

Hi Gary & Marilyn,

Hand delivered to Gary & Marilyn Hargrave and Kevin Hargrave.

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It's been a long time since I've written to you but first things first, I love you so much and I can't wait for the Feast of Tabernacles. I'm writing to you personally and confidentially regarding a situation with my shepherds, myself and [redacted]. For months I have prayed if I should write to you or not, even now as I'm writing this, I don't know what to include or not but I do feel that I need to communicate with you. Gary, your health and healing are very important to me and I do not want this letter to be a distraction to that and I don't feel that it will be, but please feel free to read this at your leisure because it could be a lengthy letter. So with that being said, especially the part about loving you guys, I will start.

I'm writing to you & I feel I have to communicate to you, especially Marilyn. Since I've dedicated myself to you long ago, I need you to know that I'm having a really hard time & I feel stuck & I trust you guys w/ my life & need to know what I'm going through.

I wrote a letter to Steve Seboldt and the Walkoes in 2001. I don't know if this letter was brought to your attention so I'm including it now because I think it helps provide a bigger picture of my heart and some background which may contribute to my situation now. Please feel free to read it with this letter or later.

Sarah McMullen is my confirmed Elijah. After working with her and getting a close relationship, last September we talked about dating. She felt I was in a place to start looking for a mate, my husband. This being the first time I had a covering in dating, I was really excited and told her I would start praying about it. I started praying by giving the Lord my desire to marry and find my husband who will have all the qualities I know I need to be happy with, which I have found from or a lack of past relationships. I'm looking for someone who will always find His will with me, worships Him with all his heart and believes in Him from a deep revelation and truth. Someone who can direct my ministry and love in the right way and who will always be honest, open and faithful in actions and thoughts. Someone who I have fun with and awesome chemistry with and most importantly to me, someone who sees my heart and how much I love the Lord and loves me for that.

In December I started hanging out with some of the guys with Sarah's direction, [redacted] was one of them. First time alone, we went to Disneyland and had a surprisingly great time because we thought we were so different. After that we started spending more time together. I told Sarah I was having a great time getting to know him and how different he was from the other guys. After a month of hanging out with [redacted], Sarah told me if it was still going good in a few more weeks [redacted] and I should ask the shepherds if we could date exclusively.

After a couple more weeks, I told [redacted] what Sarah said and he was excited about the idea, so Sarah talked with Mike Cabral, who is [redacted]'s Elijah and Scott McDonald. Sarah came back to me saying that they are OK with it but Scott's hesitations were that I had a lot of boyfriends and wanted to make sure I knew [redacted] is very sensitive and could fall hard for me and didn't want him to get hurt and wanted to make sure this was not a project of mine. Being pissed off (obviously not the right reaction) about the project comment, but understanding everything else he was concerned about, I told Sarah that if anyone was going to get hurt it would be me b/c I was already falling in love with finding who he is because he has all the qualities I'm looking for in a mate was and if he is the one I'm suppose to marry, I would said yes tomorrow. She told Scott what I said and came back to me with an OK to date, but to keep in mind all of Scott's concerns.

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After a month and a half of dating and falling head over heels for each other, telling Sarah & Mike all along the way we got pulled into a meeting w/ Sarah, Mike, Scott, Matt & Margo. They said they are excited about what is coming out of [REDACTED], but wanted us to back down a little, not have sex, not be as physical in front of people but make it be special for just the two of us when we're alone (they got complaints from other people because we were being too touchy-feely in public). They told us to keep talking to Mike & Sarah about it, bring down the emotions so they can get a spiritual reading on it, get Steve & Rick involved and find the Lord's will in it. Scott said if we had more questions about it to talk to Mike and Sarah. Of course after the meeting we had questions, so we talked to Sarah that night, Mike had already gone home. We wanted to clarify specifics, like; are we still calling our relationship dating and confirm that we should not be kissing. She said yes you're still dating, just pulling it back to get Steve & Rick involved and get a spiritual reading on it and try not to kiss, definitely don't make out, but just have an intimate time w/ each other of holding hands and if we do kiss to tell them. She said to really get to know each other, who we are, what we've been through, date and use this time to see who each other is in the Lord and continue to encourage one another with things we struggle with and encourage one another to keep in our individual relationships w/ herself and Mike. She said this is a deep time and opportunity to get to know each other so to take advantage of it. After the meetings [REDACTED] and I talked about everything and agreed that we would do what they asked of us. We both said we were excited about the direction they gave us because we knew it was going too fast and this would help us slow down and build a better foundation.

The next night we hung out together with a focus of what Sarah was saying to do with one another. We opened up on levels about ourselves that we hadn't before, like our childhoods. The next day I told Sarah everything that we talked about and she said good, it's really important to get to know each other on those levels even if some of the stuff may be hard to hear. But when [REDACTED] told Mike what we talked about, he got really upset and said it was exactly what we were told in the meeting the night before not to do so he and Sarah talked that day and came back to [REDACTED] and I with new directions that we could not date nor hang out alone but only be in groups together.

I was devastated because it was so different from what they told us the night before. I asked why we couldn't date anymore and what we did that changed it. She said it was nothing we did, but her and Mike feel that we're too emotionally wrapped up and need to put space between us to get a spiritual reading on the relationship. I told her it was hard to not feel like we were being punished for doing something wrong by opening up and talking on a deep level like she said we should. I told her I was having a hard time with what she was asking us to do because what was so fun about [REDACTED] and I's relationship is the atmosphere we had when it's just the two of us and how really cool things come out of us having that atmosphere and openness which is hard for [REDACTED] to do with tons of people around; like listen to the word and talk about it, encourage each other in our relationships with Mike & Sarah & the Lord. [REDACTED] loved seeing how I live my life in the Lord especially when I'm alone and loved that I was opening that up for him to be apart of, how it created an atmosphere for what he already has inside him to come out for everyone else to see, which was the funniest best part of our relationship and what the Sheps said they liked seeing about our relationship. I told her of course I would do what they are asking because I trust them and love them and that [REDACTED] is so important to me and I want it to be right, but that it's going to be very hard and that I don't understand why they changed their

mind from the meeting before and asked her to tell Scott, Matt and Margo what they are telling us to do now and why they changed it. She said she knew it would be hard and that she loves me for trusting her and doing what she's asking. She said she would talk to Mike about it in a week to see how they felt and if the directions would change. I started praying about it and asking the Lord to show me what I need and to show [REDACTED] what he needs and to make it real to us why they are asking us to not date.

[REDACTED] talked with Mike & Scott as well because he didn't understand why we couldn't date anymore. They told [REDACTED] that it went too fast and asked wasn't it weird that it went so fast. [REDACTED] said it did go fast but it wasn't weird, he thought it was great. He said neither one of us know how to take things slow because we both love very deeply, but that's why we wanted help from them so the relationship could move on the Lord's terms not just our emotions and felt we got some of that help by the directives given to us in the first meeting. He asked if they could help us and work with us instead of just take it away. They told [REDACTED] not to tell me, but it was important for him to know that I have psychological mind-fields because of a heavy past and without knowing it I date guys out of these emotional needs then leave them when I can't handle the relationship anymore or when I got what I needed emotionally and then I move on quickly with no problem while they're left devastated. [REDACTED] said he knows my heart and that's not what I was doing. They said they didn't want him to get hurt but that he doesn't have a revelation of me like he thinks he does and in a few days he would see and understand. They said I'm a very strong woman and I have my best foot forward right now. They said they are concerned about me ending cycles and that he is nothing special to me because this is my cycle. They asked [REDACTED], don't you agree that she needs professional help? [REDACTED] didn't say anything because he didn't agree but he thought they knew more than he did at that time. [REDACTED] told them that he loved me enough and I loved him enough to work through it and it wasn't a concern to him. They told him I could have fallen in love with anyone; that I chose him because he was single and I was looking; I put the hooks out there and to no fault of his own he took it. [REDACTED] said he didn't think that was true because he knows when girls do that and he decided a long time ago to not turn his head every time a girl shakes her ass. Scott said if Marilyn was here she would be driven to break the deception that's clouding this whole situation. Scott told [REDACTED] that he's not saying I'm a bad person but that I'm very fun to be with and attractive so any guy would have fallen for me. [REDACTED] said he didn't care if I was attractive b/c it's more than that for him. Scott said that guys can be stupid because girls can do things to get them to fall in love. [REDACTED] said he didn't feel that I was doing that and said that we just have a lot of fun together and he doesn't know my past so he wasn't understanding all of this. They told him I need to pull my hooks out of him and that he needs to forget about me and drop it. [REDACTED] said he felt it wasn't true and if they think it is, he still wants to date to get to know me and asked if they know what he means? Mike said, yeah I know what you mean and you didn't hear a ~~feeling~~ word we said to you so you need to just drop it and change your thinking about it. [REDACTED] said he prayed about this for weeks before he went back to the guys about what he was getting in his prayers and how he still felt the same way about me and the things they told him had not been made real to him. [REDACTED] didn't say anything to me about this for months because he didn't know what to do about it and he didn't want it to hurt me.

In the meantime, after a month of getting our dating pulled away, the direction didn't change, so I kept praying about it and talking with Sarah about my feelings over it. Sarah told me different things throughout that month of why it was happening. She said they



want to make sure that I'm not just in love with being in love and realize that I'm at the age that I should get married but need to work on things first, like finances and the backside of my life. And for [REDACTED], since we started dating was being around the church more and really showing his heart, being open and sweet, so they want to make sure he does that on his own. They want to see him get a deeper personal relationship with the Lord and stand in that by himself first. I asked if we could all get in a room together and talk about it because I still didn't understand why we couldn't date even with all those things to be worked on because I knew [REDACTED] could stand on his own and maybe I gave him an atmosphere to be confident in front of others, but he already had all that inside him and could stand on his own with it. I told Sarah even though we were falling in love and feel that we have the same heart which explained a lot to us of why it went so fast and that he has the qualities I want and I have the qualities he wants, we would only get married if the Lord lead us to it and we both feel that it would take years to build that foundation in our relationship because I do need to learn how to take care of the backside of my life better, but more importantly I told her I am not in love just to be in love. The way I feel about [REDACTED] is born out of a revelation of who he is and that our hearts are exactly the same, the same for people and the Lord, so he understands me and sees me like no one ever has. I admitted to being in love just to be in love before but that was because I was so lonely for some kind of family but I have that family now, with her and even if I didn't have that with her now I committed to myself and the Lord after breaking up with [REDACTED] that I would not go back into a relationship no matter how lonely I felt because I knew I needed to get free for my future husband. She said if that's true I'm much more mature than she was at my age. All in all, I told Sarah even with praying about those concerns I kept getting back from the Lord that the issue isn't [REDACTED] and I, but it's that the sheps need to trust that we're not going to run off and get married, we want their help and direction, but the restriction of not dating or hanging out alone was too severe and we were having a hard time with it and for myself personally felt my integrity lessening and that really bothered me. She said she would talk with Steve Seboldt about it.

Steve and Sarah talked and he told her I should not pursue the relationship right now but really go into prayer mode and go before the Lord about it. I did and a couple months later I wrote a letter to Steve and Sarah which was born out of those prayers. That letter is also attached (I'm sorry this is long, I know you've said before Gary that letters are easier to read if they're well written and concise, so please bare with me!). After reading the letter to Sarah she was upset that I could say that sheps do not have a revelation of me as much as the Lord does. She understood why it's hard for me but that I need to trust the sheps and that is one thing the Lord has for me to learn in this situation; that I need to just trust the sheps, which I agreed and have been praying for that even before this situation. She told me that her and Mike did pull our dating away because they were afraid we couldn't pull back emotionally and allow the sheps to get a spiritual reading so they thought it would help to get that reading if we weren't able to talk as much or date. I brought up the Word from Brazil, Teaching Principles, when you guys blessed a younger couple after praying about their situation and said they can be free to date again in the living room and talked about spiritual parents being overprotective. I felt that it could help the sheps pray about our situation and asked Sarah if she'd listen to it. She and Mike had already talked about it and were in fact waiting for us to come back to them with it. She said that Word didn't apply to [REDACTED] and me because that couple was having sex and it was a different situation. After disagreeing with her and asking her to pray about it more we started getting very heated towards one another. I told her that all the fears they have about me

are not true, I'm not just old and wanting to get married, I'm not just in love to be in love, [redacted] has the same exact heart as me and his love for the Lord and how he relates to me and loves me is so unique and special and although we've expressed a future together, we don't want to run off and get married. I asked her if she could bring the letter to Steve and tell him how I feel. Sarah told me she feels there is a battle of trust on the situation and that I should believe for that to brake. She talked with Steve about the letter and I don't know what happened after that.

[redacted] brought up the same Word, Teaching Directives to Mike. Mike responded the same as Sarah. Mike asked [redacted] why he thinks he has something to correct the sheps on or make them feel condemned about and why Shalom feels she has this big thing to prove and change in the shepherding because it's all the sheps fault and why won't she fess up to the fact that she's made mistakes and needs help. [redacted] told Mike he's not trying to correct him he just wants the Lord to move because he feels there is more to be revealed to all of us and that [redacted] wants what they have been telling him to be real to his heart because that's the only way he feels he can stop loving me and wanting to be with me. Mike said you need to just drop it and if I'm the lord to you, you need to trust me because all I want is the perfect thing for you. Mike said when you disagree with me, you disagree with God and asked [redacted] if he was going to disagree with God. [redacted] said yes for now until understanding comes to him and it will because he's praying and trying to get zero in this whole thing. Mike told him that his thinking is fucked up and he's entire focus is on me and it needs to be on him and he is tired of hearing his bullshit and he just needs to trust more and know that his best interests are at heart because they are doing this out of love. [redacted] said loving me is not the issue, I know you do, but I'd really like to see it change b/c I don't agree with it so I am going to believe for this to change and for her to become the perfect thing for me. Mike said OK, you can do that, that's not wrong.

After a couple months of the sheps praying about [redacted] & me, they came back after Passover and gave us a witness on our relationship. Scott, Matt & Sarah met with me and said they all prayed about it; Steve, Rick, Scott, Mike, Walkoe & Sarah and all came up with the same witness, which was No. Matt said that he personally got from his prayers that [redacted] has all the qualities I'm looking for but one; he's not mature enough to direct my ministry right now. I was really surprised and told Matt that was one of the qualities about him that had been the most prevalent when we were dating because he helped me with something that Sarah and I have been hitting this past year about my ministry of love (that has been the word over me since I was little) and just overall how he relates to my ministry and heart is very mature and guiding. Matt said that is my perception, but it's not true. I asked him and Scott about the word from Brazil and why that could not be applied to [redacted] and I because we both agree with have things to work on in ourselves but feel that that those things shouldn't keep us from dating. Matt said they normally would apply that word to a couple but we were an exception because Rick and Steve put a caution at the beginning of our relationship and Matt is not going to question his shepherds and just going to trust which is what I need to do. Scott said it didn't apply to us because what Gary didn't say is that some couples are just going to get a "No, you can't date". But ultimately they said it was no because they want me to find my husband and [redacted] is not mature enough for marriage right now so we're not the right people for each other. I told them I could wait and even though I'm at that marrying age (29), I don't want to get married just to get married and there's no one else who has the same exact heart as I and all the qualities and then some that [redacted] does have (22) and if we dated we wouldn't



expect to get married right away, we would expect to get to know each other more and grow into a marriage if that is where the Lord leads us. We're not walking in this blindly, neither one of us would get married to someone who we knew was not the most perfect person for us. Then Scott suggested I get professional help because I seem to be devastated every time they give me a word and may need help from my past. I told them I didn't feel I needed professional help and that I had gotten a complete healing from the Lord with the sexual abuse I went through when I was little. They didn't have much to say to help me understand more of the witness but that I just need to have the Lord meet my heart in it. [REDACTED] didn't get as much detail in the witness as I did, he was simply told by Mike and Scott it was no but was told later by Scott that Shalom does see your heart and love for people and maybe in time it will turn around and maybe we could bring you into the living room to date later, but for now it's no.

For months, I prayed and asked the Lord to show me the same witness, asking him to take my love away for [REDACTED] so I can do what the sheps are asking me to do, but I never got that witness in my prayers and I really tried to get zero and I broke bonds with him all the time, but all I heard was that this was happening for a reason and more than I can understand and just the mere fact of trying to do what the sheps were asking and not getting hurt or leaving was doing something for my spirit that I needed. Marilyn earlier this year you told me to not leave, thank you for that, when a word isn't real to me at first, you guys always are so thank you so much. I love you guys so much and I'm sorry because I know I'm not being as open and trusting as my heart wants to be and my spirit knows to be, I just hope I can make it because I'm really scared sometimes that my mind will get the best of me and I don't want to disappoint you or my family here.

Sometime after this [REDACTED] told me everything that Mike and Scott told him. It was so hard to hear simply because it's not true and it breaks my heart that they could think that of me. Yes, I did get into relationships because I was so lonely, but not to the degree or for the reasons they say and I've been getting an emotional and spiritual healing since I've been connecting in with Sarah, it's been great. I know I have so much more to get in my spirit and thinking to help bring my walk with God down to a walk with the Lord in the earth and I feel this is breaking me and I'm open more than I ever have been, but it's still such a battle to stop my thinking about what they've said and put it aside and only hear the Lord's voice in them. I love and adore Scott, he has been like a father to me for so many of my younger years and I know he loves and adores me but I've felt that he has not been able to hear my heart for many years now about my hurts and shortcomings of why I've been around the mountain so many times. It's not because I've had a heavy past with sexual abuse, it's because I've had a heavy past of not feeling accepted or treated rightly in my church. And those excuses, I know, are going to be changed, because what I am going through right now with this situation is making me realize by just doing what they're asking, finally after 9 months of struggling with it, that I'm not giving up who I am and what I've known the Lord to be but that I'm giving up a way of thinking that's not right which will free my spirit up more than I ever knew it needed to be. I know it's a decision to fall out of love with someone and I've done it before, but this feels so different and so impossible because [REDACTED] is the most amazing man I have ever met and there is no one else who has touched my heart and my love like he has.

This whole thing has put a toil on Sarah as well, she's told me so many times the past 9 months that she doesn't feel like she can represent my heart and that she's frustrated with

how some things have been handled and how she has compromised her own spirit to be sympathetic with me, but she's tired of me negotiating the Word I've gotten and she's gone to Steve with those feelings because It's been hard to relate to me because she feels stuck in the middle and would have done things differently and just wants my relationship back with her without all this because I've given her so much and have been the Lord to her in a special way that has helped her this past year. And she's right, she has been put in the middle and I've been on my face before the Lord because I know she's gotten most of my reactions and hurts from all of this and it has put a strain on our relationship and I don't want to do that and I want to stay open to her and it's been a struggle and I hate that I haven't handled it better.

The last time Mike and [REDACTED] talked about us, Mike was upset that we were still talking. [REDACTED] said I don't think I can do this anymore, I've been praying and I don't feel it's true to my heart and I'm trying to make myself believe you but the things you're telling me don't make sense even after praying about it. Mike said if you chase after some chick you don't even know and you think you're in love but you don't even have a revelation of her that's from God you're going to lose out on all your relationships with all the sheps and you're going to piss God off if you haven't already. If you don't do this and listen to what we're saying then you'll screw yourself over and you'll stay under the hammer forever unless you change. Mike said if he found out [REDACTED] called me again then it's over. [REDACTED] called and apologized to Mike, saying I'm sorry I'm not doing this perfect but I still don't understand. Mike said you'll understand after the fact but you have to trust us which have gone through it before.

I stopped going to Sarah with what [REDACTED] was telling me Scott and Mike were telling him about me because she would get mad and say I needed to not think that way because they did not say that stuff about me and [REDACTED] must have heard it wrong or took it the wrong way and then [REDACTED] would get in trouble with Mike because Sarah told him that we were talking.

Also during this time, Sarah suggested I see a psychiatrist, one to help show the sheps I'm taking everything into consideration and two because I've been depressed the past couple months and go back and forth from understanding to not understanding and that the church is not here to make people's lives miserable and to rule out the possibility of chemical imbalance or needing Prozac. So I went because I'm trying to do everything (of course prayer is all I really have, but I'm tired of this and want something to change and thought maybe this would) to rule out their concerns about me but it seemed to just back fire in my face. After talking with the psychiatrist about everything, from childhood to present he didn't feel that I need to see him anymore so he wrote up his clinical impressions, which is included with this letter as well. I gave a copy to Sarah and she said it was good that I went and thinks it will help show the sheps my openness and knew that I didn't need medication but it's good to rule that out. I told her if it would help her that I would continue to talk to someone else who has a more religious background because the psychiatrist said if I was going to allow that kind of control exercised over me I should at least have someone to talk to about it and referred me to his coworker. Sarah said if you feel you need that I think it would help. I don't want too because I know it's not necessary but I also know Sarah is tired of being in the middle so asked to talked to Steve.



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Steve had Sarah, Scott and Matt talked with me instead and they reintegrated the witness being no because [REDACTED] is not the right one for you, he is not mature enough and cannot handle a serious relationship. They told me that technically I can believe for the witness to change but they are telling me it's no forever because by saying I can believe for it, it's producing the wrong response out of my spirit to the Word today and that's true so I'm on my face to just pull in closer to them.

Over these past 9 months, we have been told: do not hang out in groups as much (because we were knowingly taking advantage of it just to be together), do not talk to one another at all and finally, wall her off completely and when she walks in a room, you leave it. These directives were given to us by Mike and Sarah all for different reasons; we were psychically bonded, it's a test from the Lord, it's not really love so you need to push her as far away as possible. As you can see by this letter we have not done a good job in obeying these directives and have in fact snuck around for a while now and hated it because we didn't want to put up an image for the sheps that we're doing good and doing exactly what they've asked of us when we're not. In fact Sarah told me recently it would be OK if we wanted to just say "F-ck you guys, I love you but we're going to date and the Lord will make everything right". I told her we would say that but not the f-ck you part because we still want their guidance and covering, but more of why we haven't said that is because [REDACTED] has a completely different consequence with his relationships than I do with her, because he was told he would lose all his relationships and piss God off.

I'm writing to you now with no expectations other than to know you guys know what is happening with me and to know that I am not going anywhere and that I love you. [REDACTED] and I are both scared to come out with our sneaking around, which we have stopped now but are afraid without it being real to us, we will not be able to do it forever. [REDACTED] wants to write to you or talk to you if he gets a chance at the feast but has the same fears I do in not wanting it to feel like we're going over our shepherd's heads.

With all this being said, most importantly and real to my heart is my love for you, Gary & Marilyn. Thank you for listening to me, I really appreciate you and trust you so whatever you want to do with this letter is perfectly fine with me.

ps. I miss seeing your beautiful faces; I can't wait to see you at the feast.

Love, Shalom Abrahamson

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