

DOUS & really, we're thankful to be here. (Endureth: Really.) And we really thank you for letting us come here & for giving us the opportunity to be here. I think we wanted to add about the children, that I think its one of the greatest blessings in our lives--being here seeing the children used so much. THE KPOWER HERE IS JUST ASTOUNDING. IT JUST KNOCKS YOU OVER. To have the privilege of having our two receive this kind of training & this kind of exposure is just a blessing beyond words, wouldn't you say? (Endureth: Amen!) And we wanted to tell you how thankful we are for that. In conclusion, Endureth?

(ENDURETH: IN CONCLUSION, WE WANT TO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LOVE & for your sacrifice & for the way you're always giving to us in so many ways, & to thank you most of all for your love & for the Letters that you are just pouring out. We just

can't thank you, there's not words to explain how thankful we are for all that you've done for us & our lives that we have a reason to live & to be able to help others. We want to say we love you & we need you so much & we just pray we can be a blessing to you & faithful in whatever you give us to do. We love you & need you so much.)

I WANTED TO SAY ALSO, DAD & MARIA, HOW MUCH I REALLY LOVE YOU AND NEED YOU & I'm really thankful to you for all that you've done for me & for our whole family & for the Family in the whole World & thank you so much again. And I guess we said it a lot but we want to keep saying it--Thank you for all the love & the mercy & the faith you've had in us & for allowing us to come here & for helping us to get back into full-time service & for the Letters & for your love. We love you & need you always, in Jesus' name.

## Our Family History-Chapter 3! Love & Discipline!

By Hosea David

1. IN DAD'S RAISING OF US CHILDREN THERE WERE MANY DIFFERENT METHODS which he used to teach & train us. Of course, the first & most important thing was that he was a true & honest spiritual good example to us of what we should be like & what we ought to do.

2. THEN HE TAUGHT US OUR OWN PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD for our daily actions in our lives, both in spiritual matters & in our dealings with each other. He taught us that we could either help build or destroy his ministry & that God would hold us accountable. Many times when correcting us for our wrong-doings & our poor sample he would remind us that we could affect God's overall plan for our ministry by our own failure or by our obedience to him & to the Lord. His lectures to us when we did wrong emphasised these points very strongly.

3. MANY TIMES THE DIRECT CARE & SUPERVISION OF OUR ACTIVITIES HAD TO BE DONE BY PEOPLE OTHER THAN OUR PARENTS to whom they entrusted us when they were not able to be with us throughout the day & also when Dad was travelling in the Lord's work. They required us to respect those who cared for us as their representatives.

4. WE HAD TO OBEY & RESPECT THOSE WHO CARED FOR US the same as our parents. We knew that the Folks would back up their discipline of us & that if those who took care of us felt that our disobedience or misbehaviour required a spanking that Dad would also give us a spanking in addition to theirs when he returned.

5. HE ALSO USED A MARK-

ING OR DEMERIT SYSTEM to keep track of good & bad deeds. We knew that upon receiving a certain number of good marks or bad marks we would receive an appropriate reward or spanking or other form of discipline.

6. ONE THING THAT DAD WAS VERY DILIGENT ABOUT WAS NOT PERMITTING US TO MURMUR OR COMPLAIN. He always reminded us that it was for murmuring & complaining that the Lord allowed the Children of Israel to rot in the wilderness & that God hates murmuring & complaining & that we should learn to be thankful in every situation.

7. DURING MEETINGS & CLASSES Dad required us children to learn to sit still & pay attention, even when we were very small, sometimes having someone hold us on their lap to help us concentrate & not just wander around playing during meetings. He taught us that during these times the Lord was speaking to us & that we needed to be respectful & tune in & listen, & he did not tolerate us playing around to the point of disturbing the meeting or the Spirit, even tho' these meetings sometimes went on for hours & hours.

8. IF WE BECAME TIRED & SLEEPY HE SOMETIMES PERMITTED US TO DOZE OFF for a short time without distracting anyone until such time as he felt that we had rested enough or shouldn't miss a particular point, at which time he would slam his hand down on the desk with a thunderous roar & we would wake up with a start & be wide

awake & paying attention for another period of time! So we learned many things thru' being required to pay attention & sit & listen during all types of meetings & classes.

9. EACH OF US WERE ALSO GIVEN ASSIGNED CHORES & RESPONSIBILITIES AROUND THE HOUSE such as cleaning the bathrooms, making the beds, washing dishes & caring for the yard, & we were taught & required to be faithful & diligent in the executing of these chores.

10. WE WERE NOT PERMITTED TO WATCH TELEVISION ANY TIME WE WANTED or just any type of program. Our television watching was carefully monitored even to the point of requiring that we memorise a verse of Scripture for every half-hour of television program that we wanted to watch. On certain days when there were special programs that we wanted to watch we had to work extra diligently on our Scripture memory work to complete the verses in time to be able to watch our favourite program.

11. THE FOLKS USED MANY DIFFERENT METHODS TO ENCOURAGE US TO HIDE THE WORD OF GOD IN OUR HEARTS. They played the Scripture records in our bedroom every night when we went to bed, & we would even stay awake lis-

tening to it & get up & turn the record over to hear the other side.

12. THEY REWARDED US FOR MEMORISING SCRIPTURE such as giving Faithy \$5 for memorising the 11th Chapter of Hebrews when she was nine years old, & when memorising the sets at that time they paid us ten cents for every verse we memorised. They encouraged us to do it for the Lord & for the spiritual benefit but they also rewarded us monetarily which was a good incentive for us as children.

13. WE WERE SOMETIMES MORE ABLE TO SEE THE IMMEDIATE BENEFIT OF THE MONEY rather than the long-term benefit & effect of the Word of God in our hearts, but the Folks did not let this stop them from rewarding us for hiding the Word in our hearts because they knew that in the end it would pay off spiritually in our lives.

14. THEY ALSO USED SCRIPTURE MEMORISING AS A FORM OF DISCIPLINE. When we misbehaved or mistreated one another they would require us to memorise or write out verses about the particular offense. For example, for lack of love we would be required to memorise the 13th Chapter of 1 Corinthians or verses about talebearers or strikers or smiters etc.

15. SOMETIMES THEY WOULD REQUIRE US TO WRITE OUT A SCRIPTURE ON THE SUBJECT over & over again until we memorised it. No matter for which reason we memorised the Word, in the long run we remembered the Scripture long after we had forgotten whether it was for reward or discipline that we had memorised it.

16. DAD USED MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF SHOWING US LOVE & REWARDING US. Dad was always very affectionate to us, hugging & kissing us, loving us up, never failing to kiss us goodnight. Any time we started to go to bed without kissing him goodnight he would always call

us back in, set us on his lap one by one, hug us, kiss us & tell us that he loved us & make sure that all was right between us at the end of the day.

17. HE ALSO TOOK US TO MANY MOVIES which he felt would be beneficial & educational for us, movies about history, about classics, or movies about life, about love, about sex even, as he wanted us to see it with him there to speak in our ear the explanation & the right point of view & outlook on the movie & these experiences in life which he felt we needed to learn thru' watching movies both good & bad so that we would know to seek the good & to depart from evil.

18. HE ALSO TOOK US ON MANY SPECIAL OUTINGS & TRIPS AS REWARDS, sometimes taking turns with one or two of us going with him at a time & sometimes taking all of us in outings to the parks, swimming in the swimming pool, taking us to the YMCA so we could play ping pong, or taking us to visit certain sites in the particular cities we were travelling thru', such as a wax museum or a flower garden, or in the national parks, climbing a mountain or going to the zoo to see the animals or to a museum. He took special care to see that we visited the points of interest that were of value & educational to us in all the places where we travelled.

19. THE METHOD OF PUNISHMENT DAD USED ON US when we misbehaved & had to be disciplined was a good sound spanking with the wire end of a flyswatter, the equivalent of which I have found to use with my children being a thin wire clothes hanger covered with plastic bent straight, as most flyswatters today have lightweight plastic handles. But he administered the necessary discipline to us with this instrument when we got too carried away with fighting each other to the point where

someone got hurt & went crying.

20. HE ALWAYS SPANKED US ONLY ON OUR BOTTOM, usually with our pants on. He would not usually pull down our pants & spank us on our bare bottom with the fly swatter, but he felt he could administer the fly swatter sufficiently thru' our pants.

21. SOMETIMES HE WOULD SMACK OUR MOUTH with his hand for speaking badly or disrespectfully, but he was always very careful not to injure us in any lasting way. Another method he used in punishing the offending member was to wash out our mouth with soap when we said things we shouldn't, were disrespectful or spoke very badly to each other, & tho' this method was not used too often it was very effective & really stood out in our memory, motivating us not to say things we shouldn't such as boasting, murmuring, being disrespectful or using dirty language.

22. THEY WOULD SOMETIMES HAVE US STAND IN THE CORNER quoting a Scripture or sentence containing the positive lesson we needed to learn from the discipline. Having to skip a meal was one method of discipline which was used only rarely if we murmured or complained about the food or came too late to the table.

23. ALL THESE FORMS OF DISCIPLINE WERE ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS LECTURING US very thoroughly as to the reasons we were being punished & what positive lessons we needed to learn from the punishment & what God was trying to teach us, & sometimes his lectures being long & weighty were more of a punishment than the spanking itself as this kept us from our playtime & being able to continue with our activities.

24. WE'D RATHER HAVE JUST GOTTEN A QUICK SPANKING, gotten it over with & gone back to what we were

doing, but he would always diligently explain to us why we were getting a spanking, what we needed to learn from it, why we shouldn't do it again, how the Lord felt about what we were doing, what the Bible said about what we were doing etc.

25. SO THERE WAS A VERY GOOD BALANCE between Dad's methods of love, rewards & punishments. We were never in doubt that he really loved us & cared for us & that his punishing us was something which he did not want to do but did only for our own good & to teach us & train us in the way that we needed to go.

26. SO WE KNEW HE WAS NOT BEING HYPOCRITICAL or requiring us to do or be some-

thing that he was not, but that he was endeavouring to channel us to go in the direction that he & the Lord were going. Therefore we learned to respect & receive the discipline that he administered to us, & inasmuch as we have done according to what he taught us it has borne good fruit, & those of us at certain times who did not receive it & rebelled & didn't learn the lessons that he was trying to teach us, we saw that it bore bad fruit.

27. BUT MOST OF THE TIME, PARTICULARLY WITH THE YOUNGER CHILDREN, HE TOOK SPECIAL PERSONAL CARE & concern in training & disciplining us, & we learned to receive it & respect him for it, & as we grew older to the age

that he did not want to spank us & felt that we needed to learn to obey thru' telling us the Word & thru' instructing us, we learned to follow & obey the Lord ourselves according to his example.

28. WHEN WE FOLLOWED & OBEYED IT HAS BORNE GOOD & LASTING FRUIT in our lives, & our failures & mistakes as his children have been the result of our own personal failures to learn the lessons that he & the Lord have tried to teach us & to obey the things that he & the Lord have told us to do. But by God's grace if you train up a child in the way that he should go, Dad believed & taught us that when he is old he will not depart from it. Hallelujah! Love, Ho.

## Letter From Jeremiah Singer!

Thanks to Dad for MWM-French Vision! Plus tried 'n proven tips on cafe singing!

Dearest Dad & Maria & Peter,

written by Jeremiah, hand copied by Sean MAY 22, 81

GBY! J.R.L.Y.'s again for all your special love & concern for us. We pray everyday for you & our precious Maria, that the Lord keeps you in perfect health mightily & protects you both. We know He answers Too! P.T.L. I felt inspired this morning to write you, and let you know what we've been doing lately and some victories we've been having during this time of waiting, before actually getting directly involved with the producing of the MWM Tapes in French, Jonathan (French) I have been learning, translating & singing together many of the songs from the MWM Tapes. Before we started living together, each of us (Jonathan & I) had been singing alone each night in restaurants for support. When singing alone it's much harder to stay strong and in control of the restaurant audience which results in almost being obliged to sing system songs. Sometimes these people can be pretty demanding and it's hard not to offend some if we refuse when they ask. But since Jonathan & I have been going out together we've almost vowed with each other and to the Lord that we will only sing MWM material. Ever since we've made this commitment, the Lord has been mightily blessing us spiritually & financially as well. P.T.L! What a victory! Now when people ask us to do system songs we just sweetly explain that we only do



### A BIT OF HISTORY!

—SIMON PETER as Cromwell, on stage at the Family's first "Poorboy Club" disco club; early 1974. This was Simon's first dramatic role in the Family, & his gripping oration of the Words of David, "Who will fill Cromwell's helmet?" reduced the audience of English youth to tears & led to the Salvation of many!

