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**Becoming His Bondslave**  
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Dear Dan,

In the early years of my being a private businessman (1990-1993), I was studying Church history and doctrine. But the Lord also reminded me at that time that there was still “a war going on”. This reminder came one night while I was scrubbing the tile floor in a meeting room of the church (U16).

I was listening to my headphone-radio, and it was set to what was then KBIQ (now KCMS-FM), and it was at about 7 or 8 PM. That was the time slot that they had for book-reading. As I listened I began to hear the reader talk of angels fighting demons and stuff. It really got my attention, because it reminded me of the wars I had read about in “The Lord Of The Rings”.

The first night I missed the part of who the author was, or the book title, but I was going to work on the same floor the next night, so I made sure to have the radio on at the beginning of the show. So it was that I heard for the first time of an author named Frank Peretti, and a book titled “This Present Darkness”.

At about this same time, one night I was sitting in my office thinking, and my attention was drawn to one of the many theology books I had purchased earlier. The title of the book was “The Spiritual Affections”, by Jonathan Edwards.

As I thought about the title (a mere scrap of information), the thought occurred to me that all of my affections rightly belong to the Lord God my Creator, and especially to Jesus, my Lord and Savior.

It was this realization that led me to understand that every thing that I am belongs to Jesus. Every bit. So, at that time, even though I didn't have the phrase “bond-slave” in my head, that Word was being worked into my heart by the Holy Spirit. Not long after that I was talking with my friend (CB4), who was for a short time my spiritual elder after I parted company with (CB1). We were talking about Kingdom things, I asked him if there was any sort of way I could express my desire to fully follow Jesus in all things, and he said there was the relationship mentioned in Scripture as that of being a “bond-slave” (or bond-servant) to Him.

It was these thoughts that led my heart to want to be with Jesus all the time, and that's when I began to see Him sitting across the table from me in places like Shari's Restaurant. We became very close, and I would talk to Him as easily as I talk to anyone else, except that I would speak with my mind silently without moving my lips. He would listen, and sometimes He would respond with His own thoughts about what I was sharing with Him.

That was before I got whacked by Satan in the motorcycle wreck. It was while I was a patient at Harborview the first time that Jesus wanted me to get to know our Father more than I did, so He instructed His angel (angel Gabe) to give me the dreams and visions that I had while I was there.

Later, as I have already written about, He made His spiritual presence real enough for me to feel Him with my spirit, which was also His way of preparing me to have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit and with some of His angels, who have become my closest friends on earth.

Blessings...

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