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Fellowship is NOT the main focus of Christianity. God brought persecution to the early church for failing to obey His command to spread His message to those countries surrounding Israel. They loved fellowship more than obedience to Jesus’ own command to GO! So God sent Saul and Herod to “force” the church to spread the Gospel! Read Acts 8:1, 9:1 & 12:1! Paul, Peter, John, James and others went at Jesus’ command with nothing but their staff, sandals and what was on their backs. (*Luke 10:1-4*) Jesus was and still is our role model, did He not leave the hallowed halls of heaven to tread the dusty roads of this earth to bring the gospel to all mankind? Should not our pastors follow the leader?

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THE LAW OF LOVE: MATTHEW 22:37-40

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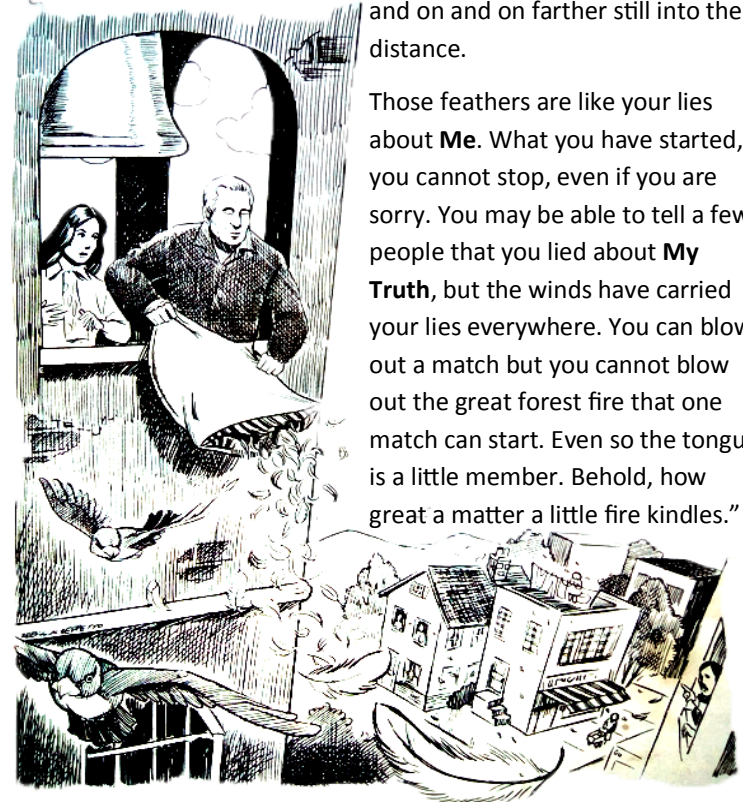
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Those feathers are like your lies about **Me**. What you have started, you cannot stop, even if you are sorry. You may be able to tell a few people that you lied about **My Truth**, but the winds have carried your lies everywhere. You can blow out a match but you cannot blow out the great forest fire that one match can start. Even so the tongue is a little member. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles."

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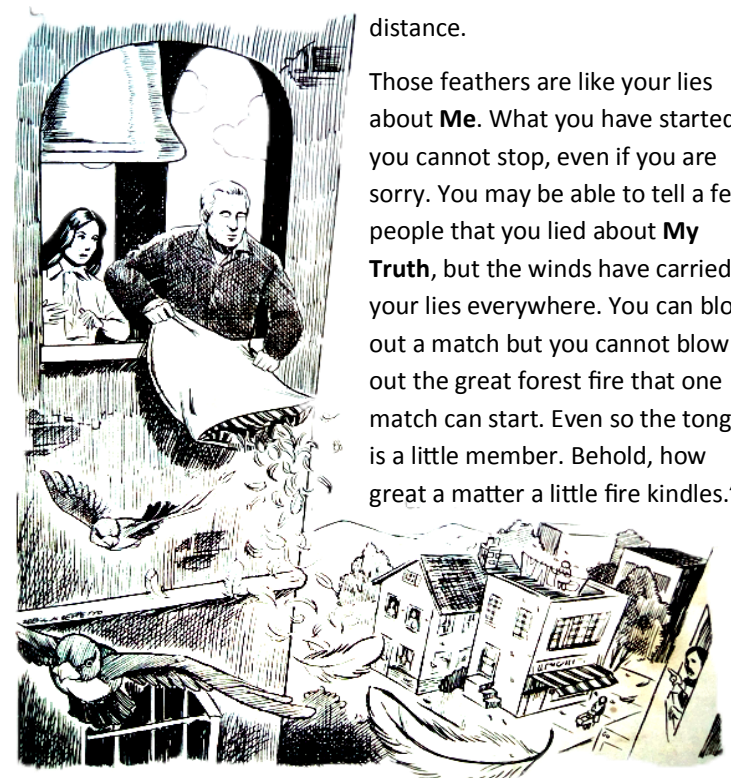
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