"KING ARTHUR'S NIGHTS!"—Chapter 15.
"FREED!"—By Maria and Moses David & Rebecca and Arthur Newlove.

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1. THE PHONE JUST RANG AND IT WAS ARTHUR!—HE SAID HE MADE THE BREAK AGAIN! He said he was really put through the mill this morning! He sounded a little down but relieved, and said he'd be by at seven tonight. See, tonight is when Jeth is having dinner with us to talk over Arthur's new job, so it will be a victory tonight, and I can't wait!

2. WHEW!! I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER! I thought he had had such a victory over his job that I was really shocked when he had that big battle! He told me himself he had been talking to the wrong people. His boss was anything else!!" He wants to be first in my life, but I told him it doesn't work that way. He really is a king and it sure isn't easy! Sometimes his systemite ways annoy me, and he corrects my speech and actions lots of times. It's really a scream, so I just repeat what he corrected me for and rub it in. He usually ends up laughing.

4. WELL, ANYWAY I SEE HOW THE LORD IS FORCING MY HAND TOO. I must say now, because I couldn't tell you when I didn't have the victory, but when your letter to Arthur and me arrived, I went through the biggest trial of my life. I just cried and cried! Although Arthur has been such a help, I just didn't want that regular relationship. I just didn't see how I could stand him all the time, because I guess I like my freedom too, and I knew how Arthur would react to those suggestions about us being together.

5. HOW COULD I TELL HIM WHAT I
REALLY FELT, when all along I told him I loved him? It just seems to add up to something more than my relationship with Josh, who is like my big brother. Arthur plus baby just adds up to something more it seems, and I didn't want it.

6. AND YES, I'VE MISSED MY PERIOD TWICE NOW, so it's a good possibility that I'm pregnant! That's pretty heavy for me too, because I've always wanted to have your baby. So I accept it because the Lord showed you I would, so I'm trusting God for everything.—And Josh is still busy a lot downtown and doesn't make it home night after night, and Arthur seems to be there when I need him.

7. SO I LEAN ON HIM because there isn't anybody else. He never lets me down, and he loves me so much and wants to make me happy. I really appreciate his love, but his jealousy over me really troubles me and I really can't stand it. But in time I hope it will be better. At least I can count on him to really help out, and it makes everything so much easier. And now (although I didn't want him to be with me at the house before), now I think it is the only way, because I just don't think he would come unless he knew he could be with me. What a situation! Well, Praise God!

8. I'M ALWAYS TELLING ARTHUR NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE, but I've got to tell myself that too! Oh Boy! So I think it would be great if Arthur could move in with me for now.—In one letter you said if the Council approves.—Do you mean the Minister's Council or the Executive?

9. SO ANYWAY, BEING A LIBRA like the book says, I treasure above all else the man I choose to love and honour and that's you, that's the way it is and I'll never feel the same about anybody else! That I know for sure!!!

10. YOUR LETTER, "THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST", was the most wonderful letter, I loved it! It was such a delightful heart-touching letter! Thanks so much!! I loved the dream about the lion too! All my love always and forever, Your Bec. XXXXXXX

(From Arthur) July 14, 1974

My Dear David and Maria,

11. GREETINGS ON THIS FIRST DAY OF MY NEW LIFE! Yesterday I finally quit my job amidst a tirade of abuse, which I didn't rate in my eyes as much of a reward after twelve years of diligent servitude as a slave to my own selfish desires!

12. I THANK YOU BOTH SO MUCH for your wonderful letter (See Chap. 12: "The Tunnel & Call to Arms"), and I am so pleased to hear that you are both having a deserved rest and enjoying more relaxing conditions. Becky gave me your letter to read on the last Wednesday in June with the warning that, in her own words, it was really heavy! Wow! She was not joking!

13. I MUST ADMIT TO BEING SHOCKED when I first read it, but nonetheless I braved the storm and took the body blows!—Ha!....I now cherish it, along with all our correspondence, as a really precious declaration of your love for and faith in myself, and find in it real encouragement to my new life in serving our Lord.

14. I HOPE I CAN HELP HIS FAMILY in their work and really help to spread the true word and love of God to people around the world who are as hungry as I am for it. I pray for strength to do His bidding, and I can assure you both I mean to succeed to the best of my ability with His guidance.

15. I WILL WORK IN GOD'S NAME just wherever He thinks and with whomsoever He thinks I am most able. Even though I love your own dear Becky with all my heart, it is true that without ultimate love for and faith in Our Lord I might just as well not bother! She has been such a pillar of strength to me these past weeks. Her faith has been my guide, and God's love for her has been my
real encouragement. We have become very close.

16. I WAS READING IN THE BIBLE ABOUT WORKING FOR GOD, and as you point out, my boot-camp training is now an essential because I am already feeling an inability to back up my faith with the words of God. Reading the passages which your letter referred to, it became clear to me that I had to show my faith.

17. SO AFTER SPENDING AN EVENING SHARING with Becky and Joshua (the same evening as your letter arrived) and following this with a sleepless night praying, really praying for guidance to our own unfailing Saviour, I told my boss that I was leaving two weeks from that day. He was sure then of my emotional instability and now he's absolutely convinced I am mentally sick, but the feeling I underwent was simply euphoric as I cleared through those ropes and chains of bondage!

18. I AM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE FREE! I think that for too long I have been coasting along on someone else's faith, but when it came to the crunch He really helped me do it. I have already talked with Jethro and Joshua and met most everybody, and tomorrow I start planning for the Lord.

19. I MUST ADMIT I'M SCARED of what I'm heading for--well no, not scared--maybe uncertain: but fortunately, as you know, I have blind faith in God and I know He will help me if I ask Him enough!

20. THANK YOU BOTH for your kind letter inviting me to come and visit you and I agree with your not sending it to me. I really am sorry to hear about your miscarriage with our baby, Maria. The responsibility you entrusted to me on the wonderful nights we spent together will never leave my heart. I love you both so much! A love such as yours I had never known before.

21. I THANK THE LORD that you were the people He guided me to that night at the Ballroom. My, it seems so long ago! So much has happened since. My new life has already started.

22. THANK YOU DAD FOR SHARING BOTH OF YOUR WONDERFUL QUEENS with me, though I still don't understand why! You have helped me receive Jesus right here in my heart, and now I mean to repay Him with undying love. Thank you all so much and bless you in His name! I will let you know how things go! The importance of paper power has already been made clear to me.

23. I REALLY LAUGH to myself and with Becky about the day I asked you, Dad, if you ever had anything published and if you were successful as a writer and you answered, "Moderately so!" Wow!! You really enjoyed my questions and really loved stonewalling me! You thin-haired, nameless, old (Ha!) guy from overseas! I love you all so much!--Bye for now. God bless and keep you both.--Love, Arthur. X. Praise the Lord!

(From Dad) July 18, 1974

Dearest Becky:

24. I LOVE YOU! And if you don't believe it, just read the love letter I've written you beginning on Page 4!--Of course, as so often happens, it turned out to be a warning to Arthur about his backslidings!--It might even make a good MO Letter on the subject. It's sure needed!

25. I'M SO SORRY I caused you so much trouble and heartache!--Please forgive me! I'll try never to do it again!--And if Arthur doesn't behave--well, I guess you'll just have to teach him how to!

26. YOU CAN'T ABANDON THE BABY JUST 'CAUSE SOMETIMES HE'S BAD! He needs lots of help. Tell him I still love him and that's why I'm spanking him in this letter, appropriate parts of which you can read him if you want. God bless and help you both!--Love, Dad.

27. P.S. JOSH SHOULD STICK WITH YOU MORE! Arthur needs him too!--
And you need him! We always work and witness in pairs!—Never alone! How come you’ve deserted Beck, Josh? Stick with her! You’re her big brother! I love you!—Dad.

(From Maria) July 18, 1974
Dear Becky,
Greetings in Jesus’ Name!

28. WE HAVEN’T HEARD FROM YOU in so long we’re having to write and find out what’s going on! Dad is threatening to make it a rule that you write us twice a week. There’s so much fascinating information we’re missing out on because you’re failing to write us frequently enough, and the story is suffering!

29. WE’VE ALREADY EVEN HEARD FROM DEB AND JETH about dinners they had with Arthur twice now, but of course not in detail, the details of which we depend upon you to give us. We know you must be terribly busy, especially with the baby being born and all your other duties, but if you don’t get the info written immediately, much of it will be lost! You, believe it or not, are the one we wait the most eagerly to hear from. When we were talking about Arthur the other day, Dad got the following for him (NO. 314A):

30. THE LORD SEEMS TO MAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAMS THE HARDEST OF ALL, and they usually come all in one big batch so that everyone will know right away if you’ve got what it takes, so they won’t waste any more time on you. What’s the use of paying for a big long education if you’re going to flunk in the end?

31. IT’S KIND OF LIKE BEING BORN! It’s quite a crisis experience that the mother and baby go through. If they can make that, they can usually make the rest pretty good. From then on you just go step by step and grade by grade and it comes a little more spread out, like the growth of the baby. Isn’t that funny?

32. IT’S BEEN ABOUT NINE MONTHS since we first met Arthur.—He’s just being born! He’s going through the tunnel—the birth canal—quite a squeeze! It’s that final squeeze that does something for the baby that a Caesarian doesn’t do—something about his circulation or his breathing—I’ve forgotten—but that final squeeze is necessary.

33. BECKY, PLEASE TELL ARTHUR that the Lord never said we wouldn’t have illnesses and afflictions but He said He’d deliver us out of them all.—Dad.

(From Maria) July 18, 1974
Dear Becky,

34. THIS MORNING (JULY 18) while David was praying in the Spirit for Makarios and Cyprus, he was also burdened about you, having just received your letters yesterday telling us how badly Arthur had treated you and also of your battles concerning him, and he prayed for you as follows:

35. "HELP BECKY, O JESUS! Deliver her from the hand of the enemy and the cruel who rise up against her! Deliver her, O God! Save us, O God! Save Thy children, O Lord, and save our life line! Keep our mail, O Jesus! (Tongues.) Slay the wicked, O Lord! Deliver Thy children out of the hand of the enemy! Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen, Jesus!

36. WE PUT YOUR LITTLE FATHER IN THY HANDS AND Thy LITTLE ONES, Thy child, and all Thy children and Your little sheep. They’re all in Your hands. I can’t save them but You can—Thy sheep in London, Thy sheep in Cyprus and even Thy sheep here, even me, Lord, Thy Shepherd and Thy little lamb, in Jesus Name!" Later in the prayer, Beck, he returned again to praying for you:

37. "DELIVER BECKY, O LORD! Forgive me for hurting Becky. Strengthen Thy children, O Lord, and Thy precious little handmaiden." This was part of a very inspired and lengthy prayer and revelation we got about Makarios and Cyprus (NO. 309A) while totally in the Spirit as usual, which you’ll be
receiving soon, Lord Willing. The following is being dictated directly to me for you from your dearest love, David:

(From David) July 18, 1974

Dearest Becky, my Love!—Greetings in Jesus Precious Name!

38. PLEASE, PLEASE FORGIVE ME for hurting you so much that I made you cry so! I'm so very sorry! It just shows what a mess I am, I make so many mistakes, please forgive me! The Lord warned me that I was putting that proposition to you about sticking with Arthur to "help him make it through the night" a little too bluntly and perhaps too business-like, but I'm that way sometimes when I'm lecturing, as you know.

39. I WAS REALLY LECTURING ARTHUR, not you, and when I'm telling people to forsake all I can be pretty hard on them sometimes, as for you well know, I have never had any stomach for people who have no guts and are wishy-washy! The lukewarm make both God and me sick to our stomachs, and I have very little patience with the double-minded, the divided-hearted and double-eyed waverers who can't make up their minds, but, as God says, "are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest!" (Isa.57: 20.) There is no rest for the wayward!

40. I AM A FANATIC, AN EXTREMIST, DRASTIC AND TOTALLY REVOLUTIONARY and I cannot even understand people who are not! I cannot comprehend people's hesitation in serving the Lord all the way! If He's worth serving at all, He's worth serving full time and all the way!—And that's just the way I feel about it and that's the way I am and that's why we're where we are and why we have a Revolution at all!

41. AS YOU SO WELL KNOW, I DO EVERYTHING LIKE MAD!—Whatever I do, right or wrong, I do it furiously! I love like mad, kiss like mad, fuck like mad, drink like mad, walk like mad and talk like mad—and Maria says I work and dance like mad, too! And sometimes when I talk, I talk like I am mad at somebody—and sometimes I am!

42. BECAUSE GOD GETS MAD TOO with some people, especially backsliders, waverers and the lukewarm, as I've already outlined above in that little thing for Job Pilgrim on backsliding.—What a name for a guy who never made it: "pilgrim"! The pilgrim who never reaches his goal is not on a pilgrimage!—He's just a wanderer who doesn't know where he's going, so how can he ever get there? I'm sorry, but I just don't have much patience with such people! As God Himself says:

43. "MY SOUL ABHORRETH HIM THAT TURNETH BACK!" God hates to see people's back sides, and when He does, He usually gives them a good quick hard stiff kick in the butt that sends them sprawling back into the slimepit from which they came for another good bellyful of it, hoping they'll get so sick of it this time they'll never look back at it again!

44. ONE REASON WHY GOD GETS SO ANGRY WITH BACKSLIDERS is that they're such a terrible testimony and seldom ever backslide alone—they always take others with them! The backslider's a real soul winner for the Devil! He's always got the most convincing arguments to justify himself and to persuade others to do the same so he can defend his own backsliding. Like the Methodists, he believes in backsliding and practices it, too!—And always tries to get others converted to his cause, since, of course, it's the right one! Ha!

45. THEY ALWAYS LOUDLY MURMUR, complain and criticise and proclaim their doubts and fears to all who will listen, especially the already weak and wavering, particularly babes and beginners! Backsliders are the greatest proselyters in the religious business! As Jesus Himself said: "They'll compass the world to
convert one person to their cause, and then make him more of a child of Hell than they are themselves!" (Mat. 23:15.)—Like the hypocritical Scribes and Pharisees who crucified Him!

46. **THEY BECOME YOUR VERY WORST ENEMIES** and the most diabolical traitors to your cause! Like Judas, they not only backslide, but they also have to fight and betray you to prove they're no longer one of you. To try to get re-accepted by the System, they now lead the fight against you, because they're now so ashamed they were once fool enough to be one of you! They become your most dangerous enemies because they know you and your operation so well!

47. **THIS IS WHY GOD GOES AFTER THEM SO HARD** with such severe chastening to try to get them to repent and come back to Him before they've done too much damage. He sometimes wields the heaviest rod on the backs of His own children when they backslide because they know better and are without excuse! Then if they will not soon repent, He usually destroys them so they can do no further harm! I've seen it happen so many times! Almost the worst things I've ever seen happen to Christians I've seen happen to backsliders in the hands of an angry God!—And I've seen it happen so often and in so many cases, more than I can possibly number!

48. **SO BACKSLIDER, BEWARE!** You'll never make it unless you return to the Lord and His service!—And if you do repent and return, He'll expect more of you than He did before to undo the damage you've done, make restitution for the losses you've caused and to work harder and more faithfully than ever before to prove your loyalty which has become somewhat doubtful and untrustworthy from past experience. The trust that was once placed in you by grace will now have to be earned by works to the utmost to prove you are no longer a traitor and will no longer backslide. You will find it very hard to restore people's confidence in you, once you've lost it. They're afraid to trust you again unless you prove to the utmost that you're worthy of it! It's a hard road back for the backslider!—Which is another reason why they so seldom come back. It's so easy to backslide, but so hard to return!

49. **YET THE LORD SAYS HE'S MARRIED TO THE BACKSLIDER**, and begs the wicked to forsake his wicked way and promises to forgive him if he'll only turn from his sins, which He promises to wash away and make him whiter than snow! So if the backslider does make it and does return to the Lord and His service, he will usually make one of the best men you've ever had, because he'll do his best to prove that he can make it, and work harder at it than almost anyone else, for which God will even seem to bless him sometimes more than others. The bird whose pinion was once broken by the grace of God will fly even higher than before, and the straying sheep whose leg had to be broken will have to remain in the Shepherd's bosom so long he will never stray again!

50. **HE KNOWS THE PRICE!** He's been through that hell of backsliding and he wants no more of it ever again! He'll work harder than he ever did before and he'll hate backsliding more than ever and will have less patience with the backslider than ever before!—I oughtta know: I was one!—And who hasn't been at some time or other? Maybe this is why I've over-reacted and gone so far by over-compensating to the opposite extreme in my revolutionary turnaround to go the opposite direction in my fight upstream against the System and all the Devil's tricks, especially backsliding!

51. **SO I'M SORRY: I HAVEN'T MUCH MERCY FOR THE BACKSLIDER** while he's still backsliding: Like the Lord, I really sock it to him to
try to get him to repent fast before he does himself and others and the Lord's cause too much damage, because that's the first thing he tries to do to vindicate himself. That's why I've always said to get rid of them quick, because they often want to stay right there with you to do as much damage as possible from the inside and take others with them when they go.

52. THIS IS WHY I'VE ALWAYS INSISTED ON A PERIOD OF PROBATION of a few weeks before taking them in, to make sure they can make it, as the first few weeks are usually the hardest and you'll usually know by then whether they can or not. It's better for them to backslide before joining than afterwards. It'll be easier on you and them both, and God won't hold them quite as responsible since they don't yet know too much and are still pretty ignorant.

53. BUT WOE UNTO THOSE THAT ARE WITH YOU A LONG TIME and the closest to you; like Judas, they'll be the worst of all and usually do their best to betray you and are in the best position to do it and therefore are the most dangerous of all! That's why most people have to be with us for years before we trust them enough to let them get near the top! Only in a few very miraculous cases has God Himself broken this rule, such as with Maria—and we hope, with Arthur.

54. BUT THIS IS ALSO WHY I'M SO CONCERNED ABOUT HIM and angry at his backslidings and concerned about you and your safety as well as our security materials there and particularly our lifeline, the mail. I'm furious at all the trouble he's caused you and the way he has treated you after we have all been so good to him and bent over backwards and frontwards and even laid underneath him to try to help him! But I have been particularly concerned about you and the mail, and even regarding our own personal safety.

55. BECAUSE, AS YOU HAVE DISCOVERED, Arthur can tend toward a little instability and even a possible streak of violence if sufficiently pressured or provoked. I did not want to tell you this before, as I did not want to worry you about it since I hoped the Lord would get the victory and he would not manifest any of these tendencies toward you. This is one reason I was so worried about Maria the first night she went with him alone. But I just had to trust the Lord, and that's what we've now been doing about you. So we're certainly praying desperately he makes it!

56. BUT ABOUT HIS MOVING IN WITH YOU in the house: My generosity is sometimes a little impulsive and I often am quick to give, and sometimes too much, without fully considering the possible consequences. When I said he could have you I didn't mean forever or even all the time, as most of your time and strength is devoted to the Lord's service, and particularly to very high security operations. I simply meant that you'd probably have to stick close to him as long as necessary to pull him through until he makes it.

57. YOU'RE JUST LIKE A MOTHER WITH A BABY! Beyond that, I doubt if any of us knows the Lord's will at this early date and stage, any more than a mother knows what her baby will become when he's a full grown man or how long he'll be with her! So, que sera, sera! Only the Lord knows what it will be and what your present association may or may not lead to beyond the present crisis of birth and early nursing! But from your first letters you two seemed to be getting along so well and having so much fun and fellowship I was beginning to think that it might even lead to something more permanent, like Rachel and Emanuele. But as I have always told all of you girls, that is entirely up to you and the Lord, and
you're not being "sentenced" to any permanent relationship by me! That would be entirely according to your own choice within the will of God, Praise the Lord! Amen?

58. BUT PLEASE TRY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS BABY if possible and necessary and try to see him through and help him make it in any way you could or felt led. You are in no way bound to Arthur except it be by the Lord, and you're perfectly free to dump him anytime you get fed up with him and his vacillating shenanigans if he doesn't appreciate what you're doing for him and doesn't want to make it, however the Lord may lead you. It's entirely up to you and your personal choice and desire according to your own heart and what you feel is the Lord's will. However, here again, it's a little like having a baby:

59. YOU CAN'T BE JUST A LITTLE BIT PREGNANT!—YOU'VE USUALLY GOTTA SEE IT THROUGH and have it, live or die, sink or swim, once the process of conception and pregnancy have started, unless for some reason the Lord wants to abort it because of some malfunction or malformation, but that God would have to do Himself, as I don't believe in abortion any more than the pill --in fact, even less! I think it's just plain infanticide or child murder to destroy the life which God Himself has created!

60. SO YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO HAVE THE BABY, whether you have Arthur or not!--Maybe that's just what he needs to know: It might tender him and make him a little more considerate and make him act a little more responsibly, which is exactly what he needs! He's too big a baby himself and he needs to learn how to grow up and have a little more responsibility for others and their needs! So if he doesn't appreciate you or the chance we've given him, I'll certainly withdraw the offer!

61. ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS THINGS IN THE WORLD TO DO IS TO RESIST THE HOLY GHOST, as he did that night, which he needs now more than ever to help him make the grade! Because, as the Lord Himself said, if this resistance continues unrepentedly, it will not be forgiven (Heb. 6), and his latter fate will be worse than his beginning!

62. SO HE CERTAINLY NEEDS THE BAPTISM OF GOD'S LOVE and power to be filled to overflowing with His precious Holy Spirit in order to have the strength to pull through! Because spiritual resistance causes spiritual callousness! --Every time we resist God's Spirit our hearts grow harder until He will strive with us no more and we are destroyed without remedy! (Prov. 29:1.) So may the resister beware!

63. WE DO AGREE THAT TO PULL THIS BABY THROUGH YOU MAY HAVE TO STAY WITH HIM EVERY MINUTE, and this may be where you made your first mistake in not going with him to help him face his folks when he got that new car, because you know how the Devil deceives and lies and tests the new disciple!--Especially through his own loved ones, best friends and close associates! So the sooner he quits his job the better, and the sooner he moves in with you the better, as you probably will have to stay with him full time to help him grow stronger and make it.

64. BUT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO MOVE TOGETHER TO SOMEPLACE LIKE THE COLONY where you'd have more help and he'd have more to occupy his time, as he must be kept busy! Idleness is the Devil's workshop! If he does move into the house, you must be sure all of our papers and things are removed and not a piece of mail from us ever brought there, and that he is never with you when you pick up the mail. Take it straight to your office downtown instead. Please protect us! God bless you!--Love, Dad and Maria.