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HOW FAR IS "A LITTLE FARTHER"?

A beautiful illustration by Burton Hillis appeared in Better Homes and Gardens.

"'It is only a little farther," my father used to say when I was a little boy, winded and leg weary, out on the long Sunday afternoon walks that we used to take together. So I would brace up and struggle on a little longer, looking for the first familiar landmarks that would indicate we were back in our own neighborhood.

"One day I asked him how far 'a little farther' really was. 'It is farther than you can see, but not as far as you can go,' he replied."

The destination God sets before us may be beyond our sight, but it is never beyond our reach, for He is our Strength!

A FATHER'S GREATEST GOAL

If I don't help my boy to grow up right I'll call myself a failure, no matter how much money I make or how big a reputation I get.

I have a number of tasks to do, all of which I should like to do well. To be a failure in any one of them would be disappointing; yet I could bear that without whimpering if I were sure I had not failed the boy.... Not so much of me in the bank, and more of me and of my best in the lad, is what I should like to have to show at the end of my career. For me to succeed as a father, he must succeed. Unless my boy comes to manhood fit for the respect of his fellow men I shall have been a failure. The glory of our handiwork lies not in ourselves but in our children.

-Edgar A. Guest

WATERED BY THE WORD

Here in California we have a high respect for water. With it we have orchards, lawns, gardens. Without it we have desert. In my garden there is a time clock which automatically turns on water for the azalea and camellia beds. If the water supply were cut off we soon would have no flowers, no shrubs, no fruit. The Christian life depends on the water of God's Word. Watered daily by the Scriptures of Truth, our lives are productive of every good work. Without the Word they wither and die.

The Mohave River, winding down across the desert from the San Bernardino Mountains, is lined on each



side with a single row of trees. Away from the river all is barren, but there are trees growing along the water's edge. They can survive the burning sun and hot wind of the desert because their roots find an adequate supply of moisture. The Psalmist must have had such a scene in mind when he said the man who meditates in the Word of God is like a tree planted by the rivers of water. He brings forth his fruit in season; his leaf also does not wither; and he prospers in all that he does. Dwelling in God and delighting in His Word make the difference between fruitfulness and barrenness.

-JANE PARKER

THE PURPOSE OF POWER

Jesus spoke of the Spirit's presence as power to the weak as well as comfort to the sorrowing. He proposed to live again in His members, and repeat His operations through the Holy Spirit's energy functioning in these followers.

This new force was to be a positive antidote against the chronic disorder of weakness. In this note lies our strength to meet opposition, to carry forth missionary enterprise, and to perpetuate and reproduce Christ's ministry. It was by way of Pentecost that weaklings became witnesses. Indeed, we have no vital "witness," no real "tidings" apart from the Spirit.

For the disciples, Pentecostal power came when they faced the Pentecostal purpose. Power is never achieved when pursued for itself. "Give us power," we cry, yet we never tackle anything more difficult than meeting a mortgage or balancing a budget. Power for personal success, power to run a committee, power for our program or propaganda, is foreign to the divine purpose. We might well search our souls with the question, "Am I working machinery or winning men?"

Pentecost widens horizons. The church "of the Spirit" is certain to be a missionary church. — JOHN A. FERGUSON, in The Wesleyan Methodist

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 in-dwelling 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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They Were All Filled

"Filled" seems to have been a favorite word with Luke, for it appears in his writings more often than in those of any other sacred scribe. He used it fifteen times in his Gospel and thirteen times in the Book of Acts. The word appears eight times in four chapters (Acts 2 through 5). The eight references form the basis of an interesting little Bible study.

It filled all the house where they were sitting (Acts 2:2). The wind from heaven entered the house where the followers of Jesus were "sitting" (or "tarrying, dwelling," the same Greek word being used in Luke 24:49) and filled it completely. God did not send His Spirit as a gentle breeze but as a mighty wind that rushed into every corner of the building. God wants to fill all His temple, whose temple we are.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4). The hundred and twenty persons were all filled-not only the apostles but other men also, and the women as well, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and her sons (Acts 1:14). They were all immersed: the house was filled with the Spirit and they were in the house. They received a mighty baptism that even filled their mouths for they spoke in strange new languages.

And they [all the people] were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him [the lame man] (Acts 3:10). A mighty healing had been wrought through Peter and John. Miracles of healing still follow the ministry of Spirit-filled believers and the public still is filled with wonder and amazement. They say, "It is as though Christ Himself were still alive." He is. The risen Christ does miracles today through His servants.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost . . . (Acts 4:8). Peter was a changed man. Once he was filled with fear and denied his Lord. Now he was filled with the Spirit and stood up for Christ.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 4:31). This was a refilling. These same people had been filled some days earlier but now they needed to be recharged like a storage battery. One filling cannot last forever. We need repeated refillings to stay full of the mighty power of God and be effective in His service.

Why hath Satan filled thine heart . . . (Acts 5:3)? If we do not keep filled with God we make room for Satan to enter our hearts. Ananias never would have yielded to lying, or been stricken, if he had remained full of the Spirit of Truth.

The Sadducees . . . were filled with indignation (Acts 5:17). The margin reads, "filled with envy," as both words are the same in the Greek (see Acts 13:45). Whenever God fills His servants with the Spirit, Satan fills his servants with malice to oppose them. But it is always God who wins in the end.

Behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine (Acts 5:28). Here is the end result of being filled with the Spirit. We are filled with faith, filled with zeal, filled with the desire and ability to communicate Christ to everyone. When all Christians in the land are filled with the Holy Spirit, all parts of the land will be filled with the doctrine of the wonderful Son of God. -R.C.C.

All May Prophesy

How much "audience participation" should there be in a church service? What did Paul mean when he wrote, "Ye may all prophesy one by one"?



By DONALD GEE

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WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES A TRULY Pentecostal meeting "different"? It is a searching question. Unless there is something different in Pentecostal churches they can hardly justify their existence as separate entities. Evangelistic zeal, love for Bible studies, hearty singing, manifest joy are all good, but fortunately they can be found in other communions. Therein we unfeignedly rejoice.

The essential difference we are now trying to isolate is contained in the little word "all." In the early Christian assemblies there was a manifest and active sharing together in the Holy Spirit. Allow me to illustrate:

On a Sunday when free from engagements I crossed the road to the parish church. The service followed the set order, the liturgy, the reading of the Sciptures, the Venite, the Te Deum, the creed, Cranmer's beautiful collects. The good vicar preached an average sermon. It is true that we all participated, but only by reading out of a book. In the evening I went to a Congregational church in Westminster. The minister is a famous Bible teacher. The singing was a little more hearty than in the morning. But it was still all in the hands of one man. He led us in the invocation, he read the lesson, he took the "long" prayer (well named!) and he preached for fifty-five minutes. The only other voice was that of the church secretary giving the announcements. Actually the congregation took less part than in the Church of England in the morning, though they listened intently.

Probably a lot in both orders of service was more edifying than many a boasted "open" meeting, where prayer-bores weary the little gathering with the same platitudes week after week, and where liberty simply allows self-expression for undisciplined personalities, and tradition has hardened the whole act of worship into a liturgy in all but name. Even "messages" through spiritual gifts can become routine as to time, manner, and personalities, until conviction that they are truly inspired by the Spirit of God almost vanishes.

Thank God all this can be gloriously

different, and very often *is* different. It is worth risking the dangers of liberty for the sparkling gems that emerge when the Holy Spirit has His way. In a truly Pentecostal meeting there is order, but a refreshing absence of formalism. A visitor to the great Brazilian assemblies described their worship as "ejaculatory." Even in Britain we sometimes "risk a Hallelujah." That is something we would hardly dare in Westminster, either in the Abbey *or* the Chapel.

1 Corinthians 14:31

But we must go deeper. What is the true Source of any difference in a Pentecostal meeting that can justify itself before God and man? The answer is contained within the phrase, "Ye may all prophesy." Note the "all." On the Day of Pentecost they were "all" filled with the Holy Ghost, and they all spoke with tongues as He gave them utterance. Peter declared it to be a fulfilment of Joel's prediction that "They shall prophesy." There was no restriction of age or sex or class. Unless we have something of that, we may be evangelical and fundamental but we are not Pentecostal (Acts 2: 16-18).

What is "prophesying"? We need a sound definition, and we cannot do better than adopt the words of Scripture in 1 Corinthians 12:3-it is "speaking by the Spirit of God." That is to say it is inspired utterance. It is a divine "plus" upon the human personality. At Pentecost they all spoke with tongues because they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. There was a divine Cause for the manifestation. Peter said it was prophesying, as indeed it was in the proper sense of the word. It was more than the human personality lifted to a condition of ecstasy, though the utterances of the inspired might well be ecstatic. There was the essential plus from the Spirit of God.

It is inadequate to equate prophesying with preaching and teaching in the ordinary sense, however true and good. Even the Amplified New Testament, though somewhat clumsy, renders 1 Corinthians 14:3 as "The one who prophesies, who interprets the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching." Note that it is "inspired." There must be the element of inspiration before preaching and teaching can rightly be described as prophetic. Something beyond the natural abilities of the human personality, however gifted and trained, imparts a divine extra. Only then is it truly prophesying.

In the early churches this spirit of prophecy was diffused throughout the whole assembly; for example, "But if all prophesy ... for ye may all prophesy" (1 Corinthians 14:24, 31). It was this fact of the wide diffusion of the ability to prophesy, and its common use, that compelled commandments for its orderly exercise. This does not contradict the truth that some were "prophets" in an official sense (1 Corinthians 12:28, 29 and Ephesians 4: 11) because of their special ministry set by God in the Church. But the "prophets" of 1 Corinthians 14:29-32 would appear to refer simply to those who happened to be prophesying on a particular occasion from among the people. It is implied that all could do this.

Therefore in a Christian assembly where all were filled with the Spirit as at Pentecost there would be an atmosphere positively charged with the sense of the Presence of the Living God. Just such an atmosphere is envisaged in 1 Corinthians 14:24, where



Pentecostal Fullness

were filled-the glorious measure They Of that early Pentecost; From the river of His pleasure Drinking to the uttermost. Thrilled with heaven's holy Wine, Worshipping the Christ divine. Still the richness of that blessing Unto all who will receive

Filleth hearts in glad possessing-Humble hearts who will believe. Same deep moving of His love, Brooding of the heavenly Dove.

Wondrous gift of holy sweetness, Love abounding shed abroad; Pentecostal tide bears onward

Till our souls are lost in God. Is this blessed fullness thine-Does His glory in thee shine?

Showers of Latter Rain are falling, God is meeting souls who cry-Empty vessels He is filling, To the hungry drawing nigh.

Let the Living Waters roll Through thy yielded, trusting soul. -Alice Reynolds Flower

the cumulative effect upon the visitor or outsider would be tremendously impressive and provoke the testimony that "God is in [among] you of a truth." This implies something more than certain persons exercising a particular "gift" of prophecy. The description is of a whole congregation charged with the spirit of prophecy. All could prophesy, but only two or three were to do so on any one occasion, and then in due order for the sake of decency in public behavior (verse 40). Order is always more impressive than chaos. But it is clear that the many who did not prophesy could have done so if circumstances had permitted.

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It is suggested that here lies the answer to a frequent problem where "interpretation" of tongues in the form of a "message" occurs in Pentecostal

meetings. Sincere enquirers are perplexed when an exceedingly meager utterance in a "tongue" is followed by a lengthy and rich message which our tradition describes as an "interpretation." More and more of us have come to believe that what really occurs is a genuine prophetic word out of the rich reservoir of prophecy existing in the meeting. The "tongues" have acted as a Pentecostal liberating agency that has sparked off a prophetic ministry with the understanding also. It could possibly be an interpretation of the essence of the mind of the Spirit already in the midst, without being a word-for-word interpretation as in natural interpreting from an unknown to a known tongue (e.g., French into English). It needs a "proportion of faith" (Romans 12:6) to prophesy and with more faith we could give the Lord's message without any prompting of a prior utterance in tongues. In that matter we have fallen into a habit that is more traditional than scriptural.

The Scriptures must be our guard and guide, and certain things seem clear from the written Word:

(a) The Scriptural basis for the idea that the gifts of tongues and interpretation are for "messages" is meager.

(b) The declared purpose of tongues is devotional, and is towards God and not to men.

(c) There is emphatic teaching that prophecy is preferable to tongues in the church.

(d) Speaking with tongues has a very great value in private devotion.

(e) A place must be kept for the interpretation of tongues in the ordinary sense of the word, but rather for a special sign, and certainly not two or three times in almost every meeting.

It might also be observed in closing that a revision of some of our traditional ideas about "messages" would not invalidate the many blessings we have received through them as a form of prophesying. Such words have truly come to our hearts by the Spirit of God. But on the other hand, if we persist in cheapening and distorting the true use of any spiritual gift we shall end by despising it and quenching the Spirit in it. The result will be a church that has become Pentecostal in name only and not in power. It can be evangelical and fundamental but nothing more. 11



A MAN HAD A DREAM AND FOUND HIMSELF AT THE portals of heaven. When he demanded admission, search was made and the reply came back: "The rolls of heaven have been searched and there is no record of your birth!"

If this story brings a sophisticated smile, we would suggest that it is neither imagined nor corny. It speaks of a truth which too many, even in the Church, completely ignore.

Many of us have found ourselves scurrying around to get a birth certificate when applying for a passport, or for any governmental service where certification of citizenship is essential.

To the inquiring Nicodemus our Lord made this unequivocal statement: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Seeking clarification, while at the same time trying to look at our Lord's reply in terms of purely human reason, Nicodemus asked, "How?"

In words pregnant with deep spiritual meaning our Lord said: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

How can we face these words of the Lord Jesus Christ without asking that this work of the Spirit take place in our lives? Then, and then only, will we have our spiritual birth certificates. Then, and only then, will our names be written in the records of heaven. What is the answer of some today?

"I have been a member of the church for forty years." Yes, but have you been born again?

"I have been an officer of the church for twenty years." Yes, but have you been born again?

"I have been a minister for many years." Yes, but have you been born again? Remember, Jesus said: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." And what is His will? That we should believe in His Son and trust Him for cleansing and forgiveness. Have you been born again?

"I have been a professor in a theological seminary for a long time." Yes, but have you been born again? All the "religion" in the world, the most extensive learning, the epitome of erudition, scholarship to its ultimate end ... none of these can take the place of the New Birth. Have you been born again?

"I have been active in the Women's Society for years and have helped promote every program of our church." Yes, but have you been born again? All of the activities in which you have engaged may have their legitimate place in the work of the Kingdom, but they mean nothing in your soul's salvation. Have you been born again?

"I have never joined the church because I know so many hypocrites in it. But I have led a good, clean, moral and honest life and have tried to treat others as I want them to treat me." Yes, but unless you have accepted Jesus Christ as your own Saviour from sin and made Him the Lord of your life you have not been born again, you do not have a birth certificate—you cannot possibly enter the kingdom of heaven.

"I am a scientist and I have seen God's mighty works in creation." Good, but recognizing God as the origin and preserver of the universe is not enough. He sent His Son to redeem you from your sins. Nothing sinful can enter into God's holy and eternal presence. You need a new nature, a complete change. You must be born again.

Friend, I am writing about an *imperative*. The securing of a spiritual birth certificate is not an elective for heaven, it is an *absolute necessity*, and it is obtained in but one way: "Not by virtue of any moral achievement of ours. but by the cleansing power of the new birth and the moral renewal of the Holy Spirit, which He gave us so generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour" (Titus 3:5, 6—Phillips). —The Presbyterian Journal

GOD IS FOR YOU

Jacob complained, "All these things are against me" - but God showed him otherwise.

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"ALL THESE THINGS ARE AGAINST ME" (GENESIS 42: 36). Who said this? Jacob. When? When his sons returned from their first visit to Egypt without Simeon. Why did he say it? Because it looked as though all things *were* against him; but appearances often are deceptive and may be misleading.

There were four circumstances that made Jacob feel all things were against him.

1. The Disappearance of Joseph. In their hatred and cruelty, Jacob's sons brought a blood-soaked coat to Jacob making him believe that Joseph was dead. For twenty-two long years he never saw Joseph. He thought he was dead, and spoke of him as dead. He rent his clothes and refused to be comforted. In despair and tears he declared, "I will go down into 'Sheol' unto my son mourning" (Genesis 37:35).

2. The Famine. For seven years Jacob and his family felt the gnawing pangs of hunger. At a time like this men are apt to give way to self-pity and despair. Realizing there was no other alternative, they took the journey to Egypt to get food.

3. The Detention of Simeon. Simeon was seized, at Joseph's orders, and held as a hostage in Egypt while his brothers returned with food to their country. This was rough on Jacob. Now two of his sons were gone; Joseph was "dead" and Simeon was bound in Egypt.

4. The Demand for Benjamin. Joseph insisted that they bring Benjamin with them on the next journey to Egypt. Jacob was stunned when he heard this. It was the most severe blow of all. Benjamin was the son of his beloved Rachel who was dead. No wonder Jacob thought all things were against him. But were they against him? It seemed so, but really they were for him. He was shortsighted, even as we sometimes are. Paul wrote, "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face ..." (1 Corinthians 13:12). We ask questions, and God answers, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter" (John 13:7).

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Here is proof that each of the aforementioned ad-

versities was not against Jacob but actually for him.

1. Joseph's Disappearance. It was God who ordered Joseph's departure for Egypt. "He (God) sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant" (Psalm 105:17). His brothers sold him, but God sent him. Joseph was God's advance-guard to preserve life. Twenty years before the famine came Joseph was in Egypt, there and ready. They meant it for evil, but God meant it for good. "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Genesis 50:20). Joseph was now the prime minister of Egypt.

2. Canaan's Famine. This calamity was providential (Psalm 105:16). The famine was to bring the long-lost Joseph into contact with his brothers again after more than twenty years. The horror of the famine stalking over the land was used of God for good.

3. Simeon's Bondage. Simeon was put in bonds that Joseph might maintain contact with his brothers. If they wanted Simeon back, the guilty brothers must come back to Joseph. So even Simeon's detention worked for good.

4. Benjamin's Conscription. The demand for Benjamin to come down to Egypt with his brothers, heartbreaking as this seemed, was absolutely needful in order for Joseph to reveal himself to his brothers. Benjamin means "son of the right hand." Benoni, "the son of sorrow," had been his name before his mother died in childbirth; but the son of sorrow had become the son of the right hand.

There are "wheels within wheels." Paul found this out and he wrote, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God..." (Romans 8: 28). God wants to do us good at our latter end. Paul's imprisonment in Rome resulted in the furtherance of the gospel. Through his ministry Roman soldiers became converted.

Finally, Jacob proclaimed God's blessing in all of this when he said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed" (Genesis 48:11). If you are passing through some vale of affliction, remember Jacob's experience. He thought all things were against him, but God was working for him all the time.

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Gloom turned to glory when a Spirit-filled minister came and prayed

DELIVERED FROM DOPE AND DEATH

By WILLIAM W. HAYS

THE DAY WAS SEPTEMBER 11, 1958. I walked down the corridor and up the stairs. Faintly I remember keys clattering and doors opening—then closing. I remember being stripped of my clothing and being placed in a tub of hot water. But the thing that stands out most in my mind is the fact that all privileges were taken away from me and I was locked in a ward.

The next day it fully dawned on me that I was in a mental hospital! What for? Earlier in life I had become an alcoholic, and now I was a dope addict. These habits had taken their toll on my nervous system. Though only thirty-one years of age I had been an alcoholic for fourteen years and a dope addict for three years.

My trouble started while I was still in grade school. As my mother was dead and my dad seemingly was unconcerned, my brother and I were never taught anything about God and were never taken to church. As a result we got entangled in sin at a very early age. We would play "hooky" from school and buy cheap wine, which cost very little during depression years.

As I entered my teens, World War II started. Jobs were plentiful, so I quit school in the seventh grade and got a job drawing a man's wages. My brother went into the Navy.

I began to drink more and more, and by the time I was seventeen I was an alcoholic! I realized this when I began to get involved in wrongdoing to get liquor money.

I already was having trouble holding down a job, so I began to go from place to place, working just long enough to earn the money to get on a "binge." I sometimes begged money to get a jug of wine. I lied, cheated, and committed crimes to get the money for another drink of alcohol.

However, I was sick of the life I was living. I thought surely I could find a way out of the drudgery of such a sinful life. I vowed I would slow up on my drinking.

During this time (I was still just seventeen years old) I met a young lady who had been reared in a Christian home. I saw something in her clean way of living that attracted me. After a few weeks we were married; and if an individual ever desired to depart from the old ways of life, I did. I fought off the desire and thirst for liquor for several days. Finally the urge was so strong I yielded and found myself trapped once again by demon forces.

I would work just long enough at a time to keep a supply of "booze." All the while my wife was praying for the young husband she loved, while taking care of herself as best she



could-for we were expecting a child.

My brother, whom I mentioned earlier, came home from the Navy with a bad conduct discharge. At twenty years of age he was a hopeless alcoholic. Being together only made a bad situation worse. The two of us would beg, mooch, panhandle, sell the coats off our backs in dead winter, pawn things that didn't belong to us, get entangled with the law—anything for a drink.

Finally my brother was sent to prison and I received a suspended sentence because of my wife and baby girl. I had to report regularly to a parole officer and later received permission to move into a neighboring state which was dry. I thought this might help me to overcome my habit. This was only a temporary help, for soon I was as bad as ever. I would leave my wife and children with nothing to eat and would awake from an intoxicated stupor to find myself hundreds of miles from home in some cheap joint or on Skid Row with the lowest characters.

I can look back now at these experiences and actually see the hand of God as He protected me from harm and death. Eventually I would make my way back and find my wife at her parents' home. They accepted her and the children and took care of them.

I was twenty-five years old and already my body was beginning to waste away. At this time I began to get barbiturates. After several months of this I found a quack doctor who got me started on morphine. In a few months I was "hooked" as an addict. I acquired syringe and needles, and for a price got the doctor to write me prescriptions for morphine. To allay suspicion, I would get the prescriptions filled at different drugstores.

By now I had no friends except my wife who was still sticking by me. Knots the size of half dollars came on my body.

Arthritis also developed in my sick body, and I was in one hospital after another. All they could do for me was to try to ease the pain with narcotics —and this only made my dope habit harder to control. I could not keep anything on my stomach, not even juices. I had to be fed through my veins. Doctors told my wife I would have to be put in an institution.

So on September 11, 1958, the door

closed on me. (In our state an alcoholic or a dope addict cannot be legally committed to a state hospital but I was committed on a nervous disorder count.) There was no gradual withdrawal process. I had to suffer the untold agony of cramps and vomiting. The only palliation I received was a small amount of thorazine (a tranquilizer) which didn't help much. The withdrawal experience was too terrible to describe.

After some time I was released and sent home. One would think I had learned my lesson by this time—but I did not know the Lord, and I was too weak to resist temptation in my own strength. I soon was plunging on that downward road again.

Rather than take the space to include all the painful details I will merely say that one day I was lying in bed at the point of death. My nerves were shattered. Doctors had given me up completely. They said I had only a few more days to live.

It was then my oldest daughter went to a phone and called a full-gospel preacher. He came immediately and began to pray for me. I was aroused with the feeling that a voice had said to me, "This is the last call." I began to cry to God for salvation. Soon the tremendous load on my heart was lifted. I knew the power of the omnipotent God was working to set me free.

Immediately my condition began to improve. People who knew me were amazed at my transformation. I knew I had been delivered from death—and after my release from the hospital I never missed a church service. Brother Walter Brown, the minister who prayed for me, gave me much encouragement. He admonished me to follow Christ and prayed with me on many occasions. My faithful wife also gave me strength in times of trial.

Now I am preaching this wonderful gospel that delivered me from dope and death. We have seen hardened criminals turn to the Lord. We have seen God deliver alcoholics from liquor and from all sin. Christ is the only cure.

If you are bound by evil habits, He can set you free. The Bible says: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19). Pray to God for only He can save you. He will save you *now* if you will let Him do it.

New Church for Navajos in California

By L. E. HALVORSON

Superintendent of the Southern California District

GOD HAS ENABLED THE RAYMOND F. Myerses of Daggett, Calif., to accomplish a seemingly impossible task. About six years ago they took over the struggling, infant Navajo Indian work at Daggett which had been pioneered by Ethel Spaulding of Los Angeles. They held meetings in a rented quonset hut that seated about fifty persons. To make the assignment more difficult, they had to preach and minister through interpreters.

But these dedicated workers had vision and determination that defied discouragements. They lived in a small trailer house parked on the bleak, dusty desert, enduring the scorching heat of summer and the cold of winter. They lived by faith, for there was no financial income from the few Indians who attended the services. They sold their furniture piece by piece until it was gone.

Brother and Sister Myers promised God they would not do secular work, but fully trust Him. They did trust Him—for everything! Soon the Lord laid the burden for their work on the hearts of various faithful saints who kept them encouraged and active by supplying their needs. In five years' time 420 souls came to Christ, 85 were filled with the Spirit, and 200 were baptized in water in their services.

In all this time the Myerses never used any of the church offerings, for the offerings did not begin to meet



Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Myers

church expenses until lately. Brother and Sister Myers have trained a number of Navajo workers who are now helping to win souls on the reservation.

The short of a very long and intriguing story is this: Brother Myers built, almost single-handedly, an attractive concrete-block church building and a beautiful frame-stucco parsonage.

The Southern California District Council purchased the property for the Daggett church. It is a portion of twenty acres that formerly belonged to the company that hauled borax by twenty-mule teams the 130 miles from Death Valley to Daggett, Calif. The refinery was once located on the present church site and some ruins are still there.

The ground for the parsonage was donated by the Murry Bravermans, Jewish friends who have proved a blessing to the Daggett Indian work in many ways.

With some money that was donated for personal use, the Myerses bought the lumber for the pews and for the parsonage. Brother Myers, with the help of some Indian men, built pews.

The church building, comprising some 1,800 square feet, seats 117. It cost \$6,428 but is appraised at \$26,000, and is debt-free. The parsonage (1,560 square feet) plus a two-car garage cost \$4,675. It is appraised at \$17,500 and has a remaining debt of \$1,900. The lot for the parsonage (60 by 200 feet) was donated by a friend.

On Easter Sunday (1962) the church and parsonage were formally dedicated. I was asked to minister and officiate (through an interpreter). It was a thrill to see twenty-five Navajo boys and girls in Sunday school and church, and to hear them sing choruses in English as well as in their native tongue. A choir of nine Indian men sang several songs. A number of "paleface" friends attended the service.

The Myerses are loved by all the Indians and highly respected by the citizens of Daggett. Faith plus works is a wonderful combination, and God has honored them for their faithfulness.

The judge of Yermo, Calif., recently told the Myerses that since they had been helping the Indians in Daggett and the surrounding area, crime among the Indians had been cut down ninety per cent.

The Daggett church is the strongest and largest Navajo Indian church in Southern California.



Papa Fred Preaches in Liberia, West Africa

IT WAS JUNE IN LIBERIA. THIS MEANS ALMOST CONtinual torrential downpour. But the rain didn't stop "Papa" Fred. I saw him trudging down the muddy road: a tall, commanding figure, clothed in a khaki cap and coat. The only protection his feet had against the rocky, wet terrain were heavy callouses which formed a yellow sole.

These black feet were taking "Papa" Fred on trek to many of the villages under his jurisdiction as superintendent of the Assemblies of God work. These feet would take him to preach the gospel of peace to many who had never heard it.

Yesterday "the old man" (a title of high respect in Liberia) had told me his story:

"My father was the high priest of a devil society. Since my ambition was to be like my father, I was always present when he made sacrifice. I watched every movement. Probably the most enticing thing to me was that the high priest always got the best meat of the sacrifice. After he had partaken of his juicy morsel, the poorer grades of meat would be doled out to the villagers, at which time 'the devil' would hide in the bush and throw stones at the villagers. The villagers would scream, 'Devil! Devil!' and run for their huts, leaving their meat for the 'devil' and his family.

"Missionaries came to Newaka, our village, in 1908. My father hated them because they were taking away much of his business. We did everything we could to make life uncomfortable for them. When many of them died of black water fever, we were very happy.

"One day in August, 1916, I took my cutlass and climbed a palm tree in search of nuts. After perching on a high limb, I prepared to indulge in one of my many evils, that of dipping snuff. First, I dropped a portion out of the tree for 'the devil'—and was ready for a 'dip' myself when I had a vision. I saw myself standing on a great mountain. Below me was a horrible pit in which many people were screaming and crying. I realized at that moment that if I didn't give my heart to God I would end up in that awful place. I was so frightened I left the palm nuts and snuff in the tree for the devil, and ran to the mission station. I gave my heart and life to God, and the following week I was gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. This was the most wonderful experience in my life.

"My father was so angry when he found out what had happened to me that he said he never wanted to see my face again. When he died he didn't want me to come to his funeral. If I died he would be glad, he told me.

"The persecution I encountered during the next few years was even greater than that my father and I had inflicted upon the missionaries. My life was threatened many times by secret societies. But I have lived to see my son Samuel follow in my footsteps, teaching in the Bible school and preaching the gospel in the surrounding towns and villages."

"Papa" Fred will never be a fetish high priest, but he is a "priest unto God."

Through the rain I watched the solitary figure until he was out of sight. He reminded me of the scripture, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15)!

-HAZEL HOSKINS

God Answers a Widow's Prayer in India

A WIDOW FROM A CASTE HINDU FAMILY AND HER TWO young daughters gave their hearts to the Lord in our meetings and were baptized in water. They lived with her father who, although he was still a Hindu, did not oppose them in their new faith.

The father died suddenly one day while he was working in the field. The Christian lady's brothers came and drove her and her children from their home, not allowing them to take anything. The brothers then took possession of the house and property.

The lady appealed to local officials but they would offer her no help unless she bathed in a certain pool and worshiped the god of that pool. This she refused to do. Christians prayed for the family, and God answered their prayers in an unusual way.

A Hindu witch doctor came to the brothers and told them that one of their cruel gods had killed their father by giving him a sudden blow. This god, the witch doctor said, still haunted the house! He said it was not safe for the brothers to live in the house because the god would kill them too. So the brothers quickly moved out, leaving the house and property for the widow and her daughters who have their trust in the living God and are not afraid of heathen gods.

-Mildred Ginn

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THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

Spaniard Delivered from Smoking

MIGUEL PUJOL HAD SMOKED SINCE HE WAS THIRTEEN. After he accepted Christ and was baptized in the Holy Spirit, he still could not understand why he should give up the habit. When people asked him about it, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "God looks on a man's heart, not on what goes into his mouth."

Twice I had to refuse to baptize Miguel in water because of his smoking. He threatened to go to a church where the minister would baptize him, for a time he quit coming to our meetings but he wasn't happy, so he returned. Our Christians never ceased praying for him.

One day Miguel told me he had a desire to go into full-time ministry. I told him he first must overcome the habit which dominated him and he must consecrate himself fully to God. Miguel began to pray that God would deliver him, but he put forth little effort to quit.

After months in a losing battle with the cigarette, he went to the drugstore and bought some pills which were supposed to take away the habit. They gave no results. Disgusted with himself, Miguel smoked more than ever.

On the World Day of Prayer in 1961 we scheduled an all-day prayer meeting in our home. Miguel was one of the first to arrive. At 9:30 in the morning he came fasting. This time he was determined to break the habit. Hour after hour he prayed. Other Christians prayed with him. Miguel suffered agony as the devil made a last stand, but finally the bands were broken! Miguel left the prayer meeting at 6:30 that evening after nine hours of continuous prayer. He had complete victory over the vice that had held him in its clutches for so many years!

Three months later Miguel was baptized in water. A month after his baptism he was voted in as deacon in the church. Now he and his wife Lola are in full-time ministry, pastoring the Assembly of God in La Coruna, Spain, and ministering in three outstations.

-KENNETH MCINTYRE



Miguel Pujol and family



Guillermo Finds God in the Philippines

IN 1957 FOUR LAYMEN FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN Talisay, Philippines, made the journey by foot into the barrio of Adadan. They were searching for trees to use for posts in the new church they were building.

Villagers directed them to an old man named Guillermo who owned a small grove of trees. Past seventy years of age and severely afflicted with rheumatism, Guillermo had been unable to work for some time. He was happy to sell some of his trees.

As the men worked on the trees they told Guillermo of their plans to build a church. One of the men, Jose Panaguiton, witnessed to Guillermo about Jesus, explaining how he could have the gift of eternal life through faith in Christ.

Guillermo was amazed at the good news that Someone had died for his sins. For a long time he had tried and failed to rid himself of bad habits. Guilt burdened his heart and mind. He told the men he wanted Jesus to help him. They prayed earnestly with Guillermo and before they left him that day they urged him: "Pray every day. Pray to Jesus. He will hear you and help you."

Shortly afterward the four men migrated to Mindanao Island. Only recently did Jose Panaguiton return to Talisay. There he learned that missionary Warren Denton and national pastor Demetrio Marfil were searching for a guide who could take them back to the unevangelized mountain region around Adadan. Jose told them of his experience at Adadan four years before. Eagerly Pastor Marfil accompanied Brother Panaguiton to Adadan. For a full day they hiked the difficult trail. What would they find after four years' absence?

Slowly they approached Guillermo's simple hut. At first sight of Jose, Guillermo hurried to greet him.

"Welcome! Welcome! I'm so glad you have returned!" Guillermo's wrinkled face beamed as he exclaimed, "I have prayed every day since you left! God has taken away all my sins. My wife, my son, and his wife have taken Jesus as their Saviour, too! I am well and strong. I work hard in the fields to provide food for my family."

Jose marveled at the transforming power of Christ as he listened to the words of the changed man. He and pastor Marfil stayed several days to teach the happy family. Guillermo told them the locations of tribes in the mountains which had never heard of Jesus.

The workers made plans to return soon with the missionary (Brother Denton) to evangelize these unreached people.

Before the men returned to their homes in the lowlands, they went with Guillermo and his family to a little mountain pool. There Pastor Marfil baptized them—the first believers in Adadan.

-BETTY JO KENNEY

DEDICATED To the Glory of God and the Extension of His Kingdom



ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI—District Superintendent J. C. Burks was the special speaker when Glad Tidings Assembly of God was dedicated last winter. The property contains approximately 6,300 square feet of floor space and the sanctuary seats 300. J. Fred Doggette is pastor.



LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON—Pastor R. J. Mitchell and congregation of Columbia Heights Assembly recently completed this building. The church is five years old.



LONACONING, MARYLAND—First Assembly of God, conservatively valued at \$170,000, was dedicated recently. Pastor C. E. Fussell served as master contractor for the building which combines modern and Gothic-type architecture.



WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA—The new brick sanctuary and educational unit of Seigle Assembly of God was dedicated on May 6 by District Superintendent L. C. Ashbrook. B. O. Smith has been pastor since June, 1960.



ELK CITY, OKLAHOMA—Under the leadership of Pastor Joe Calabrese, First Assembly of God erected this new church building. The sanctuary seats 450—plus a smaller chapel seating 100.



TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA—First Assembly of God dedicated the two-story education building (at left) about one year after the sanctuary. Howard S. Bush, assistant general superintendent, was guest speaker. William P. Register is the pastor.

God Bless This Place

by Dwight C. Ritchie

- Our Father God, we thank Thee for This place of prayer and praise, And pray Thy Presence shall be here Through all the coming days.
- May all who enter come to know The love of Thy dear Son, Who shed His blood on Calvary To ransom every one.
- May all who speak and witness here Proclaim to young and old The sweetest story that on earth To mortals has been told.
- And grant Thy Spirit to inspire The hearers to believe, Repent, confess, forsake their sins, And Jesus to receive.
- And may each Christian grow in grace And wisdom, knowledge, power, And from these doors go forth to serve Our Saviour every hour.

May all who enter here unwell Be healed of all disease, And not go forth to sin again, But live the Lord to please.

May those who come with heavy hearts Find solace, peace and rest, And by believing Jesus' words Be comforted and blest.

- May those who err in knowledge hear Within this place the Word Of truth and light and turn from ways And creeds in which they erred.
- May little children find Thee here In early years of life, And be preserved from worldly ways
- Of pride and sin and strife.

And may Thy Name be glorified By all who enter here, Through praises that ascend from saints With heart and conscience clear.

May those who hunger here be filled, Not once, but o'er and o'er, And ever bolder be for God, As were the saints of yore.

And may the blessed hope inspire Each saint who worships here To be prepared with garments white When Jesus shall appear.



LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI—First Assembly of God commemorated its 30th anniversary last May in this beautiful new church building. The sanctuary seats 500, and there is a full basement with Sunday school facilities. District Superintendent N. Cleo Tapp was the dedicatory speaker. Robert E. Palmer is pastor.



SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA—This lovely building, appraised at \$169,000, is the new home of the First Assembly of God. Pastor E. J. Kumpe directed its construction. An interesting sidelight is that District Superintendent L. E. Halvorson was pastor when the church was set in order.



HORATIO, ARKANSAS—This is the new home of First Assembly of God where James L. Walker is pastor. The speaker at the dedication service was G. W. Hardcastle, Sr., district superintendent in Arkansas. The sanctuary will seat approximately 300.



SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA—The ribbon was cut by police chief at dedication of First Assembly. Assisting were Sam Cochran (left), finance committee chairman, and Pastor Earl W. Odell.

. . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

IS PRESENT WORLD

Tobacco

Archbishop of Canterbury Abandons His Pipe

Lord Fisher of Lambeth, former Archbishop of Canterbury and a heavy pipe smoker for forty years, declares he is through with his pipe—but not because he is afraid of lung cancer.

He gave two reasons for his decision: "to recover my own self-respect—I could not tolerate that I should be in complete bondage to a piece of self-indulgence; and the fact that I was spending far more money on it than I had any right to spend on a mere personal indulgence."

Oregon Senator Calls for Investigation on Smoking

Six members of the Senate joined Senator Maurine Neuberger in introducing a joint resolution calling upon President Kennedy to establish a commission to investigate the health hazards of smoking.

Mrs. Neuberger gave up smoking after the American Cancer Society warned that it is definitely a contributing factor to malignancy of the lungs. "Children can and must be deterred from taking up cigarette smoking," she said.

Cuba

Religious Persuasions of Cubans Noted

According to the *Miami* (Fla.) *Herald*, about half of Cuba's population profess no faith whatever. Nearly forty per cent of the citizenry, half of them nominally Roman Catholics, practice some form of spiritualism. An estimated eight per cent are active Catholics, and the others are Protestants (Evangelicals).

Communism

Communist Colporteurs Outdoing Christians

An official of the American Bible Society has said that Communists are distributing more literature than Christians. Russia distributed about one hundred million volumes of the writings of Premier Khrushchev in non-Communist countries last year.

By comparison, Bible societies distributed thirty-five million copies of the Scriptures, and other groups distributed twenty-five million copies or portions, for a total of sixty million volumes.

Churches

Says Church Should Stay Out of Politics

Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, a former medical missionary to China, said in a speech earlier this year: "I don't want the church working in politics. I don't want political action by ecclesiastical bodies. It isn't the job of the church to say what Congress should do. It is the job of the church to change men and send them into society as Christian missionaries and into politics to help change the government...."

He went on to say, "The longer I am in politics the less confidence I have in the pronouncements by ecclesiastical bodies telling Congress what to do."

Dr. Judd, now sixty-three years of age, said he received five thousand letters from all parts of the nation urging him to reconsider his decision not to run for an eleventh term. He has since changed his mind and will be a candidate for re-election.

Bible Lands

Solomon's Citadel Discovered Near Jerusalem

Archaeologists of Hebrew University have found a fortress city built by King Solomon in an area thirty miles south of Jerusalem. Constructed by Solomon to protect trade routes to the spice lands of southern Arabia, the ancient city of Arad in the Judean wilderness above the Dead Sea was a flourishing center for commerce, small industry, and agriculture.

Uncovered in the lost city is a wealth of materials, among them hundreds of pots and jars. Archaeologists also found a well-preserved perfume factory, dating from the seventh century B.C. In the dry soil of the barren Negev Desert the scientists collected a great store of ancient Hebrew writings. Some, they said, apparently came from the archives of Solomon's fortress city.

Birthplace of Goliath to Be Excavated

Tel Najila, a rocky prominence in the southeastern corner of the Philistine coastal plain, may conceal the remains of the ancient royal city of Gath, according to Richard A. Mitchell, executive director of the Negev Biblical Excavations, Inc.

"A new interpretation of Biblical records has led us to Tel Najila as a likely location for this Philistine royal city," says Mr. Mitchell. "A trial excavation revealed a number of extremely encouraging clues."

Gath was one of the five centers of Philistine culture, and the name occurs many times in the Bible. Gath was the native city of the giant Goliath (1 Samuel 17:4).

Israel Alarmed Over Neighbors' Rockets

Russia has decided to supply Egypt and Iraq with guided missiles, and this news has aroused considerable anxiety in Israel. According to Israeli authorities, western powers have been reluctant to sell her rockets, even after it became clear that Egypt was to receive Russian missiles.

Because of the declared hostility of these two Arab nations, it is understandable that Israel (wedged between) would be worried, lacking similar weapons. Remember the counsel of the Psalmist, who said, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem..." (Psalm 122:6).

Catholicism

Plan to Give Lutheran Hospital to Jesuits

Trustees of a Lutheran hospital fund have proposed that the soon-to-bebuilt hospital be staffed and managed by the Jesuits of Marquette University of Milwaukee, Wis. Under the will of the late Kurtis R. Froedtert, a prominent Lutheran, this fund (now in excess of eight million dollars) was set up to build a Lutheran hospital.

Current plans are to erect the research and teaching hospital on land leased from Milwaukee county. The county hospital would be allowed the use of facilities of the Froedtert institution, but administration would be entirely in the hands of Marquette University, a Roman Catholic school owned and operated by the Jesuit order. Observers are watching with interest this attempt to circumvent the desire of the late Mr. Froedtert.

Mohammedanism

Report 192 Turkish Muslims Become Christians

According to a report in Yeni Sabah (New Morning), a daily newspaper in Turkey, 192 Turkish Muslims in Istanbul and surrounding area have been converted to Christianity since the beginning of this year.

Included were 76 women, 75 men, and 41 children. Yeni Sabah noted that thousands of Greek and Armenian Christians in Asia Minor became Muslims to avoid persecution in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Now, said the newspaper, children of many of those converted to Mohammedanism have returned to Christianity.

First Mosque to Be Built in New England

Plans are being prepared for construction of New England's first Moslem mosque. Raising funds for the edifice, to be built in Quincy, Mass., are members of the Arab-American Banner Society, with assistance from King Saud of Arabia and his son, Nashur El Saud.

Prayer meetings of the sizeable Arab-American community in and around Quincy now are held in homes.

Missionary work among the Moslems in Saudi Arabia is forbidden by law. Neither may non-Moslem houses of worship be erected.



YOUR QUESTIONS

* Where does the Bible teach that children are to look after their parents?

Natural affection alone should cause worthy children to care for their parents if need exists. This duty is taught by scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments. The fifth commandment is: "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12). Read also Matthew 15:4 and Ephesians 6:2, 3.

It would be very dishonoring to parents were their children to see them sick or in need and refuse to help them.

* My husband and I have been saved recently. His family is very ungodly and is sarcastic toward our children and us, and I can no longer bear this without it bothering me. Would it be right for me to "put his peaple in their place"?

Always remember that "a soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1). If you did not feel insults there would be no temptation or trial. It will be a great victory for you if you avoid "rendering evil for evil."

It is recorded that Jesus, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not (1 Peter 2:23). Let your life be a witness for Christ, however you may be treated by the ungodly members of your husband's family.

A professor says Adam and Eve would not have been any more intelligent than animals today had they not partaken of the forbidden fruit. Some in my church say they would have known only good and not evil. Can you help us?

I believe there would have been a clear distinction between Adam and Eve and the dumb animals, even if the first humans had not sinned. Human beings are mentally superior for they (and not animals) were made in the image of God. But there would have been no development of character, for character is formed through decisions. They would have remained innocent moral babies and never would have matured morally. The fact that they were put in the garden "to dress it" shows that God wished them to learn by practice, which would develop increased knowledge.

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What kind of wood was the gopher wood out of which Noah built the ark? Genesis 6:14.

The dictionary says it was a wood not now identified. The concordance suggests it was cedar, cypress, or fir —wood of the cedar family.

* Is it right to pray to Jesus as so many do?

Jesus taught the disciples to ask their requests of the Father in His [Jesus'] name (John 16:23, 26). This indicates we should pray to the Father that He might answer because of Jesus and the redemption which Jesus has provided. This therefore is the orthodox way to pray.

In John 14:13, 14, however, Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do...." During the earthly ministry of Jesus, people prayed to Him that their sick might be healed and that other needs might be met. When Stephen was dying he cried out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59).

Since Jesus said, "All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father" (John 5:23), and since prayer is a matter of the heart rather than the head, I believe God understands each earnest petition; and Jesus, our great High Priest, is able to convert our petitions into perfect form even though we may present them imperfectly.

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).

The Christian Home



I'm Glad I Had-A Singing Mother

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

We're going home, we're going home, We're going home to die no more....

Softly Mother sang, as gently we swayed back and forth in the squeaky Boston rocker. The ear that ached was pressed comfortingly against her soft bosom, and the eye on that side was closed, but the other one blinked drowsily. With it I could see the tiny white stars that dotted Mother's blue calico dress, and with forefinger and thumb I measured the equal distances between them, wondering what miracle of adult wisdom could produce such beautiful material, like a small heaven set with its orderly rows of stars.

I wondered, too, about this home of which Mother sang. Where was "Dinomore"? As far away as Peoria perhaps? Were we truly going there, and would we find it as wonderful a place as the song made it seem? Its glitt'ring tow'rs the sun outshine; That heav'nly mansion shall be mine!

Mother sang, and I drifted off to sleep in the secure confidence that, whether we moved to "Dinomore" tomorrow, or whether we decided to stay right where we were for a while longer, all would be right and wonderful with Mother there.

This is my earliest childhood recollection, and it is clear in my memory today: squeaky rocker, aching ear, starstudded calico dress, soft bosom, cradling arms, and the song—*especially the song*.

Mother's voice, though untrained, was sweet and vibrant. From my seat beside Father in the family pew, I used to listen for it to carry the highest notes clear and sure in the choir numbers on Sunday mornings. When Mother sang she sounded happy. She looked happy, too—as if she were glad to be singing. At home she sang more often than not.

The daily hum and stir of our family of six went on to the cheery obbligato of Mother's singing. Her songs fitted every mood and circumstance, and became to me an accurate gauge of the home atmosphere.

"We're Marching to Zion" was a favorite washday number. Its vigorous rhythm blended right in with the soapy swish of the clothes being scrubbed up and down on the board:

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known. Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne. And thus surround the throne.

I am sure that the task was accomplished with far greater speed and efficiency than would have been possible to the tune of "Day Is Dying in the West."

Kneading bread, ironing, churning, and scrubbing floors seemed to go along smoothly with "Work, for the Night Is Coming," while sitting-down chores like peeling apples or shelling peas on the screened-in side porch needed such gentle tunes as "He Leadeth Me" or "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned."

Often, toward nightfall, after a particularly strenuous day, I could sense not only her weariness, but her calm spirit transcending that weariness, as Mother would sing:

Oh, sometimes how long seems the day, And sometimes how weary my feet! But toiling in life's dusty way,

The Rock's blessed shadow, how sweet!

Oh, then to the Rock let me fly, To the Rock that is higher than I!

Many times a day, we children knew Mother sought audience with the Giver of strength and of patience. A singing mother must also be a praying mother.

At times when I had been naughty and Mother was displeased with me, how I dreaded her stern silence! Only when those firmly pressed lips relaxed once again in song did I know I had been forgiven, and only then did the weight of guilt lift.

When we children would begin to quarrel among ourselves, Mother's reprimands were usually followed and softened by her singing:

Scatter seeds of kindness For our reaping by and by.

On dark, gloomy days, and at times when we were shut in with colds, mumps, or measles, the trays she brought to us in bed might be set with the dainty moss-rose china we usually saved for company. Perhaps the toast would be cut in circles, or maybe the plain sugar cookies would have smiling features traced with raisins or a bit of chocolate frosting. Such little things mean so much to children! And how could grumblings and complaints long have a place in the presence of a mother who smilingly hugged each of us a dozen times a day, and who went about attending to our needs to the accompaniment of:



CLUES: (All words go across.)

1. Revelation 21:18 tells about a city of pure

2. John 12:3 tells about a time when a house was filled with the ______ of the ointment.

3. At the baptism of Jesus in water, the Spirit of God descended like a (Matthew 3:16).

5. In John 16:24, Jesus told us, "_____, and ye shall receive."

ANSWER:

Up and down, the words in the gray squares should read : "God is love."

When financial disaster descended upon us, we children could sense the anxiety of our parents even though we could not understand all that was involved. I puzzled about such words as mortgage, foreclosure, and failure. I was standing by when Father wrote a check and handed it to someone. When the man was gone, Father turned to Mother and said grimly, "Well, Mary, that's all. That just about wipes us out." I saw tears standing in Mother's brave eyes on the day the grand piano was sold and hauled away.

That was when I slipped my hand into hers and asked fearfully, "Are we awfully poor now? Is this part of being 'wiped out'?"

"This is something we didn't think would happen. We hoped it wouldn't happen," she answered, "but we are not 'wiped out,' nor shall we ever be. And how can we be *awfully* poor when we still have each other?"

Mother held her shoulders a little straighter, and there was something beyond courage in her face as she went about preparing supper. Folding the everyday, red-checked cloth, she laid it aside and spread the table with the best cloth of snowy Irish linen instead.

If the food was meager that evening how could we possibly notice—with the parlor lamp brought out for the occasion shedding its ruddy glow over our assembled faces? If Father was discouraged it didn't sound in his voice when he asked God's blessing on the food. And if Mother's heart was heavy as lead while clearing away the supper things, how were we children to know, with her singing so triumphantly, "I'm a Child of the King"?

But during the weeks after our sister died I was sure Mother had lost her song. How *could* she ever sing—ever again? Now upon my return from school the house would be silent and strange. Often I found Mother alone in her room. Traces of tears on the cushion of the old rocker and on the open Bible on the marble-topped stand nearby told me she had been waiting before God.

I was to learn that sorrow often presages songs of greater victory. One cannot linger long in the presence of God without receiving His "garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

On a dismal, rainy November afternoon when cold winds were blowing dry leaves along the gutters, I hurried home from school to find the house permeated with the familiar warm fragrance of fresh bread and cinnamon rolls. But the thing that caused my heart to skip with happiness was the long-missed sound of Mother's voice. Floating from the kitchen I heard:

There's a land that is fairer than day, And by faith we can see it afar!

She had just finished brushing melted butter on the crusty loaves when with a rush I threw myself into her arms. As she lifted me up in a close embrace she told me, "I'm so glad I have a dear little girl!"

"And oh," I replied, my heart nearly bursting for joy, "I'm so glad I have a singing mother!"—Herald of Holiness

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Sunday School Lesson for July 29, 1962 1 SAMUEL 9:15-22; ACTS 13:21, 22

It is difficult to separate the present lesson from the one which will follow next week. Together they set forth two outstanding lessons: (1) The unselfish and bighearted manner in which Samuel prepared the way for his successor and helped him to a good start with God and man; (2) The sad fact that a man with so many advantages and favorable opportunities should become, after making a splendid start, such a dismal failure.

FITTED BY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Saul's family relationship. He was the son of a man of wealth and social status. He came from the smallest but most warlike of the tribes.

His personal appearance. Physically Saul stood head and shoulders above the people. This asset helped commend him to the people who wanted a military hero who would be the pride and glory of the nation. Soon, however, Israel was to learn the weakness of human strength! Have we learned that lesson?

His character. Both this lesson and next week's show that Saul possessed many admirable traits of character. He was obedient to his father (1 Samuel 9:3, 4); he

HELP IN TIME OF NEED



was tenderly concerned about his father's feelings (1 Samuel 9:5); he was persevering and ready to take advice from an inferior (1 Samuel 9:10); he was humble in his estimation of himself (1 Samuel 9:21).

GUIDED BY DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Notice especially 1 Samuel 9:3-14. All the apparently trivial events that led up to the meeting of Saul with Samuel were ordered by the Lord for the working out of His own plan. In all this Saul acted according to his best judgment and God made Saul's actions fit His purposes.

Behold the great possibilities in little things! There was quite a contrast between Saul's physical stature and the commonplace task to which he was assigned—looking for lost asses. However, he obeyed because evidently he was a true son who never sees anything unworthy in his father's wishes. The greatness of any act is determined by the greatness of the one who commands it. The most insignificant service rendered for the sake of Christ becomes a great act! In Saul's case his faithfulness in doing what seemed an insignificant act resulted in his finding a kingdom! And who knows the final outcome of the smallest acts done for love of God?

INDICATED BY DIVINE REVELATION

The Lord prepared Samuel (1 Samuel 9:15, 16). (1) It is a great thing to hear the whisper of the Lord. But those who would do so must have like Samuel a listening ear. (2) God told Samuel that he was to appoint and help prepare his own successor. Some men are not big enough for such a task, but Samuel was and carried out the command conscientiously!

Samuel prepared Saul (1 Samuel 9:18, 19). Notice how gradually Samuel prepared Saul for the coming honor in order that it would not be too sudden a surprise. As a mark of respect he directed Saul to go before him. He invited him to be his guest, and promised to tell him what he wished to know, thus putting his mind at rest. He arranged for Saul to have the place of honor at the feast and took time to talk privately with him.

At the conclusion he directed Saul to wait patiently until the time when God would show the people that he was the divinely chosen king. So it ought to be with the Christian called of God to any kind of service. We are not to fret, not to be resentful if obliged to mark time in obscurity, not to endeavor to advance ourselves through carnal means; but to wait patiently for the Lord—to be content and faithful in the *hidden* life and ministry, knowing that our labor as we wait is not in vain in the Lord. —J. Bashford Bishop

GOD USES WHAT WE GIVE HIM

God can use the talents and culture of a Paul if Paul has been crucified with Christ. More often He speaks by an unlettered Peter at a Pentecost.

He can use the wealth of a David when there is David's largeness of heart to thank his God and praise His glorious name, exclaiming, "Both riches and honour come of thee," and "Of thine own have we given thee" (1 Chronicles 29:12, 14). But oftentimes His mightiest works are wrought by those who can exclaim, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." —J. HUDSON TAYLOR YOUTH'S COURTSHIP PROBLEMS, Alfred L. Murray. The critical phases of courtship are presented clearly and plainly. The author seeks to help young people understand and evaluate the implications of various courtship activities. Dates, true love, parental objection, and manners, are only a few of the timely topics. Cloth bound, 167 pages.

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Unusual Revivaltime Origination from Bakersfield, Calif.

By DWIGHT H. McLAUGHLIN Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle Bakersfield, California

Editorial Note: While on its tour of the western states the *Revivaltime* choir joined with members of the *Revivaltime* team to originate a broadcast service from the auditorium of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Bakersfield, Calif., on June 3. Another unusual feature of the origination was that Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward returned to his former pastorate to minister for this service.

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GOD HONORED THE RELEASE OF Revivaltime from the sanctuary of Full Gospel Tabernacle in Bakersfield, Calif., on June 3.

It was a unique service. An overflow crowd attended. It was an unusual pleasure to have the staff members of the Radio Department, *Revivaltime* Speaker C. M. Ward, and the entire *Revivaltime* choir for this historic occasion.

Full Gospel Tabernacle is C. M. Ward's former pastorate. Hundreds of people came to see and hear him again.

After the release of Revivaltime,



Honor of Origination plaque was presented by Bartlett Peterson to Pastor Dwight H. McLaughlin. To the right is T. C. Cunningham, radio representative for Southern California.



Two Revivaltime choir members prayed with a young couple who came to the altar. This is characteristic of the concern the choir members showed for the people attending the services during the choir's tour in the month of June.

the choir directed by Cyril McLellan gave a forty-minute musical and gospel message. It was very well done, resulting in the coming of a number of persons to the church altar seeking God for salvation. We at the Tabernacle welcomed the release of *Revivaltime* again in this area. We say "Thank you" to the entire staff and choir for coming this way. *Revivaltime* is aired on three stations in the Greater Bakersfield area.



An overflow crowd filled the auditorium of Full Gospel Tabernacle in Bakersfield, Calif., during the origination service.



The Revivaltime choir, on tour in the western United States and Canada, participated in this origination service.



Owen C. Carr, field representative for Speed-the-Light, has been named national secretary of the Christ's Ambassadors Department of the Assemblies of God.

Brother Carr succeeds Richard Fulmer who has been appointed European representative of the Foreign Missions Department to work among military personnel. Brother Fulmer served as head of the youth department since 1954.

Born in Okmulgee, Okla., Brother Carr entered the ministry in 1942. He has served six pastorates in Kansas. While serving in the Kansas District offices he edited *The Harvester*, a history of the Assemblies of God in Kansas from 1913 to 1955.

Brother Carr was the Kansas District Christ's Ambassadors president and district Sunday school director from 1953 to 1958. During 1958 he toured Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. He visited many Assemblies of God mission stations and ministered at a servicemen's retreat in Germany.

Former pastor of Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Topeka, Kans., Brother Carr joined the headquarters office as Speed-the-Light field representative in the spring of 1961. He has traveled throughout the United States on behalf of the missions program in addition to carrying office responsibilities within the youth department.

As supervisor of the youth program of the Assemblies of God he will be responsible for work among servicemen and college students, the missionary program, a monthly magazine, and a quarterly leadership manual. He will also direct and encourage activities of 44 district youth presidents through a monthly bulletin.

New Stations

The following stations have been added to the *Revivuline* radio log:

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Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

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(KGGK-FM)

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FILIPINO HEALED OF HEART CONDITION IN HAWAII

Because of the critical condition of his heart, Mr. Garlardo, a sixty-sevenyear-old Filipino brother, had been ordered by his doctors not to do any work or drive his car.

On April 8, 1962, Evangelist Neville E. Carlson from Fillmore, Calif., came to conduct a revival campaign in Lihue.

Mr. Garlardo was prayed for the very first night. The next day, for the first time in eight months, he worked all day without any ill-effects. Now, some months later, he is able to drive his car and to work as much as he wishes in his yard and home. He is praising the Lord for healing him.—Pastor Likio Fukui, Assembly of God, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.



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As a Senior I in pharmacy at Oregon State University, I am taught almost every day that it is foolish to believe in Christ, and that it is a figment of the imagination to believe He has power to heal. But I know this is a lie put forth by the deceiver, and I can personally testify to God's healing power.

On October 25, 1961, I broke one of the small bones in my right foot. The doctor told me this type break would never mend and that there was no need to put the foot in a cast. I was given whirlpool treatments for several days, and an elastic bandage was put on the foot to keep down the pain as much as possible.

On November 10, an examination showed that the bone fragment—normally located just behind the toes—had slipped back to my heel. The doctor told me there was one chance in ten thousand that the bone would ever settle *anywhere* in my foot and have a calcium deposit form around it. I was told I would have to wear the elastic bandage the rest of my life, unless I wanted to be operated on. Already large sores were breaking out over my entire foot due to the irritation from the bandage.

The following Sunday I attended the Assembly of God in Albany, Oregon, where Bill Stephens, who then was Oregon District C. A. President, was holding revival meetings. At the close of the service, Brother Stephens said he knew God was going to do something for someone that morning, if that person would yield to the Lord's voice. I knew I was that "someone," and I listened to the voice of my Saviour even though the enemy was reminding me that the doctor said it couldn't be done, and my learned professors said it was foolish to believe that God could heal. Brother Stephens came to me in the prayer room, not knowing the need I had, and simply

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	Sumiton	Canaan	July 23-Aug. 3	E. J. Stufflebeem	C. Aubrey Flowers
Ark.	Bearden	First	July 22—	Dave Collins	H. R. Cobb
Calif.	Bakersfield	Full Gospel Tab.		Ernie Eskelin	D. W. McLaughlin
	Burbank	Glad Tidings	July 25-29	Neil Eskelin	Howard Wilde
	Modesto	* Airport	July 24-29	Virgil & Edythe Waren:	
Colo.	Montrose	Á/G	July 29-	Dwight Edwards	T. M. Barrett
Fla.	Graceville	First	July 29-Aug. 12	Grant Daniel	Edward Grant
Ga.	Columbus	Central	July 23-Aug. 5	Shelvey Holland	Ulus Luker
Ill.	Lincoln	Faith	July 22-29	Charles Senechal	Earl Cornelison
Ind.	Bedford	First	July 22-29	The Musical "Vanns"	James A. West
	Blanford	* A/G	July 22-27	W. A. Van Winkle	Robert Hawkins
	Goshen	First	July 25-Aug. 5	David & Mrs. Howe	William Burkett
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Minn.	Internat. Falls	First	July 24-29	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Harold Hostetter
Mo.	Cape Girardeau	** First	July 15-27	Victor Etienne	C. E. Rohde
	Crocker	A/G	July 23-29	A. J. Chandonnet	Lyall Parsons
	Elvins	A/G	July 29-Aug. 12	Glenna Byard	Charles Upchurch
	Maplewood	* Revival Tab.	July 23-27	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	A. L. Burnett
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	Trenton	First	July 29-Aug. 12	Franklin A. Burns	H. C. Campbell
Tex.	Amarillo	First	July 24-	Ron Prinzing	E. R. Foster
	Sweetwater	First	July 22-29	Winferd Mack	Roy Akin
Va.	Lynchburg	First	July 24-29	David A. Lewis	Irvin G. Steiding
Wash.	Lynden	A/G	July 27-29	Paul Hild Family	A. W. Nelson
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asked the Lord to meet my need.

In my room after the service I removed the bandage from my foot and found every sore completely gone. The next morning I went to the doctor to let him see what God had done for me, and to have him confirm the healing. The doctor, not a Christian, said it was one of the strangest supernatural happenings he had ever witnessed. For when he X rayed the foot again, he found the bone was back in its original position with no sign left of the breakage!

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