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The Mysterious Keys, Part 2

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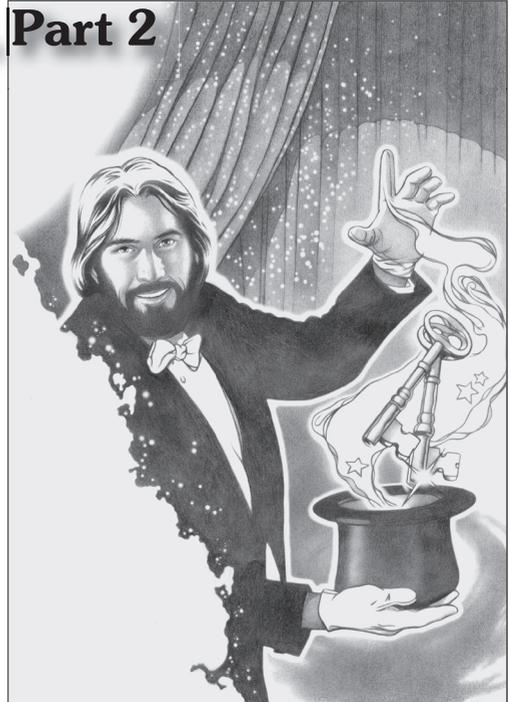
Here is the third and final section of Questions and Answers on the topic of those Mysterious Keys. We hope this series has been a blessing to you. If you have further questions about the specific uses of the keys or situations that have arisen as you've been learning to use the keys that aren't covered in this series, please take some time to ask the Lord personally for His answers. GBY! And keep calling on the keys.

Why do the keys often not seem to work "as advertised"?

204. (Question:) I think the thing I've struggled with at times is the matter of the results not quite living up to the promises. The key promises promise so much, and we've all been wielding them for well over a year now (admittedly not always proficiently), but I wouldn't say a lot of situations have improved as greatly as the promises have advertised. In some things, like the housing we were praying for, it even seemed to be quite a letdown, in fact.

205 The question would be as to whether we're still in a stage where we're taking it mostly by faith while we learn, or if it's really supposed to be happening as advertised and it's our error in not having enough faith, or clean enough hearts, or not enough knowledge, that things aren't happening. I know miracles happen, but honestly, not quite like the promises say they will, or not as quickly and instantaneously as they promise.

206. A related question: I do wonder at times just how effective the keys really are. It says they blast the Enemy to bits, but then it seems like some of our prime targets such as Apotheon, Pan, etc., seem to be alive and well and continuing to come around. I'm grateful that I can have the keys to attack these guys, but it seems that they could be



more effective.

207. (Jesus:) The keys do work, and when wielded correctly, they do accomplish My will. More study needs to be done on the part of My brides so that they understand clearly how and when My keys work, for they only work in conjunction with My will and in My time.

208. For example, the housing situation you were praying for is a huge subject with many aspects, and you have claimed keys and I have won great victories for you through the keys. But it is neither My will nor My timing to just, whoosh, bring about the ultimate victory in some situations instantaneously. I have a much greater and more long-term vision than you, and in this particular situation, I knew that those involved were gaining more benefits from it taking longer than they

expected, than they would have if everything had fallen into place effortlessly.

209. You see, I have to weigh up, and I constantly do weigh up, all the needs of My children. Life on Earth isn't meant to be perfect--it's a training time, a time of learning, growth and progress. And as you know, it's the tests and trials and difficulties of life that propel you to growth, not the times when everything goes perfectly. So just because you have the keys, it's unrealistic to expect that all your troubles will vanish. They're meant to help you cope in increasingly intense battle conditions, but they won't completely take away all your troubles.

210. This is definitely a time of training in your use of the keys, and it goes along with the Word Revolution and strengthening yourself in all the new weapons. The keys are activated and enhanced by many different factors, including your faith, which comes from your personal connection with Me and the Word, your yieldedness, your determination to persevere in prayer, and your skill at wielding specific keys for specific situations. Many times prayers prayed using the keys are rather haphazard, and there is much yet to learn.

211. You also have to use the keys in conjunction with prophecy, to know how to pray and what to pray, and even what you can expect the keys to do for you at any given time. If you use them in this way, you will grow in faith that I do all things well and that the keys do all things well, that the keys never fail. If you don't see an obvious target hit after you've wielded the weapon of the keys, seek Me as to why. Maybe I had another plan, or maybe there's something for you to learn regarding your use of the keys. I can give you further insight that will help you grow and progress in your skill of wielding the keys. And with time you will become very proficient. So seek Me; there are always answers.

212. Along with that, I will explain that you will not completely destroy Apotheon, Pan, Bacchus, or other spiritual principalities. I could have destroyed them long ago, but I have let them rule and reign during this age of man's choice. Your use of the keys destroys their influence in your life, and how completely that influence is destroyed, or how easily it comes back, is largely up to your personal yieldedness and desperation. But you will fight these principalities until your dying day. That

doesn't mean it's futile to fight them with the keys, because their influence on you can be lessened, and even--in the case of My brides who truly forsake all and are desperate enough to want My full possession--completely vanquished. It doesn't mean they don't still exist, but their power over you can be zero. Do you see?

213. The keys strengthen you the more you use them in conjunction with My Word and My will. They give you everything you need to become seasoned warriors in the Endtime battle. Don't let the Enemy lessen the power of the keys in your life by telling you that they don't work. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

More insight into how using prophecy with the keys works wonders

214. (Jesus:) I've explained this principle to you before. **Because the keys only perform My highest will, it's important to find out My highest will when you claim them, if you want to be truly effective.** One way to do that is by asking Me to show you what you should be praying for. Sometimes I'll tell you, and at other times I'll just tell you to pray for My highest will, whatever that might be. Sometimes I'll tell you to pray in a certain direction--for example, for supply or safety, however I choose to bring the miracle. In other cases I might ask you to pray for something that you would have never thought of, had you not stopped and asked Me. I won't always tell you the end result, and sometimes things change along the way according to many factors and the choices of those involved. But in any case, your prayers will be the most effective possible, because you'll be praying in the direction of My will. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

What are the conditions necessary in order to claim victory?

215. (Question:) There's a key promise that says, "There is no stopping those who use the keys in conjunction with My will, in desperation of heart and humility of mind and spirit. When the conditions are right, the keys will always bring you victory." The question I have is, what do the conditions refer to? It could be two things: If you fulfill the conditions for using the keys--like the desperation, humility, and yieldedness--the keys will always bring you victory. The other thing it could mean is when the conditions are right, like

the balls on the billiard table, when He knows everything is right and in line for the miracle to be performed. Or He might be talking about both--we have to fulfill the spiritual conditions, and the other factors also have to be lined up right.

216. (Dad:) You don't know everything and aren't generally in a position to know what's best. Even if you think you know what's best, you still have to let God make the ultimate decision. That's one of the first conditions to getting answers to prayer, even when you claim the keys. The keys won't use their power to give you something just because you ask for it, unless it's in accordance with the Lord's will at the time. Remember that essential phrase, "In conjunction with My will." The keys will only work for those who are asking in accordance with His will. In other words, they won't work for those who are using them for selfish reasons, or ungodly purposes, or even for anything that's good and important, but simply not the Lord's perfect will or timing for that moment.

217. So first of all, you have to be willing to yield to whatever the Lord knows is best, even if that means not getting the answer to your prayer right then, or getting a different answer than you want. The keys have power, but only to do what's best for you and the Lord's overall plan.

218. Once you're in a position to accept whatever the Lord wants to do, He still might not give you exactly what you want if He knows it's better not to give it to you quickly, because in the longer process you'd learn lessons. If He feels the spiritual lessons you'll learn are more beneficial than giving you a quick answer or miracle or supply, He might choose to wait on giving you the thing you're asking for.

219. So if you're yielded and willing to accept whatever He wants to do, even if it means waiting, being patient, and continuing to trust Him while you're learning lessons, you're meeting the next condition. Learning lessons might be an important condition in your life, so if you meet that condition and do the learning and go through God's school, then you'll be in a better position to receive.

220. Other times it might not necessarily be a question of teaching you lessons or yieldedness, but simply because His will is to be fulfilled in some other way than what you're praying for. Even

if you're generally yielded and moving forward in the spirit, you still don't know the mind of God on every single issue, and you have to continue to trust His great wisdom.

221. There is also the factor of personal choice. The Lord has the power to work all things out for good for those who love Him, but sometimes that takes time, if some of those involved aren't fully yielded or obedient to follow through on His plan. He likes to give people chances to be used of Him to fulfill the answer to others' prayers, but if they aren't willing or don't choose to be used, then He will find another way to bring the answer, and that takes time.

222. The Lord hasn't put a lot of conditions on the keys. He's basically given them to you with very few limits or boundaries. At the same time, the spiritual principles that apply to answered prayer and His Word also apply to the keys. He assumes you understand that when the promise says, "Call on the keys and I will supply all your needs," that this means within His will and what He knows is best for you and others and His work.

223 So there are conditions--the same conditions that apply to His Word. If you claim the keys of miracles and they don't perform the miracle you asked for, or the keys of healing don't bring you instant healing, it's not because they're failing, but most likely because the Lord's will differs in some way from what you want. Even though He hasn't put specific conditions with each key, there are spiritual requirements you must meet in order to use them and benefit from them.

224. Reread the requirements He gave the Family when He first explained the gift of the keys. ("Call on the Keys," ML #3368, Winepress No. 52) He talked about meeting His will, fulfilling your role as a disciple, etc. If you're generally meeting the spiritual standard of His Word and living the life of a disciple, then you can use the keys and expect miracles--in accordance with His will. (*End of message from Dad.*)

Is it always going to be a "but if not" type of situation?

225. (Question:) I just finished reading some prophecies about a recent situation we went through in our Home and our housing setup. It was very inspiring--also very convicting to see that I wasn't having "crazy faith" to just believe that

You'd take care of us no matter what. I was looking at things from a System perspective, and even doubting Your ability to make everything turn out for good in the end.

226. But I still have a question concerning desperation in prayer for events that apparently You already have planned out. It just seems we were really praying our hearts out for these various aspects of the situation, and although the keys promised complete victory, and You even said that as we prayed, it would be done for us, some of these things didn't turn out the way we were praying for them.

227. From these messages I just read, it's obvious that this was Your plan all along and that You had a good reason. That's fine with me, and I'm certainly going to try to work on trusting You more in the future, and I'm sorry for any of the times I've been lame and didn't put my trust fully in You. But I guess despite all the Word on the topic, which I do really want to read more, it's just hard not to be fatalistic when You seem to have everything already so well planned. Sometimes it seems You're even planning bad stuff to happen to us, but which You will fix in the end. Very often this seems to happen, with or without our prayers.

228. What can You tell me about this? The question basically boils down to, "How can I have faith to really claim the keys and ask for a certain thing, when there's a good possibility You already know that You're not going to do it, or not at all in the way we're asking? And how can I not feel like I wasted time and effort and breath to ask for these things? And how can I keep up my faith in the keys, which do promise everything but sometimes seem conditional on Your will, which You don't always reveal? Is it always going to be a 'but if not' type of situation?"

229. (Jesus:) Even with something good and needed--like prayer--you can either lean to your own understanding as to what to pray for and how to pray, or you can first ask Me to explain how I'm looking at the situation and how I want you to pray.

230. I live in the eternal now. I can see the road at present, the road ahead, and the road behind. You, however, do not.

231. Your attitudes of trying to anticipate My moves are rooted in pride and are a work

of Pan. It's spiritual pride and self-righteousness to try to see what only I can see, and to try to establish a pattern to My behavior by observing My past moves. It's like you're trying to say that you don't want to simply follow along on the "little dog line," going wherever I lead, but you want to be a little more knowledgeable, a little more in the know than everyone else. You don't want to be humbled by pouring out your heart and soul to Me in prayer, only to find that I took those prayers and used them to accomplish something other than what you thought I would do. You want to pray and see everything turn out exactly as you prayed it, but that is not the point.

232. Somewhere along the line you've gotten a bit off track in thinking that the keys are here to serve you and do whatever you tell them to do. While they are here to help you, they're here to help you accomplish My will and My plan, not your own. It's true that often your plans and My plans lie in the same direction, but what you must constantly remember is that My ways are not your ways, and will never be your ways. You're not God, and it's as simple as that. The sooner you can come to terms with your more humble place in the scheme of things, the happier you'll be, and as a result, you'll actually be more powerful because you'll be a better channel.

233. The keys were not created simply to obey your every wish and to fulfill your will. The keys must be used in conjunction with My will, and as you do so, I will perform your requests in the way that I know best. And remember also that I see the past, the present, and the future, and My manner of answering your request is almost always going to be somewhat different than what you had in mind. Your job is only to channel that power by being humble of heart and making a vacuum that I can fill. You need to suck in the spirit and work up that desperation, and then it frees Me to do My work in My way.

234. Can a man be found righteous with God? Can you hold Me to an accounting? Must I defend My actions to you? You're only a man, and not God, therefore you will not always understand everything I do and why. If you want to be powerful in the spirit and accomplish everything that I have for you, and if you want to see answers to your prayers, then stop trying to do My job and focus on yours. Your job is to pray; your job is to be desper-

ate and full of faith, regardless of how I seem to answer or not answer.

235. It comes down to whether you believe I will answer prayer or not. If you believe that I can take every prayer and do something with it, then you can always pray in faith. But if you're always worrying about whether I'm going to do something other than what you're asking for, and if you'll end up looking foolish or disappointed in the end, that hinders your praying a full-of-faith prayer.

236. A lot of your prayers have been hindered from having the full power they could have because you've been too busy trying to outguess Me. In your spiritual pride you haven't wanted to just pour out your heart in the way I've asked. You've tried to see with your carnal mind where I might go in the spirit. You've tried to second-guess Me and pray prayers that could be compatible with a number of answers, so that you wouldn't look like a dumb sheep, but one who is wiser and has Me pegged and My moves figured out. This is why you're lacking in power, and this is what will always happen if you don't live for the moment, doing just what I ask, when I ask, and not trying to figure out the future.

237. You need to focus on the now. Right now I've asked you to pray for this specific situation and you should do so in full faith that I will answer your prayers. Don't try to assume what I might do or imagine how I might consider answering. Just pray. I'm the One Whose reputation is on the line. I'm the One Who has promised that I will come through. And I always will. Leave the answering to Me, and if you have prayed, then rest assured that My will will be done. But, in expecting the answer, leave yourself open to the fact that you're a mere mortal, and while your short-sighted and maybe immature solution to the problem might be something drastic, this will probably not be My solution to the problem! My solutions are often slower, subtler, and require more faith on your part to believe that I'm really working.

238. I'm also a God of love. As long as I can, I give second chances, and third and fourth and hundredth chances. But you have less patience than I do, and you want to see answers right away. You want to see all your enemies judged. When you pray for someone who is sick, you want them to immediately jump up from their bed whole. You don't allow room for personal choice in your solutions.

You don't realize that even those in the Family who are sick, though they're your sweet brothers and sisters, sometimes My hand is upon them and I will withhold My healing until a certain choice of theirs is made. Sometimes I wish for them to be afflicted so that they can be made strong in other ways. Or sometimes it's simply not My timing yet.

239. When you pray for a sick person whom it's not My time to heal yet, your prayer isn't wasted. Like I've said before, I can use that fervency to bless them in a way that I know is good for the overall solution.

240. Prayer and the working of miracles will always take faith. For you to be powerful in prayer, you'll have to stop holding Me to your own standards of what you think should be done. Are you asking Me for My will or yours to be done? When you pray, state the petition you have need of, but ask Me to work in My way. You can give Me direct requests, but know that I will answer in My way, which is so far removed from your way that it's like it says in the Bible, "as far as the heavens above the Earth." You'll never fully understand how I work. Sometimes I answer exactly as you wanted, and sometimes it seems nothing like what you wanted.

241. All I need from you is trust. Give Me a little more slack, a little more room to work in the way I see fit, without your starting to murmur and complain and doubt and say that I'm not coming through, and that you're always having to make excuses for My failures.

242. Let go of that pride that needs to see results and vindication. Who are you trying to justify this for, anyway? Why do you feel humiliated when your prayers aren't answered exactly as you had hoped? Are you weak in faith? Do you want to see big showy miracles so that you can have something tangible to stand on to justify your faith in Me to those who mock?

243. You've thrown yourself fully into the business of wanting to see miracles, signs, something tangible, so that you can feel like, "Okay, there. There's a real miracle. I prayed for such-and-such and it happened, so there!" Even that is pride, and a lack of faith.

244. I ask you to walk by faith, not by sight. And the kind of faith that will overcome the world is the kind of faith that says, "But if not." You need the kind of faith that doesn't need a sign in order to feel vindicated, but that you'll believe in Me and

My work even if nothing visibly changes. That's the kind of faith I will bless with real action!

245. Your faith hasn't been pure. You've been kind of putting Me to the test in a disbelieving manner. I like to be put to the test in faith, as in times when you're excited to see what I'm going to do. But you haven't been testing Me in a good way. You've really been assuming that I won't answer, and you've been challenging Me to. I cannot bless that. I bless the kind of faith that challenges Me to work in whatever way I see fit, and that is excited and thrilled with anticipation of what I'm going to do, even if it's totally different than what you were expecting.

246. You've allowed Pan entrance in this way by trying to prove Me, trying to prove the power of the keys. You've let Pan blind you to the things I have done, and you've only allowed yourself to believe whatever I've done that coincided exactly with what you had in mind. That mindset and way of thinking is hindering you, blocking your mind from accepting that I work in mysterious ways, and that My ways are beyond finding out for mere mortals. You've allowed Pan to close your mind to My miracles that don't fit in the tight little box of "your will."

247. You need to let go of that attitude. You need to rebuke Pan, and that box that says I must work in a certain way or else I have failed. You haven't put it in words so black and white, but your questions and your doubts essentially tell Me that I must perform your will or be called a liar. That is a work of Satan, the hinderer, who wishes to use pride and lack of faith to destroy your usefulness as a prayer warrior. You must shake off those shackles and begin to pray with a purer heart and a more open mind, understanding that I know best, and that you can request but the answering is My business. You should praise Me regardless of what you see or don't see. Without that kind of faith, it will be impossible to please Me.

248. That doesn't mean that you should never ask for specific things. You can ask that I change or stop certain individuals. You can even ask Me to do specific things in regards to the situation. But you must know that even if what you prayed for doesn't happen--as it may well not, since My will and My planned solution might be different than what you're asking--I heard your prayer and I used it for something positive. It's those who are willing

to go by faith who will be rewarded, not those who are so finicky about their prayers being answered exactly when and how they intended.

249. So when I say to pray, pray. And when I say to praise, praise. Be humble. Just be a follower on the "little dog line," following your Shepherd. Don't try to guess or wonder or worry. Just relax. Just channel. Just pray. And just believe. Work on strengthening your faith. You can do this through the Word, and also through praying prayers that leave Me room to work, and praise Me even when you don't see the answer or the answer doesn't come to pass as you'd hoped.

250. Praising Me for whatever I choose to do or not do--that is pleasing in My sight, and that strengthens your belief in Me. Even if at first it feels forced, soon you will believe, and your praises will be genuine, and your faith will be rewarded. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Do you know...

What the ultimate purpose of the keys is, why they were given to us?—To win souls, to reap the final harvest.

251. (Jesus:) Believe and receive, for I now put the keys to the Kingdom in your hands. All power of Heaven is at your command to fully access as you will. Use it wisely, My loves. Use it in love, use it with discretion, use it with great honor, use it to right all wrongs, to expose evil, to set at liberty those who are bound.

252. With this all-powerful possession you must never forget the purpose of it all. ... I don't give you such great possession of My power for your benefit alone.

253. ... I give you such great power on Earth at this time to serve a far greater end. It's not for you to wield My power for your own enjoyment and thrills. I ask you to shun being as those in the churches, who discover a measure of My power, yet are as young and unwise children playing with a high-powered machine as if it were a toy. Be not as those who dabble with a measure of My power, using it to their own end, forgetting the reason for it all.

254. You must remember, My loves, the aim, the purpose, the goal, the final end result of why I put such power in your hands--which is to win souls to My Kingdom! This is the reason for it all.

This is the reason for such great possession of My Spirit within you. This is the reason I give you full access to all of Heaven's power.

255. The outpouring, the power, these blessings I give you, My loves, are all to this end--that you might reap the harvest that awaits you. This is where your eyes must always be focused. This is the goal. This is your purpose in the era of action. This is the reason for it all, the purpose behind everything you do, the reason I place these keys in your hands, the reason I come to you now, to possess you in such a great way. The reason for it all is to win souls, to reap the final harvest in the end of days. Time is short, dear loves, so very short, and the night is fast falling--this is why I pour out My Spirit as never before.

256. I ask you now to join arm in arm with one another. As we join as one, let this fire burn deep within your bosom as you receive these blessings and mighty outpouring of My Spirit. As you access these keys to the Kingdom of Heaven in the days to come, never forget the purpose of it all--to reap the final harvest, to win, to gather the lost, to get the job done.

257. I will not be totally satisfied until every one is Home again, and believe Me, neither will you. And when you come Home to Heaven, your satisfaction will be in knowing that you fulfilled your destiny. You didn't quit. You didn't give up. You did your part. You fought until the End and you brought others in. Let this passion light your fire! As you go forward into this era of action, as you access My power in fuller capacity, enabling you to perform greater miracles, as you work greater works, always remember the purpose and reason for it all. (ML #3318 Winepress No. 51).

Are we automatically protected from everything when we call on the keys?

258. (Question:) Recently a couple of our WS Homes suffered minor car accidents. One of the drivers received from the Lord that they would have been better protected if he had called on the keys specifically. But in the other case, the driver and passenger had specifically prayed and called on the keys when they went out.

259. Several people have had questions about this and other similar scenarios: Every time you call on the keys, are you just automatical-

ly going to get protected from everything? I don't think we can expect to be kept completely free of anything that might harm or hinder us in any way. The Lord has to let the Enemy attack us in some ways. To call on the keys not to get headaches, not to be discouraged, not to suffer any afflictions or setbacks or difficulties of any kind would be just like being in Heaven.

260. How much can the keys protect us, and to what point? How much protection can we expect by calling on the keys?

261. (Jesus:) The power of the keys is a spiritual phenomenon, a mystery, a reality. The keys are a part of Me; their power and My power are the same, just like the Word is a part of Me and prayer is a part of My Spirit. All the spiritual weapons are in some way a part of Me, an extension of My Spirit, something I give you to help you fight the spiritual warfare and stay connected to Me.

262. I've told you that every prayer is heard and answered. This is true. Even though you don't always see the results of every answer right away, they are answered in My way and in My time. When you pray in My Name and claim My promises, you have My power at your disposal to work for you, to do miracles, open doors, whatever you're praying for. Even though you might not always see the immediate fruit of claiming My Word, it stands firm and is true.

263. It's the same when you pray in the power of the keys and claim the key promises. They work for you in the spirit and answer your prayers. You don't always see the physical manifestation of the power of the keys on the spot, but their power is at work just the same. Sometimes I allow "bad" things to happen in spite of the fact that you prayed and claimed My promises, or prayed in the Name of Jesus, or claimed the power of the keys. It might seem like prayer or the keys don't really work and don't make a difference, especially in cases when you pray for protection or healing or something you feel you really need, and you don't seem to receive it.

264. The results are up to Me and My will at the time--how I know it is best to answer your prayer. Sometimes I allow negative circumstances to happen in order to accomplish My higher will. For example, I might allow you to have an accident, even though you claimed My protection and

claimed the keys. That doesn't mean that prayer and the keys don't work; it just means I have a higher purpose for allowing those circumstances. Ask Me about it and I'll tell you why.

265. Ask Me to explain the reasons why I allow something "bad" to happen in your life. If you pray specifically for a good night's sleep and claim the keys--and then you don't sleep well--that doesn't automatically mean the keys aren't working for you. Ask Me about it, ask Me why I allowed that situation to happen, and I'll explain it to you. Maybe I want to speak to your heart in the quiet of the night, or guide your thoughts, or convict your heart about something. Sometimes I want you to pray about something. I'll show you the reason for everything I allow if you ask Me.

266. I choose not to guard you from every single thing in life, because if I did, then you wouldn't learn and grow in the spirit, and you wouldn't learn how to fight in the spirit and use your spiritual weapons. I have to allow some "bad" things to happen so that your faith will grow and your use of your spiritual weapons will be sharpened more quickly.

267. You are surrounded by the protection of the keys when you specifically claim them to protect you, but if something happens to you anyway, it just means that it could have been much worse if you hadn't prayed and specifically claimed the keys. Every promise of the power of the keys is fulfilled in some way when you claim them, but exactly how I choose to fulfill those promises is according to My wisdom and what I know is best at the time.

268. It might seem odd to you that I don't choose to protect you from every possible hurt or negative experience, especially when My promises indicate that I will, but remember that it's often the deep, dark experiences of life that teach you the most valuable lessons. If I were to protect and keep you from every negative thing, then you would be in Heaven and not on Earth.

269. The power of the keys is a spiritual weapon that I have made available to My children who live in the physical world. Without their power a lot more "bad" things would happen, but because you pray and specifically claim their power, you have much greater protection and help from the spirit. When you pray, claim their full protection or their full anointing, full wisdom, whatever

you need their help with, and then leave the final decision up to Me as to how to fulfill My promises. Don't limit your faith and don't belittle the power of the keys because of doubt or a lack of faith, but trust in My promises completely, even if you don't see the answers as you'd like them. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Is there something we're missing or that we need to do in order to make the keys really "work" for us?

270. (Question:) It seems to me that people with less understanding of the Lord or the workings of the spirit world seem to be able to use the keys more effectively. Very cool testimonies have come from new disciples, Active members, sheep, and even some outsiders who have heard about the keys and tried to use them. And it's worked for them. But we use them a lot and often there aren't visible results. We know there are other times when it's a "miracle of the keys," but I just wonder if our familiarity with the Lord or lack of faith in some way is hindering the Lord from being able to really perform the supernatural key miracles that He's promised.

271. We see lots of little answers to prayer, but the Letters promise really big, fantastical ones, and I haven't seen many of those happen yet. I've heard lots of cool keys testimonies from people who are really babes in the Lord and the Family, but maybe it's just that they believe more and the Lord can't afford to disappoint them, whereas we already make excuses for the Lord or perhaps expect that something won't happen, or that the miracle "might" not happen. I'd be very interested to know how we can strengthen our faith so that the keys can really work for us.

272. (Dad:) The Lord is giving the Family wonderful promises of protection, supply, everything you need, without limits. He's giving you hundreds of key promises on every subject and for every need. He's telling you that you can have healing, the power to rise above, supply of every need--all by simply asking for it and claiming the keys. Just think about that for a minute. It's a very big promise, right?

273. Think about what you need in your life right now, whether spiritual or physical. What's stopping you from getting it? What's stopping you

from having the financial blessing you need, the material things you need, the victories in your personal life and walk with the Lord? What's stopping you from reaching out your hand and accepting the blessing, the promise? It's probably partly a lack of faith, and partly a lack of experience to trust and believe this new gift will really work for you, and partly the Lord's divine wisdom.

274. When the Lord gave the Family the gift of prophecy, there were some testing times. Some people said, "I can't hear from the Lord. No way!" Some people thought only their top leaders and shepherds were spiritual enough and good enough to hear from the Lord. "Receive a direct specific prophecy myself?!" But you eventually went through the growing pains and you stretched your faith far enough to receive the New Wine of direct prophecy. Now almost everyone hears from the Lord personally, by themselves, directly from Heaven.

275. At one time you thought prophecy was such an amazing and miraculous gift that you'd never be capable of it personally. But because you kept trusting and believing and working on it, your channel became more and more practiced. Today almost everyone can receive the Lord's counsel about any question they have--good, wise counsel that they depend on.

276. Think back to when you were a babe in the Lord, just learning to have faith. You read the Bible and memorized verses, and some of them seemed pretty outstanding. "If you ask anything in My Name, I will do it." "Anything? Wow!" But did you ever claim that verse and what you were praying for didn't come to pass? And what about all these new keys with their wonderful promises of blessing and help? What if they don't work sometimes?

277. Yes, you can and should claim the keys, as well as the printed Word in the Bible, as well as His promises in the Letters. Of course they will work--eventually, in the way He knows is best, and according to your faith. The Lord gives you hundreds of promises because He knows you need that many in order to cover all your needs for all time. He knows He needs to give it all to you because sometimes you'll have more faith for one than another, or you'll understand one better than another.

278. The keys and all that they promise are like other spiritual gifts and weapons--you grow into faith in their use; you learn and understand

and grow as you use them and as time goes on. The Lord's told you how He's preparing you for the Endtime and the miracles and wonders He will do through you. Just because you don't see all of those miracles and wonders today doesn't mean they're not true. They are true and they will happen just as He says--in His time, when the time is right and you're ready and the world is ready for it to come to pass.

279. If some of you wonder why you don't see the marvelous answers to the key promises you claim today, just wait. Hold on, keep using them, keep building your faith by learning them and memorizing them, and when the time is right for you, you'll see the miracles and answers.

280. It's the same with any promise He's ever made, whether in the Bible or the Letters, or through the keys--they're true and will happen just as He said. Sometimes He lets people see signs and miracles right now because they need that to encourage their faith. Sometimes He lets it happen to encourage others' faith, as a witness. And sometimes He wants you to just believe by faith even though you don't see any signs or wonders.

281. You can pray for healing and not be healed right now the way you'd like; whereas someone else prays for healing and they are healed. What's the difference, and why does it work for some people and not for others, or work for you sometimes but not at other times? How come a babe in Christ who doesn't know half as many scriptures as you do can claim a miracle and get it, and here you are, older in the Lord and wiser, and yet maybe you weren't able to do what he did?

282. There are many, many reasons, way too many to address here, why the Lord doesn't always answer in the way you think or even wish He would. But you just have to accept that He knows best. After all, He is God! But in this particular situation--asking why the Lord sometimes lets wonderful miracles be performed for total babes in Him, and then you who have been serving Him all these years don't get what you were hoping for--well, maybe the Lord knows you don't need it as much! He knows you're going to stick and still have faith whether He answers the way you'd like or not. He knows you're not going to backslide or throw in the towel just because you didn't get what you asked for. You're strong in Him, you're grounded in the faith, you're a solid believer by faith--and that's

an even greater witness and testimony.

283. Those who have great faith to trust and believe even if they don't see the answers right away are the same ones who will have faith to expect miracles when the time comes. So don't give up just because all your prayers aren't answered today, or just because the promises you claim don't come to pass exactly the way you expect. A lot of them will be answered, and those that aren't are working together for your good to prepare you for the Endtime when He needs you to have great faith.

284. Keep exercising your faith in His Word by claiming it, using it, and memorizing it. If things don't work out the way you expected, ask Him about it! Ask Him what better purpose He had, why He chose to work the way He did, and He'll tell you. That's also building your faith in His Word. It's better to find out than to let questions and doubts build up in your life. If you doubt and question the Word or His promises, then when the time comes to be strong and use them, you won't have the faith or power you need. If you ask Him to explain things to you now, then in the future when you really need to depend on His Word or claim a miracle, you'll have the faith and power to do it.

285. It might look like He's not living up to His part of the bargain in not fulfilling His promises all the time, but even that is part of strengthening your faith for the bigger battles ahead. You can't receive the blessing if you don't trust and believe and claim His promises in real faith. If you just assume they don't work, so why bother, then they certainly won't work for you.

286. When He knows the time and circumstances are right for you, then you will receive the blessing if you trust and have faith. It will pay off eventually and His promises will come to pass and be fulfilled if you continue to have faith and trust. *(End of message from Dad.)*

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287. (Jesus:) The keys are helping you to fight today's battles, which would be much harder if you didn't have the power of the keys. But the main purpose of the keys today, more than outstanding or miraculous and spectacular demonstrations of power, is instructing you in their use, giving you experience, and helping you to raise the level of your discipleship, which is necessary for you to harness their full power. That's their greatest

accomplishment in these days.

288. The keys are working in many ways that you might not have noticed yet, because some are less obvious than others. For example, the keys are working in people's personal lives. The battles of the spirit have intensified greatly, and the physical manifestation of those battles is soon to follow. Whereas people should be struggling more than they ever have been, some have learned and are learning to use the keys, and they're overcoming things that have been holding them back or bothering them for years. How is that possible? Because the keys are working!

289. Yes, there are some physical manifestations of the power of the keys, but those are more easily noticeable. But if you were to look for the more hidden miracles, you would see many more and would realize how much the keys are already helping you. And in recognizing and studying these miracles, you would learn much more about the keys, when they work, how to make them work for you, what conditions are necessary, etc.

290. So realize the twofold purpose of the keys in these days, and study, learn, and use them! *(End of message from Jesus.)*

291. (Jesus:) Don't become complacent, knowing you possess the keys to unlock any door. For though they will unlock any door for you, you must learn the skill of turning the keys in the locks. You must learn which key opens which door. I will not hold back the approaching night of gross darkness much longer, so it is high time to realize and then release the power that I have placed within your hands and to practice with the keys. For in the darkness you will need to be masters of the keys.

Encouragement to keep trusting, learning, and expanding!

292. (Maria:) To close this Letter, here's some encouragement from our Husband that one of the teamworkers of one of our WS Homes received for someone who was battling with trying to absorb and put into perspective all the new moves of the spirit, along with all that we've learned from Dad and that the Lord has poured out over the years. It can seem kind of overwhelming sometimes--all the instruction about the keys and the key promises, our spirit helpers, the spiritual entities who fight us that we're supposed to be praying against and aware

of, plus all the older weapons of praise, loving the Lord intimately, prophecy, etc.

293. If you're feeling overwhelmed by all this new information, I think the Lord's answer will be comforting and encouraging for you, and help to put things in perspective. He gave it not only to the person, but He also speaks directly to all of us. I love you!

294. (Jesus:) My dear one, thanks for loving Me and giving yourself to Me completely. That's really the name of the game, and all I'm really after. I'm so proud of you and of all My dear brides of the children of David. As you give yourselves more and more to Me, it allows Me and moves Me to fill you more and more and give you more of the tools and gifts, more of the insight into the spirit world that will empower you and help you to be able to overcome and win in each and every situation.

295. It would be great, of course, if you were so spiritual, such mighty warriors, that you were like one of those Hollywood, computer-fabricated action stars, like the guy in *The Matrix* or one of these other fanciful productions. And in the spirit, your prayers--when you're really, truly desperate and wholehearted--are that powerful, and do those kinds of mighty feats.

296. But prayer, calling on the keys, and using the new weapons are all spiritual. It's invisible power, silent force, and the results are often the same. The miracles and answers happen in the spirit first, behind the scenes. A lot of it is something you might not even know about, or find out what happened, because it changed something in the spirit, or moved something in the spirit.

297. Of course it ultimately affects the physical, too, and there will be real, solid, tangible, physical answers to every sincere and wholehearted prayer, and every time you obey Me and use the new weapons or call on the keys. But the real action happens in the spirit world. I get to see it, and so do My heavenly helpers. But for you, My dear loves, it's nearly all by faith. That's why your love and faith mean so much to Me, and why I've promised to reward you mightily for the stands of faith that you take.

298. It's truly wonderful in My book--the fact that you receive Me, accept My Words, believe them, and act on them, all by faith, many times without even being able to see the results.

That's real love. That's real faith. It makes Me so proud of you, and makes Me want to bless and reward you all the more!--And I do!

299. I have blessed the Family with exceptional faith. In fact, the Family as a whole has so much faith and insight into the spirit world that they've even become familiar with it. They take it for granted, even get tired and are bored with it all sometimes. And sometimes they're tempted to just want to forget about it all. It seems like so much to do, so much to remember, so much to stay on top of.

300. Well, dear ones, I'm not asking you to stay on top of anything--I'm just asking for your hearts. Yes, I'm constantly pouring out new truths and revelations to you. And I'm glad that your queen keeps on rolling the gold, sharing the know, and passing on My Words to the Family. That's what I've called and ordained her to do, and she's been faithful to do that year in and year out.

301. Even things that she herself doesn't fully understand, she takes by faith and passes them on, trusting that I know what I'm doing and that I'm leading the Family exactly where it needs to go. Yes, a lot of it is a mystery, and a lot of it might not be needed in every situation. But there's a reason for it all. You need to be aware of and know about it all, because at some point in time that bit of info will be needed.

302. So keep praying, looking to Me, and fighting in the spirit. At every turn, in every situation, the wealth that you've been given over the years will come in very handy for you in one way or another, whether it's the knowledge of the keys, the names of which demons are hindering and fighting you in the spirit, the intimacy of knowing that I love you like a husband loves his bride, or his child, or his best friend. It's all important, and it's all needed for different situations and circumstances.

303. I want you to be gifted and knowledgeable about all of these things. Every part of it that I've revealed at one time or another to you is important, and I will expect you to be able to draw on it and use it--whether it's the intimacy of the bed; the authority given to you to rebuke demons by their name; the power and riches of the vaults of Heaven that are instantly opened to you by the keys I've given you; the spiritual edification that comes from giving Me your all when you worship Me in spirit and in truth, by giving Me your mind, your

thoughts, your heart, your tongue, your body, and surrendering them completely to Me. All of these are important.

304. These weren't just fads or phases that I brought the Family through and expected them to just "fade away" in time. They're part of what makes you, the Family, so unique, so special, such well-rounded Christians and missionaries.

305. Of course, you've still got a lot to learn, a lot of growing and maturing to do, and you've still got a lot of pride and spiritual problems to forsake and overcome. So I'll still keep pouring out to you and giving you answers--new truths, revelations, new concepts and ideas--and things that will help you in one way or another. It's all needed and it's all part of My spiritual world. But I understand that you, being carnal, mere mortals, have limited capacity to receive and hold and use what I have revealed to you at any given time. I know what it's like to be hindered and held back by the flesh and the carnal mind and reasoning.

306. I've given you a powerful brain and spirit, but right now only a tiny portion of both are completely open and usable. Once you become a spirit being, much more of your spirit and your mental capacity will be open to these things, and it won't be such a big deal--all these demons and goddesses and spirit helpers and angels and keys and powers and gifts and spiritual concepts. It'll all just be a walk in the park. You won't be overwhelmed by it all then, or stumbled by it, nor will you be wondering if it's all real or needed or important. You'll understand it all so much better then. (See ML #2955)

307. Like Paul told the Corinthians, "As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1Cor.15:49-53).

308. And as John wrote, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him

as He is" (1John 3:2).

309. Once you come to be with Me, it will all be more clear. Once you leave the corruptible flesh and take on your immortal spirit bodies, the significance of all these things will be much easier to grasp. And then you'll have the spiritual power to be able to use it all, handle it all, and remember it all, and it won't seem so overwhelming or such a big deal to you.

310. In the meantime, I will use whatever you absorb and put to use in your life. Don't just leave it on the shelf, waiting for the time when you can see everything clearly. But take each new truth and revelation--and the old ones as well--and hide it in your heart and work to make it a part of your life, and you'll see Me use it at the most unexpected times. It's all necessary. It all fits together, even if you can't comprehend it all right now.

311. So, thanks, dear loves, for trusting Me on these things. Thanks for accepting and for being willing to keep receiving My answers, even when they start opening up another whole new facet or stage of your growth, and you're tempted to feel like putting a cork in it.

312. Don't be afraid of the new and unexpected or incomprehensible. The spirit world is vast, and there are so many things that I have yet to tell you. I don't expect you to be able to handle it all or remember every little detail. I know your limitations. But I do want you to receive it and believe it and do your very best to put it into practice whenever you can. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Did you know...

There's more to come!

313. (Jesus:) These keys to the Kingdom are not the last gift that I will give you, My children of David. Those who hold on and go on for Me will receive more spiritual gifts from My hand. The time is not yet right for Me to reveal them to you now, because I must take you one step at a time. But know that your faithfulness to hone this new gift of faith that I have given you, to use these keys to the Kingdom, will pave the way for the next great gift that I will give you, My darling brides. (ML #3351).