRY YOU WHAT ONE REASON WOULD YOU NOT MARRY YOUR FRIEND

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

2. _____

CHARLES 07/21/99

RELATIONSHIP

I HELD YOU IN MY ARMS AND CRIED.

I KISSED YOU ON THE NOSE, YOUR EYES LIGHT UP
LIKE TWO DIAMONDS.

YOU REACH FOR YOUR DREAMS,
I DRIVE YOU THERE.

YOU WANT YOUR SPACE, I UNDERSTAND.

ALTHOUGH WE MISS EACH OTHER WHEN WE
ARE NOT TOGETHER,
WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE BOTH HAVE
DREAMS.

WE BOTH BELIEVE IN GOD, WE HAVE THE
SAME FAITH.

WE CAN SPEND HOURS LISTENING TO EACH
OTHER,
NEITHER TAKING OVER THE CONVERSATION,
BUT EACH ADDING TO WHAT IS BEING SAID.

ONE OF US IS MORE OF A CHILD, THE OTHER
IS MORE OF AN ADULT
EACH OF WHICH KEEPS THE OTHER IN TOUCH
WITH REALITY.

WE HAVE THE MAKING OF A GREAT LOVE
STORY,
AND THE FINAL CHAPTER HAS YET TO BE
WRITTEN.

YOU'RE FULL OF FIRE,
YOU FIT NEATLY IN MY ARMS,
I CAN EVEN CARRY YOU OVER THE THRESHOLD
NOT TOO MANY MONTHS FROM NOW.

YOUR FRIENDS WOULD BE PROUD OF ME,
AND MINE WOULD FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU.

I STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN,
AND YET WE BOTH LEARN A LOT FROM EACH
OTHER.

YOU KNOW WHO I AM,

AND YOU DO NOT TRY TO CHANGE ME,
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND I WANT TO
CHANGE MYSELF
SO THAT I CAN BE THE PERSON YOU DESERVE.

OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS NOT YET
REACHED THE DEPTH THAT IT WAS MEANT TO
BE.

CHARLES 07/18/99

SEED

THE SEED NEVER FALLS FAR FROM THE TREE.

WHILE YOUNG MY PARENTS USED TO READ,
FROM THE BACK PORCH, THE BIBLE TO ME,
THEN I WAS ONLY THREE.

WHILE DOING SO THEY WOULD LET ME EAT AN
APPLE.

SEVERAL YEARS LATER AN APPLE TREE GREW,
THAT I WOULD PLAY IN.
THE FRUIT, WHEN RIPE WOULD FALL TO THE
GROUND
AND MOM WOULD MAKE APPLE PIE.

AS I GREW OLDER, THEY STOPPED READING
THE BIBLE,
YET THE APPLES STILL FELL TO THE GROUND,
ONLY NOW THEY WOULD ROT.

BECAUSE OF THE SMELL LEFT IN THE
BACKYARD,
THE TREE WAS CHOPPED DOWN.

THE FALLEN APPLES WERE NO LONGER
WORTH ANYTHING AND JUST ROTTED AWAY.

MY PARENTS STOPPED READING THE BIBLE
AND I LOST MY WAY.

IT WAS NOT THAT I DID NOT KNOW BETTER
I JUST DID NOT HAVE ANYONE TO GUIDE ME.

IT TOOK A LOT OF YEARS OF DRIFTING
AROUND,
FOR ME TO SEE THAT I WAS A LOT LIKE THE

APPLE TREE.

I TOO HAD ROTTED AWAY
AND I WAS STARTING TO SMELL.

THE BIBLE WAS AGAIN PLACED INTO MY HANDS
JUST BEFORE I WAS TO FAIL,
JUST AS THE APPLE TREE
WAS CHOPPED DOWN.

ONE PERSON SHOWING ME THE LIGHT
MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE.

A TREE CAN BE SAVED JUST BY
CARING ENOUGH TO SHARE
GODS GRACE.

CHARLES 06/14/99

STABILIZATION

THE BALANCE OF NATURE IS THE MEANS OF
EXISTENCE.

WE ARE PART OF THE NATURAL ORDER OF
GOD'S CREATION.

IN THE NATURAL SCHEME OF THE ORDER OF
LIFE WE ARE AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD
CHAIN.
THAT IS, UNLESS WE DESTROY THE NATURAL
ORDER.

GIVEN THIS,
WHY IS IT THAT THE ANIMAL KINGDOM BELOW
US,
TEND TO PROTECT THEIR SPECIES AND WE
DESTROY?

WHY IS IT,
THAT MANY OF THE LOWER FORMS OF LIFE
EXIST WITHIN THE NATURAL BALANCE,
AND WE LIVE OUTSIDE THE NATURAL
BALANCE?

A POLE SEVENTY-FOOT HIGH PLACED INTO A
TWO-FOOT HOLE
WILL FALL WITHOUT SUPPORT.

THE SUPPORT NEEDED
IS EITHER BY TETHERING IT FROM THE TOP
AT THREE POINTS TO THE GROUND,
OR BY DIGGING A DEEPER HOLE.

THE SAME HOLDS TRUE IN OUR FAMILY
ENVIRONMENT.

DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES,
ARE CAUSED BY THE FAMILY LIVING OUTSIDE
THE NATURAL ORDER.

THE NATURAL ORDER IS WHAT IS WRITTEN IN
THE BIBLE.

STABILIZATION OF THE FAMILY,
IS THE DIRECTION GIVEN TO US BY A HIGHER
AUTHORITY.

IF YOU FIND THAT YOU'RE IN AN UNSTABLE
ENVIRONMENT
THEN THAT CAN ONLY MEAN YOU'RE LIVING
OUTSIDE GOD'S GRACE.

LIVING WITHIN A STABLE ENVIRONMENT,
IS LIVING YOUR LIFE THE WAY GOD EXPECTS.

THE PURPOSE IS TO LEARN GOD'S LAWS
SO THAT YOUR FAMILY VALUES
ARE ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.

HOW BEST TO LEARN THESE LAWS
IS TO PLACE YOURSELF IN A LEARNING
PROGRAM
THAT TEACHES THE BIBLE
AND TO HAVE FRIENDS THAT HAVE THE SAME
VALUES
THAT ARE REQUIRED TO UPHOLD THESE
VALUES.

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU
AND IT IS WRITTEN OUT FOR YOU TO FOLLOW.
BUT FIRST YOU MUST PICK UP THE BIBLE.

CHARLES 07/19/99

TRANSITION

I AM WHO I AM TODAY,
BUT I AM NOT WHO I WAS YESTERDAY,
NOR AM I WHO I WILL BE TOMORROW.

YESTERDAY IS GONE AND CAN NEVER BE
REPLACED,
TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME,
BUT TODAY IS.

CAN YOU WAIT TILL TOMORROW
FOR SOMEONE YET UNKNOWN,
ARE YOU TO BLAME ME FOR YOUR PAST?
ARE YOU GOING TO HOLD MY PAST AGAINST
ME?

I DID HARM ONLY TO MYSELF YESTERDAY,
TODAY I FOUND GOD AND CAUSED NO ONE
ANY HARM.

NOTHING IN MY PAST WAS AGAINST YOU,
YET YOU HOLD YOUR PAST AGAINST ME.

I AM WHO I AM TODAY BUT TOMORROW
I WILL BE A BETTER MAN BECAUSE
OF YOU COMING INTO MY LIFE.

YES I AM FOREVER IN TRANSITION
AS ARE WE ALL.

MINE THOUGH IS NOT A DOWNWARD SPIRAL,
BUT MY HEART IS UPLIFTED BY MY LOVE FOR
GOD AND YOU.

I SEE THE PAIN THAT YOU SAY IS NOT THERE
YET YOU STILL LIVE IN THE LIFE OF
YESTERDAY.

MY FRIEND FORGET THE HARM DONE TO YOU,
AND LOOK ONLY AT THE GOOD AROUND YOU
THIS DAY.

I KNOW I HAVE NO RIGHT THIS DAY TO SPEAK,
BUT YET WHEN TOMORROW COMES
MY VOICE WILL BE LOUD.

MY CHILD, COME INTO MY ARMS AS A WOMAN
LET ME WIPE THE TEARS AWAY.

MY ARMS ARE STRONG AND I WILL PROTECT
YOU,
AS WE TRANSCEND FROM ONE DAY TO THE
DAWN OF THE NEXT.

WE WILL KEEP FAITH IN GOD
AND ALL WILL BE WELL.

I LOVE YOU MY LADY OF TOMORROW.

CHARLES 07/19/99

TRUSTWORTHY

AT AN EARLY AGE WE LEARN TO TRUST IN OUR
SURROUNDINGS
BASED ON THE EXPERIENCES THAT WE
ENCOUNTER.

IF WE TRY WALKING TOO SOON WE FALL,
AT FIRST WE ARE HESITANT TO TRY AGAIN.

I REMEMBER WHEN MY SON WAS AROUND
FOUR YEARS OLD
AND I HAD BEEN GONE FOR SEVERAL DAYS,
HE CAME RUNNING TOWARD ME AND JUMPED
INTO MY ARMS,
I WAS NOT EXPECTING HIM TO DO THAT
AND HE FELL TO THE GROUND AND HURT
HIMSELF,
I ASKED HIM WHY HE JUMPED WITHOUT
WARNING ME?
HIS ANSWER WAS THAT IN THE PAST I HAD
ALWAYS CAUGHT HIM.

LATER, DUE TO THE NEW EXPERIENCE,
THE NEXT TIME HE JUMPED INTO MY ARMS,
HE WOULD SHOUT "DADDY CATCH ME".

AT FIRST HE TRUSTED ME,
AND THEN LATER HE LEARNED,
THAT HE COULD NOT ALWAYS TRUST ME
TO DO WHAT HE THOUGHT I SHOULD DO.

FRIENDSHIP, RELATIONSHIPS AND ASSOCIATES
BASE THEIR TRUST IN US BASED ON THE SAME
PRINCIPLE.

IF AFTER THE FIRST MEETING WITH US

WE SHOW THAT WE CAN NOT BE TRUSTED
THEN THE NEXT TIME THEY WILL PROTECT
THEMSELVES.

SOMETIMES WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO A
PERSON IN THE PAST
WILL AFFECT THE WAY THEY BEHAVE IN THE
FUTURE.

THERE HAVE BEEN COUNTLESS TIMES
THAT I MET SOMEONE
WHO HAS HAD A BAD RELATIONSHIP IN THE
PAST
AND BECAUSE OF THAT BAD EXPERIENCE THEY

HOLD OTHER PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE.
BY NOT GIVING A FRIEND A CHANCE TO BE A FRIEND
LET ALONE ALLOWING THEM TO GET CLOSE
ENOUGH FOR A LONG PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP.

IT IS HARD TO TRUST PEOPLE
WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN TRAUMATIZED
THROUGH OUT YOUR EARLY LIFE.

WE MUST BE RE-TAUGHT TO TRUST
AND IT TAKES LONGER TO LEARN TRUST
THAN IT TOOK TO LOSE TRUST.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD,
"TRUST IN GOD IS REQUIRED BUT IS NOT NECESSARY TO TRUST IN MAN."

I HOPE THAT IS NOT TRUE, BECAUSE WHAT A SORRY STATE OF AFFAIRS IT WOULD BE
IF WE CAN NOT TRUST IN OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS.

CHARLES 07/19/99

WHAT IS A REAL FRIEND

HAVING YOU CLOSE TO ME
REGARDLESS OF THE EMOTION
IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAN NOT BEING NEAR YOU.

I CROSS THE BRIDGE EACH DAY
LONGING FOR A CHANCE TO BE NEAR YOU
I RE-WRITE MY DAY WHEN YOU CALL.

NOTHING IS WORTH LOSING THE FRIENDSHIP WE HAVE,
NOT EVEN THE KISS, I SO DESIRE , WOULD BE WORTH LOSING YOU.

WHEN YOU TOUCH ME I FEEL LIKE A MAN,
WHEN I AM NEAR YOU I ACT LIKE MAN,
NEVER FORGETTING HOW EASY IT WOULD BE TO LOSE YOU.

I AM YOUR FRIEND BEFORE I AM YOUR LOVER.

I DREAM OF CLOSER TIES BETWEEN US,
BUT I KNOW FOR NOW IT IS ONLY A DREAM.

HOPE IS WHAT I HAVE,
THAT CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY.
BUT A STUPID ACT BY ME
COULD LOSE YOUR FRIENDSHIP FOREVER.

I HAVE CHANGED MY LIFE BECAUSE OF YOU
AND I WOULD GLADLY GIVE MY LIFE TO
PROTECT YOU.

WHAT IS A TRUE FRIEND?
DO YOU REALLY KNOW, HAVE YOU EVER HAD
ONE?

MY DEAR FRIEND WHEN I AM GONE FROM
YOUR SIGHT,
DO YOU MISS ME?

DO YOU CALL TO HEAR MY VOICE,
EVEN WHEN YOU KNOW I AM NOT AROUND?

DO YOU CALL UPON ME TO HELP,
WHEN OTHERS COULD DO THE SAME?

I WONDER,
MAYBE YOU TOO LOVE ME
MY FRIEND, MORE THEN YOU THINK.

IF WE HAD TO CHOSE
BEING WITH EACH OTHER FOREVER
OR NEVER BEING WITH EACH OTHER
WHAT WOULD WE CHOOSE.
CHARLES 07/19/99

YOU CALLED!

HE CALLED;
I DID NOT ANSWER THE PHONE.

HE CALLED AND LEFT A MESSAGE,
I HEARD HIS VOICE AND ERASED IT.

I TOOK THE PHONE OFF OF THE HOOK;
HE GOT A BUSY SIGNAL.

HE CAME TO MY HOUSE,
KNOCKED ON MY DOOR;
I HID BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

WHEN I WAS IN BED
I COULD HEAR HIS VOICE,
I WAS AFRAID TO SHUT MY EYES.

FINALLY, WHEN I LEAST EXPECTED IT,
ON A SUNDAY NIGHT,
WHEN I WAS WITH FRIENDS,
HE CALLED.

I HAD NO PLACE TO HIDE.
A COLD CHILL PASSED THROUGH MY BODY;
SWEAT BROKE OUT ON MY FOREHEAD.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

HE SAID, "THIS IS GOD I NEED YOU!"

LORD, I ANSWERED,
I AM NOT READY, I AM AFRAID,
PLEASE CALL ON SOMEONE ELSE
TO DO YOUR WORK,
I DO NOT HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE
TO BRING EVEN MYSELF BACK TO YOU,
LET ALONE ONE OF YOUR LOST SHEEP.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

"ANYTHING YOU NEED I WILL PROVIDE YOU,"
SAID THE LORD,
"ANY WORDS THAT NEED TO BE WRITTEN I
WILL GUIDE YOU,"
SAID THE LORD.
MY CHILD I HAVE BEEN TRAINING
YOU FOR MANY YEARS AND NOW YOU ARE
READY.

TAKE MY STAFF.
IT IS TIME I STOPPED CARRYING YOU AND IT IS
TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE MY WORD TO MY
CHILDREN.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

CHARLES 04/26/99

TAKE ME BACK

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DEDICATION

The spiritual motivator for my writing comes from the Lord. The inspiration is from a single person who came into my life when I was most acceptable to healing.

I dedicate these writings to all the friends who see themselves, and to the Pastor who provided me with some of the key words used in some of the writings.

CHARLES 10/01/99

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITH ME!

Throughout time women and men have asked themselves, "why me," or "what is happening to me". Why should I be any different?

As I grew from a child into a man I asked myself these two question, if not daily at least once a week. No one would argue that these questions should be left for God to answer and that by asking these questions I would be questioning God's will.

When I was seven I was raised as a Catholic, and now it has been less than a year since I started learning about God from a Pentecostal Pastor. Through the Pastor's teachings the statement of, "I do not know what is going on with me," keeps coming into my mind and I felt that with all the good I have tried to do that good would come to me.

Is that then, "my questioning God's will," or is it my trying to understand what motivates me to do what I have done, thinking that I was doing what God wanted me to do.

I am searching for these answers and hoping that by seeking the truth I will be able to find out what is going on with me, and what really motivates me. Am I doing what God wants me to do or am I being lead by evil?

Having written the first three books about LOVE, EVIL, and FRIENDSHIP why not now write about WHERE AM I NOW? In doing so maybe I will find direction and you the reader will find questions you can ask of yourself.

Charles 09/07/99

I would like to direct you to the fact that each of the writings are written so that the reader can find that they are not alone and no doubt there will be discord and thoughts that will be different from the author.

You will also note at the bottom of each page my name and the date I wrote the story. I have placed them in alphabetical order for ease of reference. These writings are not intended to be left in the book, but instead I hope you will find at least one to hang on your wall.

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FIRST CORINTHIANS CHAPTER I, VERSE 20-31

20 Where is the wise man?

Where are the scribe?

Where is the debater of the age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since,
in the wisdom of God,
the world did know God through wisdom,
it pleased God through the folly of what we
preach to save those who believe.

22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek
wisdom,

23 but we preach Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and folly to
Gentiles,

24 but to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of
God.

25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than
men,
and the weakness of God is stronger than
men.

26 For consider your call, brethren;
not many of you were wise according to
worldly standards,
not many were powerful,
not many were of noble birth;
27 but God chose what is foolish in the world
to shame the wise,
God chose what is weak in the world to
shame the strong,
28 God chose what is low and despised in the
world,
even things that are not,
to bring to nothing things that are,
29 so that no human being might boast in the
presence of God.

30 He is the source of your life in Christ
Jesus,
whom God made wisdom,
our righteousness and sanctification and
redemption;
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ARE YOU GETTING OVER

YOU THINK THAT I DO NOT SEE,
THE WAY THAT YOU DISRESPECT ME.

THAT THE WORDS THAT YOU SPEAK
GO UNNOTICED BY ME.

I SEE ALL, I HEAR ALL, AND I KNOW ALL.

WHEN YOUR FELLOW MAN DOES SOMETHING
WRONG
AND RECEIVES MATERIAL REWARDS,
AND YOU ARE STRUGGLING TO FEED YOUR
FAMILY,
YOU FEEL THAT I HAVE FORSAKEN YOU,
I HAVE NOT.

YOUR AWARD IS NOT HERE NOR THERE,
BUT IT IS WITH ME IN HEAVEN.

I HAVE PLACED MY THOUGHTS IN THE BIBLE
FOR YOU TO READ.

IF THROUGH YOUR MISGUIDED WAYS,
YOU RECEIVE SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT
YOURS
THINK NOT, THAT I DID NOT SEE.

YOU MAY GET OVER ON YOUR FELLOW MAN,
BUT NEVER ME.

WHILE YOU TOOK THAT WHICH WAS NOT
YOURS,
BE IT WORDS, MONEY OR TIME,
KNOW THAT I SAW THESE THINGS,
AND YOUR JUST AWARD WILL BE
AT JUDGMENT DAY.

IF HOWEVER, YOU AMEND YOUR WAYS,
WHILE HERE ON EARTH,
THEN YOUR AWARD CAN
STILL BE FOUND WHEN YOU
COME TO ME ON JUDGMENT DAY.

THERE IS NO GETTING OVER
HERE ON EARTH,
THERE IS ONLY TAKING
WHICH IS NOT YOURS.

CHARLES 10/03/99

BACKSLIDE

IF IT WERE NOT FOR YOU THERE WOULD BE
NO NEED,
FOR MY APOSTLES TO TEACH MY WORD.

SOMETIMES YOU FEEL FORSAKEN BY ME ,
BUT KNOW I HAVE NOT FORSAKEN YOU,
FOR I AM NOT FINISHED WITH YOU.

YOUR BELIEF IN ME IS WHAT IS
NECESSARY FOR YOU TO AGAIN
BE IN MY GRACE.

IT IS NOW TIME FOR YOU TO REST
SO THAT YOU CAN LISTEN TO
WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

SOMETIMES YOUR MIND IS CLUTTERED WITH
KNOWLEDGE
WHICH IS NOT FROM ME,
AND BECAUSE OF THIS YOU CAN NOT HEAR
MY WORDS.

MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS,
LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART,
NOT ONLY WITH YOUR BRAIN.

CLEAR YOUR HEAD, OF ALL EVIL THOUGHTS,
AND CLEANSE YOUR SOUL,
SO THAT YOU ARE PREPARED FOR ME.

I CAN COME FOR YOU AT ANY TIME,
BUT IF YOU DO NOT HEAR ME,
THEN YOUR LOSS WILL BE GREAT.

I GIVE ONLY A FEW THE KNOWLEDGE
TO TEACH MY CHILDREN,
OTHERS ARE THE WORKERS,
AND THEN THERE ARE THE FOLLOWERS.

DO NOT THINK THAT YOUR TASK IS ANY LESS
IMPORTANT THAN THE NEXT.

FOR WITHOUT WORKERS AND FOLLOWERS,
THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR TEACHERS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETIMES YOU

BACKSLIDE,
BUT WHEN YOU DO, YOU MAY WELL MISS
WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

REST NOW, BUT KEEP YOUR EARS AND HEART
OPEN,
DO NOT MISS WHAT I HAVE IN STORE FOR
YOU,

MY LOVE FOR YOU IS AS GREAT AS IT WAS IN
THE BEGINNING
AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE THE SAME.

CHARLES 10/03/99

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

THERE WAS A MISTAKE MADE,
BUT THE MISTAKE WAS MINE.

I TOOK GUIDANCE FROM NO MAN,
AND KNEW ALL.

WHEN I SAW OTHERS AROUND ME,
I WOULD SAY,
"BEEN THERE, DONE THAT."

BUT HAD I REALLY BEEN THERE AND DONE
ALL?

IF YOU LOOK INSIDE YOUR SOUL
AND SEARCH DEEP,
YOU MIGHT THINK SO,
BUT THEN YOU MIGHT FIND THAT,
"BEEN THERE, DONE THAT,"
WAS NOT WITH THE LORD.

I THOUGHT I WAS WISE,
I THOUGHT I KNEW ALL,
I WAS IN CONTROL,
HISTORY COULD NOT SHOW THE FUTURE
OF TOMORROW.

FOR I HAVE BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT,
AND I KNEW ALL.

THEN THE LORD SPOKE AND LET ME KNOW,
ONLY ONE HAS BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT,
AND THAT IS THE LORD.

NOW WHEN OTHERS SPEAK,
I LISTEN TO THEIR WORDS,
AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THE ANSWER
SHOULD NOT COME FROM ME,
BUT FROM THE GOOD BOOK.

I THOUGHT I HAD
BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT,
YET HOW LITTLE DID I KNOW.

CHARLES 10/02/99

CLEAN UP THE TEMPLE

THERE BEFORE ME STOOD MAN,
AS I DREW HIM IN THE SAND.

I HAD WISHED HE WOULD BE A COMPANION,
AND YET I FOUND HIM TO BE ALONE,
SINCE I WAS CREATING THE UNIVERSE.

HAD I KNOWN THEN THE OUTCOME,
EVE WOULD NOT BE BORN.

THERE IS YET TIME THOUGH FOR YOU TO
CLEAN UP THE EARTH THAT I GAVE YOU
BEFORE
I CALL YOU HOME.

YOU BUILD SHRINES TO ME,
YET THE TEMPLE, "MOTHER EARTH,"
IS LEFT TO DECAY.

THERE IS STILL TIME THOUGH,
BEFORE I CALL YOU HOME,
TO CLEAN UP THE TEMPLE,
THAT YOU NOW CALL HOME.

IT IS NOT ONLY THE LAND
AND THE SEAS,
BUT THE MIND AS WELL THAT HAS DECAYED.

LOOK AROUND MY CHILDREN,
WHAT DO YOU SEE?

THE BOOKS YOU READ, THE MOVIES YOU SEE,
THE MUSIC YOU HEAR AND THE WORDS YOU
SAY.

I DID NOT TEACH YOU THESE!

YOU SAY, YOU LEARNED IT FROM THE STREET!

THERE WAS NO STREET WHEN YOU WERE
FIRST BORN.
ONLY A FATHER AND MOTHER NAMED ADAM
AND EVE.

NOW ONLY ONE IS THERE TO RAISE YOU.

I SAY TO YOU.
" CLEAN UP THE TEMPLE BEFORE I CALL YOU
HOME."

CHARLES 10/01/99

DIVIDE THE EMOTION FROM THE NATION

THE NATION IS THE CHRISTIAN (CHRIST LIKE)
INDIVIDUALS
THAT SURROUND US.

OUR EMOTIONS ARE THE ATTITUDES WE TAKE
WITH US.

WERE IT NOT FOR THEE THERE WOULD BE NO
ME.

I BRING WITH ME MY LOVE FOR GOD,
TO HIS TEMPLE,
YET STAY AWAY IN FEAR THAT I WILL NOT FIT
IN.

I DRESS TO PLEASE OTHERS,
BUT FAIL TO DRESS TO PLEASE GOD.

I AM LOUD WHEN SPEAKING TO OTHERS,
BUT QUIET WHILE TALKING TO GOD.

THE SENSES ALL COME TO PLAY,
WHEN I AM AROUND THE NATION,
BUT NONE ARE THERE
WHEN I WORSHIP GOD.

I AM A CHILD IN HIS HOUSE,
AND A STRANGER TO ALL

WHO SAY THEY KNOW ME.

I HAVE READ THAT I SHOULD DO DEEDS,
AND NOT BOOST OF THEM.

I CAN SPEAK QUIETLY,
AND KNOW THAT MY WORDS WILL BE HEARD
BY GOD.

YET, HOW DO I LET YOU UNDERSTAND
WHAT I HAVE TO SAY
IF YOU CAN NOT HEAR MY WORDS.

PEOPLE OF THE NATIONS JUDGE ME NOT FOR
MY
SILENCE FOR HE WILL JUDGE
THEE AND ME IN HIS OWN TIME.

LEAVE YOUR ATTITUDES IN YOUR POCKET
AND BRING WITH YOU ONLY YOUR LOVE FOR
GOD

ATTITUDES ARE WHAT WILL DESTROY THE
NATION.
IN DOING SO HIS TEMPLE WILL
CRUMBLE UPON US.

CHARLES 10/4/99

DO NOT GIVE UP

I FAILED,
BECAUSE I HAVE FALLEN FROM YOUR GRACE.

I HAVE NEVER MET A PERSON I COULD NOT
OVERCOME,
NEVER A JOB THAT I WOULD NOT TAKE ON.

NEVER A MOMENT WASTED,
OR TIME TO SPARE.

I HAVE SEEN WHAT MOST WOULD NEVER SEE,
YET MY LIFE WAS EMPTY,
BECAUSE I GAVE UP, ON MYSELF.

I DID NOT KNOW,
THAT ALL OF LIFE'S TASKS
WERE TO PREPARE ME FOR
WHAT WAS TO COME NEXT.

I HAVE COME FULL CIRCLE
AS WE ALL ONE DAY MUST DO.

I WAS BORN AGAIN AND RENEWED.

MY HEART WAS EMPTY,
I LIVED ALONE.

I HAD FOUND NO PEACE WITHIN MY SOUL.

I NEVER KNEW HOW TO SAY,
"I GIVE UP, LORD TAKE MY SOUL."

I THOUGHT I WAS IN CONTROL,
UNTIL I GAVE UP,
AND THE LORD TOOK CONTROL.

NO, IN LIFE WE SHOULD NEVER QUIT,
NOR SHOULD WE GIVE UP,
IF WE KNOW
THAT SOMETIMES WE MUST LISTEN
TO GOD,
FOR HE IS IN CONTROL

THEN WHEN I REALIZED WHAT I MUST DO,
IT CAME TO ME.

I DID NOT GIVE UP
IT WAS GOD LETTING ME REST
BEFORE I BECAME RENEWED.

CHARLES 10/02/99

ENEMY

SURROUNDING US IS THE ENEMY OF GOD.

THE ENEMY WAS PLACED HERE BY SATAN
IN ORDER FOR US TO BE TURNED
AGAINST GOD.

SATAN IS NOT CONCERNED WHETHER WE
FALL A LITTLE,
OR WE ARE TOTALLY TAKEN FROM GOD'S
GRACE.

LISTEN TO WHAT GOD SAYS TO YOU,
THEN THE WORD WILL NOT BE

FROM YOUR ENEMY.

SURROUNDING US ARE INDIVIDUALS
WHO PROFESS THAT THEY ARE THERE TO
HELP US BACK TO OUR CHRISTIAN WAYS,
AND YET THEY ARE MOTIVATED BY THEIR OWN
GREED.

DO NOT BE FOOLED BY THE DISGUISES
THAT SATAN COMES TO US WITH.

IF WHEN IN THE ZONE OF A CHRISTIAN, YOU
WILL KNOW,
BY ASKING WHAT WOULD JESUS DO.

IF IT FEELS WRONG, THEN IT IS WRONG.

YOU CAN BE THE BEST JUDGE OF RIGHT AND
WRONG,
THERE IS NO NEED TO ASK,
FOR IF YOU FEEL YOU MUST ASK,
THEN ASSUME IT TO BE WRONG.

GOD GAVE US THE POWER OF CHOICE,
REMEMBERING ALWAYS,
THE ENEMY NEEDS NOT SET AGENDA,
THE ENEMY WILL STRIKE WHEN
EVER WE ARE WEAK.

WEAKNESS ONLY COMES ABOUT WHEN WE
LOSE
FAITH IN GOD.

CHARLES 10/04/99

FAITH

I BELIEVE WHEN I AWAKE,
THAT THE BIRDS WILL SING,
THAT THE MOON WILL RAISE,
THAT THE SUN WILL SET.

THIS I BELIEVE BECAUSE GOD HAS
CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I BELIEVE THIS WITHOUT
KNOWING HOW,
BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH IN GOD
PROTECTING ME.

I BELIEVE AS CHILDREN BELIEVE,
THAT THEIR PARENTS WILL PROTECT
THEM.

THE UNQUESTIONABLE FAITH THAT CHILDREN
HAVE
WOULD ONLY CHANGE WHEN THE PARENTS
HAVE FAILED
TO PROTECT THEM.

GOD NEVER FAILS TO PROTECT HIS CHILDREN,
WE THOUGH FAIL TO PROTECT OURS.

IT IS THROUGH OUR FAITH IN GOD,
THAT WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO HAVE
FAITH IN US AND IN GOD.

WHEN WE SEE EVERY THING AROUND US
FALLING APART, WE TEND TO QUESTION GOD.

BY DOING SO, WE SHOW OUR LACK OF FAITH.

IT IS ONLY THE ONES WITH THE STRONGEST
FAITH,
THAT GOD WILL LOOK FAVORABLY UPON.

DO NOT THOUGH, THINK IT WILL BE AN EASY
TASK.

AS EVEN THE STRONGEST WILL BE
WEAKENED BY SATAN.

THROUGH FAITH WE CAN SURVIVE.

CHARLES 10/04/99

FINANCE

COME TO ME, THE ALL MIGHTY DOLLAR.

LET ME SHOW YOU HOW MANY WAYS
I CAN SPEND YOU.

I WILL DIVIDE YOU BETWEEN THE COLLECTORS
AND PLEASURES OF THE FLESH.

LEAVING NOTHING TO INVEST FOR THE
FUTURE.

I SEE,
YESTERDAY AS BEING GONE,
AND TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME,
I NEED ONLY TO BE CONCERNED WITH TODAY,
HOWEVER SWEET IT MAY BE,
OR BITTER IT MAY SEEM.

I NEED TO PAY,
AND SET ASIDE MY WEALTH,
BE DAMMED AS IT MAY SEEM.

WHERE IS IT SAID, I MUST SET ASIDE
A PORTION OF MY WEALTH?

I READ IT IN THE BIBLE,
AND HEARD IT IN HIS TEMPLE.

FOR ME TO BELIEVE, HERE IS A DOLLAR,
SHOW ME HOW IT GROWS.

THE TITHE I SET ASIDE IS FOR ME,
NOT FOR TOMORROW.

WHAT?
TEN PER-CENT FOR GOD,
I NEED IT NOW.

OH, MY CROPS HAVE FAILED,
I AM SICK AND LIMP,
I DID NOT BELIEVE,
NOR SET ASIDE,
MY TITHE.

I AM NOW TAUGHT,
BUT NOT TOO LATE,
I MUST INVEST INTO TOMORROW,
WHILE HERE ON EARTH,
BEFORE MY TIME COMES ABOUT,
IF I WISH TO ENTER HIS GATE.

CHARLES 10/05/99

GIVE UP

COME TO ME!

YOU HAVE SEEN YOUR EVIL WAYS,
THEY HAVE BROUGHT YOU NOTHING BUT
PAIN AND SUFFERING.

GIVE UP YOUR HEART
AND SOUL TO THE LORD.

GIVE UP YOURSELF, AS A SACRIFICE TO HIM,
AND REAP YOUR AWARD.

IT IS JOY THAT
WILL BE RETURNED.

JOIN IN ON THE FESTIVITIES ON EARTH,
THAT INCORPORATE THE GOOD BOOK.

GIVE UNTO HIM AS YOU HAVE GIVEN UNTO
OTHERS.

SET ASIDE YOUR FEELING OF REMORSE.

IT IS NOT GIVING UP FOR A BAD CAUSE,
IT IS GIVING UP YOUR SOUL TO THE LORD.

IT MAY SEEM THAT GIVING UP IS WRONG,
BUT GIVING UP YOUR EVIL WAYS,
CAN NOT CAUSE YOU HARM.

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS TO THE LORD,
AND SURRENDER YOURSELF TO HIM.

SPEAK NOT OF YESTERYEARS,
BUT SPEAK OF TODAY AND TOMORROW.

GIVE UP YOUR EVIL WAYS,
AND YOUR PLACE WILL BE WITH HIM,
UNTIL ETERNITY.

CHARLES 10/05/99

GOD TELLS US

GOD TELLS US THROUGH MANY DIFFERENT
WAYS,
WHAT HE EXPECTS US TO DO.

HE HAD IT WRITTEN IN MANY FORMS AND INTO
BOOKS.

MAN HAS CHANGED MANY OF HIS WORDS.

BUT GOD TELLS US,
THAT IT IS OUR FAITH,

THAT KEEPS US FROM HELL AND DAMNATION.

WE ARE FOREVER CHANGING HIS WORDS,
SO THAT OTHERS MAY BETTER UNDERSTAND
WHAT WE THINK.

BUT IN DOING SO WE MISS
WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.

IT IS SO SIMPLE.
"LOVE YOUR FELLOWMAN AS YOU LOVE ME'"
SAYS THE LORD.

ALL THE OTHER RULES
ARE NOTHING MORE
THAN EXPLAINING WHAT
LOVING YOUR FELLOWMAN MEANS.

IT TAKES ALL OF HIS DISCIPLES, TEACHERS
AND STUDENTS OF THE THEOLOGY,
YEARS OF STUDY, JUST TO SAY
WHAT IS SIMPLE.

I WAS!
I AM!
I WILL ALWAYS BE!

YOU, THOUGH ARE HERE FOR ONE PURPOSE,
IT PLEASES GOD.

MAN HAS TRIED TO DETERMINE
IF GOD IS REAL.

WARS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT
THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS HAVE DIED,
YET ALL HAVE FORGOTTEN
ONE THING.

LOVE YOUR FELLOW MAN,
AS YOU ARE TO LOVE GOD.

NO OTHER WORDS NEED TO BE SPOKEN.

CHARLES 10/05/99

GOING UNDER

THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE VAST SEA,
IS THE PLACE THAT NO MAN DARES TO GO,
IT IS WHERE ALL WATERS MEET.

FROM ALL DIRECTIONS THESE WATERS MERGE,
CAUSING A GREAT CIRCULAR MOTION,
DRAGGING ALL INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE
EARTH.

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND SEE.

THE WHIRLPOOL THAT IS SO GREAT,
THAT NOT ONE LIVING THING CAN ESCAPE
IT'S PULL.

THE LIVES WE LIVE ARE AKIN TO THE GREAT
SEA.
THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIFE IS, THERE FOR
ALL TO SEE.

WHEN WE DO EVIL DEEDS, WE ARE THE RIVERS
AND STREAMS HEADING OUT TO SEA,
ONLY TO BE PULLED UNDER,
BY WHAT SATAN DEEMS US TO BE.

THERE IS ONLY ONE SHIP,
SO GREAT THAT WE CAN ESCAPE
THE HORRIBLE DEATH THAT AWAITS YOU AND
ME,
AND THAT IS THE TASK THAT WE CHOOSE,
WHILE HERE ON EARTH,
WILL BE IN HIS NAME.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE BEEN PULLED
UNDER,
AND WE THOUGHT ALL WAS LOST,
AND THEN THE LORD THREW OUT TO US
A LIFE VEST AND BROUGHT US BACK TO HIS
FLOCK.

IF WE WISH TO PERISH,
WITH THOSE THAT WERE LOST AT SEA,
AND CONTINUE OUR EVIL WAYS,
THEN SATAN WILL BE THERE FOR YOU AND ME.

GOING UNDER FOR THE LAST TIME THEN ALL
WILL BE LOST.

SPEAK GOD'S NAME AND DRY YOUR FEET.

CHARLES 10/05/99

HEALTH

HEALTH IS NOT ONLY A PHYSICAL STATE, IT IS
ALSO A STATE OF
MIND AND SOUL.

I WAS.
I AM.
I WILL BE.

ARE ALL STATEMENTS OF WHERE YOUR
PHYSICAL SPACE IS,
BUT NONE OF THESE PLACES ARE WHERE
YOUR
SPIRITUAL BEING IS.

TO BE HEALTHY IS TO FORM A COMPLETE
EQUAL EXISTENCE IN OUR UNIVERSE,
TO INCLUDE ALL AREAS OF OUR LIFE.

THESE INCLUDE, ARE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

RELIGION, FAMILY, PHYSICAL HEALTH,
EMOTIONAL HEALTH, FINANCE, JOB

THE INTER RELATIONSHIPS OF THE ABOVE
WILL DETERMINE THE OVERALL HEALTH OF AN
INDIVIDUAL.

THE HEALTH OF A COMMUNITY,
WILL BE THE BASIS OF THE HEALTH OF THE
INDIVIDUAL
AND THE HEALTH OF THE NATION
WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE HEALTH OF THE
COMMUNITY AND SO FORTH.

WHEN WE ARE SPIRITUALLY STRONG,
AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHY PHYSICAL BEING,
WE INSPIRE OTHERS TO FOLLOW SUIT.

IN THE BEGINNING WE MUST FORM A HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD,
FOR FROM THERE ALL ELSE IS FORMED.

HOWEVER, AS IN ALL THINGS AN EQUAL
AMOUNT OF EFFORT
IS REQUIRED IN ALL AREAS OF OUR LIFE TO
FORM A PERFECT BALANCE,
AN UNEQUAL AMOUNT OF EFFORT IN ANY ONE

AREA,
WILL CAUSE THE COLLAPSE OR DESTRUCTION
OF OTHER AREAS OF OUR LIFE.

WORK TOWARD IMPROVING YOUR SPIRITUAL
LIFE,
AND THEN INTERTWINE IT WITH THE OTHER
AREAS EQUALLY TO FORM THE STRONG
HEALTHY BOND BETWEEN GOD, YOUR
FRIENDS, AND FAMILY.

THINK NOT THEN OF HEALTH AS BEING ONLY
WHAT IS SEEN ON THE OUTSIDE
BUT WHAT IS SEEN BY GOD.

CHARLES 10/05/99

JOY

I REACH UP AND RAISE MY HANDS TO THE
LORD.

I AM OVERCOME BY THE JOY IN THE
CELEBRATION
OF MY FAITH IN HIM
AND BY THE COLLECTION OF INDIVIDUALS
SURROUNDING ME.

I GIVE THOUGHT ONLY TO THE PRAISE I GIVE
TO HIM,
AND I NEED NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
RIGHT OR WRONG
WAY FOR WHICH I SHOW MY JOY FOR BEING
IN HIS PRESENCE.

I TAKE DELIGHT IN THE WARMTH OF THE
SPIRIT THAT COMES OVER ME.

I REPLACE ALL MY THOUGHTS FOR THE
MOMENT
WITH THOUGHTS OF JOY.

IT IS LIKE GIVING OR SEEING THE BIRTH OF A
BABY,
THE WONDERMENT OF BEING BORN IS
RENEWED,
WHEN I GIVE HIM PRAISE.

I REJOICE IN HIS PRESENCE,

ALTHOUGH NOT ALL ARE ABLE TO
SHOW, SHARE OR EXPRESS THEIR JOY FOR
OTHERS TO SEE,
GOD SEES ALL AND KNOWS WHO ARE TRULY
WITH HIM.

I TAKE ENJOYMENT FROM BRING WITH HIM
AND THE FEELING OF JOY IS WITH ME
THROUGH OUT THE DAY.

WHEN I AM SADDENED BY MY SURROUNDINGS,
I HAVE TO ONLY THINK ABOUT WHAT HE HAS
DONE FOR ME.

I AM WHO I AM, FOR WHERE I HAVE BEEN,
AND I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE FOR WHERE HE
TAKES ME.

I FIND JOY IN NOT KNOWING WHAT HE HAS IN
STORE FOR ME
AND I AWAKE EACH DAY KNOWING
THAT I HAVE PLEASSED HIM.

CHARLES 10/05/99

LOVE

I WISH I COULD WRITE ABOUT THE WOMAN OF
MY DREAMS.

BUT TO DO SO, I WOULD HAVE TO WRITE
ABOUT YOU AND ME.

I WOULD WRITE ABOUT MY LOVE FOR YOU
AND HOW I FEEL WHEN YOU'RE NEAR ME, I
WOULD WRITE WORDS THAT I WOULD HOPE
CHANGE YOUR FEELINGS FROM BEING A
FRIEND,
TO, "I LOVE YOU AS YOU LOVE ME."

BUT THOSE WORDS JUST CAN NOT BE
WRITTEN BY ME, BECAUSE I HAVE NOT FOUND
A WAY TO EXPRESS MYSELF TO YOU.

IT NEVER SEEMS TO FAIL THAT LOVE IS ONE
SIDED, THAT A MAN LOVES A WOMAN OR A
WOMAN LOVES A MAN BUT TWO GOOD PEOPLE
RARELY LOVE EACH OTHER.

THERE ARE MANY STORIES THAT I CAN TELL ABOUT HURT AND PAIN, AND I KNOW YOU CAN TELL SOME OF THE SAME.

WE TURN OUR ATTENTION FROM A RELATIONSHIP AFTER HAVING FACED SO MANY NIGHTS CRYING ABOUT LOST LOVE AND WE CLOSE OURSELVES OFF FROM OPENING OUR HEART TO ANOTHER LIVING SOUL.

I WISH I COULD BE LIKE YOU, SPENDING MY TIME WORKING HARD TO SUCCEED, BUT YET, I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP, LET ALONE FACE THE DAY WITHOUT YOU ON MY MIND.

I AM TRYING NOW TO LIVE ALONE, TO COOK FOR MYSELF, TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY I LOVE YOU AND YOU NOT ME.

THERE IS AN ANSWER, AND I KNOW GOD KNOWS WHAT IT IS, BUT YET HE IS NOT LETTING ME KNOW. SOMETIMES, I BELIEVE IT IS BECAUSE OF MY EVIL WAYS, OH, I KNOW I NEVER MEANT TO DO HARM TO ANYONE AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS DOING THE RIGHT THING, BUT SOME HOW I WAS LEAD ASTRAY.

I HAVE BECOME CLOSER TO GOD BECAUSE OF YOU AND THAT IS WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT HAVING MET YOU. YOU ALONE MADE ME REALIZE THAT I NEED TO FIND MY INTER PEACE AND MY PLACE HERE ON EARTH AND YOU ALONE HAVE BROUGHT ONE OF HIS LOST SHEEP HOME.

I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE ME IN YOUR OWN WAY AND FOR NOW THAT IS ENOUGH, MAYBE IN TIME GOD WILL HELP ME UNDERSTAND WHY WE CAN NOT CALL OUR PLACE TOGETHER, HOME.

THERE IS SO MUCH I WANT TO SAY AND I HOPE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN THAT I WILL FIND THE RIGHT WORDS.

I AM UNSURE WHAT TO DO AND I KNOW THAT I MUST FIND OUT WHERE I AM NOW BEFORE I EVER CAN FIND A PLACE FOR US.

I WILL NOT GIVE UP BECAUSE YOU TRULY ARE THE ONE FOR ME.

"I LOVE YOU," NO MORE NEEDS TO BE SAID.

CHARLES 10/06/99

MAN

MAN, SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE WORD LOVE, BECAUSE MAN, WAS BROUGHT TO EARTH TO LOVE GOD.

IT HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY LIFE FOR MAN AND HE HAS MADE MANY MISTAKES,

GOD GAVE MAN INTELLIGENCE, SO THAT MAN COULD CHOOSE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG.

MANY TIMES MAN HAS CHOSEN THE WRONG WAY TO GO, OUT OF GREED OR HIS LOVE FOR A WOMAN, BUT HAD MAN MADE HIS CHOICE OUT OF HIS LOVE FOR GOD, THEN OUR WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

MAN IS FOREVER TRYING TO SATISFY HIS OWN NEEDS, BUT MAN FAILS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HIS NEEDS ARE.

I KNOW THAT IN TRYING TO FIND WHERE I AM NOW, I MUST FIND WHAT IT IS I AM SEARCHING FOR.

BECAUSE WITHOUT KNOWING WHERE WE ARE GOING, WE WILL NEVER FIND DIRECTION ON HOW TO REACH OUR GOALS.

MAN IS HERE FOR A PURPOSE, IT IS NOT FOR HIS OWN SELF INDULGENCE, BUT IT IS TO WORSHIP GOD AND TO PROTECT ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN.

I FELT A NEED TO ISOLATE MYSELF FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN ORDER TO HEAR WHAT GOD HAD TO SAY TO

ME.

THE FACT REMAINS, THAT GOD PUT US HERE
TO FULFILL A PURPOSE
AND UNLESS WE ACT ACCORDING TO HIS
GUIDANCE
OUR PURPOSE IS MISDIRECTED.

EACH MAN MUST TAKE TIME TO FIND HIS
PLACE
IN THE UNIVERSE WITHOUT
CAUSING HARM AND SUFFERING TO OTHERS.

MAN IS REQUIRED TO LEAD,
TO SET EXAMPLES, FOR GOD'S CHILDREN,
AND TO PROVIDE SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE
FOR THE NATION.

THE LACK OF TWO PARENT FAMILIES,
NO MALE ROLE MODELS,
AND MAN'S GREED HAS TAKEN THE
NATION TO AN ALL TIME LOW,

UNLESS WE FIND OUR WAY BACK TO GOD
ALL WILL BE LOST.

CHARLES 10/06/99

MARRIAGE

I TAKE YOU AS MY MATE,
TO LOVE AND CHERISH TILL DEATH CAUSES US
TO PART.

EVEN THEN I WILL KNOW NO OTHER BUT YOU,
I HAVE CHOSEN YOU AS MY MATE FOR LIFE.

WHAT GREAT EXPECTATION WE HAVE WHEN
WE ARE UNITED IN MARRIAGE.

NEVER HAVING TO SEARCH FOR A COMPANION,
TO KNOW THAT WHEN WE GO HOME
THAT OUR SPOUSE WILL BE THERE FOR US.

I WOULD LIKE TO FIND A WAY TO JUSTIFY,
DIVORCES, BROKEN HOMES, SPOUSE ABUSE,
ADULTERY, CHILDREN BORN WITHOUT TWO
PARENTS.

I WOULD EVEN LIKE TO JUSTIFY MY OWN
INABILITY TO STAY WITH ONE WIFE, OR ONE
RELATIONSHIP.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO PLACE IN THE BIBLE
THAT ALLOWS
ANY OF THE ABOVE, SO THEN THERE IS NO
JUSTIFICATION
FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE, NOR WHAT OTHERS
HAVE DONE.

HOWEVER, GOD FORGIVES THOSE THAT ASK
FOR FORGIVENESS,
HE FORGIVES THOSE THAT ARE SEEKING HIS
GRACE IN HEAVEN.

THIS DOES NOT GIVE US JUSTIFICATION FOR
NOT KEEPING OUR MARRIAGE SACRED.

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO ONE THING,
OUR CHOICE AT THE TIME WE GOT MARRIED.

WAS THE PERSON WE MARRIED OF THE SAME
BELIEFS,
WERE THEY OF THE NATION OF CHRISTIANS?

I TRULY BELIEVE EACH MARRIAGE I HAD,
FAILED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF BELIEF IN
GOD,
AND THE FAILURE OF MY FAMILY TO GO TO
CHURCH TOGETHER.

MY ONLY SALVATION IS THAT NOW I AM OF
THAT BELIEF,
AND THAT NO WOMAN WILL BECOME MY
COMPANION
UNLESS SHE FIRST IS APPROVED BY GOD, AND
SHE IS A GODLY WOMAN.

FOR ONLY GOD FEARING COUPLES WILL OUT
LAST ALL OF THE
HARDSHIPS THAT THEY WILL BE FACED WITH
AS MAN AND WOMAN IN MARRIAGE.

I KNOW THAT THE ONE PERSON I AM TO LOVE,
WILL ONLY HAVE ME IF SHE CAN
ACCEPT THAT GOD FORGIVES ME AND THAT I
TRULY NOW UNDERSTAND THE ERROR OF MY
WAYS

CHARLES 10/06/99

PRAY

OH LORD!
MY GOD!
I PLACE BEFORE YOU MY BODY AND SOUL,
SO THAT YOU MAY DO WITH ME
AS YOU WISH.

I HOLD NO FEAR THAT YOUR JUDGMENT WILL
BE UNJUST.

I BRING ALL THAT I AM BEFORE YOU AND I
PRAISE YOUR NAME AND THAT OF YOUR SON.

I FEAR NOT WHAT THE DAY BRINGS FORTH
AND SPEAK ONLY THAT MY DEEDS WILL
REFLECT WHAT YOU WISH OF ME.

I OPEN UP THE DOOR TO MY SOUL,
AND BARE WITNESS TO YOUR NAME
FOR ALL TO HEAR.

ALTHOUGH AT TIMES I KNOW THAT I AM
UNWORTHY
OF YOUR BLESSINGS,
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE A MERCIFUL
GOD,
AND THAT YOUR LOVE FOR ME WILL ALLOW
YOU TO FORGIVE ME,
ONCE I ASK FOR FORGIVENESS.

I SOMETIMES FORGET YOUR LAWS AS WRITTEN
IN THE BIBLE
AND FOLLOW THE LAWS OF MAN.

I ASK OF YOU THAT YOU REDIRECT
MY ACTIONS SO THAT THEY PLEASE YOU,
MY GOD.

I KNOW THAT I AM NOT ALWAYS WORTHY OF
YOUR LOVE,
BUT THAT YOUR LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL.

YOUR LOVE IS GREATER THAN THAT OF A
MOTHER FOR HER CHILD.

I KNOW THAT I AM ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN,

AND WHEN I FEAR THE PLACE WHERE I AM,
I KNOW I CAN CALL YOUR NAME TO PROTECT
ME.

MY FAITH IN YOU NEVER WEAKENS EVEN WHEN
OTHERS TRY TO DESTROY ME BY
SAYING, "IT IS GOD'S WILL."

MY GOD, FORGIVE ME FOR MY
INDISCRETION AND FIND FAVOR WITH ME,
HERE ON EARTH AS WELL AS HEAVEN.

AMEN!

CHARLES 10/05/99

RELATIONSHIP

I HEAR ALL THAT YOU NEED, YOU NEED NOT
ASK,
FOR I KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU WANT BEFORE
YOU SPEAK.

I HAVE YOUR BACK,
MY SHOULDER IS YOURS TO CRY ON WHEN
YOUR SAD.

WHEN THINGS GO WELL FOR YOU,
I AM HERE TO APPLAUD YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WHEN YOU ARE SICK, I WILL BE THERE TO SEE
THAT YOU GET WELL.

I AM HERE TO LISTEN TO YOU,
NOT JUST TO HEAR MYSELF SPEAK.

I UNDERSTAND ALL THE HURTS, PAINS, AND
SUFFERINGS,
THAT YOU GO THROUGH ON A DAILY BASIS.

WHAT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND,
I AM WILLING TO LISTEN TO,
AND I GIVE ADVISE ONLY WHEN YOU ASK FOR
IT.

I TRY NOT TO CONTROL YOUR DESTINY, BUT I
AM THERE
WHEN YOU NEED ME TO CARRY THE EXCESS
BAGGAGE.

ALL THE THINGS THAT I AM FOR YOU,
IS WHAT A RELATIONSHIP IS ABOUT.

IT IS THE CARING, LOVING, GIVING,
UNDERSTANDING, AND SHARING IN LIKES,
AND DISLIKES.

NOT ALWAYS ARE WE GOING TO BE IN
AGREEMENT,
BUT WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN, AND FIND WAYS
TO
ACCOMPLISH THE DEEDS THAT NEED TO BE
DONE;
FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OURSELVES AS A
COUPLE,
AND OUR CHILDREN, IN FULFILLMENT OF
GOD'S WISHES.

IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE EASY,
BUT IT WILL BE EASIER TOGETHER,
THAN IF WE WERE TO DO IT ALONE.

GOD PLACED US HERE AT THE BEGINNING,
SO THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ALONE,
THERE ARE TWO OF US TO CARRY THE
BURDEN,
AND TO WORSHIP HIS NAME.

WITHOUT US BEING TOGETHER WE ARE NOT
COMPLETE.

A RELATIONSHIP IS THE BEGINNING
OF WHAT GOD PLACED US HERE FOR.

CHARLES 10/06/99

RESTORE MY SOUL

OH MIGHTY GOD,
I AM ONE OF YOUR LOST SHEEP.

IN THE MIDST OF THE DARKNESS,
I LOST MY WAY.

I KNOW LORD, THAT IT WAS MY OWN
UNDOING,
THAT HAS SEPARATED MY SOUL FROM YOUR
GRACE.

OH MY, ALL MIGHTY FATHER,
I KNOW THAT YOU SENT TO US YOUR SON,
AS THE SAVIOR OF YOUR CHILDREN,
AND THAT IT IS WITH YOUR MERCY,
THAT I WILL ONCE AGAIN
FIND GRACE IN YOUR PRESENCE.

AM I MY BROTHERS KEEPER FIRST,
OR I AM FIRST,
RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN EVIL WAYS?

I PRAY, OH LORD, MY GOD,
THAT YOU LOOK DOWN FAVORABLY
UPON THIS MAN YOU SEE BEFORE YOU,
AND PROVIDE ME WITH THE GUIDELINES,
THAT WILL LEAD ME BACK TO YOUR FLOCK.

THE SEASONS HAVE PASSED,
AND I HAVE LAID WASTE YOUR LAND,
I FAILED TO BE READY WHEN YOU CALLED
UPON ME.

I HEARD YOUR VOICE CALLING ME INTO THE
LIGHT,
BUT I WAS BLINDED BY MY OWN GREED.

I KNOW THE BASIS OF WHERE I AM NOW,
AND I ASK OF YOU TO RESTORE MY SOUL.

I AM NOW READY TO BEGIN YOUR WORK,
THERE IS NO TASK TOO SMALL OR TOO LARGE,
THAT I WOULD NOT DO FOR YOU.

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ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

THE FAST MOVING TRAIN CAME BARRELING
DOWN UPON ME.
I WAS STUCK ON THE TRACKS,
UNABLE TO DISLodge THE CAR OR REMOVE
MYSELF FROM IT
BEFORE THE TRAIN COLLIDED WITH THE CAR.

I KNEW WITHIN AN INSTANT
THAT MY LIFE, AS I KNEW IT,
HERE ON EARTH, WOULD BE OVER.

I WAS IN VIETNAM, GIVING CANDY TO YOUNG
VIETNAMESE CHILDREN,

WITHIN A SPLIT SECONDS THREE 82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS FELL TO THE GROUND WITHIN THIRTY FEET OF ME.

THE FIRST FELL BEHIND SEVERAL 55 GALLON DRUMS, TO MY LEFT AND EXPLODED, THE SECOND FELL THIRTY FEET TO MY RIGHT, BEHIND SANDBAGS, AND EXPLODED THE THIRD FELL IN THE MUD BETWEEN MY FEET.

MANY TIMES IN OUR LIVES WE CAN RECALL INCIDENTS LIKE THE ONES ABOVE, BUT THE REAL DRAMA BEGINS WHEN WE FACE GOD ON JUDGMENT DAY.

BEING BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE REALLY HITS HOME WHEN WE FACE THOSE FRIGHTENING EVENTS IN OUR HUMAN FORM IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

BUT HOW MUCH THOUGHT DO WE GIVE TO THE SCRIPTURES IN THE BIBLE, WHERE THE LORD WARNS US OF HIS ANGER FOR WE FAILED TO FOLLOW HIS LAWS? YET WE CONTINUE OUR EVIL WAYS DISREGARDING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

WE ARE THE ONES WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE, WE ARE THE ONES GOING AGAINST GOD'S WISHES, WE ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE A CHOICE ON HOW WE LIVE OUR LIVES.

WE CAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIS LAWS OR WE CAN CHOOSE NOT TO.

WHEN OUR LIVES COME TO AN END UNEXPECTEDLY, WE WILL NOT BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO ASK FOR HIS FORGIVENESS,

IF WE FAIL TO ATONE FOR OUR SINS NOW, THEN WHEN WILL WE BE GIVEN A CHANCE FOR ATONEMENT.

IT IS UNQUESTIONABLE THAT THE TIME TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN A GODLY MANNER, IS NOW.

WE CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT TO PAY OUR JUST DUES, ATONEMENT IS A DAILY REQUIREMENT, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN THE BEST MANNER POSSIBLE, WHILE WE STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY.

WHY PUT OURSELVES BETWEEN ROCK AND A HARD PLACE WHILE HERE ON EARTH, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE.

WHAT CHOICE WILL YOU MAKE HEAVEN! OR HELL!

CHARLES 10/10/99

STUDY

THROUGHOUT LIFE, EACH INDIVIDUAL SPENDS NUMEROUS HOURS PREPARING FOR THE JOB MARKET.

WE START AT THE AGE OF FOUR OR FIVE, GETTING READY FOR PRE-SCHOOL, FROM THERE GRADE SCHOOL, ONTO HIGH SCHOOL FOLLOWED, THEN BY COLLEGE AND SO ON.

BUT HOW MUCH TIME DO WE SPEND STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES, PREPARING OUR SELVES FOR LIFE EVER AFTER?

I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS YOUNG GOING TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, OF COURSE MY PARENTS DID NOT GET UP WITH ME, NOR DID THEY GO TO CHURCH.

AT AROUND EIGHTEEN I GOT MARRIED AND BECAME INVOLVED MORE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, DRIFTING THEN FROM ONE CHURCH TO ANOTHER, TRYING TO FIND A HOME.

FINALLY WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, I BECAME PART OF THE CHURCH I NOW GO TO.

THE BIGGEST DRAW THIS CHURCH HAS FOR

ME,
IS THAT THE PASTOR IS EDUCATING THE
CONGREGATION
DURING EACH FOUR HOURS WE SPENT AT
CHURCH.

NOT ONLY ARE WE RECEIVING SPIRITUAL
GUIDANCE,
BUT IN ADDITION THE PASTOR UNDERSTANDS
OUR THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.

SINCE BEING A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH,
MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURE,
HAS GIVEN ME A BETTER UNDERSTANDING,
WHY I DO CERTAIN THINGS.

THIS KNOWLEDGE ALLOWED ME TO
FURTHER DEVELOP MYSELF WHILE ALONE,
AND BECAUSE OF THE PASTOR'S TEACHINGS
I HAVE BECOME A BETTER CHRISTIAN.

WHAT IS NEEDED THEN,
IS MORE EDUCATION WHILE OUR CHILDREN
ARE YOUNG,
AND WITH BOTH PARENTS BEING PRESENT,
IN ORDER FOR THE WHOLE SOCIETY
TO BECOME BETTER CHRISTIANS,
HERE ON EARTH IN ORDER FOR US TO BE
PREPARED
WHEN IT IS JUDGMENT DAY

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TEMPTATION

I CAN NOT BE TEMPTED BY YOUR BEAUTY AND
GRACE.

THE WAY YOU WALK AND TALK,
WILL NOT OVERCOME ME,
NO POWER ON EARTH CAN TAKE ME AWAY
FROM MY DESTINY.

THE JOBS YOU OFFER, THE POWER THAT MAY
COME,
THE CONQUEST THAT WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO ME,
IS NOT WORTH MY LOSING MY SOUL.

I KNOW WHO I AM AND WHERE I WANT TO BE.

I AM ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS ACCORDING
TO WHERE I WANT TO GO.

I BLAME NO MAN FOR MY FAILURES,
NOR WILL I BLAME A WOMAN.

IF I LOSE MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL,
IT WILL BE OF MY OWN ACCORD,
GOD GAVE ME A CHOICE.

THE DEVIL WANTS TO GIVE ME CHOICES OF
THE FLESH,
GOD WANTS ME TO CHOOSE TO HONOR HIM.

WHEN I AM TEMPTED, I MUST ASK,
AM I HONORING GOD?

IF I FAIL TO HONOR GOD,
THEN AM I WORSHIPING THE DEVIL?

TEMPTATION IS EASY TO SEE, ONCE WE ASK,
"WHO IS PLACING TEMPTATION BEFORE ME?"

AS A BELIEVER OF JESUS CHRIST, AND A
FOLLOWER OF GOD'S WORD,
I KNOW WHICH DIRECTION TO GO, BUT AS IN
ALL THINGS,
THE RIGHT DIRECTION IS NOT ALLWAYS THE
EASIEST.

AS MEN, WE WANT TO CHOSE THE EASY WAY,
THE WAY THAT FITS INTO THE CROWD WE
ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH.

HOWEVER, THINK NOT OF OUR TEMPORARY
STAY ON EARTH,
BUT GIVE THOUGHT TO OUR LIFE AFTER
DEATH.

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TESTING

THIS IS NOT A TEST.

THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU HAVE,
TO LAY THE STONES TO

THE GATEWAY OF HEAVEN.

THERE IS NO SECOND CHANCE.

WE EITHER GET IT RIGHT BEFORE WE DIE,
OR OUR PATH WILL NOT LEAD US TO HEAVEN.

DAILY WE ARE TESTED BY OUR
SURROUNDINGS,
WE SOMETIMES BELIEVE
WE HEAR
TESTING, ONE, TWO, THREE.

THROUGHOUT LIFE WE ARE TESTED FOR
WHAT WE DO.

WE ARE SO USED TO BEING TESTED,
THAT WE SEEM TO THINK THAT GOD IS
TESTING US TOO.

HEAR ME, THIS IS NOT A TEST, UNLESS YOU
FEEL
YOU NEED YOUR FAITH TESTED A TIME OR
TWO.

WOULD IT NOT BE GREAT,
THAT WE COULD ARRIVE IN HEAVEN,
AND GOD WOULD SAY,
WELL YOU FAILED THIS TEST,
SO GO BACK TO EARTH AND TRY AGAIN.

I HAVE A FRIEND WHO SAYS,
"SO WHAT IF I GET IT WRONG THIS TIME,
GOD FORGIVES ALL."

ALL IS TRUE,
EXCEPT WHEN WILL HE CALL?

THE LORD MAY VERY WELL BE TESTING YOU,
BUT IT'S YOUR FAITH IN HIM AND NOTHING
MORE.

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UNCOVER YOUR ENEMIES

THERE IS A FLOCK OF SHEEP,
WITH ONLY A LONE SHEPHERD
TO PROTECT THEM.

THERE ARE STRANGERS COMING TOWARD THE
SHEPHERD,
YELLING "WOLF! A WOLF IS ABOUT READY TO
EAT YOUR SHEEP!"

THE SHEPHERD JUMPS UP,
AND RUNS TOWARD THE COMMOTION,
WHILE DOING SO, FRIENDS OF THE MAN
YELLING WOLF,
STEAL HALF OF THE SHEPHERD'S SHEEP.

OUR ENEMY IS LIKE THE MAN YELLING WOLF,
TO TAKE US AWAY FROM GOD,
WOULD-BE FRIENDS, AND WOULD-BE
CHRISTIANS,
TELL US ABOUT OUR MISGUIDED WAYS.

THEY GIVE US THEIR INTERPRETATION OF
GOD'S WORD,
AND WE FEEL THAT WE MUST AGREE.

INSTEAD OF TAKING A MOMENT TO SEE,
WHAT THE COMMOTION IS ALL ABOUT,
AND OUR MAKING A CHOICE,
WE RUN ABOUT LOSING HALF OF WHAT WE
HAD.

WE MUST DO WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO,
THAT IS WHY HE ALLOWS US TO CHOOSE.

OUR ENEMY COMES IN MANY DIFFERENT
SHAPES AND SIZES,
MALE AND FEMALE, CHRISTIAN AND NON
CHRISTIAN,
IN FORM OF WHAT IS WRITTEN, SPOKEN AND
PLAYED
ON OUR TV OR AT THE MOVIES.

THESE ENEMIES ARE UNKNOWN TO US
IF WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD.

WE LEARN GOD'S WORD FROM READING THE
BIBLE,
BUT EVEN THEN WE MUST BE CAREFUL
WHICH BIBLE WE READ.

REMEMBER EVEN AS I WRITE ,
IT IS ME EXPRESSING MY THOUGHTS AND
EMOTIONS.

I STATED AT THE BEGINNING,
I WANT TO PROVOKE THOUGHT AND
DISCORD.

NOT ONLY DO I WANT
YOU TO HAVE YOUR OWN OPINION SO DOES
GOD.

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UNSTABLE

A MIGHTY SHIP FOUGHT MANY BATTLES,
NEVER LOSING A ONE.
RETURNING TO PORT FOR SUPPLIES.

THE DOCK WORKERS LOADED THE SHIP,
INSTEAD OF EVENLY DISPERSING THE LOAD
OVER THE
WHOLE SHIP, ONLY ONE SIDE WAS FILLED.

AS MORE AND MORE GOODS
WERE BROUGHT ABOARD THE SHIP,
THE SHIP LISTED UNTIL FINALLY
THE LOAD WAS SO GREAT THE SHIP TOPPLED
OVER
ON IT'S SIDE AND SUNK INTO THE WATER OF
THE BAY.

OUR LIFE IS MUCH LIKE THE SHIP BEING
LOADED UNEVENLY,
UNTIL WE ARE UNBALANCED,
AND WE ARE UNABLE TO COPE
WITH THE DAILY TASKS REQUIRED IN ORDER
FOR
US TO BE IN HARMONY WITH NATURE.

WE OFTEN GO TO EXTREMES IN ONE AREA OF
OUR LIFE,
NEGLECTING OTHER AREAS THAT REQUIRE
EQUAL TIME.

WE BECOME SO UNSTABLE ,
THAT OUR HEALTH, BOTH MENTAL AND
PHYSICAL, FAIL
AND WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH EVEN A
SIMPLE TASK.

GOD WANTS US TO WORSHIP HIM AT ALL

TIMES,
THIS MEANS THAT WE MUST TAKE CARE OF HIS
MOST PRECIOUS JEWEL,
OURSELVES.

WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT THE PROPER
REST, FOOD, AND EXERCISE.
WE MUST LIVE IN A STABLE ENVIRONMENT.

SO OFTEN WE ARE LIKE THE SHIP THAT NEVER
LOST A BATTLE
AND YET WAS LOST AT PORT.

WE BURN OURSELVES OUT AS A CANDLE IS LIT
FROM BOTH SIDES.

WE SET TOO MANY SHORT TERM GOALS,
THAT WE LOSE DIRECTION
AND WE FORGET OUR LONG TERM GOAL.

HOW MUCH EASIER WOULD IT HAVE BEEN TO
WRITE OUR GOALS,
BOTH LONG AND SHORT TERM,
AND TAKE ON ENOUGH TO ACCOMPLISH THESE
GOALS
IN THE WAY GOD WANTS US TO.

GOD WANTS YOU TO LIVE A STABLE LIFE.

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VISION

IN ORDER FOR ANY ONE TO HAVE DIRECTION
IN THEIR LIFE THEY FIRST MUST BE ABLE
TO CLOSE THEIR EYES
AND VISUALIZE THE FINISHED
PRODUCT, GOAL, OR TASK.

SO MANY TIMES WE FLOUNDER AROUND
IN SO MANY DIRECTIONS
WITH NO IDEA ABOUT WHERE WE ARE GOING.

WE LOSE TRACK OF WHERE WE ARE GOING.

OUR FINAL GOAL IS TO DO WHAT GOD HAS IN
STORE FOR US.

TO VISUALIZE OUR SETTING WITH GOD, IS
FIRST REQUIRED,
IF WE ARE TO SET GOALS ON HOW
WE ARE TO BE IN HIS FAVOR ON JUDGMENT
DAY.

IT IS NOT THE ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH
BUT IT IS HAVING WEALTH IN ORDER TO
FULFILL GOD'S NEEDS.

WEALTH IS NOT MEASURED BY GOD,
AS MAN MEASURES WEALTH.

GOD DOES NOT HAVE VISIONS OF US
HOARDING
MONEY BUT HE SEES US PREPARING HIS
CHILDREN
FOR THE DAY WE ARE AGAIN WITH HIM

WHEN SETTING GOALS, VISUALIZE
WHAT YOU EXPECT THE FINAL OUTCOME TO
BE.

FOCUS ON THE TASK REQUIRED TO START
YOUR GOAL
AND SET A REASONABLE TIME TO REACH EACH
TASK.

VISUALIZE THE FINAL RESULTS,
AND UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH
YOU HAVE TAKEN ON THIS TASK.

IF YOU QUESTION YOUR GOALS AS NOT BEING
WHAT GOD WANTS OF YOU,
THEN REFOCUS YOUR ENERGY
TOWARD GOALS THAT WILL BENEFIT MANKIND
AND THEN THESE GOALS WILL
LAY THE GROUND WORK FOR YOU REACHING
HEAVEN

REMEMBER, ABOVE ALL ELSE, WE ARE HERE TO
PREPARE FOR HEAVEN.

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WINDS

A TALL TREE WILL WHEN,
AMONG OTHER TALL TREES,
SHELTER EACH OTHER FROM THE ELEMENTS
OF RAIN, SUN, SNOW, AND THE WIND.

ALL THE FLAIR OF NATURE FLUNG UPON A
SINGLE TREE,
WHEN STANDING ALONE, WOULD SURELY BE
TOO MUCH TO BARE.

THE STRENGTH IS FOUND IN THE GROUPING
TOGETHER OF THE MASS.

HOWEVER, RECENTLY HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF
FOREST,
WERE DESTROYED BY NATURE,
BY A WIND SO STRONG,
NO TREE COULD REMAIN ROOTED.

THE TREES HAVE FALLEN TO THE GROUND BY
A FORCE SO GREAT THAT
ONLY THE ALMIGHTY GOD COULD HAVE
CREATED IT.

THE SAME WIND IS FELT WHEN THE HOLY
SPIRIT,
COMES OVER US DURING THE TIME WHEN WE
ARE
OPEN TO GOD'S WILL.

I HAVE SEEN THE FALLING OF MANY
CHRISTIANS
DURING TIMES OF OUR PRAISING THE ALL
MIGHTY GOD.

I HAVE WATCHED ONE OR MANY BECOME
WRAPPED UP
IN THE EMOTION OF RECEIVING THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

I HAVE ASKED GOD TO ALLOW ME TO FEEL HIS
POWER
AND YET I ASKED THAT I BE ALLOWED TO
STAND
AND SEE OUT OVER HIS FLOCK.

GOD HAS ANSWERED ME,

AND ALLOWED ME TO STAND BECAUSE,
HE KNOWS THAT FOR ME TO FALL,
WOULD BE LIKE I HAD FAILED.

THE ASSOCIATION OF WORDS,
IS WHAT WE HEAR,
TO BE BLOWN OVER BY THE WIND OF GOD,
AND TO HAVE FALLEN TO THE GROUND,
AS THAT ONE TREE FELL.

I WANT TO FEEL THE WIND BLOW UPON ME,
BY MY RECEIVING THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD.
I WANT TO STAND TALL AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF THE LORD.
I WANT TO FACE EVIL AND BE STRONG,
SO THAT I CAN SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF THE MASSES

GOD, THANK YOU FOR THE STRENGTH YOU GIVE ME WHEN I ASK.
AND BELIEVE IN YOU

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WOMAN

THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE,
COMES TO BARE IN THE BEAUTY OF ONE CREATION,
THAT STANDS ABOVE ALL

WOMAN!

NO MAN HAS SURVIVED HER,
SHE CALLS UPON MAN FOR GOOD AND EVIL.

ALL WAS LOST,
YET SO MUCH WAS GAINED,
BY HER WANTING MORE.

MAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN WEAK,
WOMAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONG.

MEN HAVE DIED TO HOLD HER NEAR,
NATIONS HAVE FALLEN,
BECAUSE OF HER ANGER.
YET WE CAN NOT FIND BLAME IN HER.

FOR WOMAN WAS CREATED SO MAN WOULD NOT BE ALONE.

MAN, BECAUSE OF HIS WEAKNESS,
NOT WOMAN,
WAS WHERE WE WENT WRONG.

MAN IS THE ONE WHO SEEKS TO FIND BLAME,
MAN WILL NOT ACCEPT HIS WEAKNESS.

WOMAN IS STRENGTH,
SHE STANDS FOR ALL.

GOD FORGAVE WOMAN,
HE HAD MARY GIVE BIRTH TO HIS SON.

WOMAN, THE MOTHER OF OUR CHILDREN,
THE BACK BONE OF OUR FAMILY,
THE PILLAR OF OUR CHURCH.

WITHOUT WOMAN, MAN WOULD STAND ALONE.

STRENGTH IS WHAT WE SEE,
MOTHER EARTH AND THE GREAT SHIPS OF THE SEAS.

WITHOUT WOMAN
THERE WOULD BE NO
YOU AND ME.

I LOVE YOU!

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YOU

WHERE ARE YOU?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

- 1.
- 2.

3.

I COULD HEAR HIS VOICE,
I WAS AFRAID TO SHUT MY EYES.

4.

FINALLY, WHEN I LEAST EXPECTED IT,
ON A SUNDAY NIGHT,
WHEN I WAS WITH FRIENDS,
HE CALLED.

5.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET THERE?

I HAD NO PLACE TO HIDE.
A COLD CHILL PASSED THROUGH MY BODY;
SWEAT BROKE OUT ON MY FOREHEAD.

1.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

2.

HE SAID, "THIS IS GOD I NEED YOU!"

3.

LORD, I ANSWERED,
I AM NOT READY, I AM AFRAID,
PLEASE CALL ON SOMEONE ELSE
TO DO YOUR WORK,
I DO NOT HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE
TO BRING EVEN MYSELF BACK TO YOU,
LET ALONE ONE OF YOUR LOST SHEEP.

4.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

5.

"ANYTHING YOU NEED I WILL PROVIDE YOU,"
SAID THE LORD,
"ANY WORDS THAT NEED TO BE WRITTEN I
WILL GUIDE YOU,"
SAID THE LORD.
MY CHILD I HAVE BEEN TRAINING
YOU FOR MANY YEARS AND NOW YOU ARE
READY.

6.

TAKE MY STAFF.
IT IS TIME I STOPPED CARRYING YOU AND IT IS
TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE MY WORD TO MY
CHILDREN.

7.

HE CALLED. I LISTEN.

8.

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9.

10.

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YOU CALLED!

HE CALLED;
I DID NOT ANSWER THE PHONE.

HE CALLED AND LEFT A MESSAGE,
I HEARD HIS VOICE AND ERASED IT.

I TOOK THE PHONE OFF OF THE HOOK;
HE GOT A BUSY SIGNAL.

HE CAME TO MY HOUSE,
KNOCKED ON MY DOOR;
I HID BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

WHEN I WAS IN BED

TAKE ME BACK

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DEDICATION

The spiritual motivator for my writing comes from the Lord. The inspiration is from a single person who came into my life when I was most acceptable to healing.

I dedicate these writings to all the friends who see themselves, and to the Pastor who

provided me with some of the key words used in some of the writings.

Charles 07/07/00

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Since starting volume five in October very little was written until January 01, 2000. At first I was concern about my not having any inspirations and words just did not come to mind as they had in the past four volumes.

When I first decided that volume five's theme would be how soon we forget little did I know what GOD had in store for me. I was reading GENIES when I started taking notes, from taking these notes I than typed the notes into a format, and from there the five books of MOSES were done in an outline. I know nothing is by accident and it should be noted that the reading and notes of Bible Study notes for Charles, was finished just prior to April 19, 2000, which is the Jewish (children of ISRAEL) Passover. I believe that the reason for the delay in the book was that I needed to be better prepared to do GODS work.

I spent four months, sometimes five to six hours or more a day reading and studying the five books of MOSES. After finishing the study book I resumed my writing Volume five

I give praise and glory to GOD and I would like the reader to read the last page, He called because he says he will provide me with the knowledge to let me speak to his people.

I hope you enjoy reading my writing as I grow with GOD.

It should also be noted, that on February 18, 2000, I along with about 60 other members of the church I attend were baptized by water by our beloved PASTOR.

There have many changes though out this past year since I started writing TAKE ME BACK and I am sure GOD is not though with me.

I would like to direct you to the fact that each of the writings are written so that the reader can find that they are not alone and no doubt there will be discord and thoughts that will be different from the author.

You will also note at the bottom of each page my name and the date I wrote the story. I have placed them in alphabetical order for ease of reference. These writings are not intended to be left in the book, but instead I hope you will find at least one to hang on your wall.

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22 "Whom have you mocked and reviled?
Against whom have you raised your voice?
And haughtily lifted your eyes?
Against the Holy One of Israel?

23 By your messengers you have mocked the Lord,
And you have said, 'with my many chariots
I have gone up the heights of the mountains,
To the far recesses of Lebanon;
I felled its tallest cedars'
Its choicest cypresses;
I entered its farthest retreat,
Its densest forest.

24 I dug wells and drank foreign waters,
And I dried up with the sole of my foot
all the streams of Egypt.'

25 " Have you not heard
that I determined it long ago?
I planned from day of old
what now I bring to pass,
That you should turn fortified cites
into heaps of ruins,

26 while their inhabitants, shorn of strength,
are dismayed and confounded,
and have become like plants of the field,
and like tender grass,
like grass on the housetops;
blighted before grown?

27 But I know your sitting down
and your going out and coming in,
and your raging against me.

28 Because you have raged against me
and your arrogance has come into my ears,
I will put my hook in your nose
and my bit in your mouth,
and I will turn on the way
by which you come.

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ATONEMENT

MARCHING THOUGH THE VALLEYS
AS SOLDIERS OF GOD.

WE BRING FORTH THE END
OF THE CYCLE OF DESTRUCTION.
EVER ENDING THE THREAT TO MAN KIND.

WE ARE HERE TO TESTIFY FOR OUR BEING ON
EARTH
WE ARE IN ATONEMENT TO AND
FOR JESUS AS OUR SAVIOR.

WE SEEK HIS WORD AND WE FULFILL
OUR DESTINY BY SHOUTING HIS NAME.

GOD HAS GIVEN HIS SON
FOR US TO REACH THE HEAVENS.

WITHOUT HIS BEING WE WOULD HAVE
PERISHED
AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR FIRST SIN
WOULD HAVE LONG DESTROYED US.

WE SEEK AND ASK FOR FORGIVENESS
THOUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

FOR MAN CANNOT STAND ALONE,
NOR WOULD HE WANT.
FOR THIS REASON GOD HAS BROUGHT FORTH
HIS
WORD AND HAS DELIVERED US FROM THE
SINS.

WE ARE IN HARMONY WITH THE UNIVERSE
BECAUSE WE SEEK FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS

HAVE WE NOT CRIED TO THE HEAVEN?
HAVE WE NOT FEARED THE UNKNOWN,
AND CALLED UPON GOD?

SEEK NOT THE BLESSING HERE,
BUT SEEK GOD,
AND HERE YOU WILL
FIND HIS BLESSINGS

CHARLES 05/26/00

BEING WITHOUT YOU!

THE LAWS OF LIFE ARE SIMPLE,
ONCE LIVED THEY ARE DONE.

THERE IS NO RECOVERING OF YESTERDAY
OR WISHING IF ONLY I HAD DONE.

WHEN WE WERE YOUNG WE ALSO SAID,
"THAT I HAVE TIME , TOMORROW IT WILL GET
DONE."

I LIVED A WEEK, NOTHING GOT DONE.
I COULD HAVE DIED AND IT WOULD HAVE
AMOUNTED TO THE SAME,
BUT I STILL, "SAY I HAVE TIME TOMORROW IT
WILL GET DONE."

YOU TOO HAVE LOST TIME,
WHEN YOU WERE SICK AND GOT BEHIND.
IT GAVE YOU AS IT DID ME TIME TO REFLECT.

SO THE TIME WAS NOT LOST,
IT JUST WENT BY
AND ALL OUR PLANS ARE STILL LEFT UNDONE.

IT WOULD BE EASY TO SAY WE HAVE A
LIFETIME AHEAD OF US.
WE CAN WAIT TO SEE WHAT TOMORROW WILL
BRING.

BUT WHAT IF YOU OR I DIED TOMORROW, GOD
FORBID,
BUT WHAT IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN,
WHAT DID WE LEAVE BEHIND IF NOT LOVE?

I FOR ONE WOULD MISS HAVING YOU AS MY
WIFE,
WALKING IN THE MORNING LIGHT WITH YOU
AT MY SIDE.

WHAT A TERRIBLE LOOSE THAT WOULD BE,
MAYBE NOT FOR YOU BUT SURELY FOR ME.

THE GOLF WE WERE TO PLAY,
THE MOTORCYCLE WE DID NOT RIDE.
THE RECORDS YOU WERE TO MAKE THAT I
WOULD NEVER HEAR.
THE WALKING ON THE BEACH, SEEING YOU IN

THE DRESS, THAT ONLY I WAS TO SEE.

NONE OF THIS WOULD I HAVE,
IF GOD DECIDED THAT TOMORROW WAS NOT
TO COME.

WE ARE ONLY GIVEN SO MANY GOOD YEARS
AND EACH DAY THAT GOES BY, I LOSE ONE OF
THEM BEING WITH YOU.

CHARLES 05/19/00

BELIEVE

I AM!

IS THE ANSWER THAT WAS GIVEN TO MOSES.

NO MORE NOR, NO LESS.

WHEN ASKED, "WHO SHALL I SAY SENT ME?"
GOD SAID,
"TELL THEM, I AM SENT YOU."

THE BELIEVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
AND THE UNKNOWN,
TEST YOUR FAITH.

WITHOUT THE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS
WOULD MEAN THAT I AM NOT.

THINK WHEN YOU SPEAK OF
YOUR BELIEVE:
FOR I AM,
YOU ARE,
ARE ONE IN THE SAME.

GOD IS,
NO MORE NOR NO LESS.

THE WORLD YOU STAND ON IS A TESTAMENT
TO
GOD BEING OVER ALL.

FOR WITHOUT HIM
AND OUR BELIEVE WE WOULD HAVE LONG
BEEN
TURNED BACK INTO DUST

THE LACK OF FAITH
AND BELIEVE HAS DESTROYED NATIONS,
BECAUSE THEY HAD TURNED THEIR BACK ON
GOD

I AM
IS BECAUSE HE IS.

CHARLES 05/26/00

BLESSING

WE ARE BLESSED BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN
GOD.
WE ARE SAVED BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN HIS
SON JESUS.

WE RECEIVE BLESSING BECAUSE OF THESE
TWO REASONS.

SO IF ALL OUR BLESSING COME FROM GOD AND
HIS SON WHY THEN
DO WE HAVE DIS-BELIEVERS WHO ARE ALSO
BLESSED?

IF THE DIS-BELIEVER CAN BE BLESSED HERE
ON EARTH
WITH HEATH, RICHES AND FAME
THEN WHY SHOULD THE BELIEVER NOT
RECEIVE MORE?

THAT QUESTION MUST CROSS THE MIND OF
EVERY CHRISTEN MAN FROM THE BEGINNING
OF TIME.

THE BELIEVER, IF A TRUE BELIEVER KNOWS
THE ANSWER, FOR YOUR REWARD IS NOT HERE
ON EARTH BUT IT IS HEAVEN WITH GOD AND
HIS SON.

WHEN YOU READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE THE
MESSAGE THAT COMES THOUGH IS THAT GOD
WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL OF HIS CHILDREN AND
THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE A SPECIAL PLACE AT
HIS SIDE WHEN HE CALLS YOU HOME IF YOU
HAVE KEPT HIS COMMANDMENTS.

HOW YOU MEASURE YOUR BLESSINGS MAY BE
THE KEY TO IF YOUR BEING SAVED OR JUST

GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN COLD AND HUNGRY AND GOD PROVIDED YOU WITH FOOD WHEN THERE WAS NONE.

DID YOU SEE THIS AS A BLESSING AND PRAISE HIS NAME, OR DID YOU FORGET ABOUT IT WHEN YOU WERE FULL AND WARM.

A TRUE BELIEVER PRAISES GOD FOR EVERY BLESSING AND IN DOING SO ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT SOMETIMES WE NEED A REMINDER.

WE ARE BLESSED WITH LIFE AND IF WE LIVE OUR LIFE ACCORDING TO GOD'S RULES WE ARE ALSO BLESSED WITH DEATH.

GOD WANTS US TO HAVE OR SHARE OF THE RICHES ON EARTH AS LONG AS WE DO NOT FORGET FROM WHOM THEY CAME.

TO FULLY UNDERSTAND ONE'S BLESSING WE WOULD NEED TO FIRST UNDERSTAND WHY THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL HAD WENT THROUGH THE TRAILS AND TRIBULATION THAT THEY DID IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

OUR BLESSINGS ARE FOUND THROUGH ARE GIVING OF WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED IN ABUNDANCE FROM GOD..

CHARLES 07/04/00

CHANGE

Recently I heard a person ask out loud, the question "is the reason for my being laid off God's way of letting me know it was time for a job change?"

My response was what, Napoleon Hill wrote in his book, Think and grow rich.

Burning your bridges behind you will allow you only to move forward,

Through out history many battles were won

and lost because the force had nowhere to retreat to, soldiers could only advance because the cities, crops and bridges were destroyed as they advanced toward their enemy.

This strategy has been echoed though the ages since the beginning of time, and not being able to retreat, but having to go forward, has been a battle cry for all motivation speakers and even in the Genesis, Lot was told by God to leave Sodom. The city was destroyed and Lot moved on with his family outside the city of Zo'ar.

Sometimes we try to go against God's plan, doing so we end up as Lot's wife as she was turned into a pillar of salt. We try to be in control, where only God is in control of our life. Because we fail to recognize this we spend years drifting from one job to another and from one relationship to many relationships and one church to the next. We are so blinded by our own self-worth or lack there of, that we miss the reason why we are put here on earth in the first place. God wants us to seek knowledge and he wants us to protect his children. God is the Father of all living things and the creator of all that is seen and unseen.

It is only fitting in this fifth book. How soon we forget, that we reflect back to Genesis and read why God destroyed Sodom. Sodom was as we are today, it bred all the filth and diseases seen today wherever we turn. The right of freedom to sin has over shadowed the revolution, concerning your right to believe in God.

No longer do many individuals worship God the creator, but they worship evil, and they have evil thoughts about all that is around. Even friends have asked, "what has the church done for me, or what will I receive by giving my life to God through the church from which I receive my spiritual guidance?"

God has brought us here to his house. He has

placed before us the opportunity to learn, teach and lead his people back to him. The answer then is simple, burn your bridges, have faith in the Lord, he will protect those that turn control over to him. Seek greater knowledge, and pass his teachings on to our children, friends and all that we come in contact with. God deserves no less, and he will accept nothing short of all our praise and glory.

Where then, is the next bridge that we must cross to bring his word to the multitude of people outside of the Nation of Christians? It is seeking God's knowledge, and teaching this knowledge to others. As I wrote in the first book "He called," God will provide us with all that is needed when it is time. We must though be willing to accept this knowledge and we must be willing to teach his children his words.

Are we prepared to give our life to his work? Have we forgotten we cannot look back but that we must gain the knowledge to move forward? It is only because of this new direction that he has given to us, that we will be able to conquer the evil that surrounds us today.

Yes, we are the chosen who will be directing and leading the world in the new Churches resurrection.

Yes, it is time to gain the knowledge available to us so that we can take our place as leaders of his people. From the grasses will the soldiers of today fight to overcome the evil demons that have overrun our bodies and souls. These foot soldiers will be the leaders. The Generals will destroy all that we have passed. We will be unable to retreat, and because of this we will again control the earth as God meant us to do, in his name mankind will again praise him as the Father of all.

CHARLES 12/04/1999

CHRISTMAS 1999

I HAVE NEVER KNOWN A TIME,
WHEN AUTUMN COMES YEAR AROUND.

I HAD THOUGHT THAT SPRING FALLS,
AFTER WINTER HAS GONE.

I WAIT FOR THE SUMMER,
TWO THOUSAND YEARS HAVE PASSED,
WITH THE CYCLE BEING THE SAME,
THAN IT IS NOW.

THAT I HAVE SEEN THE PAST AUTUMN GO BY,
THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED TO REMEMBER.

THERE IS ALWAYS A TIME NOT TO BE
FORGOTTEN,
EVEN IF A SPOKEN WORD,
OR WRITTEN BY A FRIEND.

IT IS ALWAYS GOOD NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN.

I AM NOT A TREE TO BE PLACED OUTSIDE AND
FORGOTTEN,
NOR THE TORN PAPER YOUR GIFTS SOON
FORGOTTEN.

I HAVE A HEART.

SAY NICE THINGS, AND I WILL SMILE,
IN THE SPRING, SUMMER, FALL OR WINTER.

FOR I AM NOT IN THE AUTUMN OF MY LIFE,
AS IS NOT THE SEED THAT GOD PLANTED.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FOR I AM HE,
JESUS CHRIST
GODS SON.

CHARLES 12/15/99

COMMANDMENTS

EACH PERSON WHO CAN READ HAS READ THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS THAT GOD GAVE MOSES
AT MOUNT SINAI.

EACH READER WOULD KNOW THAT WHEN MOSES CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNT THAT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE WORSHIPPING A FALSE GOD.

MOSES AGAIN WENT BACK UP TO GOD AND ASKED GOD FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF THESE CHOSEN PEOPLE.

GOD FOR A SECOND TIME GAVE MOSES THE COMMANDMENTS AND THEY WERE LATER PLACED IN THE ARK OF COVENANT.

THROUGHOUT THE FIRST BOOKS OF THE BIBLE STARTING AT EXODUS GOD BECAME ANGERED WHEN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WENT AGAINST HIS COMMANDMENTS.

YET EACH TIME A MAN SPOKE TO GOD AND ASKED GOD, THAT GOD FORGIVE THE TRANSGRESSION DONE BY THE PEOPLE, EACH TIME MAN ASKED GOD FOR FORGIVENESS GOD FORGAVE.

AS YOU READ THE BIBLE AND THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN LIFE YOU MAY RECALL WHEN YOU SINNED AGAINST GOD AND HOW WHEN YOU ASKED FOR GOD FORGIVENESS GOD GAVE IT READILY WITHOUT HESITATION.

KNOWING THE COMMANDMENTS IS THE EASY PART LIVING OUR LIFE THE WAY THE LAWS TELL US IS THAT PART THAT MOST OF US FAIL.

ALL WE NEED TO DO IS TO READ EXODUS CHAPTER 20. AND IN LEARNING THE COMMANDMENTS WE WOULD GO AROUND TELLING EVERY ONE WHAT A GOOD CHRISTIAN WE ARE.

YET UPON TURNING OUR BACK, WHEN WE ARE NOT IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S FOLLOWERS, WE SIN AGAINST GOD AND WE BREAK GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH THAT WE LEARN GOD'S

LAWS BUT WE MUST ALSO LIVE THEM.

GOD'S LAWS ARE AS ALIVE AS WE ARE THEY ARE MEANT TO BE SEEN THROUGH US SO THAT OTHERS CAN FOLLOW IN OUR PATH.

WE CAN NOT EXPECT THAT THE DIS-BELIEVERS WILL BELIEVE IF WE ONLY QUOTE GOD'S LAWS, THEY ARE NOT CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT LEARNED YET TO WALK

WE TEACH A CHILD BY OUR DOING AND WE TEACH A NON BELIEVER THE SAME WAY.

WHEN PEOPLE SEE US CARRYING OUT GOD'S LAWS AND WE RECEIVE HIS BLESSING THEY WILL FOLLOW.

CHARLES 07/04/00

COVENANT

DOES ANY ONE UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS TO MAKE A COVENANT WITH GOD, WITH YOUR HUSBAND OR WIFE, YOUR CHILDREN, A FRIEND?

IN THE BEGINNING A PROMISE WAS MADE BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

THE PROMISE WAS SIMPLE, IF WE FOLLOWED GOD'S LAWS WE WOULD BE PROTECTED FROM EVIL AND HARM BY GOD.

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PLACES THAT CAN BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE WHERE MAN MADE A COVENANT WITH GOD.

IN THE SAME REGARDS THERE CAN BE FOUND HUNDREDS OF PLACES WHERE MAN WENT AGAINST THE PROMISE THAT HE MADE WITH GOD.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO HERE IS TO HAVE

EACH READER STOP AND MAKE A COVENANT WITH GOD, SO THAT WE AS CHRISTENS HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL TOLD GOD.

THAN AFTER A MONTH LOOK BACK OVER YOUR PROMISE THAT YOU MADE GOD. DETERMINE WHETHER YOU KEPT YOUR PART OF THE AGREEMENT AND IF YOU DID, DID GOD BLESS YOU WITH A RICHER AND BETTER CHRISTEN LIFE.

MY GOD THE ONLY HEAVENLY FATHER, WHICH I SET HIGH ABOVE ALL ELSE,

I GIVE TO YOU ALL BY LOVE, AND I PROMISE TO SHARE MY NEW FOUND KNOWLEDGE WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

I WILL NOT ONLY SPEAK YOUR WORD, AND WRITE THE WORDS I HAVE NOW LEARNED, BUT I WILL ALSO LIVE MY LIFE ACCORDING TO YOUR LAWS.

I WILL LIVE MY LIFE AS BEST AS I CAN IN THE WAY THAT YOUR SON JESUS LIVED HIS LIFE.

I WILL RESTRICT MY TIME TO TEACH THE SINNER, RE-EDUCATE THE SAVED, AND I WILL NOT LET THE FLESH CONTROL MY ACTIONS.

I DO THIS IN ORDER THAT YOU WILL SEE ME AS A TRUE BELIEVER IN YOU BEING THE MOST POWERFUL.

I DO NOT DO SO OUT OF FEAR OF YOU, BUT OUT OF FEAR OF NOT BEING WITH YOU.

I WILL GIVE THOUGHT EACH TIME I OPEN MY MOUTH, OR LIFT MY HAND, THAT THESE THINGS ARE DONE IN MEMORY OF YOUR SON, AND THAT YOU WILL FIND PLEASURE IN MY SERVING YOU.

THIS COVENANT I MAKE WITH YOU ON THIS DATE, AND I PRAY THAT YOU WILL GUIDE MY THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS.

CHARLES 07/05/00

DEATH

FOR WHICH I MUST FACE ALONE IS THE DARKNESS OF THE SOUL.

NO LIGHT CAN BE FOUND WHEN MY LIFE HAS BEEN LIVED AGAINST THE DESIRE OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

DEATH COMES ABOUT EACH DAY WHEN I LIVE MY LIFE OUTSIDE OF YOUR NAME.

I MAY DIE ONLY ONCE A TRUE DEATH, BUT EACH DAY THAT I LIVE MY LIFE OUTSIDE OF YOUR GRACE MY SINS CAUSE ME THE PAIN OF A THOUSAND DEATHS.

I HAVE SEEN THAT BEING SPIRITUAL DIED HERE ON EARTH IS EVEN A WORST DEATH THAN THE ONE I WILL FACE WHEN MY HEART STOPS BEATING.

I TRACE THE PATH OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS IN ORDER FOR MY DEATH TO BE IN HONOR OF YOU.

NO LONGER WILL I FEAR DEATH BUT I WILL LIVE MY LIFE IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR YOUR BRINGING ME HOME.

I KNOW THAT WHILE HERE YOU WILL PROTECT ME AND TEACH ME THE WAYS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR ME TO BRING YOUR FLOCK BACK TO YOU.

DEATH TO A CHRISTEN HAPPENS ONLY ONCE, WHILE DEATH TO ONE WHO HAS NOT SEEN THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS

IS LIKE BEING BURNED BY THE CONSUMING FIRES OF HELL EACH DAY.

I AM A FOLLOWER OF GODS WORD AND I WILL DIE BUT ONE DEATH AND THAT IS THE ONE AS YOUR SON JESUS DID.

IT WILL BE FOR YOUR NAME AND IN MY SPREADING YOUR WORD.

IF MY DEATH BE NEEDED IN ORDER FOR YOU TO FULFILL A GREATER PURPOSE I GIVE MY LIFE AS SACRIFICE FOR THE GREATER CAUSE.

I SEEK YOUR GUIDANCE AND PRAY THAT MY DEATH FULFILL YOUR GREATER PURPOSE

CHARLES 07/06/00

DELIVERANCE

IN THE LORD'S PRAYER WE ASK FOR DELIVERANCE FROM EVIL. YET WE OFFER NOTHING FOR OUR DELIVERANCE.

WE EXPECT GOD TO GIVE TO US HIS LOVE AND PROTECTION WITHOUT US HAVING TO GIVE ANYTHING IN RETURN.

LOOKING BACK THESE PAST FEW YEARS OF MY RETURNING TO THE HOUSE OF GOD I FOUND ONE THING COMMON AMONG THE PEOPLE THAT WORSHIP GOD.

THAT IS THEIR REQUEST AND PRAYERS THEY ASK THAT GOD DELIVER TO THEM ABUNDANCE, HEATH AND PROTECTION.

WHAT I FOUND STRANGE IS THAT IN MOST CASE THEY OFFERED NOTHING IN RETURN.

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY NEVER WENT TO GOD WITHOUT MAKING AN OFFERING.

THE OFFERING TOOK MANY DIFFERENT FORMS FROM LIVE ANIMALS TO OFFERINGS OF MATERIAL THINGS. HOWEVER THE BIGGEST OFFERINGS THAT THEY MADE FOR THEIR DELIVERANCE WAS THEIR SELVES.

AS YOU READ THOUGH OUT THE BIBLE INDIVIDUAL WOULD ASK GOD FOR THEIR DELIVERANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND THAT GOD WOULD WATCH OVER THEM IN RETURN THEY WOULD GIVE ALL THEIR HEART AND SOUL TO GOD WITHOUT HESITATION.

GOD HEARD THESE REQUEST IN THE FORM OF PRAYERS AND HE WOULD LOOK FAVORABLE UPON HIS CHILDREN.

WHEN WE ASK FOR DELIVERANCE, WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR?

WHAT ARE WE WILLING TO GIVE TO GOD FOR HIS ALLOWING US TO SIT AT HIS SIDE? WHAT SCARIFIES ARE WE WILLING TO GIVE IN ORDER FOR GOD TO RECEIVE US?

IN THE PRAY OF THE ACT OF CONTRITION WE SAY, " OH MY GOD I AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR OFFENDING THEE WHO ART ALL GOOD AND WHO ART WORTHY OF ALL MY LOVE."

BUT THAT IS WHERE WE STOP.

I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE TRULY SORRY FOR ARE GOING AGAINST GOD, BUT OUT OF FEAR OF THE CONSEQUENCES NOT OUT OF OUR LOVE FOR GOD.

WHEN WE ASK FOR DELIVERANCE I BELIEVE WE MUST OFFER OUR BODY, SOUL, TIME, OUR TITHE, OUR MATERIAL OFFERING, AND OUR GOOD DEEDS.

ANOTHER POINT TO BE MADE HERE IS THAT TO ASK GOD FOR SOMETHING BE WILLING TO GIVE EVERYTHING IN RETURN OF HIS PROVIDING WHAT YOU HAVE ASKED FOR, EVEN IF YOU REQUEST IS THE LOVE OF A WOMEN.

Charles 07/07/00

FEAR

I AM AFRAID OF LOSING MY SOUL BECAUSE OF MY DESIRES OF HAVING IT ALL.

I HAVE FEAR THAT I WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED INTO GOD'S HOUSE.

I FEAR THE LONELINESS OF BEING WITHOUT GOD.

THESE FEAR ARE TRUE AND JUST, ALL OTHER FEAR I HAVE NONE

TO FEAR GOD IS THE ONLY FEAR WE SHOULD HAVE BECAUSE IF WE FEAR THE LOSE OF GOD'S LOVE THEN OUR ACTS WILL BE TO PRESERVE GOD'S LOVE.

IN OUR DESIRE TO STAY WITHIN THE GRACE OF GOD, GOD WILL PROTECT US FROM ALL OTHER REASONS TO HAVE FEARED.

REMEMBER THE SAYING,
" ALL THOUGH I WALK THOUGH THE VALLEY OF DEATH I FEAR NO EVIL."

WE FEAR NO EVIL BECAUSE WE WALK IN THE GRACE OF GOD.

BECAUSE OF OUR BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS WE HAVE NO FEAR.

HAD GOD'S SON NOT DIED FOR US WE WOULD HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR BECAUSE OUR RIGHT TO SIT AT THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF GOD WOULD NOT BE A KNOWN.

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE RIGHT THOUGH JESUS' DEATH, TO BE REBORN.

WHETHER WE ACCEPT THIS RIGHT THOUGH OUR WORDS ACTIONS AND DEEDS DEPENDS ON US.

NO MAN CAN TAKE AWAY THIS RIGHT.
WE CAN LOSE THIS RIGHT ONLY THOUGH OUR OWN ACTIONS.

WE SHOULD FEAR OURSELVES NOT ANOTHER MAN.
WE SHOULD FEAR THAT WE WILL SIN AGAINST GOD.

IN THE BIBLE GOD TOLD MOSES IGNORANCE TO MY LAWS IS NO EXCUSE.
THAT IF YOU BREAK ONE OF GODS LAWS THEN YOU SHOULD FEAR GOD.

WHETHER YOU BREAK THE LAWS KNOWINGLY, OR UNKNOWINGLY MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.

FEAR OF ONES OWN ACTION, THOUGH THE ACTION OF A SINNER,
IS THE GREATEST FEAR THAT WE SHOULD HAVE.

CHARLES 07/07/00

GRACE

AS GRACEFULLY AS A SWAN SHE WALKED ACROSS THE FLOOR
HER PRETTY WAS TO BEHOLD.

SHE WAS FOLLOWED BY THE LIGHTS AND THE CROWD WAS READY TO WATCH THE SHOW.

SHE LIFTED UP HER VOICE FROM A GENTLY WHISPER
THAT SOUNDED LIKE A NIGHTINGALE.

THE RHYTHM OF HER BODY MATCHED THE BEAT OF THE DRUMS.

THE INSTRUMENTS THAT PLAYED THE BACK GROUND WERE SOON FORGOTTEN.

SHE CAPTURED THE AUDI NANCE WITH HER BEAUTIFUL SOUND.

THERE WAS A SILENCE THAT BEFALL THE BAND AND SHE SUNG HER SONG.

NO INSTRUMENT WERE NEEDED AS SHE SUNG HER PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD.

ALL AROUND THE SILENCE GREW,
HUNDREDS OF PASSER BYS STOPPED TO HEAR
THE LITTLE ANGEL SING.

THE GRACE AND BEAUTY WAS NOT MISSED BY
MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD.

HER VOICE GOT STRONGER AND THE WINDOW
SHUCK, THE CHANDLERS COULD BE HEARD AS
HER VOICE RUNG OUT.

MY LITTLE ANGEL HAD CAPTURED THE
CROWD.

ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT THERE I HEARD THE
SOUND I SAW THE CROWD AND AS SHE SANG I
WROTE THIS DOWN.

SHE GAVE HER HEART TO THE SONG HER SOUL
MIXED
WITH THE WORDS HER FAME WILL BE KNOWN.

GOD GAVE THIS LITTLE ANGEL A GIFT THAT
WOULD SOON BE RENOWN

HUNDREDS HEARD THE SOUND, BUT FEW
KNEW THAT THEY WERE SEEING A STAR BORN.

PLANETS WERE MADE IN JUST A MOMENT
WITH A BANG AND SO WAS SHE.

THE LITTLE ANGEL WAS NOW A STAR.

I WAS THERE BECAUSE SHE CARRIES MY
HEART WHERE EVER SHE GOES.

CHARLES 07/06/00

GODS CHILDREN

THERE BEFORE ME STOOD A STRANGER.

THE MAN WORE SANDALS, AND TORN
CLOTHES,
AND HE APPEARED NOT HAVE SHAVED IN
MONTHS.

MY FIRST INSTINCT WAS THAT I SHOULD AVOID

THE STRANGER,
AND CROSS OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
ROAD.

WHEN JESUS RETURNED FROM THE MOUNTAIN
HIS APPEARANCE
MIGHT HAVE LOOKED LIKE THE STRANGER.

SO OFTEN WE SEE THE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE
OUTSIDE,
AND WE FAIL TO LOOK INTO THE PERSON'S
SOUL.

SO OFTEN WE JUDGE AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE
CLOTHES THEY WEAR,
THE COLOR OF THEIR HAIR, OR LACK THERE
OF,
AND THEIR SKIN.

WE ARE AFRAID OF THE UNKNOWN.

HOW OFTEN HAVE WE SEEN AN INDIVIDUAL
COME TO OUR CHURCH,
AND WE AS CHRISTIANS DO NOT ALLOW THEM
TO SIT AT OUR SIDE,
BECAUSE THEY ARE STRANGERS TO OUR
CUSTOMS.

HERE BEFORE ME TODAY, ARE THE CHRISTIANS
OF THE NATION,
WE ARE MULTI-COLORED,
AND NO ONE HAS THE SAME PERSONALITY.

DO NOT JUDGE, FOR YOU WILL BE JUDGED,
BY ONE GREATER THAN YOU OR ME.

SEARCH FOR WHAT IS ON THE INSIDE,
FOR IT IS WHAT MAN IS MADE OF.
THE OUTSIDE OFTEN GIVES US NO
KNOWLEDGE
OF THE INDIVIDUALS SPIRITUAL BEING.

I SOMETIMES DRESS TO FULFILL MY ROLE,
TO BRING GOD'S MESSAGE TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY,
IF MY HAIR IS GREEN OR RED,
IT SHOULD NOT MAKE MY MESSAGE ANY LESS
IMPORTANT.

I AM LIKE YOU ON THE INSIDE,
I PRAISE THE LORD AND I AM A MESSENGER OF
GODS CHILDREN.

I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO SEEK THE TRUTH.

THAT TRUTH IS OFTEN HIDDEN BEHIND,
WHAT YOU PERCEIVE ME TO BE,
AND NOT WHAT I REALLY AM.

CHARLES 10/19/99

IN HIS GLORY

THE LORD GOD HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER
TO REJOICE HIS WONDERMENTS

HE HAS CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH FOR US
TO BE PART OF.

HE HAS PLANTED THE TREES, THE FLOWERS,
AND HE MADE ALL LIVING THINGS
IN ORDER FOR US TO WORSHIP HIM TO OUR
FULLEST

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO PRAISE HIM
ONLY ON THE SABBATH,
BUT WE MUST KEEP HIS HOUSE CLEANED OF
SIN DAILY.

OUR BODIES ARE THE VESSELS,
BY WHICH WE GIVE PRAISE AND GLORY TO
GOD.

WE SING GLORY
AND SHOUT HIS NAME
ON THE MOUNT AND THROUGH OUT THE LAND.

GOD WE GIVE YOU PRAISE.

GOD WE GIVE YOU GLORY.

FOR YOU ALONE ARE MOST HIGH
AND YOU ALONE ARE WORTHY
OF ALL THE PRAISE AND GLORY THAT WE CAN
GIVE.

CHARES 04/11/00

HOW SOON WE FORGET

THIS BOOK IS BEING WRITTEN ABOUT HOW
SOON WE FORGET.

IT IS NOT ONLY BEING WRITTEN BECAUSE
EACH TIME THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SINNED
AGAINST GOD THEY COME BACK TO GOD
CRYING FOR GODS FORGIVENESS.

BUT IT IS ALSO BEING WRITTEN FOR ALL
THOSE TIMES THAT WE HAVE SAID IF ONLY WE
HAD ONE MORE CHANCE.

COUNTLESS TIMES WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH AN
EXPERIENCE AND WE HAVE SAID GOD IF I
SURVIVE THIS I ALL NEVER DO IT AGAIN.

GOD IF ONLY YOU WILL BRING ME THE
PARTNER THAT I NEED IN MY LIFE I WILL TURN
MY SELF OVER TO YOU.

GOD IF ONLY, HOW MANY TIME AND WAYS CAN
YOU FINISH THIS STATEMENT.

GOD IF ONLY IS NO LONGER THE STATEMENT IT
MUST BE GOD I WILL DO ALL THIS FOR YOU
AND I ASK FOR NOTHING IN RETURN.

OUR FAITH MUST BE THAT SINCE GOD KNOWS
WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST FOR US THAT WE
WILL RECEIVE FROM GOD WHAT IS RIGHT.

THOUGH OUT THE BIBLE I NOTED THAT MAN
WOULD MAKE OFFERINGS TO GOD AND THEY
WOULD SAY GOD IF YOU WILL DO THIS FOR ME
OR IF YOU WILL PROTECT ME I WILL DO THIS
IN RETURN,

IT WOULD SEEM THAT AFTER THOUSANDS OF
YEARS, THAT WE WOULD LEARN
THAT IF WE FOLLOW IN GOD'S FOOT STEPS,
GOD WILL BRING TO US RELATIONSHIPS,
RICHES AND HAPPINESS.

HOWEVER IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW GOD'S
LAWS WHAT WE RECEIVED WOULD BE WHAT
WE DESERVED.

IF WE RECEIVED LESS THEN WE THOUGHT WE SHOULD, MAYBE WE HAD NOT LISTEN TO WHAT PATH GOD WANTED US TO TAKE.

TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS I SAY.

JUDGE ME NOT FOR YOU
ONCE WALKED IN MY FOOT STEPS.

TEACH ME TO FOLLOW THE PATH YOU HAVE FOUND,
BECAUSE GOD HAS OPENED YOUR EYES.

I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THAT I MUST SACRIFICE MYSELF IN ORDER TO STAY WITHIN GODS GRACE.

Charles 07/07/00

I LISTENED

THE EVENING SUN WAS SETTING
AND THE MOON LIGHT WAS COMING THOUGH
THE WINDOW
OVER LOOKING OUR BED.

THE MOON LIGHT WAS DANCING ON OUR
SATAN SHEETS

YOUR EYES SPARKED
AS YOU LOOKED ACROSS THE ROOM,
DARKNESS ENGULFED YOU.

YET AS YOU PASSED BY THE WINDOW
YOUR OPENNESS TO GOD SHOWED,
AND IT GAVE YOU A GLOW
GREATER THAN THE MOON LIGHT SHOWED

I HELD MY BREATH
FOR IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW
THE BEAUTY OF THE WOMAN
I HAD MARRIED JUST A FEW HOURS AGO.

IT SEEMS AS IF ETERNITY HAD PASSED
SINCE I MEET YOU AND TURN MY LIVE TO
GOD,
AND YET ONLY A FEW YEARS HAVE GONE BY.

WITH A SOFT LAUGH,

YOU SPOKE,
" COME HERE AND HOLD ME. "
YOU SAID,
" I REMEMBER THE WORDS I SPOKE
JUST OVER A YEAR AGO, "
"WOULD IT NOT BE FUNNY IF I DID MARRY
YOU, "

"WHEN DID I FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU?"

I SAID, " ABOUT A YEAR AGO,
WHEN I LISTEN AND HEARD WHAT GOD SAID. "

CHARLES 04/11/00

JUDGMENT

I AM JUDGED AND I AM BEING JUDGED.

I AM BEING JUDGED BY I AM.

WHO BUT I AM CAN JUDGE ME YET MAN DOES
TRY.

THEY SAW BE WITH THE LIGHT FROM
YESTERDAY
AND THAT LIGHT HAD LONG PASSED BY.

THEY WHO SHOULD KNOW NOT TO JUDGE HAS
JUDGE ME,
BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WISH TO SEE
THEMSELVES.

I AM, IS MY JUDGE, NOT I, NOR THEY.

I MAY HAVE SLIPPED A TIME OR TWO, BUT HE
SAW ME AND HE PICKED BE UP AND HE SAID, " I
JUDGE YOU NOT FOR YOUR HEART IS GOOD. "

I AM SAID THAT HE WOULD GUIDE ME BACK TO
HIS FLOCK
AND THAT I WAS TO TAKE HIS HAND.

JUDGMENT DAY WOULD COME SOON ENOUGH,
WE SHOULD NOT WORRY IF WE FALL AND SLIP
AS LONG AS WE GET UP AND TRY AGAIN..

IT IS HARD ENOUGH TO LIVE THE WAY WE
SHOULD
LET ALONE TO HEAR THE WORDS FROM THE

HOOD.

I AM SAID, "GET UP AND HEAR MY VOICE I
WILL JUDGE YOU SOON ENOUGH
WORRY NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU HEARD,
ONLY WORRY WHEN I AM JUDGING YOU."

THE VOICES RAISE UP FROM ALL THE PEOPLE
WE KNOW,
BUT FEW OF WHICH KNEW WHOM THEY
TALKED ABOUT.

THE JOY IN MY HEART WHEN I AM IS THERE,
WHEN HE SAYS LEARN AND TEACH,
ONE DAY THEY WILL SEE THAT TO JUDGE IS
UP TO ME.

I AM GOD, THE LORD ALMIGHTY.

I AM HE WHO WILL DECIDE WHAT YOU ARE
AND WHAT YOU ARE NOT.

NO MAN WOMAN OR CHILD HAS THE POWER
BUT ME.

YOUR WORDS ARE WRITTEN FOR ALL TO SEE.

EACH OF THEE HAS A WAY OF PRAISING ME,
YOURS IS TO BRING MY WORD HERE TODAY
AND IT WILL STAY.

FOR I AM HE WHO HAS SHOWN YOU THE
LIGHT, HEED MY WORD BROTHERS AND
SISTERS

TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT.

CHARLES 07/06/00

LIFE

WHERE HAS IT BEGUN, THE FIRST BREATH I
TOOK OR IN THE WOMB

WHO IS TO DECIDE WHEN I WAS BORN AND
WHEN I AM TO DIE?

LIFE IS WHEN GOD DECIDE S WHO I AM.

HE MADE UP HIS MIND LONG BEFORE YOU AND
I.

LIFE STARTED IN A GARDEN LONG BEFORE MEN
KNEW.

NOW WE TRY TO PROVE WERE WE CAME
FROM.

WE LIVE, IS THAT NOT ENOUGH.
YET FOR WHAT PURPOSE, IS WHAT WE
SHOULD PROVE.

I READ LONG AGO.
I WAS BORN YESTERDAY.
TOMORROW I MAY BE DIED.
BUT TODAY I WILL LIVE AND GIVE PRAISE TO
THE GLORY OF GOD.

ONCE I THOUGHT IT SAID.
THEN SINCE I LIVE TO DAY, THIS DAY I WILL
LIVE AND LOVE FOR YESTERDAY IS GONE AND
TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME.

LIFE IS WHERE I AM AT AND NO ONE PROMISED
ME TOMORROW AND UNLESS THERE IS A
REASON FOR MY BEING THERE, THERE IS NO
FUTURE OR TOMORROW.

THEN WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MY BEING,
FOR WHAT PURPOSE AM I HERE?

IF THAT PURPOSE IS NOT FOR THE JOY OF
GOD
THEN THERE IS NO OTHER PURPOSE FOR MY
BEING HERE.

I MUST THEN DO WHAT GOD PLACED ME HERE
FOR
OR MY PURPOSE WOULD NOT BE FULFILLED.

LIFE

HAS IT PASSED ME BY?

DID I LIVE MY LIFE THE WAY GOD PLANNED OR
DID I CHOICE THE PATH BY MY LIVING AS IF
THERE WERE NO TOMORROW.

LIFE

IS NOT HERE BUT IT IS THERE.

FOR TOMORROW WILL COME AND I WILL BE
JUDGE FOR THE LIFE I LIVED.

I AM ONLY HERE BECAUSE HE HAS ALLOWED
ME TO BE.

Charles 0/06/00

LONELY

SHADOWS FALLING AS THE SUN SET.
MOON RISING CASTING A SPELL OVER THE
NIGHT
DARKNESS CREATING IMAGES AND FEAR.

HEAR THE SOUNDS FROM THE OCEAN
AND THE NOISE FROM THE STREET BELOW

SITTING IN THE DARKNESS ALONE.

FOREVER FEARING THE THOUGHTS
OF DYING AND NOT BEING FOUND.

SEE THE IMAGES OF STRANGE FIGURES
DANCING ON THE WALLS
AS CARS DRIVE BY
WITH THERE LIGHTS SHINING INTO THE
DARKEN ROOM.

FEARING THESE NIGHTS
MANY MOONS AGO.

AS NOW
THESE SAME SHADOWS
FILL THE HOME.

FOREVER LAMINATING THE HEART
EVEN NOW SITTING ALONE.

NOW FIND JOY
IN REMEMBERING
THESE NIGHTS SO LONG A GO

AS THE MOONLIGHT SHINES
THOUGH THE HOUSE YOU OWN

JOY AND WONDERMENT FILL THE HOME
AS YOU READ THE BIBLE
FOR NOW YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

CHARLES 04/14/00

LOOKING BACK

I REMEMBER READING ABOUT LOT AND HIS
WIFE,
HOW GOD HAD AGREED TO SPARE TO SPARE
THEM.
GENESIS CHAPTER 10 VERSE 20

AND HOW LOTS WIFE DISOBEYED GOD AND
SHE WAS TURNED INTO PILLAR OF SALT.

IN WRITING THE FIFTH BOOK I WANTED TO
WRITE ABOUT HOW SOON WE FORGET.

IN DOING SO I THOUGHT OF LOT AND HIS
WIFE, THIS WAS THE STORY THAT STOOD OUT.

IT STOOD OUT FOR IT REMAINED ME OF THE
TIME GOD HAD SENT WORD TO HIS CHILDREN
TO REMEMBER WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE
PAST.

YET EACH TIME THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
FORGOT GOD'S WARNING AND THEY DID WHAT
THEY WANTED TO.

WE TOO ARE LIKE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL,
IN THAT WE TO FORGET WHAT GOD HAS TOLD
US.

WE TOO ARE LIKE LOT'S WIFE,
FOR ARE WE NOT FROZEN IN TIME WHEN WE
DISOBEY GOD?

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE MADE PROMISE,
ONLY TO FORGET THEM AS SOON AS THINGS
ARE BETTER.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE CRIED TO THE
HEAVENS AND AS SOON AS GOD HAS HEARD
OUR PRAY WE FORGET THE PROMISE WE HAD
MADE.

I KNOW I HAVE ASKED FOR A WOMAN TO BE

THE WOMAN I COULD BE PRIDE OF AND WHEN SHE IS THERE IN FRONT OF ME I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO ACT.

HAVE YOU TO MADE A REQUEST UPON GOD ABOUT SOMEONE BEING THERE FOR YOU, AND AS SOON AS GOD PROVIDES YOU WITH THAT SOMEONE, YOU SAY NO I PREFER A PERSON LIKE THE ONE BEFORE THAT TREATED ME SO BAD.

I OFTEN WONDER WHY DOES GOD GIVE US A CHOICE, BECAUSE HE DOES.

AND WE CAN CHOSE WHAT IS GOOD FOR US OR WE CAN CHOOSE WHAT IS BAD.

HOW OFTEN DO WE CHOOSE AND WE DO NOT ASK GOD FOR GUIDANCE.

HAD LOT'S WIFE MADE THE RIGHT CHOOSE WOULD HIS TWO DAUGHTERS GOTTEN LOT DRANK, WOULD THEY HAVE BEEN WITH CHILD BY THEIR FATHER
WHAT ROLE WOULD THEIR TWO SONS PLAYED.
WOULD HISTORY BEEN CHANGES HAD MOAB THE FATHER OF THE MOABITES AND BEN-AMMI THE FATHER OF THE CHILDREN OF AMMON NOT BEEN BORN.

THESE TRIBES PLAYED A ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL ALL BECAUSE A WOMAN FAILED TO LISTEN TO WHAT AN ANGEL OF GOD HAD TO SAY.

HOW MANY MEN FAILED TO HEAR THE SAME WARNINGS

CHARLES 07/04/00

MY DEAREST LOVE

I WANTED TO TELL YOU SO MANY THINGS AS I DROVE HOME LEAVING YOU ALONE.
YESTERDAY EVENING, WHILE HOLDING YOU IN MY ARMS,
I SMELLED THE FRAGRANCE OF YOU PERFUME,
THE AROMA OF YOU BODY FILLED THE AIR
AND I WAS OVERCOME BY DESIRE.

I COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THE MORNING SUN ROSE,
SO I NOW SIT AND WRITE THE WORDS THAT I FEEL IN MY HEART.

I LOVE YOU, I LOVE THE WAY YOU WALK,
THE WAY YOU TALK AND ESPECIALLY THE WAY YOU SMILE.

IT IS VERY HARD WHEN I AM WITH YOU, FOR ME NOT TO FEEL THE STRENGTH OF BEING A MAN AND MY NOT WANTING TO LIE BY YOUR SIDE.

THE FEAR I HAVE IS THAT I AM SO CONSUMED BY MY LOVE FOR YOU THAT I WILL DO SOMETHING STUPID LIKE WRITING THIS DOWN.

BUT WRITING THESE WORDS IS THE ONLY WAY TO LET YOU KNOW,
I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING TO DISRESPECT YOU

MY BELOVED, I AM WHAT I AM BECAUSE I WENT THOUGH LIFE,
I AM A MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO PLEASE YOU.
I AM THOUGHTFUL, CONSIDERATE,
ROMANTIC, HELPFUL, UNDERSTANDING,
AND I WILL ALWAYS MAKE YOUR VISION MINE.

I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE SO MUCH TO OFFER, EVEN THOUGH FROM THE SPRIT SIDE I NEED TO GROW.

THE STRENGTH I TOOK WITH ME WHEN I LEFT IS WHAT CARRIED ME THOUGH OUT THE NIGHT,
AND I STILL HAVE THE FIRMNESS AND CONVICTION AND MENTAL
AND PHYSICAL LOVE FOR YOU AS I WRITE THIS NOW.

I AM UNCERTAIN WHY WE DO NOT SHARE THE SAME FEELINGS,
ALTHOUGH I FEEL THE SAME STRENGTHS OF DESIRE
AND LOVE FROM YOU A TIME OR TWO.

IF I COULD HAVE BUT ONE WISH,
IT WOULD BE TO MAKE YOU HAPPY,
EVEN IF IT MEANT NOT BEING WITH YOU,
PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY OR AS MAN AND WIFE.

I WOULD BE SADDENED BUT MY JOY WOULD
OVERCOME THE SADNESS
WITH SEEING YOU REACH YOUR DREAMS AND
HAPPINESS.

SO MUCH DO I LOVE YOU THAT I WOULD WALK
AWAY FROM LIFE THIS DAY
JUST TO KNOW THAT GOD GAVE YOU HIS
BLESSINGS.

EVEN THOUGH I DO NOT WANT TO WALK
ALONE WITHOUT YOU
AND I PRAY THAT GOD HAS BOTH OF US IN
MIND
WHEN WE TAKE THE JOURNEY INTO THE 21
CENTAURY.

THERE IS SO MUCH I WANT TO SAY,
BUT THE FEELINGS THAT ARE COMING OVER
ME ARE BEST LEFT UNSAID.

I LOVE YOU.
AND I WILL ALWAYS REMAIN YOUR FAITHFUL
SERVANT
AND I HOPE ONE DAY YOUR HUSBAND.

CHARLES 03/01/2000

MY STAR

MY LITTLE STAR, HOW I WONDER WHERE YOU
ARE.
HOW HIGH I HAVE LOOKED FOR YOU INTO THE
SKY.

NEVER KNOWING WHERE I MIGHT FIND YOU,
I SEARCH FOR YOU OVER ALL THE LANDS AND
ACROSS THE SEAS.

MY LITTLE ANGEL WHO AUGHT SO BEAUTIFUL
WHY MUST I SEARCH SO HARD?
I KNOW THAT YOU MUST KNOW THAT I HAVE
LOOKED FOR YOU AFAR.

YOU MUST KNOW THAT MY HEART IS WORN ON
MY SLEEVE.

CAN YOU NOT SEE ME ON THAT HILL OVER
YONDER,
AS YOU SEE IF YOU CLIMBED A TREE
THAT IS ME CRYING THERE, SEARCHING FOR
THEE.

I ASK NOT MUCH OF YOU ONLY THAT YOU TRY
TO LET ME INTO YOUR HEART.

LITTLE STAR SO BRIGHT, THAT ALL THE WORLD
CAN SEE,
WHY DO YOU HIDE AND THE TEARS IN YOUR
EYES ARE THEY FOR ME?
MUST I TO HIDE FROM YOU AS YOU DO FROM
ME?

OH, WHAT PAIN I HAVE IN MY SOUL NOT
KNOWING WHERE YOU MIGHT BE.
THE WORDS COME SLOW BUT ONCE I SEE
YOUR FACE MY WORDS ARE STRONG.

SOON I KNOW I WILL WONDER NO MORE.

OH MY LITTLE STAR HOW I DO WONDER
WHERE YOU ARE.

THESE LINES FROM MY HEART ARE FOR THEE.
THESE LINES ARE FOR THEE AS YOU PASS OVER
THE SEA.

ANGEL OF LIGHT, GUARDIAN OF SOULS.
LIGHT OF NIGHT, STAR SO BRIGHT, LOOK
DOWN UPON THE LAND.
SEE ME THE ONE THAT LOVES YOU SO DEAR.

CHARLES 07/01/00

OUR SPECIAL DAY

THE SUN SHOWED THOUGH THE CLOUDY SKY,
ON THE MORNING AFTER THE DAY WE WED,
THE DEW SAT UPON THE GROUND AND THE
MOISTURE LINGERED IN THE AIR.

THE SWEAT SMELL OF FLOWERS FILLED THE
ROOM.

THE BREEZE BLOW GENTLY THOUGH THE
OPEN WINDOW
AND THE SHEAR CURTAIN SWAYED WITH THE
OCEAN BREEZE.

YOU STIRRED SLIGHTLY AT MY SIDE, GLAZING
INTO MY EYES.

THE LIGHT HAD FILLED THE ROOM
AND YOUR EYES SPARKLED FROM THE
MORNING SUN.

THE WEDDING WAS DONE
AND THE GUEST HAD LONG GONE.
THE ONLY REMAINING MEMORY
WAS THE WEDDING GOWN THAT LAID AT THE
EDGE OF THE BED.

YOU SAID A PRAY,
WELCOMING THE DAY,
GIVING PRAISE AND GLORY FOR GOD'S GRACE
AND FOR THE ENDING OF THE FIRST BOOK OF
THE STORY.

WE BOTH KNEW THE NEXT BOOK WAS BEING
WRITTEN,
AS WE HEARD THE SOUND OF SEA GULLS
FLYING BY OVERHEAD.

WE REMEMBERED THE WORDS THAT ONCE
WERE SAID
AND HOW ONLY YESTERDAY WE WED.

WE NOW KNEW THAT WHEREVER WE MIGHT
BE
THAT NOW WE WERE ONE .
THAT TRAVELING AND SPREADING GOD'S
WORD WOULD BE OUR TASK
AND AS MAN AND WIFE GOD BLESSED US WITH
HIS GRACE.

WE LAID UPON THE BED
AND THERE WE HELD HANDS AND WE BOTH
SPOKE AS ONE,
"I LOVE YOU MY SOUL MATE AS GOD'S WORK
IS DONE.

THE TIME HAD COME FOR TWO TO BE ONE,
THERE WAS NEVER A DOUBT FOR WHAT IS

SHALL BE DONE.

I LOVE YOU AND WAIT FOR GUIDANCE, AS HE
KNOWS THE TRUTH.

THE STORY IS BEING WRITTEN
AND MY LOVE FOR YOU REMAINS STRONG
AND I MISS YOU EVEN WHEN YOU ARE NEAR.

BABY GIRL WELCOME INTO MY ARMS,
LET ME HOLD YOU AS THAT IS WHERE YOU
BELONG,

I LOVE YOU AND I WILL KEEP YOU FROM
HARM.

CHARLES 07/04/00

PERSONNEL RELATIONSHIP

MANY PEOPLE HAVE UNDER ESTIMATED
THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF OTHER
INDIVIDUALS.

THOUGH OUT TIME HISTORY HAS SHOWN
THAT WARS WERE NOT WORN BY ONE BATTLE,
BUT WARS WERE WON BY MANY SMALL
BATTLES.

THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD THE MOST TO
LOSE
FOUGHT THE HARDEST AND THOUGH THEIR
DETERMINATION
THE WAR WAS WON.

I BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE THE MOST TO LOSE
AND THAT BY MY NOT BEING THERE FOR YOU
I WILL NEVER WIN YOUR HEART.

I BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT WE ARE A GOOD
MATCH
AND I KNOW THAT YOU THINK YOU HAVE
REASON TO FEEL DIFFERENT.

THAT YOUR, PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL
DESIRES,
FALL WAY FROM THE SEEDS THAT I HAVE
PLANTED.

HOWEVER A TREE DOES NOT ALWAYS BEAR
FRUIT THE FIRST YEAR
AND IN MANY CASES SEVERAL YEARS MUST
PASS
BEFORE YOU CAN REAP THE HARVEST OF THE
SEEDS THAT I HAVE PLANTED.

MY LOVE FOR YOU AS A MAN OF GOD WILL BE
PLANTED DAILY
AND THE FRUITS WILL FLOURISH WITH
PROPER CARE AND LOVE.

A HARVEST THAT GOD OVERSEES WILL BE
PICKED IF GOD SO DIRECTS IT TO BE,
YOU DO NOT HAVE CONTROL OVER GOD'S
WILL.

I WILL BE THERE FOR YOU AND I WILL
CONTINUE TO LOVE YOU,
AS GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO LOVE EACH
OTHER.

BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT I WILL PROVIDE
YOU A LOVE
THAT YOU WILL USE TO MEASURE LOVE BY
FROM ANOTHER MAN OR WOMAN.

I WILL WRITE THE BOOK THAT YOU WILL READ
AND IT WILL BE YOUR GUIDE
THAT WILL SET THE MODE FOR YOU
TO MEASURE ALL OTHER PERSONNEL
RELATIONSHIPS BY.

I WILL BE THE ONE TO WIN YOUR HEART
YOU WILL ALWAYS COME OUT AHEAD
BY THE KNOWLEDGE I PROVIDE WILL.

NO LOVE WILL EVER BE AS GREAT AS THE
LOVE THAT I HAVE FOR YOU
AND ALL OTHERS WILL HAVE TO LIVE UP TO
THE STANDARD THAT I SET.

I WELCOME THE CHALLENGE OF TURNING
YOUR HEART AROUND
OR THE DEFEATS NECESSARY TO TEACH YOU
WHAT IT IS TO HAVE LOVED THE WAY I LOVE
YOU.

AS ALWAYS

JC

CHARLES 03/28/00

PROMISE

A PROMISE MADE IS NEVER TO BE BROKEN,
YET FEW PROMISES ARE EVER KEPT.

WE MAKE VOWELS ABOUT BEING MARRIED OR
OUR VOWEL OF CHASTITY.

WE TAKE VOWELS AS A MINISTER, A PASTOR,
OR A PRIEST.

PROMISES ARE TO BE KEPT, YET WE MAKE
THEM AND THEN WE BREAK THEM

LET US MAKE A PROMISE AND WHEN WE DO,
LET US UNDERSTAND
A COVENANT, A VOWEL A PROMISE, GIVING
OUR WORD, OR TELLING A CHILD WHAT WE
WILL DO IS ALL THE SAME.

ALMIGHTY GOD IN HEAVEN,
I VOWEL THAT I WILL FOLLOW YOUR LAWS.

I PROMISE THAT I WILL TEACH YOUR
CHILDREN,
AND I MAKE A COVENANT WITH YOU,
THAT WHEN I HAVE DONE YOUR DEED
THAT YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO BE WITH YOU.

THIS PROMISE IS MADE WITH THE
EXPECTATION
THAT I WILL GET SOMETHING IN RETURN.

THESE WERE THE KIND OF PROMISES THAT WE
READ IN THE BIBLE,
BUT HOW EMPTY THEY ARE IF THEY WERE
ONLY MEANT SO THAT WE CAN RECEIVE.

A PROMISE FROM THE HEART IS ONE YOU
MAKE,
MOSTLY DONE BETWEEN YOU AND GOD AND
NOT KNOWN BY ANYONE.

IT IS ONE YOU COULD BREAK AND ONLY YOU
AND GOD WOULD KNOW.

IT IS THESE KIND OF PROMISES THAT WHEN YOU KEEP THEM THE SECRET IS YOURS.

YOU MAKE THEM ASKING FOR NOTHING, AND YOU KEEP THEM BECAUSE YOU ARE CHRIST LIKE.

HAVE YOU READ ANY PLACE WHERE JESUS MADE ANY PROMISES, WHAT HE DID WAS ALL THAT WAS NEEDED.

THE PROMISE TO PRAISE HIS FATHER WAS NOT NEEDED TO BE SAID, BECAUSE HE LIVED HIS LIFE THE WAY WE PROMISE TO DO.

CAN YOU IMAGE THAT WE HAVE NO NEED TO MAKE A PROMISE BECAUSE JUST TO DO THE RIGHT THING IS ALL THAT A PROMISE IS ABOUT.,

I PROMISE TO BE A GOOD AND FAITHFUL, WHAT, FRIEND HUSBAND WIFE, MINISTER, WORSHIPPER OF GOD CHILD.

ALL THESE PROMISE ARE EMPTY FOR IF WE NEED TO MAKE THEM THEN WE ARE NOT LIVING OUR LIFE'S AS JESUS DID.

LETS THEN ACT CHRIST LIKE AND NOT JUST MAKE PROMISE.

CHARLES 07/06/00

STRANGERS IN OUR CONGREGATION

God looked down from the heaven and he saw a stranger in his house, being God, he remembered what he had told Moses, you to, were once a stranger and so let all strangers pass into my house."

God knew the man that was a stranger to the people, the man sat with them, and God had told this man to take his word to his children.

The man had hidden from God for many

years, but God had a job for this man and he sent the man to a congregation who needed to remember the need to welcome all strangers in order for the congregation to pass God's word.

The congregation needed to remember that all men are of one skin, only some have a lighter tone, and others are darker. We can call ourselves people of color, for we are all not people of color? I know some say that they are African American, some are back, some say they are white, and each goes by a different names.

But is it not true that we are all people of one color? Were we not created as one, would it be necessary for anyone of position to try to make a point of skin color? Was Jesus a black man, a person of color and from what lineage did he come? Would then, we want to find that he was from darker skin, and why is it correct for some writers or other black men, or people of color be correct but referring to the books in the Bible as where is the destiny of the black race?

If I, a person of color would write a book about the black race, it would be about the destiny of the black African American. Would I be wrong to assume that I know more than other black writers that have never associated with the Black Americans? If I am a stranger in Gods house then would I be left out of the house of the hundreds of good strong men and woman whose skin is darker then mine?

I to am black only my skin color is lighter, does that make me a lesser person because of this?

Read what another writer wrote on this point, " we formed race color differences in order for those of us with light skin to control those of us with darker skin.

Are we to continue to follow this path, or are we going to understand that there is but one

skin color only some have lighter skin and others have darker skin?

Can I not also then, by the words of people in position, be a person of color or must I be white according to their definition and they be a person of color.

I take exception to anyone who does not see that my skin color as light skin color and their skin color as dark. So the question that is left unanswered is, was Jesus of darker skin? Does that then make him black, since we are all people of people of color or was his skin color darker?

Many of the West Indies cannot claim to be black Americans nor white Americans. Is that then the reason for selecting the words person of color to separate the races.

I want to know what was the color of Jesus skin? Was he a dark man or light man?

Several black writers have written this question and they were never question of their intent. Were they also trying to prove the skin color of some of the children of ISRAEL, to prove the worth of the black race?

My question then is the same, was Jesus of dark skin or light skin?

How do we prove the difference?

Read books from black (people of color) writers and read books of white (people of color) writers and which direction did each take?

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I am not ready to argue how dark Jesus was, but I will defend that he was one of us, that makes me one of you.

My name is Charles, I still only see a person

of darker or lighter skin not a black person or a white person.

So do not judge me for the words man has used to separate us but judge yourself for not understanding the reason for my question.

I am, is God and I am, is you and me, because we are a creation of GOD.

When God separated the languages he also confounded the skin and us. As disciples of God we should know this.

As I am new to God's word I expect the teachers to help h\keep this straight.

When God is ready for me to be a teacher then that responsibility passes to me.

There is but one God, as there is but one human, that is man and woman and their children. Never mistake the words of God, we are all strangers and we are all welcomed into his house.

Praise the Lord and give thanks for his bringing us together as one.

Charles 06/14/00

STRUCTURE

THERE ARE TEACHERS.
THERE ARE STUDENTS.
THERE ARE FOLLOWERS.
THERE ARE WORKERS.

THE WORKERS WILL BECOME THE LEADERS
IN THE NEW STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH.

JESUS WAS A WORKER,
THOUGH HIS WORK HE LEAD THE TEACHERS,
WHO TAUGHT THE TEACHERS WHO GATHERED
THE STUDENTS,
WHO GATHERED THE FOLLOWERS,
WHILE THE LEADERS WORKED TO FEED THE
MULTITUDE.

THE WORKER IS THE LEADER,

WHO BY THEIR WORK,
WILL LEAD SINNERS BACK TO GOD?

THE LEADERS WILL WORK TO PROVIDE THE
TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND FOLLOWERS,
A SENSE OF BEING.

WE WILL HAVE TITLES,
BUT REMEMBER A TITLE IS A POSITION BY
NAME,
A LEADER IS A PERSONNEL ACTION,
THE MULTITUDE WILL FOLLOW A LEADER,
THE MULTITUDE WILL LEARN TO LEAD,
WHEN THE LEADERS SPIRIT IS
DIRECTED AS ONE WITH GOD.

THE MULTITUDE WILL BE LEAD TO GOD
FROM THE INTER-STRUCTURE OF THE
CHURCH.
FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER
AND LED HIS PEOPLE UPWARD TO HEAVEN.

A STRUCTURE WITH OUT STRONG SPIRITUAL
WORKS
CANNOT BE LEAD.

UNCOVERING FALSE LEADERS,
IS NOT REQUIRED,
BECAUSE THEY WILL BE UNMASKED
BY THEIR OWN ACTION.

POSITIONS WILL BE HELD BY THOSE
WHO ARE CHOSEN,
NOT BY THE BODY OF THE CHURCH
BUT BY GOD.

WE WILL BE A REFLECTION OF WHAT WOULD
JESUS DO.
(WWJD)

CHARLES 10/24/99

YESTERDAY

YESTERDAY
IS PAST AND GONE
NO LONGER OF TODAY
CAN IT BE FOUND

WE ARE BUT A MEMORY OF THE TIME
THE WAS YESTERDAY.

YESTERDAY IS WHO I WAS BUT IT IS NOT WHO
I AM.

SINCE YOU KNEW ME YESTERDAY
YOU DID NOT SEE THE CHANGE THAT I MADE
TONIGHT.

I FOUND GOD TODAY.

YESTERDAY IS GONE.

MY SOUL WAS SAVED TODAY,
THAT MAN YOU KNEW IS NO LONGER HERE.

YESTERDAY YOU JUDGED ME AND I WAS
WRONG.

TODAY IS NOW,
AND I AM NOT THE SAME.

I FOUND A PLACE THAT I HAD NEVER SEEN
BEFORE.

I WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOU WITH ME
BUT YOU ARE STILL LIVING IN YESTERDAY.

COME SEE TODAY,
COME TO CHURCH VISIT A FRIEND,
WHO HAS BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

LET US JOIN HANDS,
LET US SING SONGS OF PRAISE AND GLORY TO
GOD ALL MIGHTY.

YOU KNEW ME ONCE AND WHEN I TELL YOU
OF MY PAST YOU SEE THE MAN THAT USED TO
BE.

BUT DO YOU SEE THE MAN NOW BEFORE YOU.