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MONTH OF AUGUST

MINI-MESSAGES

THE WAR RAGES

Here's the bottom line. You know it and I know it. We won't win the battles if we refuse to lose the things in life that keep us from following Jesus. I'm not just talking about the end result things; I'm also talking about those little steps of compromise along the way. So, let's pick up our cross today and lose our lives for Jesus' sake. Let's find a way to stand up to the temptations on the job or find another job if necessary. Let's stay in touch with worldly friends, but chose godly people for our closest friends. And by all means, let's turn away from those dark, secretive places and run for the light! We'll never lose anything in life worth keeping if we give it up for Jesus' sake!

MAKE-OVER

So often, we attempt to present to our Omnipotent Creator what we think is good — justifying our actions, promising to do better, trying to put the best spin on the state of our souls. In the end, what He wants is US. When we give Him ourselves, He gives us the very best He has and makes of us what we could never be if left to our own “make-over” efforts.

Today, don't endeavor to 'spin' all your good qualities trying to sell yourself to God, instead, offer yourself and let Him

totally remake you! He's more interested in site; He'll take care of the building.

GOD'S PROMISES-OUR FAITHFULNESS

What if the fulfillment of God's greatest promises depended upon my faithfulness? Ouch! That's a tough one. But Matthew 1:23-24 emphasize just that point. It shows how the act of obedience played out with Joseph and Mary. In very simple and straight forward terms, Matthew tells how God spoke His Will through the prophets and angels as well as how Joseph and Mary obeyed what God told them to do. That's still the same way God's promises come true today. God uses the simple act of obedience in matters large and small to bring about His promises. We will not always know why God calls us to a certain task, challenge, or opportunity, but we can be sure that He will always use our faithfulness for our greater good and to bring glory to Him.

SPIRITUAL WARRIORS PRAYER GUIDE PAGE

SPIRIT TRANSFERENCE

After gaining some experience in warfare, soldiers usually receive more advanced instruction in specific areas of warfare.

This portion of the warfare manual is entitled "spiritual warfare advanced training," the initials of which spell "SWAT." In military action, a "SWAT" team is a specialized

In this message you will study one of the most powerful and influential strategies used by Satan. Recognition of this strategy will answer many questions you have had in the past as you witnessed negative changes in your family, friends, and church fellowship...perhaps even in yourself. The strategy of which we speak is called "spirit transference."

This powerful strategy of spirit transference accounts for many of the spiritual battles fought by believers today. It accounts for the abrupt changes from positive to negative behavior which we witness in those around us. It explains why two children, raised in the same home, who receive the same Christian training, can turn out so differently. It is the reason behind divisions in homes, friendships, and church fellowships. When you maintain close association with or come under the influence of a person with a spirit more powerful than yours, you are open to the transference of that spirit to your own spirit. You are influenced by that spirit and it is transferred to you.

NATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD UPDATE

Last call to provide information on your services. Our main focus continues to be the creation of “electronic services portfolios,” for those who have services to offer. I would like for you to provide specific information regarding your services. The electronic portfolio should contain brochures, photos or any material that describes your product or service. You may even have a PowerPoint presentation that we can place in your portfolio. We feel this level of information will give the individual in need of the service a clear picture of your product. So, if you already have a small business or looking to create one, let me hear from you.

GOLDEN NUGGETS

RUTS

Let me give you a few practical pointers to help get out of your rut:

- Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold. HAVE A MISSION, PURPOSE, PLAN, DIRECTION, for your life. That way, you can, with God's help, “just say no” to**

the world. In other words, be proactive about being who God wants you to be and not just reactive to the same old things in the same old way.

- **REINVENT YOURSELF** from the inside out. God has given us the ability and power to recreate ourselves. We were made in His Image, and we can be more like Him everyday. If the old person you are isn't who you want to be, then begin thinking, portraying, and acting like the person you and God want you to be!
- **CHANGE SOMETHING OUTWARD** as a signal or reminder of your new way of being. You may dress a little differently, try a different "look," rearrange your furniture, listen to a different type of music, but use an outward symbol to remind you of a commitment to inward change. It's perfectly okay for you to do this. This is **YOUR** life; **YOU** are the one living it. So hey, praise God for life, and live it uniquely. You don't have to be like everyone else. In fact, as a believer and a child of God, you were not made to be like anyone else.

Now just a word about good habits. Studying Scripture, going to God in heartfelt prayer, caring for yourself physically, making friends, and doing kind deeds for others are all good things. These do not fall into the category of a rut. If you do these things repeatedly and are bored, then vary the routine, but don't stop the good you're doing! Strive to use these good habits as stable anchor points in your life. With good habits, doing the right things in the right way, you can meet the chaotic instability of modern life with faithfulness and bless others. Just stay out of those destructive ruts!

AUDIO MESSAGES & MUSIC - TEENS

I PROMISE-JACI VELASQUEZ

IF THE WORLD-JACI VELASQUEZ