THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY!

PART I.

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I, Marla, and David were trying to win Brian for the Lord. He agreed that he was a sinner and he believed in God and in Christ, His Son. Yet he was not willing to go all the way, taking the final step to personally receive Christ! So finally I went to visit him alone to try and get him to accept me. David couldn't go, he was so sick. The Lord must have rigged it! I went out of our house to meet him out front at his car.

You can't leave David!

He's fine, Brian! Becky is taking care of him, and she will take good care of him!

Excuse me if I don't talk, but ever since Tuesday I have just had this band around my head. It's like, I guess, my spirit's gone!

He is turning more and more of a deaf ear to the Words of God and His Love! It used to be he wanted to hear everything, discuss everything, and now he doesn't even want to hear anything anymore!

God, give him another chance! Accepting God's Love in me is just like accepting Your Love in Christ!!!
While we were still in the living room, I said, Brian, you are in this condition because you are not accepting God's gift!!!

You're saying it isn't good enough, you want something different! You can't do that. You have to accept what God is giving at the moment, and then He'll give you something better later!

Meanwhile, David was praying...

Lord, You must come first! You are not playing second fiddle to anybody! If You are going to show Brian Your love through Maria, then You keep him from getting any other kind of love in between, until he has received her love. Your love, all the way. If he will not receive Maria all the way as an example of Your ultimate love and His ultimate surrender to Your love, then let him be accursed, as John 3:18 says, "He that believeth not shall be condemned already.

If David didn't exist now, who would you choose? Who do you love most? Me or Helen? Do you love me? Helen!

Well, I just have that love for Helen and I can't help it. I'm in love with her, and she has first place! I appreciate that she didn't. If she had done it, then I would have known that she would have done it with other men and I wouldn't have wanted her any way!

It's just as insane as the sinner rejecting Christ! Just as Christ is pleading to come in, I, Maria, am a female representative begging like He is to hearts. Himself, the love is the same! A

Brian! Please let Me come in!

Please come in, Brian!
Brian represents justice.

My head is bloody but unbowed.

I am the captain of my fate and the master of my soul.

The Devil is all for justice. He wants everybody to stick to the law and he wants God to crack down on anybody that breaks the law.

Punish them, they have broken the law!

I will have mercy, not sacrifice!

(Mt. 12:7)

Arthur represents the sheep, that follows in spite of pride.

But it's God who even made the laws, who wants you to have mercy and forgiveness and salvation?

Brian, represents justice.

I can see now why God had the two cases:

and Arthur the receiver.

I don't understand it, but I just take it by faith. I just receive great love and thankfulness.

What a beautiful poem!

So we did everything but fuck?

Now are you happy?

Can't you be happy even for just a couple of hours while I'm here at least?

Well, I can't say I am happy, but I am relaxed.

Maybe, yeah, I think so.
If Brian would go all the way with me, Maria, then he would feel obligated to me for the rest of his life, just like the picture we saw of the knight, "Lord Byron's Surrender." (See #301) This is the picture God sees, God's ideal, the way God wants it. But this is what Brian is fighting.

"Nothing can move me from the service of my lord and this my father. I shall serve thee.

'ill death or us part!

For I bow before thee, sword and hand, I pledge my love and my life and my devotion, that I may be wholly thine, now and forevermore. I am thy valiant prince, Lord Byron.

For behold! I am married unto thee, and nothing shall part us!"

What do you have to lose? You are down-hearted now and you say you feel dead, so what do you have to lose? Just your own self-righteousness!

It's adultery!

Brian, don't you believe that David and I are doing it in pure, selfless love?

What an illustration to the sinner and to the world today who are all crazy for sex and all that kind of love. Here we are giving Brian a concrete example in terms they can understand. In a picture they can comprehend, by a literal illustration of the love of God and how crazy anybody is to reject it! Isn't it amazing? Instead of humbling himself!

Even the picture of Jesus on the cross has lost its emotional effect on most people.

They don't sense the tremendous love, they don't sense the sacrifice they don't sense the suffering, they don't sense what He did for them at all. It doesn't even move them anymore.

So what! It's a crucifix! He's hanging on the cross! We've always seen Him doing that!

To Be Continued in Part 2: JESUS AND SEX! -- Don't miss it!