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Dear Bro. Monty

I am writing to clear up some inaccuracies and misconceptions that were expressed when we last spoke, though I do appreciate your telling me.

1. You stated "you have been following her around"

This is incorrect. After April 89 my eldest son and I lived in Cairns - Sis. REDA was in Mareeba. In June she shifted to Cairns, after her husband had left her. She shifted in with a sister. I lived in Mackay on my own for the next 6 months. Sis REDAC was in Cairns. After visiting my sick mum in Brisbane, I shifted to Brisbane in Jan.90. She had her heart attack a few months later, from which she has not recovered.

I was told by Vic Kohl an elder in Cairns to always check with the elders before I do any thing. This I did, because it could be interpreted the wrong way, and asked Bro Ron if it would be O.k. to shift to Brisbane. He said "YES"

I don't think you should hold against me what an Elder gave me permission to do.

2. You also said "in cases like this" meaning cases when people committed adultery to divorce their mates and remarry their new partner, "it can be many years before a person is reinstated."

I am thoroughly amazed that you have made such assumptions. You are ASSUME.. ing, that this case is the same as others you may have heard about or dealt with. YOU ARE WRONG!

Not only are you wrong, but you are also putting yourself and me in a potentially very damaging situation.... Because you have repeated it only to me in Bro. Becks presence, and it won't go any further, I am not offended, though I am hurt that you said it. That is why I'm mentioning it, and supplying you with.....

More accurate information. There was NEVER any adultery on MY part. But there was, on the part of my ex wife, which is the reason I have divorced her. I FORGAVE her for one act of adultery already, which was all I knew about, until she admitted to me end of April 89, that there had been multiple acts "but no more than what you can count on the fingers of one hand" she said. ANY more, was too much for me to handle. It took me nearly ten years to get over the first ONE. By leading me to believe there had been only one act, she certainly compounded the problem, greatly. SO... this is NOT a case "LIKE" that is it ??

I'm sorry if this sounds a bit harsh, but it's MY LIFE YOU ARE HANGING IN THE BALANCE, So please do not make inaccurate and potentially very damaging assumptions.

3. You said "It counts against you that you spoke to the girls" meaning sis. [REDACTED] kids when they first saw me after I came down. I did not have the heart to turn my back on two little girls aged six and seven, running up to me with their arms outstretched to give me a hug. If it "counts against" meI'm sorry, I am too soft and kind. Besides, I told them they could NOT talk to me and to go back to their mother.

4. You also raised the point that I should be "out of the country" preferably, if I "wanted to get reinstated", and that I should not go down the street where sis [REDACTED] lives. While I do appreciate the love behind the advice, I cannot understand your reasoning on this point. Does that mean she should avoid going down City road where I live?

What am I supposed to be getting/running away from? What am I doing wrong? I can't run away from what I did do wrong, two or three years ago, no matter where I go.

You said you were worried about sis. [REDACTED] feelings. That is commendable. It is true to say though, that once I am reinstated ALL my true christian brothers and sisters will be my friends again. That is normal in the true christian congregation. Of course there will probably be some people who will not want me around.

Also I have a scriptural responsibility to my aging parents especially with my mum being sick, they both need my support now. I know it means being self-sacrificing, and I am prepared to put their interests ahead of my own and stay here, in view of the fact that they did the same for me many times while bringing me up. If that counts against me.....

In addition I feel it would be grossly unfair, to make me spend another year or so with another congregation building up a reputation of good meeting attendance etc. and being kept in LIMBO like I have been here, about what I have to do to be reinstated or why I'm not being reinstated, even though I do repent and have repented a long time ago. (besides being told to go away).

However I really do appreciate the work you have done on my behalf, in particular your and bro. Beck's merciful attitude, up to this point, in speaking and listening to me. I especially would like to thank you for the commendation you gave me for "excellent" meeting attendance it was to me "like the shadow of a heavy crag in an exhausted land, like streams of water in a waterless country." May Jehovah, my God and the Great Shepherd, continue to be blessed for his undeserved kindness and mercy.

Thank you for your efforts,

BCH

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