

# Search the Scriptures!

-Teen Pow-Wow with Sara on Word Reactions & Sensitivity!

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(Intro: The word "Pow-Wow" has been used in various teen pubs, & as some are a little baffled about what a Pow Wow entails, following are a couple of samples of Pow-Wows. (See explanation in FSM 41, pg.4, as well as pg.21.) Depending on the situation & topic, the degree of "audience" or teen participation may vary accordingly. The main thing is--don't be afraid to attempt Pow-Wows yourself! It's no different than teaching babes' classes, or sharing personal lessons with close loved ones!--You ask the Lord to do it, prepare a little, step out & He's got to fill you with His inspiration as you share from the Word. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Mat.12:34) He's got to do it if you take the step of faith to "feed His lambs!" (Jn. 21:15) PTL!)

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(After beginning by sharing lessons that really spoke to me from Psalm 71:) (Please read it yourself as well!) Praise the Lord! That Psalm was so encouraging--such a big blessing & strength to me that I just had to share it with you too!

Recently when David & Davida were so very sick, I was so drained & desperate & crying out to the Lord for help, & He faithfully answered with His Word!

I just took my Bible & desperately prayed for real help & guidance, then began reading through the Psalms & the Lord led me right to Psalm 71! From reading it, I was assured that "Praise is the Victory" & to go not in my own strength, but "I will go in the strength of the Lord God!" (Psa.71:16) He answered me with His very Own Voice of His Word for the situation I was praying about & I knew it was right from the Lord because of the way it gave me such faith & instant victory!

You need to learn this important "secret" about the Word! The Word is the answer to everything! The solution for everything is in the Word! I was a little disappointed, quite honestly, that you, David & Davida, didn't really claim the Word while you were sick. You were reading the Word & you were reading what I told you to read, but it was just like a duty or "homework". It was a shame that I had to tell you to read or remind you to pray, that you weren't desperately crying out in prayer

or clinging to the Word for yourselves! And that's a serious symptom! That lethargy & lack of desperation is worse than any sickness or fever, to just treat the Word like work & not be more dependent on it!

The Word is Jesus & Jesus is the Word! If you want or need to get close to Jesus, & you want or need to love Jesus more, then you have to love His Word, & that doesn't mean only the MO Letters! The MO Letters are the Word too, of course, & our foundation & we need to feed on them daily--we can't do without them! But sometimes when you really want to get close to Jesus in prayer & praise, Grandpa's suggested to read the Bible, like Psalms & Proverbs, & to study & learn the Words of Jesus & His examples of wise witnessing in the Gospels!

A major key is to pray desperately before you open your book, & ask the Lord for an idea of what to do to answer your specific questions. Then read what the Lord shows you there & you'll get answers! It's terrific! In it are "treasures new & old!" (Mat.13:52)

"If you're desperate & crying with your whole heart, He'll answer!" The Lord will give you exactly what you need in His Word! It really helps to "search the Scriptures" & it's such a joy to dig into the Word like a gold miner looking for gold! Not every chunk of rock the gold miner picks up is going to be gold, is it? He has to search for it, but "he that seeketh, findeth" (Mat.7:7,8) & "the Lord always answers the hungry heart"! Are you hungry?

You have to pray desperately for the Lord to lead & guide you to what you need, especially in times of real need, like when you're sick. You've learned before that you need some Word to stand on & to specifically claim for healing, or maybe you need some guidance at times on how to know God's will. Well not only can you look through the Pubdex & the Daily Breads & Daily Nights & our wonderful MOP & the "Thoughts" book, too, even though those are super, & indexed very well--but another real good place to look for strength & guidance is the Psalms, because the Psalms are Songs of Praise! And many of our victories & answers come, as Grandpa says, along the neglected path of Praise.

When David the Psalmist was in his

worst times of distress & trial & battle, what gave him victory was just looking to the Lord! He would cry unto the Lord desperately, like here in Psalm 71 that we just read, & then he'd count his blessings & remember all the ways God had never failed him, & he'd end up praising & saying, "Oh Lord, who is like unto You? You've always saved me & only You can save me & I trust in Your strength, not my own! Your righteousness cannot be measured!" David just starts praising, & when he gets so full of Jesus & so thankful for his blessings & gets his eyes on the Lord & not on all his troubles, boy, he sure gets the victory! By the end of almost every chapter he's in the victory! The Bible says, "He encouraged himself in the Lord", (1Sam.30:6) & this is exactly how he did it!



In many Psalms, David is pouring his heart out to the Lord, then by the end of the chapter, the Lord is speaking to him & answering! The Lord loves praise! And these Psalms are Songs of Praise that the Lord gave David as he was pouring out his heart! They're not only prayers, they're also songs of praise! He's singing to the Lord! That's another good lesson in getting the victory: To sing & praise in song! (Techi: "The Devil hates song because it's praise to the Lord.") Right! You read that in "How to Go on the Attack"! Good girl! I wanted to tell you that if it had not been for this Psalm these last three days when we had this high fever & two sick kids full time, I don't think I would have been able to hang on! But the Lord so faithfully gave me that Word & it really comforted me & it really helped me to trust the Lord & to see that, well, my goodness, thank God that we don't have

Jewish armies chasing us & trying to kill us right now, like poor King David had when he was singing this song, & look at the victory the Lord gave him! And many are our afflictions, but praise the Lord, He always delivers us out of them all, every one! So the answer's coming! See?

If you are ever in a situation where you're reading the Word & it seems like so much blah blah, something is really wrong! It happens to everyone at some time, but it's not good, & it can even be a devilish device! First of all, you've just got to be hungry!--For He'll fill the hungry with good things, but the full He'll send away empty! (Luk.1:53) You've got to desire it & be hungry for it, & if you're not, you can pray for that spiritual hunger! (Mat.5:6) Then the more Word you get, the more you'll want it & love it, so pray for a good spiritual appetite!

Don't just accept it & not do anything about it when you're not excited about the Word. If the Word's not speaking to your heart & stirring you up & helping you & changing you & convicting you & moving you & putting you into action & setting you on fire, if it's not feeding your soul & "better unto you than thousands of gold & silver" (Psa.119:72), something's wrong--with you!--Not the Word! And that's when you need to ask for prayer & a spiritual hunger, & Jesus will give you a big victory!

"Neither have I gone back from the commandments of His lips; I have esteemed the Words of His mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12)

When you're so seriously ill like that, the Lord obviously flattens you out for some reason, doesn't He? He wants you to get closer to Him! He wants you to call on Him & get desperate & get some answers & lessons from Him! So how do you get closer to Jesus? Apparently it didn't help you all that much, David & Davida, to just read through a TK book when you were sick! Even the Word in those TKs are just "dead works" if you're not reading it in the Spirit! You need to pray over your spiritual food like you do your physical meals, pray to get closer to Jesus through His Word, to learn lessons & get help from what you read! That prayer is what can turn you on to the Word! Do you understand that?

You need to pray desperately, first of all, that the Word will speak to you &

that the Holy Spirit will help you! And then you've got to dig into the Word with all your heart & full concentration!--Not fidgeting with your hair & twirling your pen, or listening to others talk, or daydreaming, or nagging others to be quiet! The Bible says to "Study to shew yourself approved unto God"--a quiet, concentrating Word-student is one who pleases the Lord!-- "A workman that doesn't need to be ashamed!" (2Ti.2:15) It's a real shame to have taken time for the Word but not to have been faithful to work at studying it, & therefore miss what the Lord wants to tell you!

A gold miner is a workman, a student is a workman! Are you? Shouldn't you work at it & study to be a workman for Jesus in His Word, even more than System kids who for 12 years or more study System school books & homework every night after having sat through a full 8 hours of school all day long? (Teens: Amen!)

Well, since we agree we're feeling a little dried up & not getting enough out of our reading, let's pray for a new exciting Word project that will help us more & motivate us, & turn us on!

Psalms 119 is a real feeding study on the Word! All read through Psalm 119 at Quiet Time today. You can use your blue pen to neatly circle the numbers of especially feeding verses or underline with a ruler phrases or verses that are extra meaningful to you! You can sit up nice & straight, shoulders back, with all your materials right at hand & "mine some gold" today from Psalm 119! OK? Maybe you'd like to each also choose 2 verses to write out on a big coloured card & post around your room today!

"The longest & strongest you ever heard, Psalm 119 is about the Word!"

Every single verse in Psalm 119 is about the Word, & it's the longest Chapter in the Bible! King David sure knew where to draw his strength & inspiration from!--The Lord & His Word!

Well, what's our main lesson today? --When you need more of Jesus, turn to His Word for direction & guidance & strength & help & inspiration & answers & victory & power! "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye have Eternal Life!" (John 5:39) That's the answer, that's the secret to victory & not backsliding! I wanted to impress on you teens that it's often up to you to get your own answers & your own victories & your own

Word time! Because nobody's going to make you do it, nobody is watching you fulltime every single minute of every day--except Jesus! So it's up to you!

### MAKING CONTACT!

David, you did a good job yesterday of making a summary or list of points while listening to the tape of the talk Grandpa gave you. (ML# 2236) The first time you had the actual talk from Grandpa, you didn't remember a lot of it because you were so very sick, so we wanted to make sure you heard it again when you felt much better. After having a big lesson like that or any major talk, it's helpful to write a simple outline or summary of the main important points in your Diary or Word notebook. That was real good that you outlined the lesson on paper yesterday, David, & repeated what the lesson said. We know you've heard the lesson now, but what we like to know most of all, is what does it mean to you?

We need to learn how to react to the Word & our lessons! When you read the "Self-Righteousness" GN, or especially some Word project you've been assigned for a lesson or reason, would a good personal reaction to it be, "Sensitivity is pride & pride is of the Devil."?-- Well, that's true, but we all learned that because it says it right there in the GN. But the important thing to answer in a reaction is what does that mean to you? You can say, "I read in the 'Self-Righteousness' GN that Job was the most wicked sinner of all because he was so self-righteous." Well, we all read that too & that's exactly what it says. But what does what you read say to you personally? How can that quote or lesson or point help you & how can you apply it to your needs & life?

A good reaction to the Word or lessons or Pow-Wows would start out something like, "The Lord showed me", or "This quote especially stood out to me, 'Pride is of the Devil', because I realised then that I have a battle with my pride. For example, the other day I reacted in pride when such-&-such happened." Or, "It helped me to understand now why Job was self-righteous, & I can see that I've been that way sometimes too," or "I got a real victory out of the following quote", etc. "because it made me feel so much peace", or "it convicted me to realise that..." That is a reaction.--You take what the Word says & you put into your own words exactly how it's helped you, or how it convicted you & spoke to you & what

you plan to do about it now.--We can see from your reaction how you'll take action!

Now, the following is not a good reaction to the 'Self-Righteousness' GN: "Job was so self-righteous. He thought he was more righteous than God. Pride & sensitivity are of the Devil. Pride is the root of all sin." We all know that, that's just parroting exactly what the text already says, but merely repeating what the text says doesn't mean you learned anything from it, or you're going to do anything with that Word of God or grow & benefit from it!

But when you write some reaction like, "Since this Letter was assigned to me, I know I must really need this lesson, so I really prayed before I read it. And God was faithful, because He's been showing me that I've been guilty in this area. The section on 'Pride' especially stood out to me more than any, because I saw that I have been acting this way," or "I need to be more this way" or "If I had acted this way in my relationship with the others, I wouldn't have been having so many battles." "This is exactly what I needed because I have been wrong in this & that & the other." You see the difference?

That's how you personally apply the Word, you "shine" it like a lamp into the darkest corners of your heart to seek & find what shows up! It's like you hold up the Lamp of the Word, as you enter a cave, the cave of your heart, & you pray with each step that the Lord will lead & guide you, & show you the way. Pray as you read that He enlightens your eyes & the pathway of your heart, & brightens it with truth & light & cleansing! (Psa.119:105; Psa.19:8b; Pro.3:6)



Your Word time can either be a real

prayed-up & inspiring experience & discovery, or a dull, empty chore & bore.-- Like the difference between wandering around outside the cave's door, totally unaware of the adventures within, or pushing the door open through heartfelt prayer & pioneering & exploring it with a big lit lantern & finding gold!

Remember what it means "to apply" a lesson? What did it mean in the dictionary? (David: To devote.) To devote one's self to something, right! (David: To make contact.) Yes! To make contact!

Dictionary definition of Apply: (verb) 1. to be important to, to have a connection! "The Home rules apply to us all." 2. to put on, or put into use, to place in contact with. "The doctor applied some medicine to the wound." 3. to cause to work hard or to give one's full attention. "I must apply myself to my work."

What does "contact cement" do? Wow! It really sticks! And when you get in contact with a person, you meet & talk & get together! So your Word lessons can "stick" better if you make contact!--Apply yourself, devote your heart & soul & mind & spirit, & then react on the contact! Tell us about your connection between God's Word & your life & actions!

Now, not everything we read from the Word is always going to make such an electric, direct contact, is it? When we read the dictionary it doesn't inspire us, but it does help to teach us something. Your science books teach you something, but they don't inspire you & change your life & feed your soul, right? In a similar way, some types of Word or TKs don't always "send you on a Spirit trip" or anything, although it is the inspired Word of God & we still learn from it. But we're talking mostly here about how you can mine real "gold" & important deeper Lessons from many things you read in the Word & you can retain it by reacting upon it!

So when you have a special assignment from the Word, like you, David & Davida, did when you were sick, or like when David heard Grandpa's tape, you need to personally apply that lesson to yourself & make sure that Word sticks & causes a reaction in you!

If you eat food that has spoiled, what kind of reaction is it going to have in your stomach? (Techi: A tummy ache.) Yes! It sure makes some kind of reaction! You know

something really happened because of that reaction, the results in you, right? If you put conditioner on your hair after shampooing it, what kind of reaction does it have? What does it do to your hair? (Tech: It untangles it.) Right! It helps it & smooths it out. It has a good reaction. It does something. You applied conditioner to your hair & it did something to your hair, it reacted well on your hair. When you drink water you don't exactly feel the reaction, but it is helping inside & it's necessary for good health, so even though you don't feel or see any immediate reaction, it's doing the job to cleanse & help you, like some types of Word you read.

When you're given a special Word project to read, it means we want you to study like a workman & have a reaction! We want action! The word "Re-action" means that even though you may have read it before, the Lord wants His Word to put action in you again!--Would you like to look up "react" & "reaction" in the dictionary, Heaven?--We want to see what kind of action God's Word caused you to take again, what did it stir up in you, or what kind of action did it take in your heart & in your life & in your spirit? Do you understand the difference between reading the Word for interest or pleasure & feeding, & really studying the Word for personal lessons & application & reaction? (Children: Yes!) (Heaven reads dictionary definition of "react" & "reaction":)

React (verb): to act in reply; to behave differently as a result; When the Sun comes out, the flowers react by opening wide. How did he react to your suggestion?

Reaction (noun): 1. an instance of reacting, ("our reaction to the news") 2. a response (as of body or mind) to a stimulus (as a treatment, situation or stress.) 3. a chemical change that is brought about by the action of one substance on another & results in a new substance being formed.

Yes, that's good. A chemical reaction means chemicals are mixed together that cause a change & develop or result in something new!

What kind of response do you have to the MO Letters you've read, or to the lessons & Pow-Wows we've had? How does it cause you to behave differently in your mind & heart & life? A reaction is a response to

a stimulus, or a situation, so how did it "stimulate" you or take action on you? Did it light your fire? Did it convict you? Did it offend you, or did you even understand all of it?

In the Bible, Isaiah said there was no one that "stirred himself up" to call



upon God. (Isa.64:7) Well, the Word can sure stir you up & make a good reaction & change in you & draw you closer to God! So tell us, in what way? How?

Who, what, when, where, why & how is the Word helping you? "The who the Letter is talking about is you", like we said before, but what is it doing for you, when is it changing you, where does it apply to you, how is it changing you or helping you? Understand? That's the difference between reading out of duty, & reading with response & reaction! Tell us what kind of action is taking place in you! Okay? GBY!

### LESSONS FROM RECENT SICKNESS!

David, do you want to share with us what major lesson you learned through your sickness? (David: It taught me to be a fighter, because I know that I really wasn't being much of a fighter. I was just taking it lying down & I wasn't going on the attack against the Devil. So then Grandpa came & taught me about praise & prayer, how to really go on the attack against the Devil.) And that was real good, we all needed that! That was a powerful prayer! (See "Dad's Prayer for David" in this book.)

If someone asks, "Why do you think you got sick?", do you say, "Oh, I guess I got cold"?--That's the physical reason, maybe, but we're also interested in why you think the Lord allowed you to get sick & what lesson He is teaching you. I'm not

blaming you for getting sick, because I could have been afflicted just as much as you, any of us could have. But Grandpa brought out some very important lessons about pride & sensitivity, didn't he? We all heard the tape & so it now applies to all of us here, right?

What about you, Davida? Why do you think the Lord allowed you to be sick? (Davida: When I first got sick I hadn't really prayed too much & thought about why the Lord let me get sick. I wasn't terribly sick, so I just kind of enjoyed the fun & reading & all, but never took it seriously. But then when I really prayed, the Lord showed me that He's probably trying to teach me especially to receive correction, because I haven't been receiving correction very well, especially from the other kids. I would harden against it or talk back.

(It's easier to receive correction from an adult because they're older than you & you know that if you don't obey them you're going to get in trouble, & they're kind of like the Lord to you. But when it's just from each other, from the other teens, you don't take it as seriously & you think, "Oh well, they're our age so why do I have to listen?", & only take heed when it's the adults. So I really need to learn to receive, even from the teens, when being corrected. I shouldn't always get so down about it & start getting the poor-me's as I often do, but take it like a soldier & say, "Well, P!L! That's a good lesson that I need to learn!"--And not get all down & pouty about it.)

What is it when you get "down & pouty"? (Davida: It's pride.) Right, & it's also murmuring, that you think you're being mistreated. And that's why God judges or afflicts murmuring. Just like Grandpa asked David, "Have you been murmuring? That's something God really hates!" Very good, I'm glad you learned that good lesson, Davida, & I'm sure that you needed that, as we all have needed it. Another thing I've noticed is that you all have been bickering amongst yourselves. Even though we had our Pow-Wows on "Love One Another", the bickering was like a test that came up afterwards, as well as nagging each other & not receiving things from each other.

The Lord does not think lightly of contentions & strife, & that's why we're having this Pow-Wow right now. The Lord does not like that! It all stems from the Devil's evil seeds of dissension, murmuring & pride,

& it's not good, so it's bad! The Lord allowed David & Davida to fall sick & be isolated, but meanwhile we had the same troubles with Heaven & Techu too. Did Mommy talk to you about your delayed disobedience recently, Techu? What did she say?

(Techu: She said that's one of the things I should pray about, to not put things off & be Miss Procrastinator.) Sometimes before when Mommy would tell you something, you'd resent it, wouldn't you? (Techu: Yes, & murmur in my heart, like, "Oh, why do I have to do that? Why did she ask me to do that?" Kind of really murmuring. It's a really bad sign when you have delayed obedience. Disobedience is bad too, but delayed obedience...)

Mama said delayed obedience is no obedience at all. It means you try to look like you might do it later, but really you don't want to do it at all & you may not even plan to do it. It's a form of pride & rebellion, just thinking you know better, or you don't think what you've been told is right, so you're going to do it your way instead. Or sometimes you might just be too lazy or lackadaisical that you don't even let it register, or simply don't want to do it. And all that's bad, isn't it?

And after having a talk like that from Mama, you should be much more on the ball now, shouldn't you, Techu?--More convicted, & taking more positive action now! I am guilty too, Techu, Lord forgive me, because I murmured too that I wasn't having fun Wordtime & school with you teens any more since I've been doing so much more paperwork lately, so the Lord had me pay for it by getting desperate & caring for two real sick kids fulltime for days! I was murmuring about not being able to spend more time with you, so the Lord let me have more time with you by letting you get sick! He gave me the desires of my heart but sent leanness to my soul. (Psa.106:15) I'd rather not spend time with you after all if it meant you being sick, & me not getting my important paperwork done either!

So no wonder we just had a big battle & lesson together here, because we're all guilty of the same things that Grandpa brought out to David! Grandpa prayed against sensitivity & murmuring & disobedience & pride! He prayed against our thinking that we know better & against being slow to obey, remember? I want to point that out to all of you, that you're just as guilty as the ones who were sick, that you have just as many

sins & afflictions as David did.

You're not much help to the household, girls, if you're just going to obey what or when you want to obey, if you'll only do the job in your own sweet time, or do it your own way.--In that case, we don't need you! You're useless to the Lord's work when you only want to do what you want to do & in your own way! It's no blessing to have people around who aren't going to help out wholeheartedly & obediently!

What did you learn from all of this? (Heaven: When I listened to Grandpa's tape, I felt that I could have gotten more sick than David did because I'm just as guilty, & more guilty. I learned about trusting the Lord, about faith & trust & I learned about not murmuring & about being a better fighter.)

If you were sick in bed instead of David, & Grandpa came in & laid into you like he did to David, could you take it?

### SENSITIVITY!

It encouraged me that Grandpa said, "You shouldn't be so easily offended at little things!" That encouraged me a lot in my role as your teacher, because it's been a battle for us adults at times when you teens act so proud & so easily offended! Maybe we don't deliver our message in the best of ways all the time, but we're not perfect & neither are you, & you shouldn't blame people just for that.

Although we should be conscious of being as sweet & loving as possible, the way in which instruction or reproof is delivered is not the most important thing.--The most important thing is that you receive the lesson the Lord has for you, & get the point, otherwise you'll blame others for daring to correct you, or you'll criticize how they go about it, due to your pride & sensitivity, & then miss the lesson you need to learn! We should of course always try to be loving & kind with our words & I think your overseers do pretty well along that line. I haven't seen them mistreating you or coming down hard on you at all!

When you really need a lesson pointed out to you, or even deserve a reproof, you can't just fall apart & give up & pout & murmur & blame & criticize & say, "Oh, poor me, that really hurts! You're so harsh on me! I don't deserve all this! Don't go any further, don't say any more because I'm so sensitive. I'm going to show you that

you shouldn't do that to poor little me!"-- Just because of one little reproof or correction! That's the Devil working through your pride & blowing this one little comment up to big giant proportions! He can build a big wall to defend his territory of pride, see?



Sensitivity is a big wall of defense built up by the Devil that says to everybody, "Don't you dare touch me! I'm too sensitive & I'm too delicate, don't you dare raise your voice at me! I can't take it & it'll be your fault when I fall apart!" All that sensitivity causes you to do is to stop learning & stop growing & hinders others from helping you because you make it so difficult for them to even be around you or talk to you! You're sure not soldier material if you shatter so easily over little things--because you can't take the slightest reproof or the slightest raise of the voice or correction or even comment without murmuring that you can't take it, & blaming others for trying to help you!

This is a revolution, an Endtime Army, Team, & it's time you joined the ranks as a fulltime fighter for Jesus, not against your elders & leadership who are commissioned to train you! Now do you want to be a part of this outfit or not?

There is a mighty, marvellous Teen Revolution going on in the Family right now, & you are not partaking of it if you're not really soldier material, if you're not really thankful for reproof, & thankful for lessons, & thankful when you get corrected! Because that means you're learning something, you're being purged to bring forth better fruit!

When you start being able to receive

correction well it means you're growing in the Lord & you're growing up too! Every one of you talk about how much you want to hurry & grow up & become more adult, but then when we try to help train & correct you or even give you some pointers, you get all hurt & offended & act like a pouty little child! Well, when you learn & show us that you appreciate receiving training & correction, we'll know you're really becoming more adult & revolutionary material!

If you're not receiving correction & learning from the adults' reproofs & lessons, then you're not learning anything or growing! If you don't get rid of that dangerous & hurtful sensitivity you could become like a dead branch that is cast forth & withered! Who can use a withered old dead branch? It's useless! You teens need to learn that lessons are for your benefit to learn & to grow by, & that you should not judge or blame or accuse your elders because of their tone of voice or the way they knit their eyebrows, & think, "Oh! How could they tell me what to do?" Or "Oh, they're so bad & harsh!" You're blaming, you're doubting, & it's the Devil that's pulling you away from the Truth & deluding & deceiving you into not receiving the love of the Truth, all cloaked in "sensitivity", the "poor-me's". -It's just pride!

When Grandpa talks with the office people about some big boo-boos they make with the publications, do they start crying & blubbering & drag around all day out of the victory? And think "Ooooh, you're so harsh! You're so mean! Poor me!"--NO! That's murmuring against leadership, against God's Prophet & Anointed! If you can't take correction or orders from your adult overseers, how can you ever take it from Grandpa & Mama? All your elders & overseers represent the Lord's authority to you, & don't you want to obey God? That's really what it all comes down to! (Exo.16:7,8)

Of course we all want to show as much love & mercy as we can, but did you know that chastisement is also love, that spankings are also love, that punishment is love & scoldings & rebuke are love! The Lord chastens us out of love for us! You get lots of reminders & gentle, loving, helpful hints all the time, but if you don't respond to gentleness, then we'll have to get through to you some other way! Maybe you should have taken heed & obeyed the first time or two or three, then you wouldn't need correction or rebukes! Again, it's up to you!

How many times in that lesson from Grandpa did he pray, "Lord, help David not to be offended at rebukes! Lord help him to accept rebuke!"--Rebukes!--Not correction, not reminders, not loving gentle hints, but rebukes!--Scoldings! "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth"! (Heb.12:6)

The Lord sometimes "chases" you with chastening! The Shepherd sometimes has to chase after you with a little rod & whack your bottom, like a little sheep, & me too, & everybody in this Family gets it because we need it! And if you haven't learned that by now, you could turn out to be a little goat who "butts" at every "rod of correction", & it'll be you who'll suffer from it!

Just learn to take it! That's what yieldedness is all about! Is it really worth getting all upset & hurt about if you forgot to empty the trash & someone comes & reminds you? It's the Devil that makes us so sensitive & makes us get all proud & offended, & it's doubt & self-righteousness! It can actually cause you to doubt leadership! You don't think it's right that they should correct you, you think you're being mistreated! It's a serious problem! So don't let the Devil build up a blockade in your life, a brick wall of pride & sensitivity between you & your leadership or others & the Lord's work, & thus ruin your usefulness!

I hope that this scolding from Grandpa is going to seal that lesson in your heart forever, that you should be able to receive & obey & submit better, & if you're not able to, then you'd better get prayer & help, & pray for more correction so that you'll be "exercised thereby".

Correction is supposed to yield "peaceable fruit". (Heb.12:11) And what are the peaceable fruits of the Spirit? Correction is supposed to yield peaceable fruits of...let's hear it!--Love, joy, peace, longsuffering--that's like patience--gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Right! That's what chastening is supposed to yield in your heart, the peaceable fruits of the Spirit, peaceful fruit, good fruit!--Not turmoil, confusion, pride, judgement, doubt, criticism & self-righteousness!

We're all rather sensitive at times, we're all proud, Lord help us, but I believe you should take more of a sample from the big people here in the house who get lots more correction & even occasional scoldings

than you do! Actually we rarely get real bawlings-out & the same goes for you! But we've learned through experience that all types of correction have helped us & we appreciate it! We don't want to go astray & never be told or rescued, do you? Wouldn't you rather have guidance & help & counsel? Well, you won't get it if you react so sensitively to it. We hardly can look at you seriously but your tears start welling up & you start falling apart & getting all sensitive, usually over just little things!

In this case, crying is not a broken spirit of humility, it's pride! A broken & contrite heart crying before the Lord is in desperation & repentance, being truly sorry & humble. Do you understand the difference? Brokenness is being repentant for your sins. "A broken & a contrite heart God will not despise." "God is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, & saveth such as be of a contrite spirit", (Psa.51:17; Psa.34:18)--a yielded, repentant spirit! But "God resisteth the proud", (Jan.4:6)--a sensitive, proud spirit & a doubtful, criticising or self-righteous spirit that causes you to cry or murmur in defense, & feel mistreated by others.--"Poor me" instead of "Lord help me!" Praise the Lord! We're fighting & we're learning! As long as we're accepting & receiving & yielding to our lessons & learning & growing thereby, that's what counts! The victory is in overcoming! Jesus promised, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things!" (Rev.21:7) So if you're offended or don't agree or murmur, you now are fully aware that it's of the Devil, & you all need to rebuke that straightaway when any kind of correction offends you! "Great peace have they which love God's Law!" God's laws are also rules, did you know that? --The Word & the rules of our Family!--"And nothing shall offend them!" (Psa. 119:165) Ha!

Teen Training is not going to do you a bit of good if you're

not eager & yielded & willing to learn, & not only getting correction but receiving correction & lessons & acting on them because you appreciate the help & counsel & training & you want more so you can grow up & even be able to help & counsel others eventually too! That's what our attitudes should be like!

The kind of Revolutionary soldier you are is entirely up to you & your reception, your attitude, your willingness, your obedience, your yieldedness, your dedication, loyalty, faithfulness, faith, vision & your behaviour! We have a real good team here! GBY all!

I believe you're going to really love these new teen classes & our new teen vision & new teen songs & teen slogans! It's really super-duper inspiring & exciting! But can you take it? Do you want it? (Kids: YES, Ma'am!) Are you willing to deny yourself & give it a try? (Kids: AMEN!) Okay! Praise the Lord! Then that must be why the Lord purged & instructed you & taught you these lessons today, because He wants you to bring forth good fruit now & participate in the Teen Revolution--for Jesus! The Lord expects us to be doers of the Word, not hearers only! Will you be a doer?



THEY WILL HELP YOU GROW



READ 'EM, & EAT 'EM, & GIVE 'EM, & LIVE 'EM!



HIS LOVE THEY'LL HELP YOU SHOW!