

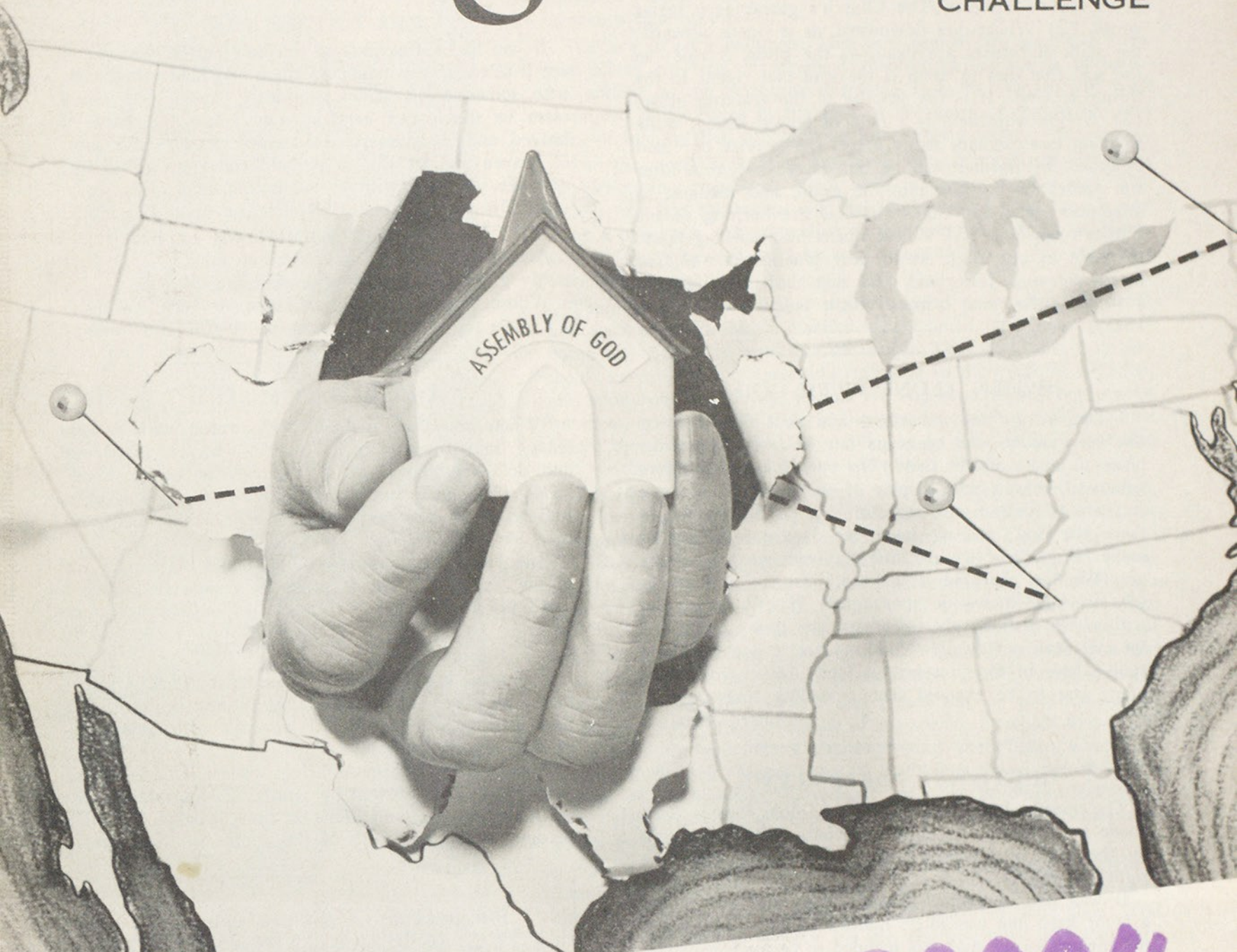
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LESSONS FROM THE WHEAT PLANT

Exquisite are the lessons of *wheat*. (1) Unlike Israel's emblem, the fig tree, which, with roots driven deep into earth, abides deeply rooted in this world, the Church is a fragile annual with little physical power to resist earth's storms; and passing rapidly from the earth in successive harvests. The Church's garner is a better world. (2) Wheat dies downward, as it ripens upward; the stalk and roots are dead, as the grain is ripe: so the soul that dies to earth is the soul that ripens to the throne of God. It is the sanctity of the relaxing grasp. (3) A ripe wheatfield is a field of bowed heads, while ripening tares remain stiffly erect: the heavier our load of grace, the lowlier will be our faces. (4) Sun after sun smites its burning into the grain, and turns it to sweetness; trial, for God's child, is the burning of his Father's sunshine. (5) Wheat ripens by absorbing light: to abide in our Light is to bear much fruit: *abiding* means *ripening*. Jesus said, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth *much fruit*" (John 15:5).
—Selected

WHEN ALONE WITH GOD

When we go into our closet and shut the door, no one sees us, no one hears us but God. It is not the place to make a fair show. No one is present before whom to make a little display of our devotion. No one is there to behold our zeal for the Lord. No one is there but God; and we know we dare not attempt to make Him believe we are different from what we really are. We feel that He is looking through us, that He sees us and knows us thoroughly. If evil is lurking within, we instinctively feel that God is searching us: for evil shall not dwell with Him. Ah, it is a searching spot—alone in the presence of God! Little wonder so many beg to be excused from spending time there.
—Choice Gleanings

CULTIVATE FORBEARANCE

The apostle James wrote, "The wisdom that is from above is . . . peaceable, gentle." He puts before us a sign on the road of life which reads, "Christian, yield the right of way."

It was said of Samuel Johnson that "the way to get a favor from him was to do him an injury." He forgave his enemies easily, and was inclined to be more generous with them than with his friends.

Emerson said of Lincoln, "His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong."

Spurgeon advised, "Cultivate forbearance until your heart yields a fine crop of it. Pray for a short memory as to all unkindness."

This is the way a wise man acts.

A Hindu woman who became a Christian convert was much persecuted by her husband. One day a missionary asked her, "When your husband is angry and persecutes

you, what do you do?" She replied, "Well, Sir, I cook his food better; when he complains, I sweep the floor cleaner; and when he speaks unkindly, I answer him mildly. I try, Sir, to show him that when I became a Christian I became a better wife and a better mother." The consequence of this was that the man gave his heart to God. He could withstand the preaching of the missionary but he could not turn aside the practical preaching of his wife.
—The Free Methodist

THE UNUSED PASS

If you had a free pass to heaven's palace, you would use it often. If you might go there and hold communion with some person whom you dearly loved, you would often be there. But here is your Jesus, the King of heaven, and He gives you that which can open the gates of heaven and let you in to hold company with Him; and yet you live without meditating upon His work, upon His person, upon His office, or upon His glory!
"Oh! May this high companionship be mine,
And all my life by its reflection shine.
My great, my wise, my never-failing Friend,
Whose love no change can know, no turn, no end!"
—Choice Gleanings

A CURE FOR MISERY

"When you find yourself overpowered with melancholy," said a saintly man, "the best way is to go out and do something kind to somebody or other. Thousands who today are sitting daily in the gloom of a self-created misery would soon lose it if they began to care for others."

One quaint writer remarked: "When I dig a man out of his trouble, I find it provides a hole in which I may bury my own."
—Gospel Herald

It is good for our souls to have quiet times of meditation as often as possible. Then things begin to fall into their proper places and we look with quiet eyes at the whole of life.

Noise confuses. Silence brings order. This value of silence cannot be proved by words. To appraise its intrinsic worth, the quiet time in the Christian life must become a daily exercise of the soul.
—Selected

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.

WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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Perils of Parenthood

Of all the unsung heroes in the land, none is braver than the Christian couples who dare to bring boys and girls into the world at such a time as this.

We live in perilous times. Men and women are lovers of their own selves, covetous, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, as the Scriptures foretold. It takes courage and faith to launch tender lives in the face of the gales of temptation and tides of iniquity that are blowing and flowing today.

And yet, every generation has faced its own particular problems in relation to parenthood. Noah lived in a very wicked age. The human race had become so vile that God decided to destroy it and make a new start. As progenitor of that new race He chose Noah, a man who remained upright and decent when all his neighbors were deep in sin.

There was a woman also who remained pure when all about her were polluted. Noah married that woman, and together they dared to bring three sons into the world. They had faith that God would keep their boys clean and righteous in the midst of a wicked and adulterous generation, just as He had kept them. They prayed for them, instilled God's truth in them, and set such a godly example before them that all those boys followed in their father's footsteps and sought out God-fearing girls to be their wives.

The fact that God spared Noah and his wife, their three sons, and three daughters-in-law, when He destroyed the wicked, ought to give every Christian parent a firm assurance in God's willingness to answer prayer and save the children. There is a wonderful promise in Isaiah 49:25 that all fathers and mothers can claim. Though spoken to Israel, it is God's Word to all who will believe it. The Lord said, "I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Do you believe that? If you do, you can face the perils of parenthood unafraid and triumph over them.

The Bible tells of a mother and father who *by faith* refused to be intimidated by the conditions of the society in which they lived. They faced the contender's challenge—and won. Satan wanted to destroy their child Moses, but *by faith* they saved his life. The fashion of the age tried to ensnare him, but he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Parent, are you saying, "I *hope* my child turns out all right—I *hope* he makes the right decisions in life"? You must do *more* than hope. You must trust in God and pray for your child. You must ask the Lord to work in his life, and you must give the Lord something to work with, by bringing him up in the nurture and admonition of Christ. The Psalmist asked, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" And he answered his own question—"By taking heed thereto according to thy Word." In a day when liquor, lust, and lawlessness are sucking young people down toward hell you must inculcate in your child a love for God, so that he can say, "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Perils of parenthood? Yes, there are perils—but by faith in God's promise you can face them and win.

—R.C.C.

THE GLORY OF HIS RESURRECTION

By ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

Except the seed fall into the ground, and die, there can be no harvest; but if it die there will be a glorious resurrection.

PAUL HAD A DAZZLING VISION OF THE glory of Christ's resurrection and the enormous work which it accomplished. So tremendously did this vision impress him that for the rest of his life he sought to know the fullest extent to which that resurrection power could operate in his own life and in the life of the Church.

In his very praying he showed something of what he had glimpsed of this power, and how he longed for others to share it: "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know . . . what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead." Paul further described the operation of this power by saying it seated Christ at God's own "right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

It is *this resurrection power*, Paul said, that reached us when we were dead in trespasses and sins and lifted

us out of the darkness and bondage of spiritual death. Paul realized, and so can we, that we are quickened with Christ, being raised up together with Him to the right hand of the Majesty on high. There, as members of the Church which is His body, we share His glorious victory over Gethsemane's dark sorrow, Gabbatha's injustice and cruelty, and Golgotha's shameful death—all through the power of His resurrection.

Isaiah was given a glimpse of this power centuries before the Messiah's advent, and the Spirit of God told him, "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise" (Isaiah 26:19).

It seems that God is so anxious to have us understand the greatness of this resurrection power that He has put marvelous illustrations of it in the plant world and in the material world about us. But it is essential—if a person desires to benefit by any great and beneficial power—that he study it and learn the laws that govern its operation.

What is power? Just asking that question has helped my understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Cross. Science can help us answer this. Power is energy or force that is controlled, directed, and released for the performance of



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some work. Uncle Sam spent billions of dollars to bring the almost boundless energy of the atom under control in such form that it can be directed and released to furnish electricity—or as a force that can destroy the enemies of our country.

Man is constantly in search of power. No age has ever had for its use so many sources of power as has our civilization. We have coal, gas, water, electricity, steam, gasoline and now the atom to furnish power that can be harnessed, directed, and released. Other ages did not have access to all this power because they did not carefully study and come to understand the laws that govern its use.

Would to God we who to some extent know the power of the Spirit and the power of the Cross and Resurrection were as devoted to the study of these divine powers and the intelligent cooperation they ask of us as the scientist is devoted to his field! Our government has devoted an incredible amount of its treasure and the best brains of its citizens to develop machinery to tap new sources of energy in order to bring them under control, and ready for release and use when needed.

God is looking for men who, like Paul, will devote themselves to the Spirit of truth and the Word of truth,

and who will count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord—that they may really come to know the greatest power of all, THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION.

Our Lord Himself showed that He wanted us to understand the operation of resurrection power and He gave us an illustration that throws much light on this. In John 12:24 Jesus likened His imminent death to that of a grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies. Let us consider the illustration.

In the parable of the sower it is evident that a grain of wheat must have prepared soil. Psalm 51 tells us what that soil is—a broken and a contrite heart. To such a man God will look, says Isaiah—even to him who is humble and meek and of a broken spirit. Our matchless Gardener knows how to prepare the ground for the grain of wheat: it is moistened and plowed, crushed and mellowed, and then filled with dead and decaying vegetable and animal matter.

The farmer is not always plowing. Plowing is just a means to an end, that of preparing the soil for a death, burial, and resurrection. The death and resurrection is that of the grain of wheat.

When the grain falls into the prepared ground, the first thing that takes place is its death. It absorbs the moisture in its environment and that moisture makes it swell. The body then cracks and breaks open at its heart, and it dies. Out of its broken heart comes a root tip, emerging and elongating downward because of the pull of gravity. There it roots itself in a grave.

It fastens itself in the place of death and burial. The primary stem which is to become the visible part of the wheat plant backs out of the broken grain. Its lower end is fastened to the root and it is from this root down in the grave that it is going to draw the material from which its new body—the wheat-bearing plant—is going to be built.

When Christ wanted us to understand the nature of His death, He likened it to the death of the grain of wheat. His death was entirely different from what we call death. If we understand what our Lord was talking about we would not use this text to describe the death of missionaries in foreign lands or the death of

some servant of the Lord in a home field. Fitting honor belongs to those who lay down their lives in His service, and I would not detract from that honor. But comparing the death of any human being with the death of Jesus Christ blinds us to the force of the illustration which Christ used to illuminate the glory and power of His crucifixion.

The death of the grain of wheat releases the most beneficial forces of life and the *mightiest*. What other power on earth can lay hold of dead organic matter, animal or vegetable, and transmute it into living powerful forces which in turn produce all that is necessary to sustain life?

Let me illustrate. Soon after the Pilgrims came to New England they became acquainted with corn or maize. One spring the settlers along the coast had a great catch of codfish. They caught so many they could not use them all. It was about time to plant corn and their Indian friends advised them to bury the extra codfish as fertilizer in the hills where they planted corn. They followed this suggestion and had a bumper crop of grain.

Can we put this picture together and learn from it? Alongside the codfish, a grain of corn began to absorb moisture and the juices from the rotting fish and the earth. The grain began to swell and soon it split open. Out of the wound in the grain came a rootlet, pulled downward by the power of gravity. It lay hold of the dead fish and united itself with it, beginning to draw up into its new body through the root the dead mat-

ter that it could use to construct a new creation—a plant of Indian corn.

Soon after the root came out of the wound in the corn, a tiny stalk also came out and began to push its way upward, reminding us of Isaiah 37:31, "The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall take root downward and bear fruit upward." So also the Root of Jesse sprang from the wounded "corn of wheat" and prevailed to make the new creation that is to bring forth much fruit.

This new living organism that has come out of the dying seed consumes its own dead body along with the liquid it absorbs from its environment in the grave where it is buried. It grows rapidly, rooted and grounded in the grave that was its place of death and burial.

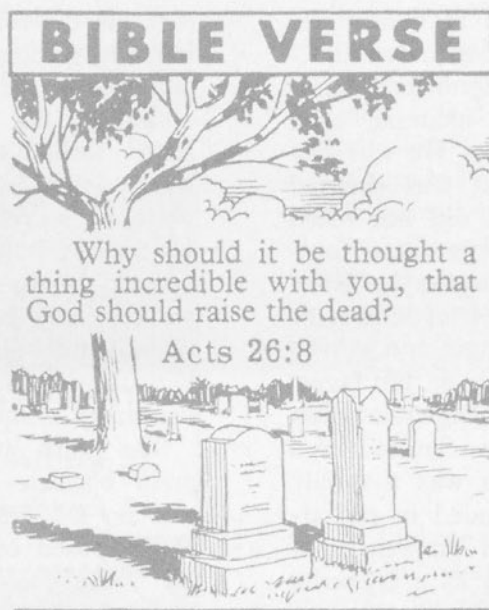
The seed has become the food of a new creation. Through death it has destroyed the curse pronounced upon the ground. Now, instead of the ground's bringing forth thorns and thistles, through death of the old creation it brings forth food for man for whose sin the ground was cursed!

The death of Christ was different from that of any other human being. His death, like that of the grain of wheat, released the mighty forces of the Resurrection which the Holy Spirit speaks of as the "exceeding greatness of God's power to us-ward who believe." These mighty forces set free by the death of the Redeemer are released in the "grave" among those who are "dead in trespasses and sins, and like the grain dying alongside the codfish they are reaching out to the fish through the roots and uniting that fish with itself in the likeness of its death. So the divine grain of wheat, the Lord Jesus Christ, reaches out to unite the believer to Himself in the likeness of *His death*.

Romans 6:5 says we have been *planted together with Him in His death* so that the exceeding greatness of His resurrection power might convert our spirits, souls, and bodies into food for the new creation.

Isaiah puts it thus, "Thy dead men shall live. *Together with my dead body shall they arise*" (Isaiah 26:19). In our illustration the dead codfish rises together in resurrection with the dead body of the grain of corn. Down in the place of death and burial, the new creation eats up the dead fish,

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Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

Acts 26:8

Though anointed and commissioned of God,
the record of Samson is that of

A SIDETRACKED LIFE

By KENNETH D. BARNEY
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OUR LORD JESUS COULD CRY IN HIS FINAL MOMENTS, "It is finished." The apostle Paul at the sunset hour could glory in a race well run. The same can be said of multitudes through the ages.

Not so with Samson. His story is a tragedy we would like to forget. But since the failures of Bible characters—as well as the successes—are for our admonition, we can be thankful that the record is there for us to see.

Samson was one of a line of men known as judges who ruled Israel during a period when there was no king and "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Had God not raised up the judges, complete anarchy would have made a shambles of the nation.

The disappointing nature of Samson's career is strangely expressed in two statements with the same line of thought. The first came from the angel of the Lord as he addressed the woman who was to be Samson's mother, "He shall *begin* to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines" (Judges 13:5). The second statement is found in the 25th verse of the same chapter, describing a period in Samson's early manhood, "And the Spirit of the Lord *began* to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol."

Note the expressions, "He shall *begin* to deliver Israel," and "The Spirit of the Lord *began* to move him." The wording is unusual, and apparently significant. Samson's whole career was an unfortunate example of a mission *begun* but not finished victoriously. He was like a freight car with a precious cargo that was shunted off the main line onto a side track, and did not reach its destination. I do not feel that Samson was fore-ordained to fail. I cannot believe that *anyone* is. Samson's downfall came through weaknesses of character that were allowed to go uncorrected.

Certainly this young man had everything in his favor. His parents were of the most God-fearing sort even though they lived in times of apostasy. Samson was brought up well. Without question there was a family altar in his home. His birth was enshrouded in the atmosphere of the supernatural. An angel announced it and gave instructions for his consecration as a Nazarite before he was even conceived. His mission in life was



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settled in heaven before he ever saw the light of day.

Perhaps Samson's endowment with the Spirit came too easily for his own good. At any rate, he never appeared to stand in awe at what God had done for him. The one glaring fact of the whole story is that Samson's anointing had no apparent effect on his manner of life or his character. When the Spirit was upon him he was one person; but when the anointing subsided he was another. In between the times of God's moving in his life he did whatever pleased his carnal nature, whether it was right or not. Like some who live today, he mistakenly took for granted God's approval of his entire way of living because he was occasionally used of God. When we separate the supernatural workings of the Holy Spirit from Christian character and a daily walk of holiness, we are headed for disaster.

One amazing thing about Samson's life was the company he kept. He spent most of his time with the heathen Philistines. He gravitated to loose women. Never did he appear to seek out the fellowship of those who were prayerful and godly. Perhaps the fact that he was always able to keep the upper hand over the Philistines made him overconfident. Despite his great feats, we know he stayed too long in enemy territory and finally met his downfall. Let no one imagine that he can retain his spirituality indefinitely if he makes bosom companions of the devil's crowd.

Samson did not fall all at once. He successfully resisted Delilah's wiles for a time. But finally he was worn down by constant pressure and gave away his Nazarite secret. This tragedy has been repeated often. No matter how strong we may feel today, we are still human. If we do not retain the fullness of the Spirit, we too may be worn down by physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual pressures to the point of falling. We cannot afford any unguarded moments. There are too many demons around us waiting to devour!

The point we must not miss is that it was not the *great* obstacles that defeated Samson. A roaring lion was no more to him than a mouse would be to a cat. He disposed of a thousand men with a donkey's jawbone. He could not be imprisoned within a city even when the heavy gates were barred, for he simply lifted

the gates off their hinges and carried them away. As long as he fought against fierce, formidable foes Samson was invincible: But the sweet talk of a scheming woman, whose natural beauty appealed to his sensual nature, was the blow that felled him. The first day Samson went to Delilah's house he little dreamed that the Philistine beauty was more dangerous than a lion! We too must be on guard against what seems to be harmless. We may be heroes against lions but we can be ground to bits by a temptation that appears less dangerous.

Samson made a comeback in his final days, and I am glad for that. The old power came back; he became the strong man of days gone by. He slew more men in his death than in his life. But what a pitiful spectacle he must have been. His eyes were punched out. He provided daily sport for his captors.

God's mercy allowed him a final victory, but he did not march off the stage to a triumphant recessional. God does not want us to bow out of life the way Samson did.

Whether Samson's soul was saved or not we must leave to a merciful God. But even if it was, his main purpose in life was never accomplished. He did not complete the deliverance of Israel. He *began*, but fell in defeat before he finished. The Spirit of God *began* to move him, but in an hour of carelessness the divine touch was lost. He died on the side track instead of on the main line.

The account of this ancient judge is recorded for a purpose. God would have us see that even with a godly family background, a rich spiritual anointing, and the ability to accomplish great feats in His kingdom, we must still fight with all our strength to stay on the main line of God's will. We dare not let down our guard and coast on past momentum. Neither can we take our anointing for granted or consider it lightly. We must pass our days in the fear of God. We want to do more than *begin*. We want to *finish* the job God has given us. " "

IT'S TIME WE ARRIVED!

God never intended the Israelites to wander indefinitely in the wilderness. It was His plan to take them to Canaan as quickly as possible. He had brought them out that He might bring them in. So it is with the Christian. It is not God's will for us, after we are saved to have a life of ups and downs, victories and defeats and spiritual wanderings here and there. Rather "this is the will of God, even your sanctification." He brings us out that He may bring us in.

For years many people have been singing, "I am bound for the Promised Land." They sang it ten and twenty years ago and they are still singing it. They soon will be like the Israelites who made it their theme song for forty years. It is high time many Christians were getting *into* the Promised Land. —E. R. Storms

IN OUR FATHER'S CARE

Jesus said, "Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore" (Luke 12:7).

God has no children in His family that He neglects and there are no wants in a child of His family that He forgets. Someone has discovered that in the normal scalp there are 296 hairs to the square inch and 300,000 separate hairs that could be counted in the scalp and

yet we are told that God numbers the hairs of our head!

What is lost more easily than a hair of one's head? Yet God notices the disappearance of that hair. There is not a want that He does not notice. There is not a need He does not supply. If you get into the heavenly harmony, it is certain that nothing can conflict with your well being.

"I wonder if He really shares in all my little human cares, this mighty King of kings!

If He who guides each blazing star through realms of boundless space afar without confusion, sound, or jar stoops to such petty things?

O Lord, my heart hath not a doubt that Thou dost compass me about with sympathy divine.

The love for me once crucified is not a love to leave my side but waiteth ever to divide each smallest care of mine." —A.T.P. in *Choice Gleanings*

SPIRITUAL THERMOSTATS

Albert Schweitzer, working in the African jungle, surrounded by darkness, disease, and death, wrote: "I work with unbroken concentration, but without hurry. However much I am at the mercy of the world, I never let myself get lost by brooding over its misery. I hold firmly to the thought that each of us can do a little to bring some portion of that misery to an end."

That should be the goal of a Christian; Jesus spread a new atmosphere by His very presence. When He spoke, people gained new courage and hope and strength. He did not allow Himself to sink to the level of His environment, but rather He lifted it up to His level. It is ever the task of Christians to be thermostats—controlling the temperature of their lives; not thermometers, registering it. Christians should change and set the atmosphere of their environment, not merely record it.

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The highest pinnacle of this spiritual life is not happy joy in unbroken sunshine, but absolute and undoubting trust in the love of God. —A. W. Thorold

Day by Day in Your Bible

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The Word of God grew in the hearts of the *Action-in-Acts* quiz team from Waldron, Ark., as they faithfully studied their lessons. Shown are (left to right) Gary Yates, 15, team captain; Genelle Fountain, 14; Patsy Hicks, 14; Dottie Hicks, 12; and Mrs. Nelson Booze, pastor's wife and sponsor of the team.

We Took Part in **ACTION- IN-ACTS**

By Joyce Wells Booze



Mrs. Booze's instruction included chalkboard maps such as this one illustrating the journeys of Paul. *Action-in-Acts* was the 1961 Bible quiz program sponsored by the national Christ's Ambassadors Department of the Assemblies of God in cooperation with various district C. A. groups.



Team members respond quickly as the quizmaster calls the questions. The quiz program is unique in that each contestant wears a different color of glove. One team has a bell system; the other a buzzer system. A contestant who thinks he can answer a question raises his colored glove and pushes the bell or buzzer simultaneously.



Enthusiasm engendered by the *Action-in-Acts* quiz team seems to have assured interest in the 1962 quiz program in Waldron. Already eager C.A.'s are busy studying *Learning Luke*, the quiz manual for 1962 (available from National C. A. Department for 50¢ a copy).



Quiz members find it is not all work—there is time for fellowship and getting better acquainted. To Mrs. Booze, their sponsor, the most encouraging thing about the quiz program is the spiritual growth of the C.A.'s through study of the Bible.

What the New Bible Quiz Program Did for One C. A. Group

AS WE WERE WINDING UP ONE OF OUR last *Action-in-Acts* study sessions, I asked, "What impresses you most in the life of Paul?"

I expected an answer concerning some of Paul's miraculous deliverances or mighty sermons, but a fourteen-year-old lifted a serious face and replied, "The thing I like best is that he told everyone around him about the Lord, and lots of them were saved." There was yearning in her voice that bespoke the longing of her heart for the same kind of ministry.

Since I had not stressed this point, I realized she had made this observation during her own study. It seemed that the words of Jesus to Peter best fitted my feeling, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17).

As we concluded our meeting by talking earnestly about witnessing, the other team members all seemed interested. We prayed together before joining our friends for the Sunday evening service.

As we were singing I recalled that day long ago when I had received the first letter from the National C. A. Department about *Action-in-Acts*. I already had a teen group meeting on Sunday night before church. To add another program—well, could my time and strength be stretched? I almost discarded the material. But some restraining force stopped me and a few weeks later I presented the idea, letting the group vote on whether to join the program. They wanted to. A meeting place and time were decided and we were off.

But all didn't go well. Our progress took on some facets of the roller coaster—up and down, up and down. Most of the group were very young (twelve to fourteen) and the words were too hard. I had to teach English as well as Acts! Some moved away; others lost interest and quit. We dwindled from the initial group of nine to three. Discouragement set in.

Was it worth it? I wondered. Maybe we should just ditch the program and forget the whole thing.

But those three were a determined lot. They wanted to go on. So on we

went, through vacations, kinsfolk visits, vacation Bible school, gardening, and canning. Somehow we managed to hold on. We knew three could be a team, but where were we going to find a fourth for a substitute?

Then toward the last of the summer a new Assemblies of God family moved to our town. They had a fourteen-year-old daughter! She joined our group. Now there were four faithful team members, and our first contest was six weeks away. We practiced with another church and lost most of the time!

Were we good enough to win even one contest? Would the tension of a real contest cause us to fumble and forget? Would we ever learn the points of all those sermons? I hate to think what might have happened if we all had grown discouraged at the same time!

We won our first contest! Then came sectional rally time and we knew our opponents were good. They were the team we had practiced with!

Butterflies—swarms of them—inhabited our stomachs. Before a crowd of approximately 500 the contest got under way. Twenty minutes later we were sectional champions! Joy, joy, joy—we were exhilarated!

Soon it was time for the state contest. We made our reservations at the convention. An unsaved boy who attended our Sunday school was invited to go along to keep our only male team member company. A lady in the church took us to the convention in her car. Enthusiasm was running high. We didn't know how much further we would go but we were happy to be this far!

At the convention we met other teams and exchanged our hopes and fears. No other *Action-in-Acts* team was a stranger to us whether from Bugville or Big City, because they had come the same route as we. Teenage tongues wagged constantly, discussing the contest. The first day our opponents failed to arrive so we automatically were winners!

Now we were in the top eight in our state. To celebrate, we went to a city restaurant for our evening meal.

Returning to the tabernacle for the

evening service, our whole group marched down to fill the center front row. And oh, what a wonderful service! How God moved on our hearts! When altar time came, every teen in our group stepped out to seek God. The unsaved boy was wonderfully saved, and the others had a new experience of helping someone find the Saviour.

What rejoicing and praising God! Everything we had endured, I decided, was worth the touch from God we received that night. But little did I know what more our wonderful Lord had in store for us.

The next afternoon, and more contest. We downed our first opponent and were in the top four! But competition was increasing and nerves were taut. Our next opponent was our hardest yet. With a tied score, one of our star players fouled out, leaving only two to finish the game. The score was close, but we lost.

I wondered how our group would react to losing after enjoying so many victories. In my teaching I had tried to instill the right spirit, but would it hold? Eyes seemed inclined toward watering and throats were lumpy, but still the C.A.'s held steady and smiled. No grumbling, no complaining. They had been beaten fairly and they knew it. And we had placed third in the state. This was no mean accomplishment for our small group.

We started home—subdued a little but still happy. It was Friday night and our revival started Sunday. "Be sure and come," I said.

They came, all right. They had had a taste of soul winning and they wanted more. With them they brought other members of their Sunday school classes, schoolmates, cousins and friends. The Book of Acts had taken hold of them. Hardly a night passed but someone they had brought was won to God.

The core team spread out, praying around the altar, doing personal work, and helping pray one another through to the Baptism. And no one had told them to do it, or how. *It came from their hearts where the Word of God had been growing through all those months of toil and sweat and discouragement.*

I looked out over those altar scenes and it seemed my heart would burst with joy. To see the glory of God shine on their faces and feel the touch
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Pentecostal Expansion in Yugoslavia



Assemblies of God ministers in Yugoslavia. Seated left to right: Secretary Dragutin Volf, Superintendent Ludwik Ullen, V. G. Greisen, Gustaf Kinderman, and Brother Novak who first brought the Pentecostal message to Yugoslavia 21 years ago.

By RAYMOND T. BROCK

ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO EUROPE, FIELD SECRETARY V. G. Greisen ministered extensively in Yugoslavia. He reported from the capital city of Belgrade, "I have permission to speak anywhere in Yugoslavia. It is such a beautiful land and the brethren are the kindest you could wish for."

During his visit in Yugoslavia Brother Greisen met with the national workers in Zagred on October 7 and 8. He reports that the work of the Assemblies of God is growing in this part of Europe under the leadership of Superintendent Ludwik Ullen and Secretary Dragutin Volf.



V. G. Greisen ministering at the Assembly in Zagred.



Christ's Ambassadors at Zagred, Yugoslavia.

MISSIONARY News Notes



GOING: Mr. and Mrs. Don Phillips, Nebraska District, have arrived in Nigeria for their first term of service at Central Bible Institute.

In Paraguay for another term of service is the Paul Hutsell family.

The James Modders have returned to North India for another term of service.

COMING:

Miss Rosslyn Robinson, North India, is on furlough at 3 Bidwell Street, Tillsinburg, Ontario, Canada.

The Louis Richards have returned from Korea. Their address is P. O. Box 543, Inglewood, Calif.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haun, under appointment to Peru, are the happy

parents of Renay Diane, born Nov. 29. Proud parents of a baby daughter are Mr. and Mrs. William Sakwitz, on furlough from Japan. Marilee Jean was born November 25.

SPECIAL NEED:

Books for Evangelical Reading Rooms in numerous countries are constantly being requested by our missionaries. Argentina, Li-

beria, and Samoa are especially open for English books that present the Pentecostal way of life.

Secular books, in addition to Biblical books, commentaries, and concordances, are needed for our Bible, elementary, and secondary schools overseas. Of special interest are English grammar and literature books, and textbooks of history, mathematics, and science.



The Paul Hutsell family



Mr. and Mrs. James Modder and son.



Christ's Ambassadors officers elected at the annual National Conference in Dominican Republic last August.

Awakening in Dominican Republic

By LOUIS L. GROSSNICKLE
Missionary to Dominican Republic

NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE Assemblies of God of the Dominican Republic has there been such a revival in the churches! It seems that recent political trials and tribulations have brought the people to God, and there is a cry for salvation and a prayer for leadership in the present crisis.

All our churches are overflowing. The annual National C. A. Conference was held recently on the school farm

If you have used books of this nature that you would like to share with our overseas libraries and reading rooms, or if you would like to buy new books for these special opportunities, send your books or offering to the Foreign Missions Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Mo. Designation: General Literature Fund—Bible School Books.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Phillips and son

and, although our buildings are spacious, the place was filled to overflowing. The joyous worship was inspiring.

Brother Silva of the San Pedro de Macoris church baptized 52 converts and has 39 more ready for water baptism. The church will not hold the congregation and they are trying to sell the building and purchase one located in the center of the city which is available for \$6,000.

The evangelistic center in Santa Domingo is no longer large enough for its congregation. Four hundred people crowd into the main building for Sunday school, and other classes are conducted in various locations, bringing the total attendance to over 1,200.

Brother Ortiz of La Romana says that three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit recently while being baptized in water.

The church in Santiago is planning to add to the present building to relieve some of the congestion.

This revival spirit is not only manifest in the larger cities, but also in smaller communities all over the republic. Small chapels are being built as rapidly as they can be financed, but we are overwhelmed with calls for help. At the present time we are building two rural chapels.

Please continue to seek God's blessing for us and pray for revival in Dominican Republic. //

Evelyn Hatchett Called Home

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On December 11, 1961, Miss Evelyn Hatchett of Penang, Malaya was called to be with the Lord.

Her entire adult life was dedicated to the people of Malaya. She was preparing to sail to that land in November, 1941, when the Japanese tide engulfed Singapore and Malaya. Her ministry to the Chinese in Cuba from 1943 to 1945 was only an "interlude." Her ministry in South China and in the Philippines from 1947 to 1951 was another "interlude." Finally, when troubled Malaya returned to normal, Sister Hatchett reached her life's goal—ministry in Malaya. Here she labored from 1953 until her death.



Evelyn Hatchett

Iris Evelyn Hatchett was born October 28, 1910, in Tahoka, Texas. She graduated from Southern California College in 1934 and was ordained to the ministry in 1936. She served as Dean of Women of Southern California College in 1946-47, while on furlough.

Sister Hatchett was stricken with a heart attack on November 24th and died seventeen days later. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ruby Burget, and her sister, Donnie Barnett.

Miss Hatchett was energetic, vivacious, and personable. She had many talents and used them well. She was an able Bible school teacher, a forceful evangelist, an organizer, and a businesswoman. Young people flocked around her. Cultured people respected her. Older folk appreciated her.

The lasting burden on her heart was for the establishment of a stable Pentecostal church in Penang. Through her efforts, several congregations came into being on this island. But one burden remains unfulfilled—the provision of an adequate church building to house the Penang City congregation. All those who knew and loved Sister Hatchett are requested to help bring this dream to fruition. Send contributions to the Foreign Missions Department designated *Evelyn Hatchett Memorial Church Building Fund*. Thus you can perpetuate the living memory of one of God's dedicated servants who laid down her life in Malaya for the people she loved.

—M. L. Ketcham

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1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.

Peter's Perils and Pearls

experiences, wrapped in God's abundant grace, have given us rare spiritual jewels indeed.

Wherever Peter fails to give his Lord the pre-eminence it is there that his perils appear. After these errors, and following the blessings begun at Pentecost, pearls of grace fill his heart and overflow to us through his pen of inspiration as Christ is exalted.

His perils set a pattern for Christians to avoid, and his pearls are to be greatly desired for our spiritual adornment and enrichment.

What are some of these perils and pearls? What admonitions may we receive to warn us? What exhortations to encourage us? Let us see them:

THE PERIL OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

How strange those Galilean waters must have felt beneath the feet of



In Peter's life there are both wonders and warnings to guide the heaven-bound pilgrim.

By J. W. MELLICK

THE GOSPELS AND THE BOOK OF Acts reveal Peter's *perils* while his Epistles display his *pearls*. Perhaps his pearls came from the experience of his perils in some degree, even as the irritating sand beneath the oyster's shell produces rare gems.

And how often the word "precious" appears in Peter's writings. His sad

this veteran fisherman, who had often braved the perilous waves and well knew their power. His experience was that of a greater Power sustaining him. His eyes and faith were upon Christ as we may read in Matthew 14:22-33. His peril came "when he saw the wind boisterous [and became] afraid." He placed "impossible circumstances" before his Lord and judged their power to be greater than His. Is that not a common peril in Christianity today as we see the waves of "impossible circumstances" converge upon us at various levels and in various experiences? We see *them* instead of Christ.

THE PEARL OF THE POSSIBLE

Now let us go "pearl-hunting." A pearl from Peter's pen parallels and contrasts this former failure of faith. "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8).

"Yes," Peter says, "there are severe storms of persecution and high waves of suffering, but He is seen only with the eye of faith—this is sufficient!"

THE PERIL OF THE INFERIOR

In Matthew 16:13-20 we find Peter riding high in the praises of his Lord, having confessed Him to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter's pride grows in the warm glow of Christ's commendation for this confession, and with this came the peril and danger.

As Jesus tells His disciples of the coming suffering of crucifixion and death, Peter's concept of Messiahship clashes with Christ's pronouncement. Like the disciples on the Emmaus road he is "slow to believe *all* that the prophets had spoken," and thus he rebukes Him who is "the Truth." In remonstrance, Christ turned His back upon him, saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence [a stumbling block] unto me..." (Matthew 16:23).

THE PEARL OF THE SUPERIOR

After this experience and after Pentecost, Peter writes, "Ye were... redeemed with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18, 19). Also, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree..." (1 Peter 2:24).

How often inferior thoughts and words, which fall short of the truth, pose a peril to ourselves and to those who hear us. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds unto all truth. Peter learned the value of the Blood. In these days of modernism let us not lose this pearl. Its loss has become the peril of our day.

THE PERIL OF PERSONALITIES

To Peter, Moses and Elijah were prominent personalities of the *past* who came into the *present* on the Mount of Transfiguration. These men became a peril to Peter as he equated them with Christ. He impetuously suggested the building of three tabernacles there on the mount, but he was promptly rebuked and corrected from

heaven: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (Matthew 17:5).

THE PEARL OF CHRIST'S PERSON

This rebuke, plus Pentecost, enabled Peter to say, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The other personalities had faded into the dim background.

We dare not pass by 2 Peter 1:16, 17. Peter affirms that he and the two other apostles were eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. Jesus, in His mercy, reassured Peter's Jewish heart that after Calvary He would some glorious day be acclaimed as King of kings and Lord of lords.

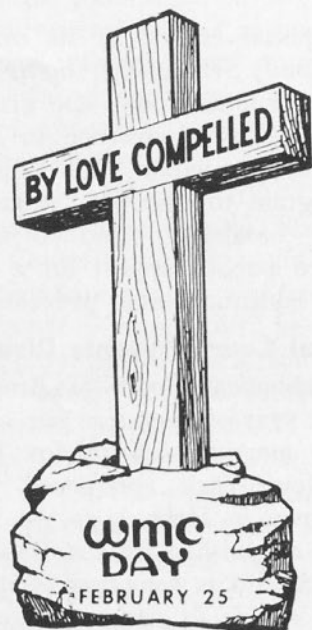
Havoc has been wrought in the family of God by the exaltation of human personalities—equating them with Christ. He must have the pre-eminence.

THE PERIL OF PRIDE

The overestimation of one's native abilities is a common snare of the unwary soul. Peter stoutly protested Christ's plain statement that the apostles would be offended and he deeply resented the prediction of his denial of the Lord. The outcome of this is familiar and well known to all, but can we see the peril and danger of our own self-sufficient ways? It resulted in tears for the apostle.

THE PEARL OF HUMILITY

We wonder if the pearl in 1 Peter 5:5,6 may not have been formed in part, at least, from Peter's bitter ex-



REMEMBER WHEN?

Compiled by Don Mallough
from the files of the Pentecostal Evangel

35 Years Ago

Hettie Steffen and Edna Wagenknecht, graduates of Central Bible Institute, have just sailed for India as missionaries. . . . A. S. Ellis, pastor in LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON, gives a glowing report of their watch-night service. . . . Alex Clattenburg of OXFORD, PENNSYLVANIA announces he has a good cornet for sale. . . . Charles W. H. Scott has resigned as pastor in TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, to enter the evangelistic field. . . . Among those newly ordained are Fred A. Merian, Earl H. Opie, and Meyer Tan Ditter.

25 Years Ago

Forty-four new missionaries were sent out to the foreign fields last year (1936). . . . Paul L. Ferguson and family have received appointment as missionaries to PUERTO RICO and Marjorie Mahaney is to go to EGYPT. . . . Evangelist E. T. Quanabush is conducting meetings in NEW KENSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA, for Pastor A. W. Buckley. . . . B. H. Armes has resigned as pastor in HUTCHINSON, KANSAS, to enter the evangelistic field. . . . Edgar Newby recently conducted a good meeting in BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS, for Millard E. Collins. . . . Among those receiving ordination were Arvid Ohrnell and Paul L. Beck.

perience, for we read, "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God." From the experience of the peril of pride may have come the pearl of humility in the provident grace of God.

THE PERIL OF FEAR

We are prone to think that following the Saviour is an escape from suffering. At the palace of the high priest, imminent danger and suffering struck fear into Peter's heart and came between him and his Lord; thus came the denial. He left close fellowship with Christ to escape suffering.

Today we too often deny Christ to escape social disapproval, and the day could be near in America when physical suffering and even death will face the Christian—a severe test as to our faithfulness to Christ. Peter suffered agony of soul because of his denial.

THE PEARL OF SUBMISSION

Behold the pearl formed in Peter's heart as he writes, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21). Also, "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye. . ." (1 Peter 3:14). Let us treasure this pearl of truth. It is precious

indeed. May we count it a privilege to suffer for Him.

THE PERIL OF WATCHING OTHERS

Peter learns of his own future and how he will meet death. Read John 21:19-24. He learns what it will cost him in the future to be a follower of Christ. Peter immediately begins to wonder and inquire about John the beloved apostle. Jesus' rebuke is sharp and to the point, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." Christ's concern was that we be faithful, regardless of how our lot may compare with that of others.

THE PEARL OF A CHRIST-FILLED VISION

The rebuke of Christ and the experiences following Pentecost mel-
lowed the impetuous apostle to write in 2 Peter 1:4-12 that each Christian, as an individual, should shoulder the responsibility of fully appropriating the promises in partaking of the divine nature and demonstrate his calling and election to the fullest—living the abundant life!

These perils and pearls from the person and pen of Peter are, perhaps, but a few of the number to be found; but they furnish an abundance of food for thought—and heart-searching. "



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible

Bible Auctioned for \$22,400

A private buyer in Sotheby's London (England) auction paid \$22,400 for a Hebrew Bible published in Egypt in 1260.

This is a steep price for a single copy of the Scriptures. This particular volume was expensive due to its historical nature, but who can compute the worth of the eternal, infallible Word of God. No price could match its true value.

Court Reporter Transcribes Bible in Pitman Shorthand

To all stenographers wishing to improve their shorthand, James Shaw of Hawthorne, N. J., recommends that they practice by copying parts of the Bible. They will find it is not easy to form shorthand characters for some of the Biblical words! But Mr. Shaw, a court reporter, has proved it can be done. He wrote out the entire Bible in Pitman shorthand, working on the task for ten years during his spare time. It was a pleasant change, he said, from transcribing court cases.

His three-volume "Pitman Bible" probably will be given to the New York Public Library.

Bible More Widely Read Today

People in Asia are studying the Bible to discover what is behind Western democracy, says Dr. Livier Beguin, general secretary of the United Bible Societies, who recently made a world-wide survey of Bible usage.

"I found a new interest in the Scriptures. It is quite amazing," he said. While the world-wide increase in Scripture distribution amounted to 30 per cent, he said it was up nearly 40 per cent in Asia.

But in the U.S. and certain European countries the situation is different, he said. "Only a small proportion of people read their Bibles regularly. They have lost contact with the message. They do not see the relevance in many cases today." Though

they are buying more Bibles, in some areas they are reading them less, according to Dr. Beguin.

Education

Assemblies of God Schools Up in Enrollment

Enrollment in nine Bible schools and colleges of the Assemblies of God has reached more than 3,000 for the current term. This is a five per cent increase over 1960-61.

Two-thirds of the students are enrolled in theological studies and one-third are liberal arts collegians. Compared with 1956 figures, liberal arts students have increased from 14 to 35 per cent of the total; consequently, theological enrollments have decreased from 86 to 65 per cent.

The Assemblies of God has seven Bible colleges including two junior college programs, two liberal arts colleges, and two resident high schools. Day schools are operated by local Assemblies in various cities.

Private Schools May Share in Shelter Program

A Defense Department official at Washington declared that parochial schools and other private, nonprofit institutions would be eligible to participate in the proposed \$700,000,000 federal fallout shelter construction program.

Roswell L. Gilpatric, deputy secretary of defense, said that under this program schools could receive grants to build shelters that could also be used as gymnasiums. He said grants also would be given to state and private nonprofit organizations operating hospitals, clinics, and welfare institutions.

President Kennedy wants congressional approval of the program for a twelve-month period beginning in July. The government hopes to construct shelters for 20,000,000 persons. Mr. Gilpatric said it probably would cost \$40 to provide space for one person in a large shelter and the government

would pay about \$25 leaving \$15 to be financed by local government authorities.

Accrediting Association Elects Assemblies of God Educator

One hundred and seventy representatives were present from 84 Bible colleges and educational organizations at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges recently held at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Total student enrollment for 1961 showed an increase of five per cent over the previous year's.

Dr. Harold W. Boon, Nyack Missionary College, was elected to a second term as president, and Dr. T. B. Crum, Barrington College, was re-elected secretary. Dr. Willard Aldrich, Multnomah School of the Bible, and Dr. C. C. Burnett, Bethany Bible College (Assemblies of God), were elected members at large. Dr. S. A. Witmer was re-appointed executive director.

Divorce

Family Breakdown Seen as Grave Problem in U.S.

The Family Service Association of America described family breakdown as the country's "number one social problem" and "as destructive as any disease."

In a special edition of its official journal *Family Service Highlights* published in connection with the group's 50th anniversary conference in New York, the association called for a crash program to discover the causes of family breakdown and to enlist enlightened public support for a program of education and prevention.

Rabbinical Court Prevents Divorces

The Rabbinical Court of America in its first year of operation has saved some 500 marriages, Orthodox leaders at New York announced. The court, known in Hebrew as the Beth Din, was established by the Rabbinical Council and is composed of three Orthodox rabbis. It sits once a week. It serves the entire Jewish community

in America without regard to synagogue affiliation.

While saving 500 marriages it granted 42 religious divorces. The rabbinic court is aided by a panel of sixteen laymen including attorneys, businessmen, and members of other professions.

Foreign

Assemblies of God National Workers on the Increase

National workers serving with Assemblies of God missions in various parts of the world have increased more than 250 per cent since 1955. The number has grown from 4,800 to 12,000. Nineteen new foreign Bible schools were started during the past six years, making a total of 70.

There are more than a million members of the Assemblies of God on foreign soil. In the U.S. the membership is approximately 508,000.

Pope John's Ecumenicity Gets a Definition

The Ecumenical or Second Vatican Council will be held in 1962, the Pope announced at Christmas. For three years the head of the Roman Church has spoken favorably about church unity, causing much excitement among many liberal churchmen who envision a gigantic merging of numerous churches—and some even thought the Catholics were willing to be a part of a super world-church.

However, a recent communique indicates the Pope is not about to concede any of his autocratic concepts. The *Osservatore Romano*, official Vatican publication, which has published several articles in favor of ecumenical contacts, has now issued a text signed by Signor Luigi Ciappi which reveals a very different point of view about the problems of Christian unity. He declared, "The deposit of divine truth within it (Roman Catholic Church), and its means of sanctification, are unique and complete. It is therefore impossible," he continued, "to pray or to work for Christian unity except in the sense that the separated brethren should return to their former fellowship in the faith; that is, to the mother church."

Evangelical Christians know that true unity is deeper than mere outward organization. True unity is postulated upon the basis of a "born-again experience."

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS



✧ *Please tell me what is meant by "age of accountability" and when does this occur?*

Accountable means "capable, or liable to be called to account." The age of accountability is that period when a child becomes aware he is responsible to God for his actions and words. Some children, with the help of good teaching, may arrive earlier than others at this sense of moral responsibility and grasp the distinction between God's approval or disapproval upon their conduct, "the conscience the meanwhile accusing or approving" word and deed.

✧ *Does chapter 7 of Romans describe a believer or a sinner? It speaks of a man who cannot live victoriously, for, when he would do good, he cannot because of sin that dwells in him?*

Chapter 7 describes a person under the law—trying to keep the law in his own strength. Such a person is described as having the law for a husband. When a person sees he is dead to the law as a husband, he is then free to be married to another, the Lord Jesus. A new law comes into his life, "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus," which makes him free from the law of sin and death. Some believers in Christ live more in Romans 7 than they ought. The Christian's place is in Romans 8, the place of victory.

✧ *Why did Paul tell the church at Corinth to "set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church" (1 Corinthians 6:4)? I should think the wisest members should be chosen to serve as judges.*

Rather than taking any differences that they might have to a heathen court, Paul advised that they should settle them within the church. The Williams' translation reads in verse 1, "When one of you has a grievance against his neighbor, does he dare to go to law before a heathen court, instead of laying the case before God's people?" The Phillips' translation

reads, "Aren't you ashamed to bring the matter to be settled before a pagan court? Why choose as judges those who count for nothing in the church?" If differences arise among Christian brethren, God would have them settled within the church, not aired before a worldly court.

✧ *Household salvation is mentioned in Acts 16:31. Is it possible for members of a Christian home then to be lost?*

Various scriptures reveal the value of a Christian home and of a covenant relationship between God and Christian parents. One example is in the provision for the Passover Feast. The rule was, "a lamb for a house." But Jesus shows salvation to be an individual matter as well by His expression, "whosoever will." None are saved by proxy: each must find personal salvation through personal repentance and faith. There must be "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" on an individual basis.

✧ *Do the words, "Heaven and earth shall pass away..." (Matthew 24:35), mean that heaven will really pass away? If so, where will people now in heaven be after its passing?*

It is indicated in Hebrews 1:10-12 that the time will come when the heavens and the earth will pass away. See also 2 Peter 3:10. We believe this will take place at the time of the final judgment (Revelation 20:11), prior to the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth. I am sure this passing away of heaven does not include the "paradise" of God (third heaven) mentioned in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4. I believe the heavens that will be destroyed will be the earth's atmosphere.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



7999 TO GO!

By R. L. BRANDT

National Home Missions Secretary

THE FIRST "BREAKTHROUGH—8000" project is in orbit. Soon Norwalk, Conn., will have a new Assemblies of God church. Already Pastor and Mrs. Harvey Meppelink are on the scene. A plot of three and one-half acres has been purchased in a choice location and the building project is underway.

This is *project number one* in the new "Breakthrough—8000" plan. There are 7,999 to go to reach the goal of 8,000 new churches in the next ten years. This is nearly one new church for each existing Assemblies of God church.

How can such a goal be reached? Certainly not by nationally sponsored projects alone. But there are ways it can be done.

The answer to the problem is not wrapped up in a single approach. There are several very acceptable methods, and circumstances must determine which is used in each instance.

Topping the list is that method whereby *a single strong church establishes another*. There is no better method. Several important steps are involved:

1. The congregation must be given a vision for such a project.

2. A needy community must be discovered.

3. A building site must be wisely chosen and a suitable building planned.

4. A plan to finance purchase of the site and construction of the first unit must be devised. (A good plan is for the sponsoring church to ne-

gotiate a loan to be repaid by regular monthly payments.)

5. A pastor must be prayerfully chosen.

6. Arrangements for the pastor's support must be made. (One of the simplest and most effective methods is the transplanting of several families. Ten tithing families can support a pastor.)

7. A careful organization must be effected.

Many churches across the country, including the new Tri-County Assembly of God in Cincinnati, Ohio, have been opened in this way.

However, when a single church does not have sufficient strength or potential resources to sponsor a new church alone, there is another excellent plan. It can *join forces with two or three other churches* to accomplish the objective.

Here is an inspiring paragraph from Pastor Thomas G. Skoog of Battle Creek, Mich.: "The three churches of the Battle Creek area are making plans right now (December 1961) to unite their forces in starting a fourth. This new Assemblies of God church is in the Harp Creek area. It is a new area where there are no churches of any kind. We have chosen our lots—three acres right across from the elementary and high schools. We are choosing our pastor now and hope to get started by early spring."

In some cases it will be necessary for *a whole section* to unite in sponsoring a project, and in districts with many small churches *the entire district* can do it. In any event, the steps outlined for a single sponsoring church apply.

Then, too, the need for new churches is so great in some areas that it calls for *the united thrust of the entire Movement*. One such place is Norwalk, Conn., as mentioned above. Three additional projects will be highlighted in the 1962 "Breakthrough—8000" rallies. These will be in New Hampshire, North Carolina and Utah. Locations have already been determined for the New Hampshire and North Carolina projects, and a decision will be made soon on the Utah project.

In New Hampshire the project will be in Manchester. This industrial city of 90,000 is the major commercial center of the state, yet it has only one small Assemblies of God church. The reported total evangelical church attendance is only 75 to 100 on Sunday nights.

The North Carolina project will be in Kinston, a thriving city of 25,400. This city is the hub for a three-county population area of more than 200,000 with no Assemblies of God church. Nearby are two fine cities—Goldsboro, site of a naval air base with 28,873 population, and Greenville with 22,860. Neither of these cities has an Assemblies of God church.

Utah has a rapidly expanding population. There are only 15 Assemblies of God churches in this predominant Mormon state.

In the 1962 "Breakthrough—8000" rallies the entire Assemblies of God constituency will join hands on behalf of the great need in these three areas. Here is an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate genuine Christian concern and to *break through* for the glory of God. ■■

'BREAKTHROUGH'...

From the Standpoint of a District Superintendent

BY E. W. GOODMAN

Montana District Superintendent

THIS PAST GENERAL COUNCIL WILL live in the hearts of us that attended as a never-to-be-forgotten challenge. The "Breakthrough" challenge gripped us.

Having served in Montana as a district officer these past fourteen years—the last six as superintendent—I have seen the ratio of success in home missions efforts decline to a startling and heartbreaking low.

The "rented hall" that once gave a young pastor an audience and a chance to establish a young church, like the buggy and carriage, served its day.

The Americans of the sixties leave modern homes to ride ultra-modern conveyances to work and shop in air-conditioned, attractive factories and markets. Few people have any contact at all with humble surroundings, and it is most difficult to impress them with the possibility that the "Gold of Ophir" is to be had in abundance in a building that can no longer be successfully used to merchandise common goods for human demands.

Such quarters will still be utilized, and young men will succeed in gathering a nucleus of saints who will acquire property and build to God's glory; but, proportionately, the number of these successes dwindles with our advancing era. Summed up, it means that \$20,000 may be needed to open an additional work in an area where the first church began with a \$2,000 district investment.

To me, "Breakthrough" means gearing our home missions program to our day. It means an escape from the fear of becoming a dead name among a roster of denominations that no longer challenge this generation.

Our message and experience is apostolic, and the early church "broke through" the walls of prejudice and economic barrier that denied them a

witness to Europe and Asia. We face our "wall" that defies us in giving the unchurched communities a full-gospel witness. A *new program of giving* is imperative. Just "doing more" will not meet the challenge.

"Breakthrough," to me, cannot mean less than every church's receiving an offering a month for home missions buildings. When it becomes clear that a certain course of action must be taken to save us from being buried denominationally, our people will find a joy in paying the price to "break through."

... From the Standpoint of a Pastor

BY ARTHUR SHELL, JR.

Clearwater, Florida

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHILE PIONEERING a church in north Alabama, I had time to ponder the problems of Home Missions and to look through the eyes of a home missionary.

I saw, first of all, the lack of personnel qualified and willing to do pioneer work. Secondly, I saw the seemingly insurmountable difficulty of financing new works.

After four years in this area and with some money given to us and some borrowed, we were able to see a work established in one other city besides our own. Neither building was very presentable and therefore failed to attract people very fast. The pastor of the other church and myself both had to do secular work and contribute to the little churches, so that little of our time could be spent encouraging growth. These churches were located in the great industrial center of the Tennessee Valley in the state of Alabama.

Later I was called to become district secretary and home missions di-

BREAKTHROUGH RALLY MONTH

February has been designated as "Breakthrough" Rally month across the nation. Rallies highlighting the new ten-year "Breakthrough" plan of church extension spearheaded by the National Home Missions Department will be conducted on the district level. Offerings taken during the rallies will be used to start three new churches in areas where they are urgently needed. Be sure to attend the "Breakthrough" Rally in your section.

I have been cheered by a number of pastors who indicate a willingness to challenge their people with this vision. A far greater investment is required to insure the success of launching a new church than was required a decade ago. As one district superintendent stated not long ago, "We have launched a number of new churches these past few years, but comparatively few have 'gone into orbit.' The answer to future success lies in Operation Breakthrough." " "

rector. Then I saw why most churches were failing to give to Home Missions. They simply did not have a plan by which they could see the need and give to that need.

We introduced a plan which tied several smaller churches to a project in another city and, together, they were able to make monthly payments on whatever loan the district could secure. This method, by the way, is now known as the "Big Brother Plan." This worked fine except for one problem—there was never enough money at one time to permit us to go into a large city with a nice building program, and more and more this was required in these cities.

I believe the new "Breakthrough" program answers this need; and I believe we shall see a much greater response in giving to home missions, as well as more talented young couples dedicating themselves to this area of ministry. We have a small "Breakthrough" program charted for one of our Florida cities and hope to see many more such projects in the years to come. " "



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What Teenagers Expect From Parents

By MARGARET N. FREEMAN

COUNTLESS ARTICLES PINPOINT TEEN-agers' weaknesses and misdemeanors, but fewer articles turn the spotlight on parents. Every generation has its problems in finding a happy meeting ground to better understanding. Let's face ours by standing on the teenager's side and considering just what they have a right to expect from their parents.

They have a right to be understood.
"My parents just don't understand," is a common wail. It is hard to turn time back twenty or thirty years, but happy the parent who can do it! Such a parent doesn't shrug off the "Everybody-is-doing-it!" with a "How-silly! I-know-best" look. He will remember his own adolescent longings but he will weigh them in the light of the learning the years have taught him.

If the parent is genuinely convinced

that he is doing the best for his child's welfare, he will kindly and tenderly explain why this is so. He will keep a shoulder handy to weep on and will stand absolutely pat even under the dreadful risk of being called a "fuddy-dud."

Teen-agers have a right to expect parents to be wise enough to refuse them harmful things and understanding enough not to make a fuss about nonessentials. Sometimes the parent will see that the teen-ager just might have a point!

Parents must realize that an adolescent has problems. Betwixt childhood and adulthood he is confused, unsure. There are quick tears and temper tantrums—sunshine and smiles the next moment. Mom and Dad have to learn to cope with unsettled moods. It takes many a prayer for patience and wisdom.

They have a right to the parents' time.

"My parents never even listen to me—they don't have time for me," is a charge that is true in many cases. "Run along, now—we'll discuss it later," or "Uh-huh, how nice, dear!" and other preoccupied murmurs from behind the paper or mixing bowl are all too common. This is not the way to achieve success with teen-agers.

Reticence is typical of young people but at other times they become quite voluble. One mother said, "When my teen-ager is in a mood to talk I listen, whether it's twelve o'clock midnight or twelve o'clock noon!" Your child has a right to the sympathetic listening ear of his parents.

But many grow up in homes where Mother and Dad spend all their hours making a living, keeping a spotless home; or in the other extreme, wrapped up tightly in clubs, parties, friends, and other social or business obligations. What about the children's right to family togetherness—picnics, drives, vacations, family worship, and family fun?

He has a right to some flexibility of rules.

My parents are too strict. They lay down the law and when I ask for an explanation they only say, "Because I said so!"

When a parent says this with an adamant "This-matter-is-closed" look, the teen-ager has a right to an explanation. His natural logic demands

answers. It is the parent's business to explain courteously, clearly, and kindly.

"The rules my parents make are impossible to keep," some teen-agers complain. "If I am in one minute after ten-thirty, whammo! I'm restricted for two weeks!"

We live in a rather complicated age; even hard and fast rules must yield a point now and then. After all, can parents always adhere to a set schedule? Rules should be observed 99 per cent of the time but surely the youngster has a right to expect leniency the rest of the time—for example, if there is a flat tire, or if the drive-in was crowded and the service slow. However, the parent should insist on getting a phone call to explain this wherever possible.

They have a right to supervision and guidance.

"My parents are not strict enough—they let me do as I please!" Grow-

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it—Proverbs 22:6.

ing up may seem a breeze and all fun for this boy or girl, but some day they will feel—even if they don't say it—"I wish Mom and Dad had been more strict with me. I wish they had made me finish high school, practice music, learn to cook and clean, be on time," or whatever the short-coming may be.

But the saddest situation of all is when the complaint is, "My parents don't care where I go—what I think—how I feel." These kids would, almost without exception, step into the shoes of those who wail, "I don't get to do anything! My parents are like policemen."

An unhappy off-shoot of this problem is summed up in the observation, "If Mom doesn't come across, I go to Dad. He's an easy mark. But boy! Do they have some rows!" Teen-agers have a right to a united homefront. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Mom and Dad should collaborate and agree on major issues and the teen-ager should find himself bucking a stone wall when he tries to reverse a decision by pitting one parent against another.

They have a right to be treated as individuals.

The parents should remember their teen-agers are people. They have a right to be respected in their decisions and to express individual personalities.

"My parents tell me I'm not old enough to do a lot of things I want to do, but if they want me to do something that's different! I'm too young to take the car sixty miles away for one evening, but they think I'm old enough to hold down a full-time job for the summer. Uncle Sam thinks I'm old enough for the draft at eighteen. Boy, am I confused! I'm grown-up enough to do what they want, but I'm a child when it's something I want!"

The years do fly by with frightening speed. Sometimes parents do not seem to realize that the passing of time has made a difference. Apron strings ought to slacken, and the parents show confidence in their children that are growing up, realizing the right of those young people to start making some of their own decisions. It will often be like treading egg shells, but a hands-off policy is necessary sometimes. The teen-ager still needs guidance, certainly, and the brake cannot be completely released lest he tear around adolescent roads at too great a speed!

One teen-ager says, "My mother even makes fun of my friends!" "Honestly," the mother said with mock amusement, "the characters Peggy drags home these days! One girl is so fat I don't know why her mother doesn't put her on a diet. And that tall gangly Richards boy is so awkward I tremble for some of my nice things. Another wears her hair shoulder length. Her hair looks like a rag mop."

After one glance at Peggy's resentful expression, it did not take a sage to deduce that her mother's attitude did not improve relations between them. A parent should have the insight to see good characteristics and not make belittling observations of people. If the friendship is unwholesome the parent must, of course, take corrective steps but never through the route of showing disrespect for his child's friends. An attitude like that will only build animosity and rebellion.

"My brother was a big wheel in

What Were They?

. . . by Dick Champion

Below are jumbled names of six men who lived in Bible times. First, unscramble their names, writing them in the spaces provided at the right. Then take all the circled letters and unscramble them. When you have done this you will have the occupation of these men.

1. HAAISI . . . ()
2. JHRAMIEE' () ()
3. LEIDAN ()
4. IA HANPZEH ()
5. JLOE ()
6. NNTHAA ()

Take the circled letters from your answers above and unscramble them, adding them to the letter below:

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ANSWERS:
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 6—Nathan. All of them were PROPH.
 miah; 5—Daniel; 4—Zephaniah; 5—Joel;
 The six men are: 1—Isaiah; 2—Jer-

school and a straight A student. I don't have his personality or brains, and Mom is forever wailing, "Why can't you be more like your brother?" I don't want to be like him. I want to be myself!" And teen-agers do have a right to be themselves, yet how many parents are guilty of trying to squeeze their children into desired molds. The mother who married and gave up a career may push her child in that direction when there is little or no aptitude for it. A father may insist his son follow his own profession.

But God created each of us with particular talents, and it is important that parents help their children find themselves and then allow them to be themselves, insisting that they develop their own God-given talents and potentialities.

Only God can give understanding and enlightenment on being a wise and successful parent. Edgar Guest wrote a poem in which he said, "It takes a heap o' livin' to make a house a home." To paraphrase, "It takes a heap o' tryin' to make adults good parents!" But let us do our best to give our teen-agers happy homes to finish growing up in—Christian homes where God's precepts are loved and lived. "



CHRIST THE TRUE VINE

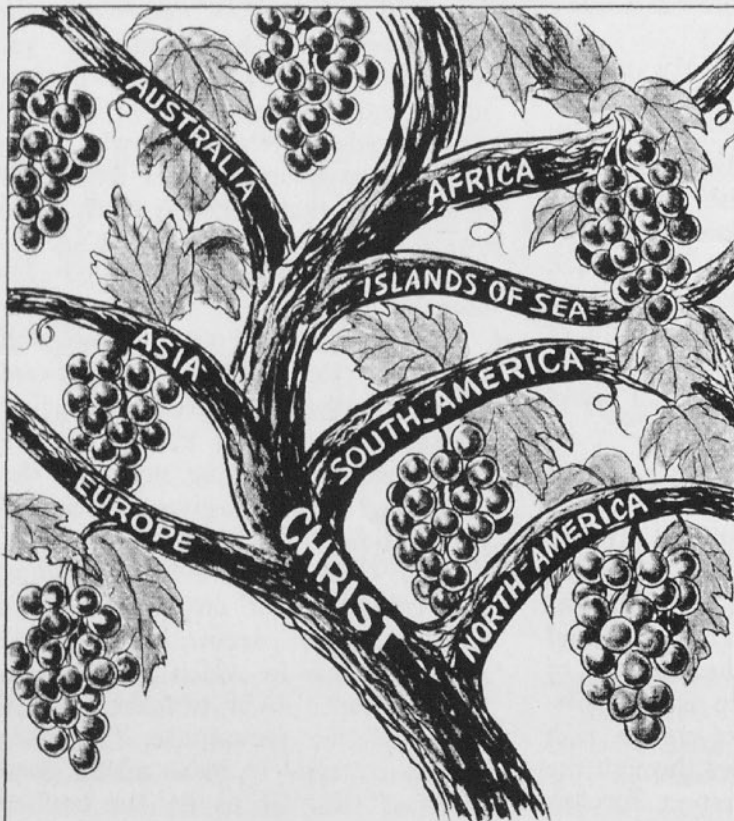
Sunday School Lesson for February 11, 1961

JOHN 15:1-16

There is no teaching of Jesus in the Gospels which more clearly explains the real nature and purposes of relationship to Christ than today's lesson. Since the verses do not lend themselves to outlining in their present order we shall consider some of the main propositions laid down by the Lord in the entire section.

1. *The branches are joined to the vine* (vv. 1, 5). Being a Christian is not a matter of joining this or that church; it is not a matter of doing or not doing; it is not believing a creed; it is union with the living Christ! This union is an essential union just as the union existing between a branch and the trunk of the vine or tree. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12). It is as simple as that! "Having the Son" means that one has been born again by the Holy Spirit, and has been made partaker of Christ's divine nature after receiving Christ into his heart by faith. See John 3: 3, 5; Titus 3:5; 2 Peter 1:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 1:12; Ephesians 3:16, 17.

FRUIT FROM EVERYWHERE



THOU HAST REDEEMED US...OUT OF EVERY KINDRED,
AND TONGUE, AND PEOPLE, AND NATION. REV. 5:9

2. *The branches live by the vine* (vv. 4, 6). Branches severed from the main trunk of the tree or grapevine soon die because they have no life in themselves. Neither does the Christian have life in himself. Why so much backsliding? It is caused by a failure to abide in Christ. Out of touch with Christ we have no spiritual life, no spiritual power, no true joy or inspiration, no truly spiritual and lasting results in our service.

3. *Branches are intended to bear fruit* (vv. 2, 4, 5, 8, 16). How Jesus emphasized this truth! What is the real purpose of life? We do not oversimplify when we answer in one word, *usefulness!* Or, to use the language of our lesson, *fruitfulness.* In Ephesians (1:4) we learn the glorious fact that "he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." But to what purpose? "That we should be holy and without blame before him in love." That is fruitfulness. Here John enlightens us regarding a glorious privilege as well as responsibility—"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

What does this fruitfulness include? First, and it must be first, *fruit of character*, which means so yielding one's life in obedience and yieldedness to God's Word and Spirit that a divinely wrought transformation takes place and one bears in his life the beautiful and desirable fruit of the Spirit. See Galatians 5:22, 23.

Second, *fruitfulness in service.* Verse seven and the latter part of verse sixteen point out that abiding in Christ is the secret to power in the prayer of petition or intercession which is a key to successful service for Christ.

4. *The importance of the pruning process.* "Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." One unaccustomed to farming would think that the pruning or trimming of the tree or vine would kill it! The wife of the writer, some time ago, thought he had surely killed the fine lemon tree in our yard after he had trimmed three-fourths of it away. But behold, it grew up more productive than ever! Our heavenly Father is an experienced and loving Husbandman or Vinedresser. Though He finds it necessary to cut away from us those things which would hinder His glory and power from shining through, let us not be faithless or unbelieving. He never cuts away anything for which He will not produce in us and through us something far better!

5. *Abiding—the secret of His love and His joy* (vv. 9-14). The consciousness of Christ's love for us, the experience of His joy within us—these are among the most precious and desirable and needful treasures in God's redemptive plan. They are realized through constant communion with Christ and complete obedience to His Word. If John the Beloved were among us today, we believe His message would be unchanged. In an age when the emphasis in religion is placed in so many other places, we believe John would say again as He has said in his Gospel and Epistles—"My little children, passionate personal devotion to Jesus Christ himself is the one thing needful. Truly attend to that and all other responsibilities will then be rightfully fulfilled."

—J. Bashford Bishop

The Office of Deacon

By GEORGE COLLINS
Chino, California

TWO QUESTIONS ARE USUALLY ASKED at church business meetings when deacons are elected. One is asked by the voters: "Who will make a good deacon?" The other is asked by the newly elected deacon: "What am I supposed to do now?"

QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications for a deacon are indicated by two things: by the Scripture, and by the duties required of a deacon.

Acts 6 gives us the origin of the deaconship. The non-spiritual duties in the Early Church became so heavy that the spiritual ministry began to suffer. The apostles told the brethren to pick out leaders to take care of these duties, and outlined the qualities to look for in the men they were to choose. Three major qualifications were looked for:

MEN OF HONEST REPORT: This is what we call a good reputation. The brethren were to examine the daily life of the deacon candidate and be sure that his reputation was clean. I say *daily* life because, sad to say, there are those who have a Sunday religion and a weekday expediency which do not agree. They go to church because it is "good business." These should not be deacons.

Paul in 1 Timothy 3:7 says the bishop must have a good report of them that are without. This does not mean he must be liked by all unbelievers but that they acknowledge that he lives his religion. The same would apply to deacons.

FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST: Not only must the deacon candidate have a clean reputation but he must be baptized with the Holy Ghost and must

lead a Spirit-filled life. There must be no question about his continuing relationship with God.

Notice that it says **FULL** of the Holy Ghost; not filled with the Holy Ghost once upon a time. Again the emphasis is on present spirituality.

AND WISDOM: This is not great learning but common sense. It denotes the ability to properly use what he does know. The deacon candidate must show ability to act wisely and tactfully. He must be adroit at weighing evidence and making decisions.

The other significant Scripture passage on the deaconship is in 1 Timothy 3. Here Paul goes into more detail as he speaks from a background of experience in establishing and overseeing the growing churches in the first century.

GRAVE: Today there is much emphasis on being a "good Joe." If you are not, then you are a "sourpuss" or you are "putting on airs." Paul is not speaking against being friendly. He is ruling out foolishness and "tomfoolery." The man who never seems to have a serious thought and cannot get down to business is not a good deacon candidate.

NOT DOUBLE TONGUED: A man who is not fully persuaded in his own mind about the basic beliefs of his church cannot serve it well as a deacon. Otherwise he will be accused of being two-faced. He must be consistent in belief, action, and especially in his dealings with others. Words to the back must be the same as those to the face.

NOT GIVEN TO MUCH WINE: "When a person drinks, the first thing that goes is his moral restraint," a friend told me the other day. The deacon must be an exemplary layman to the congregation which he serves. He cannot do this if he has pickled his conscience in alcohol.

NOT GREEDY OF FILTHY LUCRE: He who is always "chasing a fast buck" cannot be a good Christian—or deacon. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24).

HOLDING THE MYSTERY OF THE FAITH IN A PURE CONSCIENCE: The conscience of the deacon candidate must be healthy and sensitive, not calloused and seared. He must live daily so that his conscience will remain active and clean.

BE PROVED... FOUND BLAMELESS: The voters should not hesitate to in-

vestigate the reputation and life of a deacon candidate. A chat with his employer or co-workers is not out of order, and if he is not found blameless he has no business in the deaconship, Paul says.

HUSBANDS OF ONE WIFE... RULING THEIR OWN HOUSES WELL: This is the acid test of a man's ability. If he cannot adequately meet the problems that come up in the marriage relationship and family life, then Paul asks, "How can he take care of the church of God?" (1 Timothy 3:5).

From these two passages we see that the deacon candidate must have a high strength of character and a wide background of experience. As we turn now and look at some of the duties of the deaconship this will become more and more emphatic.

DUTIES

The primary purpose of the deaconship is to serve. It does not have power over the pastor in spiritual matters. The original seven in Acts 6 were not chosen to advise the apostles what to preach or when to have a revival campaign, but to administer the material interests of the church.

Neither does the deacon board legislate, or make laws. This lies with the congregation. They are elected to carry out the will of the people and to look out for their business interests.

As mentioned above, the deacon board is to *manage the secular interests of the church*. They are responsible for the *funds* of the church. They should prepare a budget each year and superintend the raising of funds to meet the budget by scriptural means. They should see that the pastor is not promised more than the church is able to pay, and see that he does get what has been promised him.

The deacon board is also responsible for the care of the *property*. They should see that the church is properly cleaned, and be on the lookout for needed repairs and maintenance.

And since it is the obligation of the deacons to be present at all the services they should be especially observant of the *comforts of the congregation* such as lighting, heating, ventilation, and songbook distribution.

Whenever the pastor is in doubt about matters concerning the church

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and congregation he can go to the deacons who serve him as an *advisory board*. In this way the deacons provide a liaison between pastor and people.

This is only one reason it is so necessary for the deacon board to hold *frequent and regular meetings*. Once a month may be often enough if a full evening can be had. If meetings must be shorter they should be more frequent.

Another important role of the deacons is in the *ordinances*: communion and baptism. It is appropriate for the deacons to serve the communion and also to be responsible for its preparation. They should see that sufficient bread and grape juice is prepared.

In the baptismal service it is fitting that the deacons and deacons' wives assist the persons to be baptized in changing clothes and otherwise preparing for immersion.

Besides these general duties the dea-

cons have certain specific responsibilities to the congregations. They should feel obligated as leaders elected on the esteem of the people to be *spiritual examples*. They should live so that the younger and weaker members may look up to them in the faith. Their willingness to serve on committees and in the organizations and departments of the church will make it easier for other members to do the same.

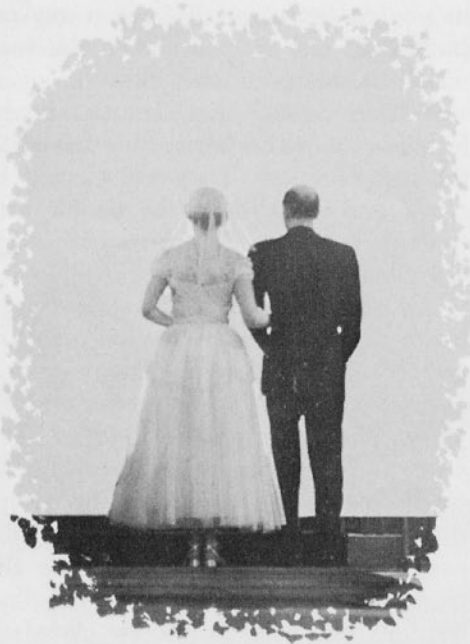
The deacons are in a strategic position to *promote harmony* in the church. Much strife comes from simple misunderstandings, and since the deacon board knows more about the business of the church than any other lay members they can be of great help in quelling rumors and answering disturbing questions.

The deacons can also be of valuable service by *visitation*, especially if the congregation is too large for the pastor to cover easily. One plan

is to divide the members up equally among the deacons who are responsible to serve them as undershepherds. The deacon visits each home in his section as often as necessary to watch after the members' spiritual welfare. If they are absent from a church service he can inquire why and help in whatever way he may be needed in case of illness or other misfortune.

The same plan can also be used in *helping new members* get acquainted and established in the church. Each new family can be assigned to a different deacon by rotation and he can visit them with whatever aid they need for smooth and quick orientation.

By their faithful attendance at every church service the deacons are familiar with the regular members and will quickly recognize visitors. Thus they can and should make a point to see that all *visitors* are *welcomed* warmly and assisted in every way



Love Is as Strong as Death

By CHARLES W. McKINNEY

*He knew their happy
honeymoon could
not last very long.*

MRS. PAUL CHYLACK, JR., 21, of Scranton, Pa., who recently married her state trooper sweetheart, was overjoyed with happiness as she left with her hero for their honeymoon. Completely unaware of her plight discovered in a state-required blood test two weeks before her wedding, Mrs. Chylack was found to have the dreaded blood disease of leukemia. The doctor who took her blood test said that she was dying.

Her husband, stationed at the Bedford, Pa., state police barracks, was informed by the doctor before the marriage that his bride-to-be was doomed to death, but he insisted on going through with the wedding. Marie was never told that she had been stricken with leukemia and would die before long. The doctor's prediction was correct because Marie collapsed while on her honeymoon and within a few hours she died with her husband of ten days at her bedside.

In reading this report one is deeply impressed with the groom who was completely aware of his young bride's ill-fated sickness before the wedding, and yet he willingly married her. His self-emptying love for her was not quenched by the knowledge that death was already near, and that soon his bride would be gone from him forever. True love is not like a faucet that can be turned on and off at

will. Love is deep-seated in the soul and cannot be measured with the yardstick of time.

The grandest, noblest, sublimest expression of love ever penned was not written by any of the renowned masters of world literature, but is found in the greatest book ever written—the Bible. It is the story of heaven's Bridegroom who left His celestial glory to come to earth to woo a maldy-stricken Bride upon whom He could set His affection. "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32).

Dear friend, the heavenly Father willingly sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into this sin-sick world to give His life for *you!* The Bible tells us that if we receive Him as our personal Saviour He will heal us of that awful disease that damns the soul forever in hell. The Holy Scriptures tell us that "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). We can be sure of God's love because "in this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [sacrifice] for our sins" (1 John 4:9-

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possible to make them feel at home so they will want to return.

The deacon board should *screen* all candidates for church membership and assist the pastor in matters of church discipline. It is also responsible to investigate candidates when the pastorate is vacant.

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The responsibilities of a deacon are heavy and his duties many. As voters we must consider carefully what manner of man we cast our ballot for. He must have a high reputation and strong character. He needs good leadership qualities and time to do the job. His spirituality must be mature.

To the pastor the deacon must be an ever-watchful assistant, quick to

assume all secular responsibilities which arise to hinder the spiritual ministry.

To the congregation he is an example, above reproach, ready to serve the people in the true spirit of Christian leadership. He is a caretaker and overseer of the business affairs, conscientious and on guard against all slothfulness.

REWARDS

The rewards of a good deacon are manifold, both in personal satisfaction for a job well done and in gratitude from those whom he serves. But Paul mentions two rewards to Timothy.

"They that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree [of worth in the eyes of God] and great boldness in the faith [freedom and competence to work for God and confidence before God of a job well done]" (1 Timothy 3:13).

10). The song writer aptly expressed this infinite love in these words:

"Love so divine, love so sublime,
Love that is deeper than any sea;
Love for us all, O how can it be!"

Even *now*, as you read these lines, the compassionate lover of souls, Jesus Christ, is at the door of your heart waiting for you to open the door and let Him come in. Don't spurn His love any longer. He is waiting to impart His life, joy, peace and happiness to you for this life, and heaven for the hereafter. "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation" (1 Corinthians 6:2).

—Good News Publishers

Action-in-Acts

(Continued from page nine)

of God's Spirit on their lives! To realize how much they had grown in the Lord! Could they really be the same shallow, unconcerned teen-agers who had been sort of halfheartedly serving God six months ago! Ah, how far they had come. Now the witness was burning within them. They longed to see the Book of Acts re-enacted in our own church. They were a group bound together by those long months of study. They had learned to co-

operate and each be faithful to do his part. They had seen a thing through to the finish, through the hard as well as through the easy days. *What good lessons for future church leaders!*

There is still a close bond between us. Several of them were here at the parsonage last night. Over some popcorn and peanuts we had an important discussion.

Their question was, "How soon can we start *Learning Luke?*"

And my question is, "Do you suppose that a dozen will be allowed on a team?"

(Editor's Note: The Christ's Ambassadors Department of the Assemblies of God is encouraging Bible study through the "Teen-C.A. Bible Quiz Program" launched in 1961. Within nine months the 1961 manual "Action in Acts" had to be reprinted twice. To date nearly 7,000 copies have been sold. The new manual for 1962, which sells for fifty cents, is entitled "Learning Luke." It contains instructions for studying Luke and for organizing local quiz teams. Last year about twenty districts entered Bible quiz competition. In other districts some groups developed informal competition on a local basis. For full information concerning the Bible quiz program, write to: National C. A. Department, Assemblies of God, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri.)

FOUR FORCES AT WORK

IN THE 1962 REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

1 INSPIRATION The discovery that not only can Sunday school work be done but also that many are doing it successfully serves as an inspiration to Sunday school workers. Anointed services and deeply devotional rallies will give new vision as workers dedicate themselves to the task of Sunday school evangelism.

2 INSTRUCTION In addition to benefiting from the general program of the conventions each delegate can take advantage of five or six specialized workshop sessions. A counseling clinic will be provided with specialists to give personal help with any problem in a local Sunday school. At these sessions and at this clinic you learn the "how" of Sunday school success.

3 ENTHUSIASM The helpful between-sessions and in-the-lobby exchange of ideas coupled with the stimulus of booths, displays, and free materials offered will spark new enthusiasm. This enthusiasm will be carried back home from the conventions and the local church and non-attendees will catch the vision of Sunday school advance.

4 CHALLENGE Calling attention to the millions of unchurched and urging the Sunday school to evangelize the world is the challenge of these conventions. Hearts will be stirred into action until delegates will depart dedicated to the task of winning more in and through the Sunday school.

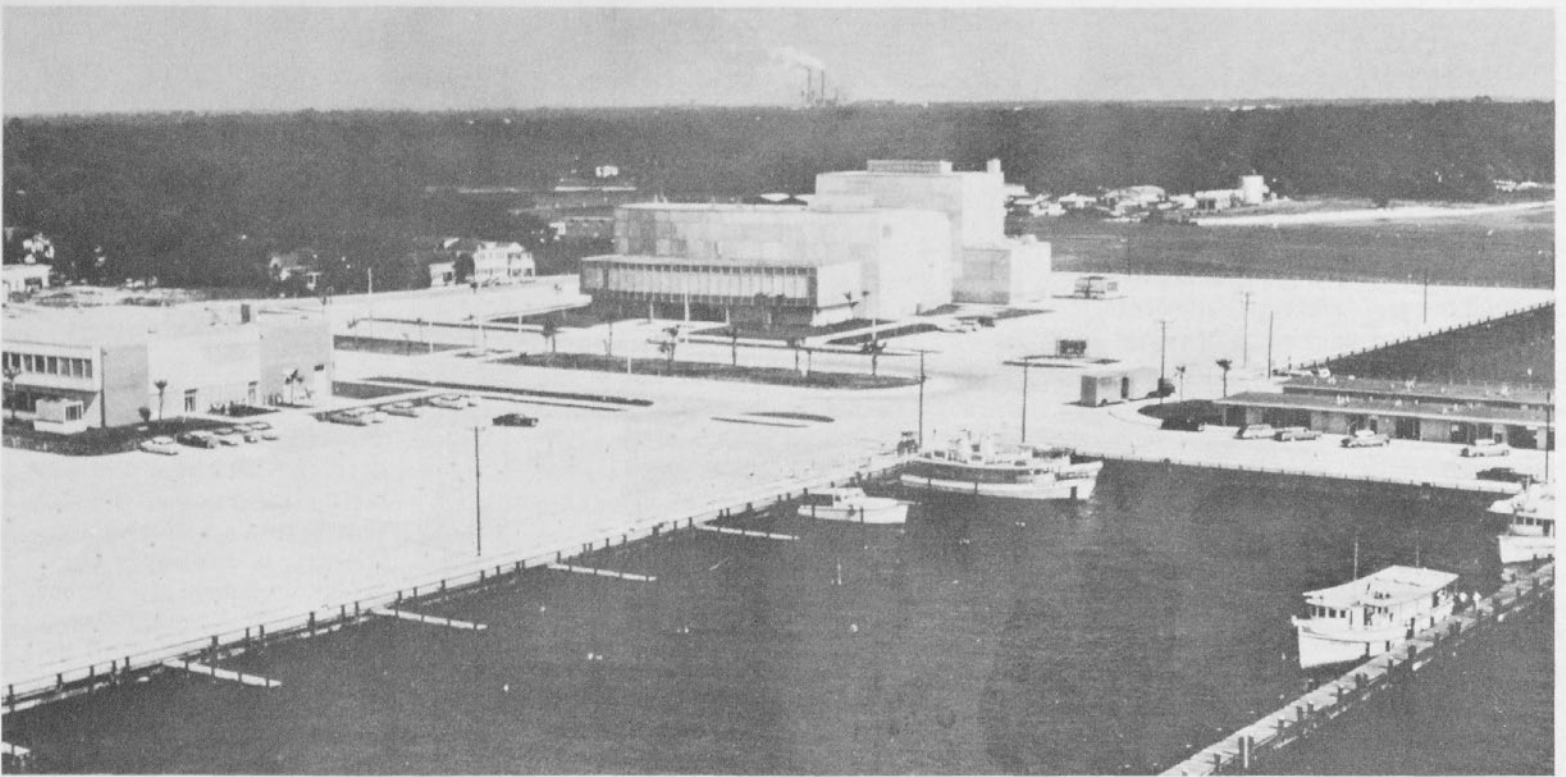
EASTERN: Harrisburg, Pa.
March 20-22 **Ivar Frick**

CENTRAL: Oklahoma City, Okla.
April 3-5 **Wm. Kirschke**

WESTERN: Fresno, Calif.
April 10-12 **Ken Schmidt**



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Air view of Panama City showing the dock area and the civic Auditorium

Revivaltime Crusade Set for Panama City

Broadcast from Civic Auditorium on February 25 to Climax Six-day Crusade

By LOIS HOKANSON

IN THE FIRST JOINT EFFORT OF ITS KIND, THE RADIO, Men's Fellowship, and Evangelism Departments are organizing an evangelistic crusade and *Revivaltime* broadcast origination in Panama City, Florida, February 20-25.

A week before the crusade, Burton Pierce, national secretary of the Men's Fellowship and Evangelism Departments, will travel to Panama City to launch a new program for coordinating evangelism efforts. Before the

Revivaltime team arrives for the meetings he will train teams of personal workers. These workers will bring the unsaved to the services in an effort to win men for Christ.

C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist, will be featured speaker for the week-long crusade, while D. V. Hurst, national secretary of the Radio Department, will be campaign coordinator. The Tuesday through Friday services will be held in the Panama City First Assembly of God, Glenn D. Miller, pastor.

The crusade will move to Panama City's seven-million-dollar Civic Auditorium for the final meeting and *Revivaltime* broadcast origination Sunday night, February 25. The auditorium, located on beautiful St. Andrew Bay, will seat 2,900. Joining the *Revivaltime* team for these climaxing services will be Bartlett Peterson and Cyril McLellan.

Handling the ABC network pickup of the *Revivaltime* broadcast will be radio station WPCF, located on the Marina adjacent to the auditorium. The station also will provide time from 8 to 9 o'clock each night to broadcast the crusade services. In addition, five full-size billboards in the city have been offered to display advertisements promoting the crusade.

The *Revivaltime* crusade and origination are being sponsored locally by Section Eight (comprising three counties) of the West Florida District of the Assemblies of God. Members of the steering committee for the crusade are Crawford B. Railey, presbyter and pastor, Diego Park Assembly of God; Glenn D. Miller, Panama City First Assembly of God, was not present for the picture.

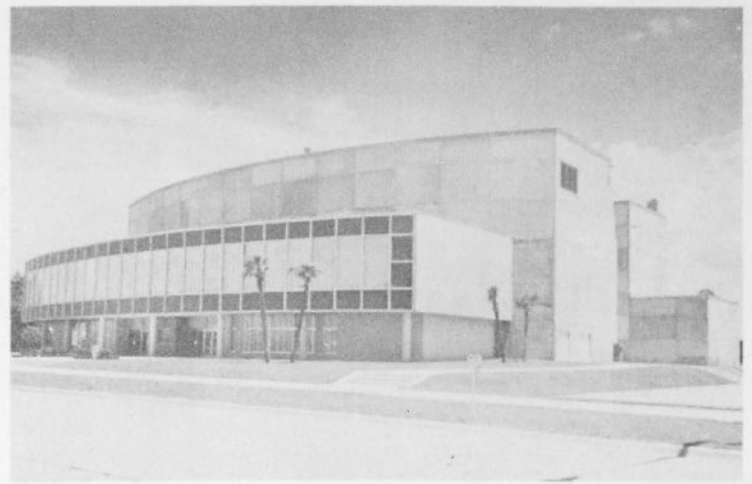


Steering committee for the evangelistic crusade and the origination broadcast are (left to right) Lamar LeCompt, Calloway Assembly of God; Crawford B. Railey, presbyter and pastor, Diego Park Assembly of God; D. V. Hurst, national secretary of radio; Howard Ridings, St Andrew Assembly of God; O. L. Thomas, district superintendent. Glenn D. Miller, Panama City First Assembly of God, was not present for the picture.

First Assembly of God; Lamar LeCompt, Calloway Assembly of God; Howard Ridings, St. Andrew Assembly of God; and O. L. Thomas, Superintendent of West Florida District.

The Radio Department is asking all its friends to pray as the *Revivaltime* crusade preparations are made. Friends in the Panama City area, please mark this week on your calendars—February 20-25—so you may attend this great crusade. Bring your unsaved friends and relatives to the meetings, and pray with us that God will meet them there.

Write today assuring us of your prayers as we plan this evangelistic crusade. Also, your support is needed to assist *Revivaltime* to carry on its far-reaching literature ministry. Send your letter and offering to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.



Close-up view of Panama City Civic Auditorium

New Stations

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* log:

- BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS (KBYG)
1400 kc—250 watts
Sundays, 7:30 a.m.
- CONCORD, CALIFORNIA (KWUN)
1480 kc—500 watts
Sundays, 8:00 a.m.
- RAWLINS, WYOMING (KRAL)
1240 kc.—250 watts
Sundays, 8:00 a.m.
- DECATUR, ALABAMA (WHOS)
800 kc—1,000 watts
Sundays, 7:00 a.m.
- WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA (WVOT)
1420 kc—500 watts
Sundays, 5:30 p.m.
- TALLADEGA, ALABAMA (WNUZ)
1230 kc—250 watts
Sundays, 6:30 a.m.
- MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA (KLPM)
1390 kc—5,000 watts
Sundays, 8:30 a.m.
- JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA (WZOK)
1320 kc—5,000 watts
Sundays, 10:30 p.m.
- ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO (KGGM)
610 kc—5,000 watts
Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

Time Change

- SEATTLE, WASHINGTON (KTW)
1250 kc—1,000 watts
Sundays, 9:30 p.m.
- LINCOLN, NEBRASKA (KFOR)
1240 kc—250 watts
Sundays, 10:30 p.m.
- SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA (KGO)
810 kc—50,000
Sundays, 9:30 p.m.
- SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA (KCKC)
1350 kc—500 watts
Sundays, 9:30 p.m.

Revivaltime Literature and Broadcast Bring Jewess to Saviour

"It is with real gratitude I praise the Lord for *Revivaltime*. Nearly seventeen years ago I came to this sin-hardened area to do non-denominational missionary work. At that time I truly believed Christ was the Messiah, but these past seventeen years have been years of struggle.

Mine, I'm sorry to say, was a head knowledge of Christ rather than a heart knowledge. The stirring statements of N. L. Shotwell, pastor of the Ironwood Assembly of God in Ironwood, Mich., where the Lord's means of bringing me out of church work definitely opposed to emotional worship to visit the Ironwood Assembly of God. The prayers and help of the Shotwells and dedicated workers in the church brought me to face my condition as a sinner and my need for a Saviour.

"The *Revivaltime* broadcasts and literature (which they saw that I read in quantity) have been of tremendous help. I need not add that when the Lord led me to full-time attendance and fellowship at Ironwood Assembly of God, my support as a missionary was stopped. The excuse was that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, divine healing, and a difference of opinion concerning 'eternal security' are all unscriptural.

"I thank God that during these past six months I have been able to say, 'He is my Saviour.' Previously it was "Shepherd." In my thinking there is a difference. To every Hebrew, God is the Shepherd; but how glad I am that Christ is the promised Messiah, the Son of God, and my Saviour.—K. F., Ironwood, Mich.

DOUBT OR FAITH?

- Doubt sees the obstacles—
- Faith sees the way:
- Doubt sees the darkest night—
- Faith sees the day:
- Doubt dreads to take a step—
- Faith soars on high,
- Doubt questions—"Who believes?"
- Faith answers—"I."

Itineraries

Revivaltime representatives may be heard in person in the following places:

C. M. Ward

- February 12: KENNETT, MISSOURI, *Revivaltime* rally, First Assembly of God.
- February 14-16: WHEATON, ILLINOIS, First Assembly of God.
- February 20-25: PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, First Assembly of God, *Revivaltime* crusade; Marina Auditorium, February 25, *Revivaltime* origination.
- February 26-March 2: LUBBOCK, TEXAS, Ridgecrest Assembly of God, Sunday school training course.

D. V. Hurst

- February 20-25; PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, First Assembly of God, *Revivaltime* crusade; Marina Auditorium, February 25, *Revivaltime* origination.

Revivaltime Giving

TOP DISTRICTS

January 1 to November 30, 1961

TOTAL GIVING

- 1. New York\$18,638.25
- 2. Eastern 15,672.82

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

- 1. New York\$ 119.47
- 2. Nebraska 84.03

INCREASE IN TOTAL GIVING

- 1. New York\$ 4,129.10
- 2. Southern Missouri 1,648.67

INCREASE IN AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

- 1. New York\$ 24.64
- 2. Arizona 12.25

GREATEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF CHURCHES GIVING

- 1. Southern Missouri 20
- 2. Northern California-Nevada 18

GREATEST INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES GIVING

- 1. South Dakota 8%
- 2. Wisconsin-Northern Michigan 5%



Spotlight on Evangelism

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM, 1445 BOONVILLE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

LEBANON, OREG.—A real spiritual breakthrough has been experienced at the Assembly of God here recently during a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. L. H. Sheets. Prayer was emphasized throughout the entire series of meetings. A great uplift of the Spirit was felt as God came upon the scene in baptizing power.

—H. D. Robeson, Pastor

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WILLIAMSVILLE, MO.—The Assembly of God here has just closed a very successful two-week revival with Evangelist Vernice Turner of Cottage Hill, Ill. Four individuals were saved, four reclaimed, two refilled with the Holy Spirit, and many revived in their faith. Several were healed by the power of God, and there was one outstanding miracle.

—Dewel E. Smith, Pastor

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XENIA, OHIO—On October 8 Evangelist Harold May of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, concluded a very successful revival at First Christian Assembly of God. Twelve came forward for salvation and four were filled with the Holy Spirit. Now (almost two months later) nine of the twelve continue to attend regularly. Seven were recently baptized in water. The entire church has felt the effects, which include the doubling of the Wednesday night attendance and an increase in financial supporters of the church.

—Paul J. Emery, Jr., Pastor

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MEDFORD, OREG.—Bethel Assembly reports a gracious moving of the Holy Spirit during a revival conducted during the first two weeks of November with Evangelist Claude O. Wood of Fresno, Calif. The people were so hungry for God they requested that the meetings be held each night during the revival. Morning services and a 15-minute radio broadcast added to the interest of the meeting. The church rejoices over those who accepted Christ and those who were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Lawrence D. Krause, Pastor

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—A record-breaking revival has just been concluded at Bethel Temple with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin. On the final Sunday the all-time Sunday school record was broken with an attendance of 253. Twenty were at the altar for salvation in the day's services. The meetings were closed on Monday night with a film of the evangelist's African Crusade which was shown at the high-school auditorium. There were over 500 in attendance. This campaign was successful in every way, and a return engagement has been planned.

—Charles L. Mooney, Pastor

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LAMONT, CALIF.—God graciously poured out His Spirit at First Assembly during a recent five-week revival with Evangelist Tommy Lance of Texas. For many weeks prior to the meeting the people engaged in prayer. Though the meeting was scheduled as a youth revival, results were evident among young and older folk alike. Many were saved, some reclaimed, and several filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. Nine were baptized in water on the

closing day of the revival. There were healing services nightly. During the meeting, prayer was held each week-day morning and a twenty-four hour prayer chain was conducted around the clock.

—E. L. Shaffer, Pastor

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WHITEHORSE, YUKON, CANADA—Bethany Tabernacle reports a very successful two-week revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. David Westerfield of Yakima, Wash. The congregation was stirred by the Bible-centered preaching and the anointed singing. Results were gratifying as five sought the Lord for salvation and a number entered into a deeper spiritual life. Situated in the far north on the Alaska Highway, the church welcomes the ministry of God-anointed evangelists who pass through.

—Charles Postal, Pastor

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—West Side Gospel Tabernacle reports four months of continuous revival fervor beginning in August with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin. More than 150 knelt for salvation. The Sunday school hit an all-time

high for the summer months of 836. In November, revival fires were further fanned through the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Swaggart. Again many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. A number of families were received into the church. Sunday school attendance now runs more than 100 above last year's record.

—Thomas Paino, Sr., Pastor

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FULLERTON, CALIF.—First Assembly reports a fine revival just concluded with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Crabtree of Bangor, Me. The blessing of God continues to rest upon the congregation.

During the past year the church has grown both numerically and spiritually. Thirty-three members have been received into the fellowship. God has enabled the congregation to completely remodel all buildings as well as to add nine additional classrooms and a well-arranged evangelist's quarters. Further expansion is also anticipated on newly purchased property.

—Lloyd J. Cagle, Pastor

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LENNOX, CALIF.—A very successful two-week revival has just been concluded at Glad Tidings with Evangelist and Mrs. Don Hall. There were many outstanding results, among them the salvation of an entire family of five who came to the altar one Sunday morning. A wonderful revival spirit continues in the church.

—Burton Lancaster, Pastor

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MT. CARMEL, ILL.—Evangelists Ed and Harry Vibbert just concluded a very successful revival at the Pentecostal Assembly here. Unusually large crowds attended the meetings each night. A goodly number of persons accepted Christ—especially young people. A large attendance continues in the regular meetings as a result of this revival.

—J. S. Eastman, Pastor

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GRIMES, ALA.—God be praised for a gracious revival just concluded at the Mt. Zion Assembly of God here. The congregation was privileged to enjoy the ministry of District Presbyter John



ASSEMBLY FLOAT WINS FIRST PRIZE

The Dalhart Assembly of God church entered a float in a silver anniversary parade at Dalhart, Tex. last fall and won first prize in its category. Theme of the parade was "Cowboys in Space." Pastor Thomas G. Monte and his congregation built their float around the thought, "Riding the Range for Jesus," as a means of attracting public attention to their church and their entry received favorable notice.

Caperton each night. Individuals were stirred and blessed. W. P. Hughes is the pastor.

—M. P. Shafman

COLUMBIA, N. H.—First Assembly has just completed a very successful ten-day revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jim Boettner of Daytona Beach, Fla. Much prayer went up for unsaved loved ones, and God graciously answered. Ten were either saved or reclaimed, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and one was refilled. A renewal of Pentecostal power was in evidence throughout the meetings.

—Frank R. Bender, Pastor

WEBBERS FALLS, OKLA.—A very profitable three-week revival was held recently at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Lloyd Winkle of Tulsa, Okla. Ten or more were saved and as many were baptized in water at the close of the revival. There were a number of healings. Sunday school attendance reached a high of 124.

—Charles Capps, Pastor

HAYWARD, CALIF. — During the month of November the South Hayward Assembly of God was privileged to enjoy the ministry of Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Krupnick. Nine came forward for salvation and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—Victor Johnson, Pastor

COLUMBUS, GA.—Revival services have just been concluded at the Central Assembly of God here with Evangelist Shelvey Holland of Moultrie, Ga. Several were saved and a number received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Some definite healings were reported.

—Ulus Luker, Pastor

VAN, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Merritt of Atlanta, Ga. recently conducted a most fruitful revival at the Assembly of God here. Eleven were saved or reclaimed, 19 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and ten united with the church.

—E. K. Carter, Pastor

ARKANSAS CITY, KANS.—A gracious moving of the Holy Spirit was experienced here during a three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. J. B. Essary of Dallas, Tex. Eleven came forward for salvation and a number of new consecrations were made by the young people. A woman received the baptism in the Holy Spirit after having sought for some time. Many others were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

—Clifford Barnes, Pastor

WITH CHRIST

ALBERTUS M. KEIZER, 60, of Bellflower, Calif., went to be with the Lord November 23. Ordained in 1939, he was a member of the Southern California District at the time of his Homegoing. Through the years Brother Keizer served as an evangelist and also pastored in Hollydale, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Nelly, who is also an ordained minister.

CHESTER L. COY, 76, of Tampa, Fla., went to be with the Lord December 17. Ordained in

1943 in the South Florida District, he served as pastor and evangelist. Brother Coy pastored in Tampa and later helped with rescue and welfare missions in that city. In 1954 he was superannuated. He is survived by his wife.

ROY A. HANNER, 57, of East Alton, Ill., passed away October 1, after an illness of two years. Ordained in 1956 in the Illinois District, Brother Hanner founded and pastored the Rosewood Heights Assembly of God in East Alton, where he continued pastoring un-

til just before his death. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

DAN E. FLAMING, 45, of San Jose, Calif., was killed in an automobile accident on December 8. He was an ordained minister in the Southern California District and had served as pastor and evangelist since his ordination in 1947 in the Northern California and Nevada District. Pastorates held were in Gustine, Colusa, and Tulare, Calif. He is survived by his wife and two children.

EVANGELISM CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Alexander City	* First	Feb. 4-9	Bob Olson	Fred McDaniel
	Huntsville	* First	Feb. 11-16	Bob Olson	Earl Stuckey
Ariz.	Phoenix	Southside	Feb. 11-25	James & Marie Grady	Silas Rexroat
	Tucson	Central	Feb. 11-25	Watson Argue	Spencer Weddle
	Tucson	Eastland	Feb. 6-18	Arnold & Anita Segesman	Gail Copple
	Willcox	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Winferd Mack	Hugh Middleton
Ark.	Piggott	Full Gospel	Feb. 4-18	Bonnie M. Ruble	Opal M. Dillard
Calif.	Lincoln	Full Gospel	Feb. 11-25	Jimmie & Mrs. Parrack	Carl Oney
	Monta Vista	A/G	Feb. 6—	J. G. Hall	Houston Baker
	Paramount	First	Feb. 11—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Ted Singleton
	Sacramento	Bethel Temple	Feb. 11-18	Marvin Schmidt	Clyde A. Henson
	Yuba City	First	Feb. 11-25	The Bender Team	T. Don Carlos
Fla.	Bartow	A/G	Feb. 11-25	Buddy Creel	D. N. Asbury, Jr.
	Cottage Hill	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Leon Morrow	Atha Lackey
	Orlando	Calvary	Feb. 5-11	Allan A. Swift	Dale C. Zink
Ga.	Tallahassee	Southside	Feb. 7—	Fisher-Cheek Team	Herbert H. Winslow
	Pelham	First	Feb. 11-25	J. O. Savell	J. W. Thomaston
Ill.	Elmhurst	Bethel	Feb. 4-18	Samuel H. Reaves	Wesley E. Butler
	Oak Park	Bethel Temple	Feb. 11-23	Robert Watters	Edward Hartman
	Worden	A/G	Feb. 11-25	Dwayne Braddy	Robert R. Whicker
Ind.	Washington	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Charles E. Crank	R. L. Covington
Iowa	Ft. Madison	Pentecostal	Feb. 5—	C. M. Smitley	Daniel Donelson
	Keokuk	A/G	Jan. 28-Feb. 11	Musical Vanderploegs	A. L. Ullestad
Kans.	Dighton	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Jeremiah Hanley	Geoffrey Duncombe
	Wichita	South Seneca	Feb. 6-25	Ray C. Eskelin	John W. DeVasher
Md.	Glen Burnie	A/G	Feb. 6-11	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Edgar Hare
Minn.	Pipestone	A/G	Jan. 30-Feb. 11	Robert A. Paul	Pete A. Friesen
	Laurel	Kingston	Jan. 30-Feb. 11	Paul & Mrs. Graban	Charles Robertson
Miss.	Meridian	First	Jan. 31-Feb. 11	Woodrow Oxner	R. C. Davis
	Natchez	A/G	Feb. 4-18	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	C. B. & Mrs. Anderson
	Lewistown	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Wesley Pollet	Thomas Johnston
Mont.	Irvington	Calvary Temple	Feb. 4-18	Johnny & Mrs. Garrison	Reginald A. Yake
N. J.	Grants	Milan	Feb. 6-18	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	Tommy Crider
	Santa Fe	First	Feb. 4-18	James T. Burkett	Cecil D. Holley
N. Mex.	Bergholz	A/G	Feb. 6-18	W. W. Martin	William Hammack
	Carrollton	First	Feb. 6-18	William Farrand	Frank Kelley
	Findley	First	Jan. 31-Feb. 11	Musical Lebacks	Carl Malz
Okla.	Comanche	First	Feb. 4—	J. B. & Mrs. Essary	C. A. Snodgrass
	Woodward	A/G	Feb. 4-16	Victor Etienne	C. A. Nicholson
Oreg.	Eugene	First	Feb. 4—	Zelma Argue	M. W. McLees
Pa.	Jeannette	A/G	Feb. 6-18	Paul Olson Party	Richard Barriss
Tex.	Breckenridge	First	Jan. 28-Feb. 11	Mike Wright Family	C. W. Gregg
	Dallas	Christian Temple	Feb. 1—	Ernie Eskelin	Bill Sharp
	El Paso	First	Feb. 7-12	Ernie Eskelin	Wm. Hageman
	Garland	Rose Hill	Feb. 6—	Jimmy & Mrs. Merritt	Dempsey Maxfield
	Quitaque	A/G	Jan. 29-Feb. 11	Ervin Asiatico	James Ray Smith
	Ogden	First	Feb. 6-18	Arthur & Anna Berg	Kenneth Brethouwer
	Va.	Emporia	A/G	Feb. 6—	Peiffer-Harden Team
Wash.	Kettle Falls	A/G	Jan. 28—	Marvin Moe	W. L. Papan
	Wapato	Pentecostal	Feb. 6-18	Wayne Fagerstrom	Earl J. Hance
Wis.	Baraboo	Gospel Tab.	Feb. 6-18	Dale V. Helle	George S. Erickson
Canada	Windsor, Ont.	Bethel Pent.	Feb. 7-25	The Kudra Musical Tm.	W. H. Fitch
Formosa	Taiwan	Taikuang Bib. Sch.	Feb. 8-9	Busse Team	James Vigna
Malaya	Ipo	** A/G	Feb. 2—	Bob Hoskins	Vallance Baird, Chm.

* Children's Revival

** Tent Revival

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL is made up 25 days before the date which appears upon it.

IT WAS ON A HOT STILL NIGHT IN the small town of Miami, Arizona, where we had gone to hold revival services. The Lord had moved mightily in the evening service, and our bodies were weary from the heat and from working at the altar. Our bed was moved close to the window to enable us to drink in any cool air that might begin to stir.

We talked briefly of the service and of how graciously God had blessed. A short silence, followed by the sound of deep breathing, told me that my husband had quickly dropped off to sleep.

I lay for some time staring out into the night—seeing the stars and thinking of the little church and home in Texas where surely it could not be this hot! I listened to the night sounds, meditating on the good things of God, and then—soft as a whisper, a breeze gently moved over my damp face, and I closed my eyes. “Oh, thank you, Lord,” I said gratefully, and drifted into a deep sleep.

Or was it a deep sleep? For soon it seemed that I was walking up the pathway to a house that was for sale. From the outside the house looked fairly good, although it did need a paint job. I noticed the fence was fallen down in places, and the yard was littered with trash. On entering the house I caught my breath, for as I glanced around quickly I saw the same untidiness prevailed inside as out. The floors needed sweeping and mopping; trash needed emptying; there were dirty dishes, unmade beds, and run-down furniture. Curtains, half hanging on windows, flopped in the wind.

A little woman was trying desperately to make the place look nice, but she was unsuccessful, and soon it became apparent that she was moving out. As I stood looking around I thought what a pity it was, for this could be such a nice place. With a little time, effort, and money put into it I could picture it as a very lovely home.

The scene changed and I was again walking up the path to look at the house with some companions. This time a great change had taken place. The fence was mended, the yard clean, and the green grass looked inviting. The inside too was as I imagined it would be—everything immaculately clean, with beautiful curtains hung. As we walked through each room I could see the curtains moving. In the living room again, my eyes scanned every de-

tail and rested on the beautiful drapes that moved restlessly and flopped gently. Surely the windows should be closed!

I walked over and pulled back the drapes—then caught my breath in dismay. A window? No, there was only a rough, jagged hole in the place where a window should have been!

I could imagine how the sand would blow in, and how the rains and cold winds would come in, with nothing but cloth drapes to keep out these elements. It would be impossible to keep the house warm on winter days. A chill ran over my body as I remembered seeing the house before, when the tired little woman had tried so hard but had failed to keep the place clean.



Houses Without Windows

By MRS. W. O. HARRELL
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Still feeling the shock of what I had uncovered behind the beautiful drapes, I heard a voice. Loud, clear, and distant, it began to speak to me. It was the voice of Jesus! The thrill and force of His voice thundered through my being and I was awake instantly before He had finished speaking. In the dream He began to say, “That is the way with so many of My people today”—and, instantly awake, I heard Him continue clearly, in an audible voice, “They are houses without windows!”

I was breathing fast as though I had been running. Now I found myself putting both hands to my ears, hardly able to believe what I had heard. I wondered if everyone in the house had heard? I looked at my husband and saw that he was sleeping peacefully. I lay there with every detail going

over and over in my mind. What could it mean? Was God trying to show me something?

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” the still small Voice asked.

“Why, yes—we are God’s temple, a building for His Spirit to live in! Yes, Lord, I understand that.”

“Then why is it that every kind of thing is allowed to come in from the outside? And how can you keep what I would give you without its escaping outside?” Again I saw the big ugly hole that was supposed to be a window.

Indeed, I saw the complete picture then. How grieved the Lord must be to see so many who profess to know this wonderful Christ, but who possess so few of His characteristics that to look upon their lives one would never know that they knew Him.

Yet many of them have known Him in wonderful fullness, and have been lovely buildings for God, or would have been if they had not fallen into a state of disrepair. Anyone can see the condition of their “temples” with the fence fallen down in places—trash littering the yard, and the building itself in a shabby condition. Jealousy, envy, strife, and bitterness have blown in from the outside, and no matter how they try they can’t keep it clean with only the protection of the beautiful drapes of flattery and deceit!

What about your house? Have you tried to clean and repair, only to find it is an endless task? Do you manage to have it good-looking but wonder why you never are able to make a “sale”?

Are you trying to keep up appearances by hanging the curtains so carefully over the ugly lack in your life?

God seems to have been careful about windows throughout the Bible record. Noah followed instructions about the window in the ark. Solomon made the windows for the temple according to instructions received through the Holy Spirit. Allusion is made again and again to the windows provided in the future temple of which Ezekiel writes in chapters forty and forty-one. There were latticed windows and recessed windows, spoken of as “covered,” and nothing was to be constructed by caprice or at random.

Why would the Lord not be interested in the windows of our temples? Indeed it is through the window that

the Bridegroom is seen communicating with His Bride (Song of Solomon 2:9)! And that God wants the windows beautifully finished can be seen from the passage in Isaiah 54 where He promises security and blessing to His people Israel. Here we find His astonishing promise, "And I will make thy windows of agates. . . ."

God knows how we need the protection of well-fitted, carefully constructed windows. The Holy Spirit calls our attention to a picture of judgment in Zephaniah 2:14, 15, where windows seem to afford an entrance to some of the desolation, and we are told that as the wild creatures gather around ". . . their voices shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds for he shall uncover the cedar work."

Again the need of guarding the windows can be seen from the Scripture

Passage in Jeremiah 9:21 where danger finds entrance through the windows: "Death is come up into our windows and is entered into our palaces to cut off our children from without and the young men from the streets." Behold the folly of just hanging beautiful drapes over the openings!

Let us see to our windows! We can get on the telephone of prayer and call the master Carpenter, the Lord Jesus. There is no doubt that we have something to do in getting the windows of prayer and communion built into our houses, but how the Holy Spirit longs to help us accomplish this! By His power our house may be restored to a beautiful dwelling place, where the drapes of love and humility may be drawn back without fear of what will be exposed. And the world will see the beauty of Jesus in these living temples of the living God.

His Resurrection

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disposes of it completely, and the dead fish becomes a part of the new living body that brings forth new grains of corn a hundred-fold.

But the only hope for the complete transformation of the dead fish is that it remain bound to the grain of corn in the place of death and burial. Thus the mighty power set free by the death and burial of the grain carries on its real operations in the place of death and burial.

You cannot separate the resurrection forces from the forces of death and decay that go on in the grave. That is why the Early Church always preached the death, burial, and resurrection together. The mighty transmuting power of the Resurrection operates only in the place of death and burial. So Paul maintained his position of being crucified with Christ, and constantly reminded believers that they were dead with Christ and buried with Him, and that only as they maintained their faith in co-crucifixion and co-burial with Him did the principle of co-resurrection operate.

In 2 Timothy 2:11 we are told, "It is a faithful saying: for if we be dead with him, we shall also live with

him." The dead fish beside the grain of corn was certain to be quickened together with the grain of corn, lifted up from the place of death and burial, and made to rise above the surface of the earth and into a new element—the air and sunlight of the heavens. So the Bible tells us that we who were dead in trespasses and sins, by the great mercy of God have been quickened together with Him and raised together, and made to sit together with Him in a new world, even in heavenly places.

This was the revolutionary gospel that the Early Church preached. They gave their testimony of the Resurrection with great power, being witnesses of a risen Christ who had through His cross, grave, and resurrection made them new creatures that were "more than conquerors."

It is this resurrection power that is making the NEW BODY FOR CHRIST—His Church of which He is the Head. This power is laying hold of Jew and Gentile, European and African, Westerner and Easterner, and reconciling them into one body—uniting them not only to God but to one another. Thus the grain of wheat—now the great Head of the Church—and man who was dead in trespasses and sins, are being formed into ONE NEW MAN of whose body it is our privilege to be a member. ❖

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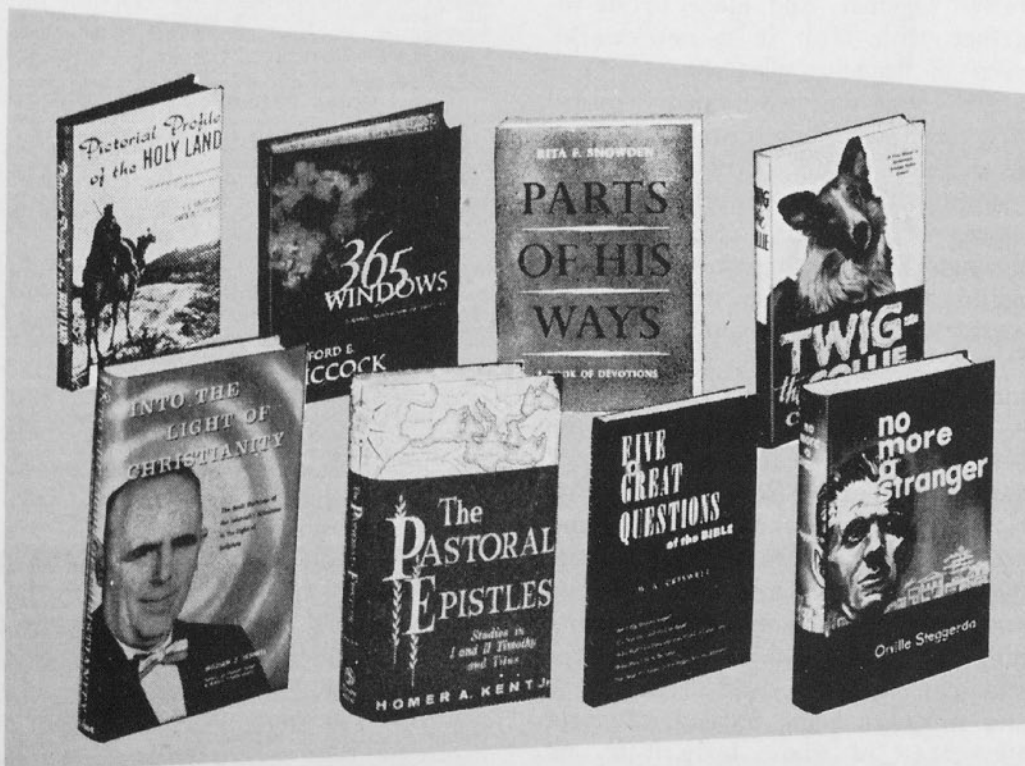
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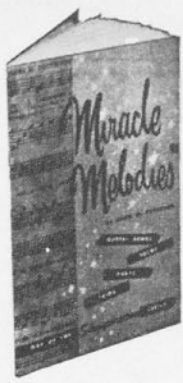
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The Faithfulness of God

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IN A WORLD THAT IS FULL OF CHANGE AND DECAY IT is encouraging to reflect on the great faithfulness of our God. God has been our help in ages past and He will be near us in the uncertain days ahead. The Word of God contains many assurances of divine faithfulness, such as Deuteronomy 7:9—

“Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.”

Our faith rests upon the faithfulness of God. Faithfulness is a perfection in God by which He is true to His word and promises. God is every bit as good as His word and He will not disappoint the trusting soul. For the believer, this is a very practical truth. It is a pillow for the weary head, a stimulant for the fainting heart, and a brace for the feeble knees. To emphasize the reliability of God, Moses said that He is faithful to a thousand generations.

Our faith in human nature has been upset many times. We know the awfulness of deceit, lying, insincerity, exaggeration, and fickleness. What a tragic thing it is when marriage vows are broken. Sometimes in business, agreements and obligations are not carried out. In every area of life men have discovered that they can't always trust each other.

A reporter of one of the big American dailies was covering World War Two. As he lay on a hospital bed in war-torn, blood-soaked, bullet-riddled France, he phoned his editor across the ocean and said, “I'm sick of humanity.” Most of us have felt something of that kind of disappointment as we have seen the wreck and ruin caused by unfaithfulness.

But God is not like that. He is wholly true and absolutely trustworthy. Notice particularly His faithfulness regarding three things:

1. *God is faithful to His promises.* The inspired writer in Hebrews 10:23 says, “For he is faithful that promised.” Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in His Word is true and that He will carry it out. Our God does not make wild promises

—He never promises more than He can fulfill.

One of the things that seemed to amaze Jesus while He was here on earth was that men doubted God, His word, His love, and His power. This was a great disappointment to Him. He encouraged us to be great believers, saying, “Have faith in God.” Wherever He found faith He was pleased, but He rebuked unbelief.

It is faith that brings us into contact with God. “He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). Eternal and spiritual things become real when we believe God. Spurgeon said, “A little bit of faith will take you to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to you.”

2. *God is faithful to pardon.* “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). The forgiveness of sins is the greatest blessing that can come to the heart of man, and God wants us to be sure of it. That is why it is promised in such a clear and definite way. There is nothing vague in His offer to cleanse us from all sin. If we repent and confess our sins we can count on His full and free forgiveness, for He is faithful. There can be no failure on God's part.

God knows our hearts, and He also knows how to apply the blood of Jesus and wash out all our sins. He promises a one-hundred-per-cent cleansing. You can stake your soul on this promise.

Furthermore, this is something that God *wants* to do for you. There is absolutely no reluctance or hesitation on His part. You need not coax or persuade Him to do it. It is His number one desire. We are told that He delights in mercy. Remember, the forgiveness of sins is arranged by God Himself, and He offers it out of the goodness of His heart.

3. *God is faithful to us in our trials.* “God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). This assurance is salve for sore hearts. It tells us that we can rely on God not to overload us with burdens. He will not take us past the breaking point of endurance—His grace will always be sufficient.

An old Negro was heard to pray, Lord, help me to remember that nothin's goin' to happen to me today that you an' me together can't handle.” Exactly!

You can always count on God's help in any time of trouble. Difficulties are opportunities to prove and learn the faithfulness of God. He will not permit the storms of life to break you to pieces. With God's help you will ride out the storms.

A wise and philosophical old gentleman once explained how he overcame his difficulties. “How do I get through a trouble? Well, I first try to go around it, and if I can't go around it I try to go under it, and if I can't get under it I try to go over it, and if I can't get over it then God and I plow right through it.” God is faithful and He will see us through every time.

“It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22, 23).