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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



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WHEN JESUS SENT HIS APOSTLES on a preaching mission early in His ministry, according to Matthew 10:16, He gave this admonition regarding their conduct: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

The Master often used unusual symbols and figures of speech to arrest attention. What a strange combination of figures—to suggest that a believer be at the same time like a serpent and like a dove! Could any two creatures be more dissimilar? Yet they both have characteristics which Jesus said should be imitated by the Christian.

The serpent is noted for its alertness, observation, wariness, and ability to escape from danger. The dove has always been a symbol of gentleness, artlessness and simplicity. It also symbolizes cleanliness and purity. Living in a godless world, believers need to cultivate a combination of all these qualities in their natures.

WISE AS SERPENTS

Regarding our being "wise as serpents," let us consider a few matters in which this is vital:

1. Wise to the Will of God

How easy it is to stray from the path of the Lord's leading. When the Israelites were on their way to Canaan they were led by a cloudy pillar that showed them not only when to go, but also when *not* to go. How wonderful if all our activities could be as strictly regulated by the will of God!

When David and his men discovered Saul sleeping in the cave, the first thought expressed by David's companions was that it was surely the will of God to kill Saul. The fact he had been found so unexpectedly seemed proof to them that the Lord had delivered him into their hands. They were acting very much as we often do. When you desperately want to do something, it is very easy to construe it as "the will of God." The feelings of these soldiers were too clouded by their hatred of Saul to discern the will of God. Fortunately David was more in touch with the Lord than they and refused to respond to their urgings (1 Samuel 24:4-7).

Our hearts ache when we read of the revolt of David's son Absalom. But if you will read 2 Samuel 16:20-23,

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you will discover that part of the young man's downfall was due to the strong, cunning personality of a man named Ahithophel who seemed to be in touch with God but was really a dangerous schemer. He delivered to Absalom what seemed to be divine revelations, but which were actually nothing of the kind. *It is dangerous to rely on someone else's revelation!*

2. *Wise Concerning the Snares of Satan*

As long as God's servants are in the world they will be the objects of Satan's relentless opposition. He will never stop trying to devour them. Usually he does not make a frontal assault but lays cleverly concealed snares which the unwary fall into.

A serpent is not easy to trap. He is always alert and quickly gets away if danger threatens. The Christian must be just as watchful of the snares laid for him by his great adversary.

3. *Wise to the Truths of the Scripture*

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares the Church to the human body. There is a beautiful balance to the physical body. Each part has its separate and vital function and is the proper size to take care of its particular work. It is a misfortune if one part of the body becomes developed out of proportion to the others, for this throws the whole system out of balance.

Much false doctrine arises from overstressing one part of the truth. Orthodoxy is a narrow way indeed. We dare not move too far either to the right or to the left. Even the Pentecostal movement has been harassed by peddlers of distorted doctrine, who have in some cases overcome those not wise in rightly dividing the Word of truth.

4. *Wise to the Maneuverings of Evil Workers*

Many warnings are sounded in the New Testament epistles about evil workers who had already slipped into the church. These misguided individuals were tools of Satan who deliberately tried to wreck the unity of the body of Christ and create all manner of havoc. Such enemies are still active. We are to take special note of these people and be ever ready to resist their stratagems, remembering the admonition in Romans 16:17: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

Mark in this case means "to take aim at." Picture a man aiming at a bull's-eye. See how he concentrates everything on hitting the mark. His eyes never waver from the target. This is the kind of watchful attention we are to give those who would promote division.

2 Timothy 2:16 warns us, "But shun profane and vain babblings, for they will increase unto more ungodliness." *Shun* means literally to "step out of the way." Some Christians are too inclined to play around with false teaching, but the Word warns us to "step out of the way" of them.

5. *Wise to the Signs of the Lord's Coming*

Two well-known figures of Christ's return are (1) lightning—speaking of the *suddenness* of it; and (2) the thief—speaking of the *unexpectedness* of it. This event is not something for which one can get ready when it happens. He must be ready for it momentarily.

According to Luke 21:34, Jesus said, "And take heed . . . lest . . . that day come upon you unawares." The word *unawares* means "suddenly as a snare." There will be nothing outwardly unusual about the day of the Lord's coming. It will seem like any other day to the unbelieving multitudes. Today God's people can see signs of the Saviour's advent on every hand, but sinners will be taken by surprise when He comes.

HARMLESS AS DOVES

We must not forget the other side of this picture: "Harmless as doves." Some people are well endowed with certain qualities of the serpent, but these are not balanced with the gentleness and simplicity of the dove.

I have never seen two doves fight. Often I have watched sparrows, bluejays and other birds going at each other bill-to-bill, but the dove is the universal symbol of peace.

In the first five chapters of Acts we see the Early Church growing by leaps and bounds. But when we come to the sixth chapter we readily notice that during the period described in the first six verses no revival is mentioned. The reason? There was strife, confusion, and division in the church. Perhaps the complaint was legitimate, for some of the widows were being neglected in the daily welfare program; but, legitimate or not, the contention held back the tide of revival until it was settled.

In verse 7 we see the difficulty was settled. Unity was restored; the believers were all acting like doves again; and notice what happened: "And the Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

When David was forced to flee Jerusalem during Absalom's rebellion, the priest at first brought the ark of the covenant along. David, however, quickly told him to return it, saying, "Carry back the ark of God into the city. If I shall find favor in the eyes of the Lord he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation" (2 Samuel 15:25). David was indeed noble in not wanting to get the sacred ark of God involved in the strife between him and his son. How wonderful if Christians would always be as anxious to have the Church and the cause of Christ spared the injury that comes through strife.

How beautifully balanced our lives would be if we took heed to these striking words of the Master!

DOVES

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Strangers at Church

ONE DAY, WHEN ALL the servants of God shall stand before their King, He will say to some: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in..."

His words may surprise some of us. We will answer and say to Him: "Lord, when saw we Thee a stranger and took Thee in?"

And our King will reply: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Next time you see a stranger at church, remember this. Put yourself in the stranger's place. Perhaps he is a visitor from another city and he is hungry for a bit of fellowship. Perhaps he is just passing through and dropped in for an hour of worship. Do not be afraid to speak to him. Make him feel he is welcome, and perhaps he will come back.

The visitor may be a serviceman, far from home and a bit lonesome for his own assembly. Make it your business to shake his hand and get acquainted. Someday you may be a visitor in a strange city yourself, and you will discover what friendliness means.

Or perhaps the visitor will be someone from another denomination who has heard about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and is seeking light. Show him that people who are filled with the Spirit are filled with the love of God, and he will be convinced.

They tell us that in some churches in Africa there is a beautiful custom. After the service, all the members form a circle outside the church. A hymn is sung, and one by one they all go around the circle shaking hands with each other. People may be strangers when they come to a meeting like that, but not when they leave!

The members of your church may feel they are too busy to indulge in such leisurely fellowship as that—in a large assembly, it is impossible to get around and speak to everyone—but if each member would say a word to all who are near him, many a load would be lifted and many a heart would be encouraged. Just a friendly greeting and a firm handclasp can help so much.

A church member had a dream in which he met the Lord Jesus Christ and conversed with Him. He noticed a grieved look in the Master's eyes. "Lord, why are you sad?" he asked.

And Jesus replied: "I came to your church but you ignored Me. I was alone, and I hoped you would move over and make room in your pew, but you seemed determined to hold that seat by the aisle; so I sat by Myself in the pew behind you."

"I had no songbook, but you did not offer Me one. And I hoped that after the service you would extend a hand, and invite Me back, but you were too busy talking to your friends."

"Why, Lord," said the church member, "I don't know what You mean. When did this happen?"

And the Lord replied: "Do you remember the stranger who sat behind you at church last Sunday? The one in brown? The one who was alone. Inasmuch as you did it not unto that stranger, that soul for whom I died, you did it not unto Me."

When the church member awoke there were tears in his eyes and a prayer on his lips: "O Lord, forgive me. By Your grace I will be courteous to strangers. I won't let one visitor leave our church without feeling he is wanted, and that someone cares for his soul." —R.C.C.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ONCE SAID, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

The Bible summons the child of God to wise stewardship of his time. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15, 16).

Each of us is given the same amount of time every day. Time wasted can never be redeemed, but time redeemed can glorify God.

Some things are obviously a waste of time. Others are more subtly so. The story of Nehemiah's rebuilding of Jerusalem in the face of opposition contains examples of three subtle means Satan employs to encourage such waste.

TALK

There is a time to talk; but once the objective is clear, then action is needed. It is a dangerous waste of time to discuss with an enemy a subject that needs no discussion. Eve learned this to her sorrow.

Nehemiah did not fall into this trap. God had put it into his heart to rebuild the city. The king of Persia had given him leave, and he saw no need to discuss the matter with those who would discourage him.

"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" he asked.

If we will apply this to our own lives, how much valuable time we can redeem for the work of God and the advancement of His kingdom!

SELF-PITY

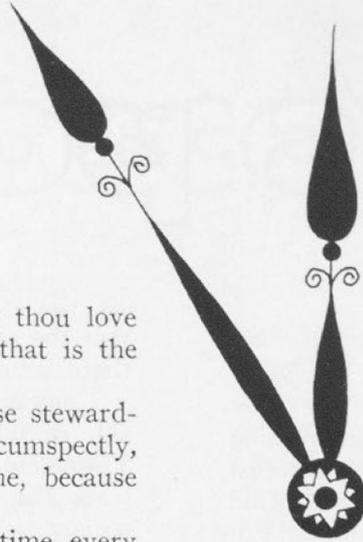
Having failed four times to lure Nehemiah to a conference table, the saboteurs took another approach. They questioned his motives. Such personal attacks too often lead to wounded pride, then to self-pity, and to time-consuming self-defense.

Elijah, great as he was, fell into the trap of self-pity and spent time commiserating with himself when he could have been about the work of God. After Elijah's victory on Carmel, God had to follow him to a cave to ask, "What doest thou here, Elijah?"

He had talked himself into quitting before God was ready for him to retire. There were kings yet to anoint; his successor had to be chosen, anointed, and trained. In nursing his wounded feelings Elijah had lost sight of his objective and wasted valuable time that could never be redeemed.

Nehemiah did not fall into this time-wasting trap. Before he ever began the project, his motives had been tested and approved by God. He lost no time explaining or defending them to his enemies. His motives were pure.

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So he could say without hesitation, "There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart." He turned the question of motives from himself to his enemies. A paraphrase of his answer might read, "I have examined my heart already; look into your own."

FEAR

If the enemy can't get us to waste time at the conference table or in self-pity, he will try to sabotage our faith. Nehemiah had prayed for help. "O God, strengthen my hands." Now came word that he should hide in the temple if he wanted to save his life. But the man who had prayed for strength could answer with courage, "Should such a man as I flee?... I will not go in."

Instead of wasting time at a conference table, Nehemiah redeemed the time by talking to God.

Instead of taking time out to justify his actions, Nehemiah redeemed the time by doing his job and allowing God to deal with his antagonizers. He prayed only for strength to proceed.

Instead of wasting time in fear for his own safety, Nehemiah redeemed the time by exercising the same faith with which he started to build. The record verifies this faith: "So the wall was finished."

Most of us face some opposition and misunderstanding in our work for God. Let us redeem the time by remembering that talk beyond a certain point can serve only to confuse, not to enlighten.

A finished product is the best proof of motivation. "And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God."

Opposition should strengthen faith, not displace it with fear. If we are trusting in the living God and know He has commissioned us, let us use our time wisely, regardless of the subtle temptations to squander it. This is what Jesus meant when He said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). 

youth's potential

WHENEVER THE CHURCH of Jesus Christ has made the mistake Saul made when he said to David, "Thou art but a youth," the Church has been the loser. Youth dedicated to God is neither wasted nor wanting.

Consider with me the potential of youth in Pentecost. It is a potential that is grounded in the Word of God, for this present-day Pentecostal revival was foretold in the Bible. This Book says, "It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit" (Joel 2:28, 29).

Secular history is sometimes rewritten without regard for accuracy, and there are those who say we Pentecostals have not kept the record straight. They say we cannot go to the Bible and find a warrant for our beliefs in the moving of the power of the Spirit of God. But Luke, the historian, kept the record straight. He said that on the Day of Pentecost, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). He went on to quote Peter, speaking under the anointing of that Spirit, as saying, "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). That record is there in the Book of Acts, and no one can gainsay it.

Not only is this Pentecostal revival found in the Word of God; it also has an anchorage in history. Everything that happened after the first six centuries of Christianity is an appendage to what happened before. Virtually every modern-day heresy existed in the first six centuries of Christianity. Likewise, the Pentecostal revival of the 20th century is not a "Johnny-come-lately." To understand how it has an anchorage in history, let us examine some doctrines of the Church.

One of the big debates in the Church has been over what makes the Church holy. Is the holiness in the individual member, or does it come from Christ? In other words, should unconverted people be allowed to come into the Church or not? Some have said the holiness of the Church was in Christ, so that it did not matter if the member was unconverted. Others contended

that the individual member of the Church must be holy; there must be purity; there must be a sanctified life.

I am so glad this Pentecostal revival came out on the side of holiness in every individual heart. In the New Testament we find that the demand was for holy members. The Bible does not say that if we are going to win society we must allow the world to come into the Church. No, the Bible speaks of a Church so holy that "of the rest durst no man join himself to them..." Yet "believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

Pentecostal young people have received this tremendous legacy of holiness. I am so glad they still believe that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." It is an imperative that has never changed.

There is something else that may help young people to understand how the Pentecostal revival has a firm anchorage in history. There was a time when the ecclesiastical machinery discouraged the individual from approaching God directly. If one received anything from God, it had to be through a hierarchy. But some opposed that doctrine, arguing that God in the Early Church gave gifts unto men; they said the charismatic element was indeed an integral part of the Early Church.

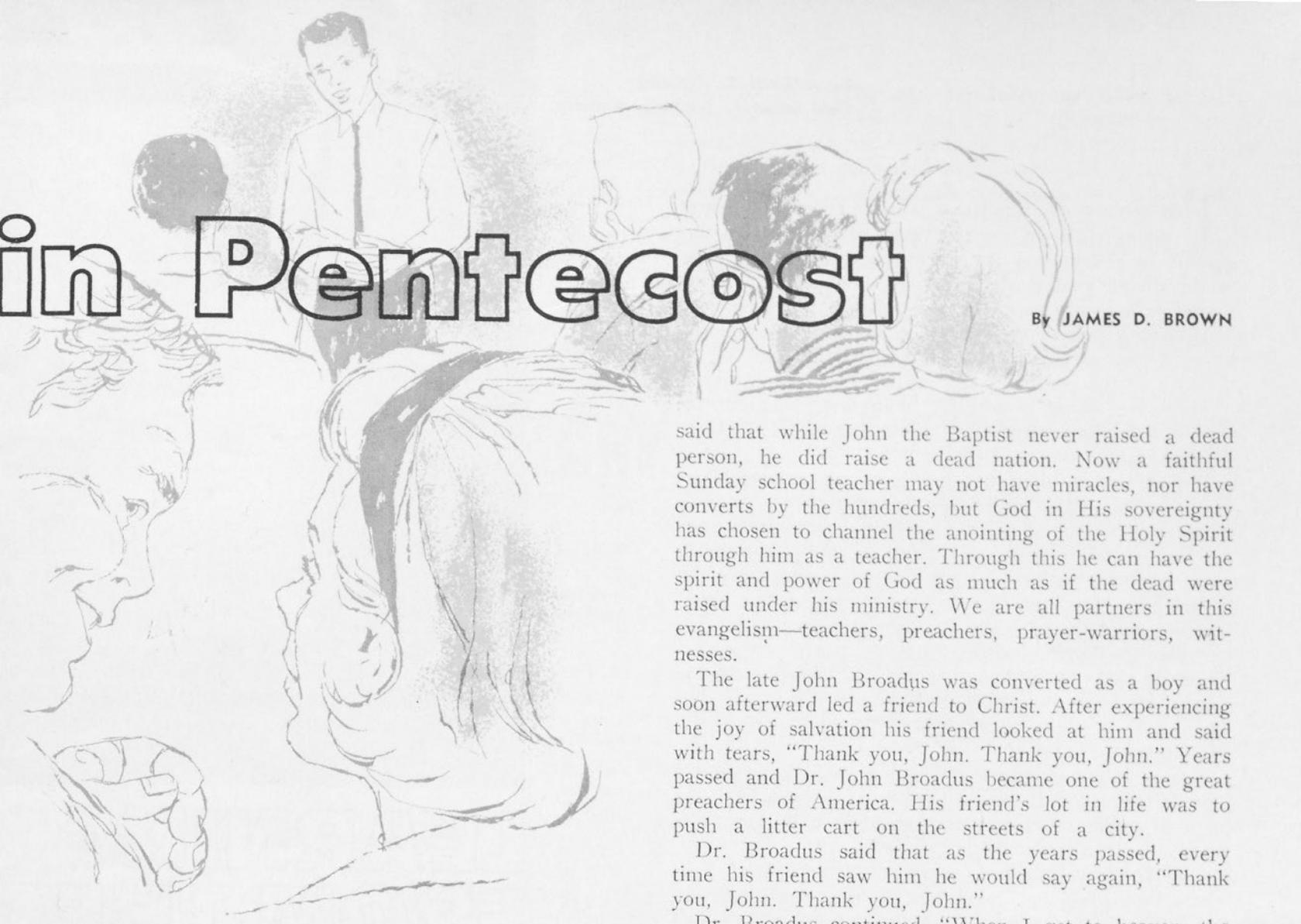
Clearly, if anything disturbs hierarchy, it is the element of the supernatural—the Holy Ghost moving on men and gifting them, causing them to become spontaneous firebrands for God. You cannot explain it; you cannot put it in a capsule; you cannot analyze it. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

In 1741, as a result of the ministry of George Whitefield, God sent a revival which became known as the Great Awakening. Whitefield opened the doors for the poor to receive the gospel, and they came and were gloriously saved. His preaching brought a division as to the form of religious worship in the churches of America. Some elected to go the intellectual route, while others went the route of Bible-honoring evangelicalism. Our heritage is in the latter.

The camp meetings we enjoy today are by no means original with us. There was a time when the Methodists held as many as 8,000 camp meetings in the United States. These met a genuine need. This is where the evangelical trend of revival was preserved, and God moved in a glorious way. If you think we get happy in our Pentecostal services, you should refresh yourself by reading about the old-fashioned Methodist camp meetings!

The important thing was that God was moving by His Spirit in a blessed and wonderful way. This is the

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in Pentecost

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said that while John the Baptist never raised a dead person, he did raise a dead nation. Now a faithful Sunday school teacher may not have miracles, nor have converts by the hundreds, but God in His sovereignty has chosen to channel the anointing of the Holy Spirit through him as a teacher. Through this he can have the spirit and power of God as much as if the dead were raised under his ministry. We are all partners in this evangelism—teachers, preachers, prayer-warriors, witnesses.

The late John Broadus was converted as a boy and soon afterward led a friend to Christ. After experiencing the joy of salvation his friend looked at him and said with tears, "Thank you, John. Thank you, John." Years passed and Dr. John Broadus became one of the great preachers of America. His friend's lot in life was to push a litter cart on the streets of a city.

Dr. Broadus said that as the years passed, every time his friend saw him he would say again, "Thank you, John. Thank you, John."

Dr. Broadus continued, "When I get to heaven, the first person I want to see is my Lord. I suppose the second will be my sainted mother. Then I'm going to search through heaven and find my friend. And when I see him, I know he is going to say, 'Thank you, John. Thank you, John.'"

Ah, that's the greatest reward in this world—to reach others with the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Young people will always rise to a challenge, even when the cost is great. Some Chinese young people in Singapore told me they found it hard to serve God after their father disowned them because of their stand as Christians. Yet they stood firm.

I think of a young Indian boy whose parents had beaten him because he served the Lord Jesus Christ. One of our lady missionaries was binding his wounds and trying to comfort him. He looked up at her and said, "That's all right. They haven't nailed me to a cross yet." When I heard that, I thought, "O God, forgive me for my superficiality."

Early in World War II, Winston Churchill told his country with confidence that he would say to our President, "Give us the tools, and we will finish the job." I believe I can verbalize the sentiments of Pentecostal young people who would say to the leaders of this glorious Pentecostal revival and all of those who are over them in the Lord:

"We will rise to the occasion. Do not judge us by draft-card burners! Do not judge us by beatniks! Do not judge us by those that deny God! But give us the tools, Pentecostal veterans, and we will finish the job!"

glorious legacy of the Pentecostal revival of the 20th century.

Youth's potential in Pentecost includes an unparalleled opportunity to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Now the purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is to make you a witness. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

That statement meant something when it was first uttered. To be a witness for Christ was to be on a collision course with the Roman empire. To say, "I am a Christian," was to say that Christ, not Caesar, is Lord. The word Christian was a subversive term in the Roman Empire, and many of God's people suffered as a consequence. The baptism in the Holy Ghost produces in us the kind of temperament that makes us willing to go to the death, if need be, for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Mendall Taylor, in his book, *Exploring Evangelism*, mentions several methods of evangelism used by the Early Church. One was Scripture-centered witnessing. Another was miracle-centered evangelism. Another was experience-centered. As all these methods were used under the leadership of the Spirit, there was a great surge of evangelism in the Early Church. No single method was considered the only answer to evangelism.

It would encourage some to remember the prophecy that John the Baptist would come *in the spirit and power of Elijah*. "But John did no miracle!" Somebody has

THE FOCUS OF JEREMIAH 18:1-6 is on the potter rather than the marred vessel of the clay. In this parable of redemption we learn much about the ways of the divine Potter with the clay, His people.

God is a sovereign God. His relation to His people is that of a potter to the clay in his hand. "Cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand."

There is a sense of security in knowing that our redemption depends upon God rather than us. The potter is in charge of the clay!

But this truth does not nullify man's responsibility. Even in this parable the vessel was marred, and we would suppose that the fault lay in the clay rather than with the potter. Even so, the truth of God's sovereignty brings comfort and peace. We do not have to cry out as did Job: "Oh, that I knew where I might find him!" God has taken the initiative. It is not the clay that reaches out after the Potter, but the Potter lays hold of the clay. He finds the clay and puts it on His wheel. He is in charge of our redemption. So we can know that "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it" (Philippians 1:6).

God is a God of purpose. The Potter knows what He intends to do. He is moved by a *good* purpose: "So he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it."

Outside of every potter's workshop lies a rubbish heap where he throws the broken vessels, the shards that did not fulfill his hopes. But the Potter that shapes human destinies does not plan for us to end up on a rubbish heap. He has destined us for glory and service. We are to be "vessels unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Timothy 2:21). Now He works with us patiently, working toward His final goal: that we might be "conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29). He has purposed only the highest and best for us.

God is a God of grace. The divine Shaper of human lives and destinies does not abandon marred material. He is willing to work with failures. When we fail, He will give us yet another chance—not because we deserve it, but because He loves us.

"He made it again." The Potter is a specialist in remaking marred vessels! Look at Moses or Jonah or Peter; marred vessels all, but remade by God's grace.

God is a God of patience. He does not give up easily. He will keep on working with us even when we may have lost faith in ourselves.

Without question, when Moses tried to deliver Israel in his own strength and failed miserably so that he had to flee to the desert to save his life, he must have despaired of ever fulfilling the vision of becoming Israel's deliverer (Exodus 2:11-15). As he pastored sheep for 40 years, he must have thought his opportunity with people was gone forever. But God had not given him up. He was willing to wait.

The Potter's processes often take time. God is not in a hurry. He holds the long-range view. He will work a lifetime with us to achieve His purpose. After 40 years



LEARNING FROM THE MASTER POTTER

the remade Moses was commissioned anew and sent to fulfill His long-delayed calling.

God chooses His own methods to accomplish His purposes. When He has plans for a piece of clay, He puts it on His wheel.

First of all, this wheel that works out redemption in our lives, that "makes us again," must be the Cross, for that is where redemption begins. There is no way for us to get a new start—to be made over again—except as we come God's way, the way of the Cross. Here is the answer to the marred vessels, the answer to our sin and failure. God begins with us at Calvary, and that is where we must begin.

The turning of the wheel may symbolize the circumstances God allows to come into our lives. These are the "all things" of Romans 8:28, 29 which "work together for good to them... who are called according to his purpose... to be conformed to the image of his Son."

We must always remember that the wheel is *His* wheel, and He can turn it as He pleases. So trials, persecutions, sufferings, frictions, misunderstandings, and weaknesses take on new meaning for us. They are a part

of the divine process. They are helping to make us vessels that will be pleasing and useful to the Potter.

So in God's patience and grace the wheel turns, day after day. Sometimes, in the monotonous humdrum of life, the process seems endless. As we go "round and round," the pressure becomes almost unbearable. But remember: it is *His* wheel. He will not leave us on it longer than is needful. It is *His* hand that exerts the

pressure on the clay, and that holds the fashioning tool. We are safe in His care! He is accomplishing something that can be achieved in no other way.

Shall we not surrender ourselves as clay to the Potter since we can find fulfillment in no other way? Shall we not let Him take our marred vessel and make it again? Shall we not stay on the wheel while He molds us into a vessel for His honor? 

By J. P. KOLENDA
Missionary to Brazil

FAITH IS THE VICTORY

IN THE FALL OF 1927 I accepted the pastorate of a newly formed Assemblies of God church in Flint, Michigan. The enthusiastic congregation of about 40 people had just purchased a nice brick church building, seating about 250. Although this was commodious for our congregation, I could not rid myself of a feeling that the snug little church was inadequate for the challenge of Flint, a growing industrial city. When I mentioned this in one of our board meetings, the response was, "Young man, let's fill this church first and then talk about a larger building."

The following summer Evangelist C. E. Roberts conducted a campaign in a wooden tabernacle seating 1,500 people. When I learned the tabernacle was to be sold later, I asked the evangelist, "Will you give me the first chance to buy it?" He agreed to do so.

Meetings continued nightly in the tabernacle for 11 weeks. Many churches cooperated, and God blessed. The tabernacle was filled almost every night and crowded on Sundays. Toward the end of the campaign I met with my church board and proposed the purchase of the tabernacle. They pointed out that the people had attended services for many weeks and were tired. Also, it was November and would soon be too cold to have services in the tabernacle. Their arguments were logical and reasonable; still I pleaded with them to buy the tabernacle.

Impatiently one of them said, "All right, pastor; if you feel it is God's will, you buy it. But you know that according to the treasurer's report there is no money on hand, and we are behind on our church payments."

This would probably have ended the matter had not one of the board members come to my rescue. He said, "Brethren, you see that this is a matter of conviction with our pastor. It is true we have no money and Brother Roberts wants cash for the tabernacle. Perhaps we can borrow the amount."

After some discussion the willing board member finally said, "Very well, I will try to borrow the money on my property."

Thankful and happy I left the meeting and could hardly wait for a favorable reply to our brother's application for a loan.

About 10 days later I went to his home to inquire about it, only to find there were some problems. Some

I WAS THERE

ONE OF A SERIES OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF EARLY PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL DAYS, WRITTEN BY VARIOUS PIONEER PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND MISSIONARIES

personal difficulty had taken place since our meeting, and he rather abruptly reported that the bank had denied the loan. "Furthermore," he said, "I am resigning as a member of the board."

I stood speechless, my last hope for the tabernacle fading, when my eyes fell on a little yellow promise-box card on his table. Absentmindedly I picked it up and put it in my pocket.

Finally I said to him, "Very well, my brother. We will talk about this matter some other time."

I walked home in a daze and locked myself in my room. I was determined not to leave until I had heard from God. As I examined my heart, I cried, "Lord, is it my vain ambition or is it Thy plan and will that is being frustrated?"

In the agony of my soul I put my hand in my pocket and felt the little card. When I looked at it, I read, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:32). Billows of joy swept over my soul. I laughed and could not stop laughing. It was the laughter of faith, not in men but in God.

An hour later I left my room with a holy confidence. I went to see the evangelist and told him we would buy the tabernacle.

"Good," he said. "Did you get the money?"

"No," I replied. "We will buy it without any down payment and will pay \$100 a month until paid for."

"What makes you think I will sell it on these terms?" he asked.

"I know you will," I replied confidently.

He looked at me a little while, then said, "I don't know why, but I will take you up on your proposition."

We had to move the tabernacle to another lot, and since the new lot was next to Flint River, we called it "Riverside Tabernacle." All winter long we kept on with special meetings. Many times when the temperature was below zero outside, more than a thousand people were enjoying God's blessing inside. Hundreds of souls were saved; many were filled with the Holy Spirit. We never could have gone back to our little brick church.

Good men of God followed us as pastors in Flint. The work developed, a large and beautiful sanctuary and educational buildings were erected near the center of the city. Riverside Tabernacle continues to be a source of blessing to many, proving that it is worthwhile to "have faith in God." 



Open-air evangelism reaches many Italians who would never enter a Protestant church.



Anthony Piraino's future ministry will be to the thousands of Italians outside of Italy.

ITALIANS FOR

AN INTERVIEW

AFTER MANY YEARS of evangelizing in Italy, Missionary Anthony Piraino is going to hold Italian campaigns throughout Europe. In a recent interview he shared his burden for the Italian people scattered throughout the continent.

How did your present ministry in Europe begin, Brother Piraino?

The vision for this ministry began several years ago during one of Andrew E. Nelli's many visits to Italy. I was discussing with this brother the results we had enjoyed in one of our city wide campaigns. The idea for similar evangelistic meetings for Italians outside of Italy was born at that time. Since then hardly a day has passed that my wife and I have not prayed for God to open the way for such campaigns for the Italian workers scattered throughout Western Europe.

Are there many Italians in Europe outside Italy?

There are over 100 million Italians in the world, and only half of them live in Italy. Argentina, for example, is 60 percent Italian or of Italian extraction. Brazil, Venezuela, and other South American countries have millions of Italians. Australia claims one million; Canada likewise.

In Europe, where I plan to begin these city-wide evangelistic campaigns, there are millions of Italian immigrants living from Scandinavia down through practically all countries of Western Europe. France, Switzerland, and Germany all have many Italian workers. In England and the Benelux nations together Italian workers number about one million.

Why have so many Italians left Italy?

The two things that have plagued Italy for generations are over-population and unemployment. Fifty million people live in Italy in an area a little larger than New Mexico. It is impossible to create jobs for such a large number, since Italy has a small

amount of heavy industry and a sorrowful lack of natural resources. Consequently, when up-and-coming nations clamor for labor, Italians simply leave "Sunny Italy" to find a better living for themselves and their families.

How will you carry out these city-wide campaigns?

Although we must always be open to the further guidance of the Holy Spirit, I feel that basically we will follow this pattern:

First, we will hold campaigns in areas where groups of believers already exist. Experience has proved that hungry Italian hearts willingly respond to the preaching of the gospel. I feel strongly that the new converts must have a church to attend in order to grow into mature Christians.

Second, we will use intense advertising such as handbills, posters, and banners across streets to create interest. I have seen Italian immigrants roam city streets aimlessly, walking for hours simply because they have very little to do in the evenings and on Sundays. They are living in a strange land, hearing a strange language, and there is no doubt in my mind that we will be striking a responsive chord when we advertise these special meetings.

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to

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Foreign Missions Department

1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, Missouri 65802

CHRIST

WITH ANTHONY PIRAINO

What literature will you use for the campaigns?

The good friends of Light-for-the-Lost will provide the thousands of Gospels and tracts we will need for each campaign. Possibly this literature will be printed at the Assemblies of God press in Rome. Correspondence courses will be available as well as other gospel literature to help the young converts grow strong in the Lord.

When do you intend to begin this ministry?

As quickly as possible. My wife and I would leave immediately, but first we must raise funds for at least 24 of these campaigns. No doubt, many of our constituents and friends of Italian extraction will want to help in this specialized ministry.

Have our churches responded to this appeal?

I am thrilled to report that in a few months we have 10 of these campaigns sponsored.

What is your greatest single need for these campaigns?

I firmly believe that any Christian endeavor should be backed with a great amount of prayer. During the difficult early days of our ministry in Italy, when persecution hung like a black cloud over us, we based our work on three words—prayer, perseverance, and perspiration. We believe that prayer is the most important single element in bringing victory. Please remember us in daily prayer that we may be channels of blessing to reach millions of Italians for Christ. 

The public square provides an excellent opportunity to present the gospel.



The Anthony Pirainos are ready to leave for Europe as soon as all the campaigns have been sponsored.



Banners attract the attention of passersby and invite them to the meetings.



When Adversity Comes



By Evangelist LESLIE W. SMITH

EVERYONE HAS HIS DREAM. To the farmer, it's better crops; to the student, it's an earned degree; to the sick, it is health; to the lonely, a friend; and so on. But seldom is the life dream realized, except in percentages.

Adversity is on life's agenda for everyone, including Christians. The thing to remember is not so much *what* to do in adversity, but *who* can really help you through it. The only way out is through. So face it squarely and bravely, and with faith in God you will emerge all the better for it.

When young George Matheson learned he would be blind in six months, he told his fiancée, "I will not hold you to our engagement. You are free to go or stay." She went. But he did not become completely blind for 20 years. During that time he wrote, "O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go," for he had found a more enduring and faithful love. Ironically, toward the end of the 20 years he received a letter from the same young lady, offering to marry him. It was much too late. He refused with disinterest, for through adversity God had become enough.

Modern psychiatry may have its values, but believers who are in trouble have a better source of help. A lady who came to the altar during a recent New England revival meeting told me, "I have been spending close to \$60 a week on psychiatry, but you have done more in five minutes to help me out of my trouble." Such is the Holy Spirit's ability to solve the knottiest problems.

When there was a storm on the Sea of Galilee, Peter defied all the laws of reason to get to Christ. Blind faith pushed him out of the boat and right onto the water. It became a pavement beneath his feet because he recognized One who had all power over all circumstances. He kept his eyes fixed in the direction of that power, and as long as he did, he remained on top. When he considered the waves beneath him, he went under. But Jesus lifted him up and saved him. He still has that power to bring us through adversity if we will believe it.

Under the pressures of life we forget too soon the miraculous victories God has wrought in our lives. We

must beware of the temptations and misconceptions which can come when God seems a million miles from our struggling souls. To Elijah in a moment of discouragement it seemed better to die than to live. But God knew what he really needed and provided sustenance for the journey ahead. God is no less mindful of us. He loves us just as much.

Even when your pattern of living is so shaken that your well-being and happiness are disturbed, this may be a blessing in disguise. How many have counted on a friend only to find that there was no real friendship—nothing but the utility of a selfish convenience for a time! How many Christian parents have watched helplessly as some outside force plowed into their hopes for their children.

There are some unknown quantities in life; some unanswerable questions; some mysteries that eternity alone will solve.

A woman came to me during a revival in Battle Creek, Michigan. "I've been a good mother," she said. "I brought my children up well, but all seven of them are backslidden. . . . Why?" I did not have the answer, for I knew that not all parents are delinquent in their spiritual responsibilities to their children. This is adversity before which we can only remain patient and trusting. Sometimes we must trust a long time for the answer.

Our son Ross was to be married in three months. Already his assistant pastorate was arranged with Pastor G. W. Hardcastle in Kansas City. Ross was to graduate from Evangel College in May, with his wedding immediately following. But there was no graduation, no marriage, no ministry: *he was killed in a tragic accident.* God took him home. We were numb, suspended in an aching void for days. . . .

When someone very vital and alive has gone, true friends who help in a practical sense are deeply appreciated. They help turn the tide of adversity—but after a while you are on your own again, for life has to go on.

So you turn to God for personal help. Through this adversity I learned many things about myself that I did not know; and I learned about people and life it-

self. Gradually a new set of values emerged out of the confusion. It seemed as if my soul had been asleep for a long time, satisfied with the mediocre and the second best in God. Life took on new meaning. Old resolves were reasserted. The adversity was turned to gain for the glory of God. Pleasures began to come from a new, yet very old, source: the loving heart of God. One learns that with this overflowing love he can identify with others who are suffering adversity and can be of help. People become one's business, and living for others brings a glorious satisfaction. So adversity works for our good.

There are some things that have to be accepted as the will of a loving God. Certain things must be recognized as the direct onslaught of the devil, and they must be resisted. There are other things for which we have no answer here upon the earth; these must be accepted also. We must sing, "We'll understand it better bye and bye..."

In a recent evangelistic meeting at Warren, Ohio, a faithful father led a sweet little child up the aisle for prayer. She dragged herself painfully forward on crutches, her little legs in heavy braces. I cried silently. I have children too. We prayed, but she was not healed, and she went crying back to her seat. Everyone cried. But there was no answer. In the same service others claimed healing and received a mighty touch in an instant. Yet God allows this family to suffer adversity for some purpose unknown to us.

We must remember that God sees our lives from the

eternal side of the River, but He still owns both sides.

A man may say, "If I prospered and became rich, I'd have much more money to give to the church." Yet God may know that this man would backslide the moment the ticker tape suggested a stock rise. God knows. We are only human.

When adversity comes to you as a child of God, turn to your Heavenly Father in simple trust. He loves you. Ask Him, as you would ask an earthly father, "Lord, what is it?" And perhaps, "Lord, what are you trying to show me, or teach me?"

Maybe you'll have to renew some long-forgotten vows, some promises unkept. Then if you are willing to align your will with God's and yield to His purposes revealed (or unrevealed) to you, things may change. And it won't matter so much whether healing comes the way you want it or not; whether the thorn is removed or you are given sufficient grace to bear it. The main thing will be that you will come to know within your own heart that this adversity is for your soul's good.

You may even acknowledge Adversity as a friend leading you to God.

*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one; no, not one.
None else can heal all our soul's diseases,
No, not one; no, not one.
Jesus knows all about our struggles;
He will guide till the day is done.
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one; no, not one.*

SUPPORTING OUR WORLDWIDE GOOD NEWS CRUSADES



GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY
AUGUST 28

GIVE

We are asking every Assemblies of God church to receive a special offering on GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY—August 28.

These offerings will help sponsor more *Good News Crusades* around the world.

Thrilling reports of victory have already come from Nigeria, Malawi, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and other places. In Nigeria alone, of the 200,000 people attending the meetings, 12,000 made decisions for Christ.

In all *Good News Crusades* Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost unite their efforts in some of the most successful mass evangelism campaigns we have ever had overseas. You may have a part on Sunday, August 28.

PRAY

Your offerings for *Good News Crusades* are urgently needed by Assemblies of God missionaries, but the greatest need

is prayer. In just a few weeks Global Conquest and Light-for-the-Lost will sponsor a citywide crusade in Paris. Other campaigns will follow: Barcelona, Brussels, Amsterdam, and many other major cities of Europe. Similar *Good News Crusades* are planned around the world.

Our missionaries know that if they are ever to win the world for Christ, they must strike a definite blow against heathenism now while the goal of reaching the exploding population is still within their grasp. Make GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY a day of prayer.

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BEWARE
OF THE

PETER PIT

By CHARSTEN CHRISTENSEN

A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN WAR, speaking to a group of officer trainees, said, "Gentlemen, the biggest danger in battle is *yourself*. Especially when you begin to look around. There is nothing more dangerous than to look around. If you are going to lose your nerve by looking around, march, *eyes front* and on the double!"

Good advice for the military. But isn't this the secret of Christian progress as well?

Looking around! That's the pit Peter fell into, you remember. He made safe progress walking on Galilee's waters until he looked around. And "when he saw the wind boisterous," he began to sink.

Beware of the Peter pit!

A century and a half ago most of the Christians, including missionaries and their converts, were driven out of Madagascar. Those who refused to leave met with terrible persecution. They were slain in cruel, inhuman ways: burned to death; stoned; killed by boiling water; poisoned by the anguish-producing *tanghinin*.

One of the more spectacular forms of execution was to drop the victims over the Rock of Hurling, a 150-foot cliff. Each one was asked, as he was dangled over the cliff, "Will you return to your former way of living?"

Sometimes there was a momentary hesitation as the victim looked at the fearsome rocks below. But then he

would look upward. It was as if with spiritual eyes he could see Jesus, as did Stephen, standing to receive him. And the answer would come, "No! I will not go back! I will go on!" With a sharp blow of an axe the rope would be severed and the Christian would fall to the rocks below.

The persecution continued until the throne was taken by one who proclaimed religious liberty. Returning missionaries found four times as many Christians as they had left! Yes, God's valiants had marched on victoriously, and others, seeing their determination, had joined them.

Sometimes martyrdom is much less dramatic, less sudden. It may take the form of prolonged attacks of the enemy on body and mind and soul, a battle scarcely noticed by others, but nonetheless real to the soldier of the Cross.

David Livingstone had 27 attacks of fever; scores of times he was waylaid by savages; he made many strenuous trips into the jungles. The hardships on one particular trip were such that his men openly rebelled, threatening to leave him stranded. Facing them with the fire of his Captain in his eye, Livingstone said, "If you return, you return alone. I shall go on!"

He did not look around at the dangers, the hardships,

or his own physical weakness. He marched on under divine orders, and God was with Him.

Nor does the fear of man hinder the dedicated Christian from obeying his Lord's, "Forward—*march!*"

When Bishop Latimer offended Henry VIII in a sermon preached in the king's presence, he was ordered to preach again the following Sunday, so he could apologize. This is how he began his sermon after he had read the text:

"Hugh Latimer—dost thou know before whom thou art speaking today? To the king's awesome majesty—he who can take away thy life if thou doest offend. Therefore, beware lest thou speak a word that may displease; but then, Hugh, consider well: Dost thou not know from whence thou comest, and upon whose mission thou art sent? Even by the great and Almighty God who is now present and who is able to cast thy soul into everlasting hell!"

Latimer then proceeded to repeat the sermon that had displeased the king. But this time he spoke with added emphasis and energy, inspired by the thought that this might be the last time he would ever preach.

Had he looked around for a safer sermon that day, it is quite likely he would never have uttered the following courageous words to his fellow martyr at the stake

some time later: "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley. Play the man. We shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England as I trust shall never be put out."

When Martin Luther was warned to stay away from the Diet of Worms where he was to be tried for heresy, he boldly replied, "Even though there should be as many devils in Worms as there are tiles on the roof, I would still enter." And on another occasion when he was warned about his mortal enemy, Duke George, he answered with spirit, "If I had business in Leipzig, I would ride into Leipzig though it rained Duke Georges for nine days running!"

Luther marched on!

These men of God were true to their faith. They did not allow themselves to be frightened by looking around. They marched on.

The pioneer of modern missions, Dr. William Carey, also learned not to look around at circumstances. When he first considered going to India and confided his plan to his father, the older Cary considered him "utterly mad." But William went to India. The discouragements, hardships, and frustrations were appalling. There was no roof to put over himself and his four children and his frail wife; there was no bread to feed his family; there was no human support.

But William Carey did not look back. He built a hut in the wilderness; and almost as though ravens supplied the food, his family survived. God blessed his efforts. While in India he translated or assisted in translating the Scriptures into 27 languages or dialects.

Jesus said, "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Had the martyrs of Madagascar looked around at their fearsome surroundings, many might have faltered. Had Latimer and Livingstone and Luther weighed the odds against them, they might have trembled. Had Carey considered his own inadequacies, he might not have spearheaded the modern missionary movement.

But these choice souls, and untold thousands of other Christians who have marched forward into battle under divine orders, did not look around for an escape route. They looked up at their Captain, heard their orders, and marched on!

Let us, then, take heart and go forward into our own individual places in the battle, looking neither around nor back, but 'unto heaven "from whence cometh our help."

ORDERED BY THE LORD

EVERY MAN HAS HIS IDEAL—and mine, as a young minister, was the late Wesley Steelberg.

When he was pastor of Highway Mission Tabernacle, Philadelphia, he told me the strange story of his call from God to the mission field. He had resigned a pastorate in Sacramento, California, and was making final preparation to leave as a missionary to Nicaragua.

With tears streaming down his face he said: "I don't understand it. My fare was raised and the date of sailing was set, when suddenly the Holy Spirit checked me in the middle of my plans and changed my course completely. Now I'm pastoring this great church in Phila-

delphia. But I can't understand why God should call me to a missionary ministry and then close the door."

Now, years later, I look back at that good man's path—pastor of a great church; a district superintendent; later, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God until he was promoted to glory in 1952.

About a year ago I ministered at a great evangelistic center called Steelberg Memorial in downtown Managua, Nicaragua. As I walked to the pulpit, I thought of Brother Steelberg's vision and efforts, the check of the Holy Spirit, the disappointment, the closed door, and the openings into new fields.

God saw it all from the beginning. It was a fresh illustration to me that God has set before each of us an open door and no man can shut it. But God can shut it and change our direction. We may not always understand His leading, but we can be confident that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 37:23).

—BURTON PIERCE

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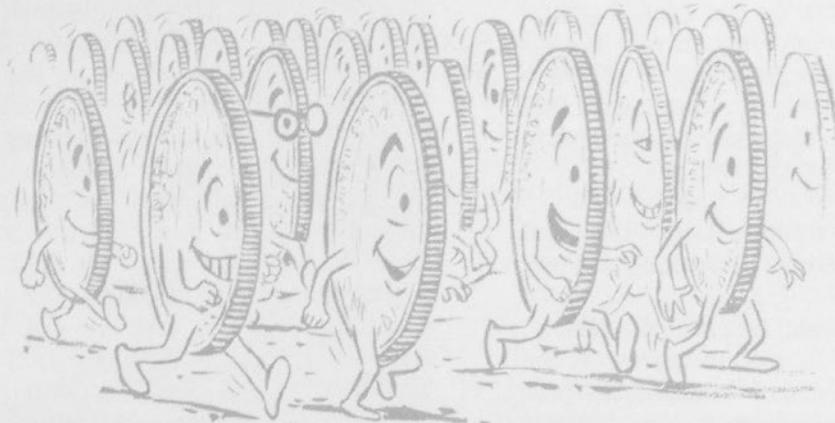
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"Now concerning the collection . . . upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (2 Corinthians 16:1, 2).

DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP



Servicemen get individual counseling

By ANN AHLF

ETTA CALHOUN FUNDS MARCH TO THE BATTLEFIELD

ETTA CALHOUN FUND GRANTS from last year's offering have taken on a militant aspect. They have actually gone to the battlefield—to fight battle fatigue.

MILITARY BATTLEFRONTS

The sum of \$600 has been allotted to each of two servicemen's centers—the Christian Servicemen's Home, Seoul, Korea, where the E. E. Shaffers are serving, and the Servicemen's Center in Taipei, Taiwan, where the Garland Benintendis have taken time from a heavy schedule of missionary duties to plan a place of retreat for military personnel.

The Korean home originated through the vision of Missionaries William and Ruth Mincey who now are in the U.S. on furlough.

Hundreds of servicemen visit these homelike institutions each month. Social contact with other young people, good music, a reading area, writing materials, snacks, together with the friendly spiritual guidance of the directors of the Christian home, offer relief from the pressures of military service.

Many servicemen testify of the help they have found in the Christian servicemen's homes. For some it is the first time to associate with people who exemplify the spirit of Christ. One visitor, previously unchurched, said, "God is in this place! He welcomes us at the door when we arrive."

Recently a letter of praise for the Christian Servicemen's Center in Seoul was addressed to the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God:

"I am among the privileged persons who have shared the benefits of this home. Before visiting the home I was a sinner. It was through the guidance of the missionaries there that I met the Lord face to face. I have found a new life. I am only one of many who have regained hope within these walls. We are welcomed as members of the family. We find peace and quiet here. We can think and be close to God. My quarters are nearby so I can come here every night.

"Sir, I thank you for this home and for sending your missionaries to us here in Korea."

Etta Calhoun funds will pay for reupholstering furniture, a refrigerated drinking fountain, and drapery for this home.

The grant going to the Taipei Servicemen's Center will purchase a refrigerator, table, and chairs. Because of the world situation, a great number of military men and their families reside in this area. The men themselves have contributed greatly to help renovate a building making it suitable for a chapel and recreation center. Under the supervision of Missionary Garland Benintendi, some military men are helping with regular church services. They have organized an effective personal witnessing effort. In this home, as in the Seoul Center, many men have found a new way of life.

SPIRITUAL BATTLEFRONTS

Besides helping in Korea and Taiwan, the 1965 Etta Calhoun funds have also marched to spiritual battlefronts. The accompanying pictures taken by Del Tarr and legends written by Audrey Mattox tell part of the Upper Volta story.

Dave McCulley, missionary in Nigeria, explains the importance of missionary rest houses like these. "African

1. The Etta Calhoun Fund helped purchase this kerosene stove for the guest house in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta. 2. Paula Chastagner, Randy Tarr, and Audrell Mattox at the rest house in Ouagadougou. 3. "A missionary going to Ouagadougou needs only his suitcase and food. What a change from the days when we had to travel with cots, mosquito nets, dishes, and water filters." 4. Upper Volta missionaries say, "Thank you, WMC's. We appreciate your gifts, but we are grateful most of all for your prayers."





and enjoy devotional services together.

roads can be long, hot, and dusty," he says. "There are no motels with neon lights blinking an invitation to the bone-weary driver. Government rest houses are few and far between. Desirable hotels are not available.

"For many years the lack of travel accommodations was a serious problem for missionaries. One arriving late at night without a reservation might have to eat his stale sandwiches (if any were left from his lunch) and go to bed with a cold bath. Worse yet, he might not even have a bed—only the seat of the car. This a lone man might endure, but for a couple with small children it would be difficult—no warm food, no bathroom, no fresh milk for the little ones, and no place to purchase any.

"Through the generosity of WMC's and other friends across America, a commodious five-unit motel-type missionary rest house has been built and fully equipped in Jos, Nigeria. Now, no matter what time of day or night a missionary arrives, there is no longer the uneasy feeling of, 'I wonder if we shall find a place to stay?'

"Once a year all the Nigerian missionaries meet in Jos for a time of prayer, business, and fellowship. When so many are present, the five rooms are turned into dormitories making it possible for most of the delegation to be housed conveniently under one roof.

"The rest house is less than a block from Hillcrest School where the missionaries' children attend nine months of the year. To the homesick student there is nothing like getting permission to 'go over to the rest house for a meal with Mom and Dad' when they are in Jos for a few days of business. Missionary rest houses stand as monuments to the care and concern of the

WMC's and other loyal contributors in the homeland."

Etta Calhoun offerings have purchased refrigerators, beds, chairs, cabinets, stoves, and numerous other indoor furnishings for these "havens."

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Foreign missions, home missions, and benevolent institutions send their requests for funds. These legitimate requests must be added to the waiting list. How soon? Is there any possibility? How far down the line are we? These are some questions those in need ask.

Just recently a foreign missions field secretary walked smiling and hopeful into the national WMC office. "Good morning," he said, memo in hand. "Here is an urgent need. Can the Etta Calhoun Fund help?"

The national WMC secretary read the memo: "Desperate need of a large washing machine for a new overseas Bible school and youth camp...\$800. Kitchen utensils and trays...\$500."

The field secretary quickly detected the troubled look. "Can't do it?" he queried.

"There's quite a waiting list," she replied. "Let's call the project chairman and see just how we stand."

The three scanned the list—13 institutions in line. The project chairman read them one by one.

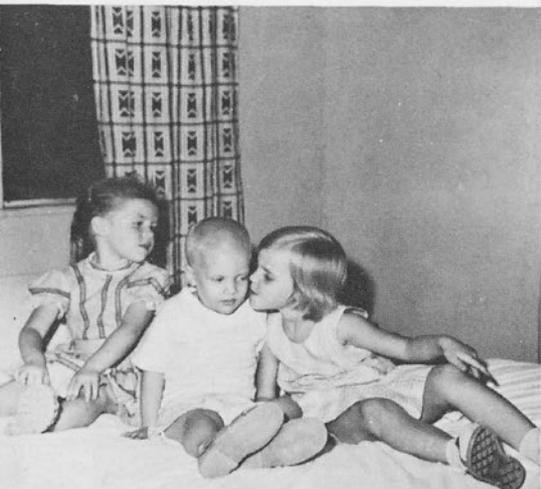
"Don't read any more—it's hopeless! I'll try to find another way." The field secretary picked up the memo and started away.

"Let's not give up yet," chorused the WMC officers. "Etta Calhoun offerings will start coming again in September. Maybe this will be the big year. Let's pray it will be."

The foreign missions field secretary left the WMC Department wondering where he could find a source to advance the money until reimbursement could be made by the Etta Calhoun Fund. The need *must be met*. The salvaging of youth and training of Christian workers depend upon it.

The Etta Calhoun Fund, established in 1957 in honor of the recognized founder of the Women's Missionary Council, has an annual potential of \$12,000. It is received on or near September 19, birthday of Etta Calhoun. Full cooperation on the part of every WMC, YWMC, and Missionettes member would produce funds much in excess of this amount—funds that would play an important part in getting the gospel out.

Will you pray that the Lord will speak to many hearts about the Etta Calhoun Fund?



THROUGH ETTA CALHOUN BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS—

Missionettes to Provide Refrigerator for Orphanage in Mexico

By CHARLOTTE SCHUMITSCH

ONE SMALL RUSTY REFRIGERATOR serving more than 65 people! This is the problem at the Latin American Orphanage, Acapulco, Mexico. The gas refrigerator now being used at the orphanage barely works. In fact, the girls must cook the meat for the next day's meal before putting it in the refrigerator or it will spoil!

The Latin American Orphanage has been a haven for many hopeless children since it began operating in 1947. Not only does it provide a home and education; it also teaches these children the way of salvation so they may be useful Christians.

Among the 150 who have graduated from the orphanage and school are a lawyer, the mayor of a village, successful businessmen (and women), registered nurses, Sunday school and church workers, and a pastor.

Children who live at the orphanage attend an Assemblies of God church adjoining the property. Free education is given to approximately 125 poor children of the community as well as the orphanage children. Four of the present teachers are former residents of the orphanage.

Missionettes all over the United States are planning to provide the much-needed refrigerator for this home. How? By cooperation—it will be done by small offerings given by many girls.

Each September, WMC's and Missionettes honor the memory of Etta Calhoun, founder of the Women's Missionary Council, by giving offerings to foreign missions, home missions, and benevolent institutions. This year the offerings from Missionettes will be used to purchase a refrigerator for the Latin American Orphanage.

An offering from each of the more than 45,000 Missionettes will meet this urgent need. And what a blessing a new refrigerator will be to these 65 boys and girls in Acapulco, Mexico!



Peggy, Toni, and Brenda, daughters of the Max Walkers, directors of the Latin American Orphanage, are shown with six girls who live at the home. Below are some of the boys and girls in front of the main building at the orphanage. In the lower left photo a girl stands in front of the present refrigerator. It is not adequate to serve the 65 children who live at the home.



LET THE CAT TURN AROUND

EVANGELIST BILLY SUNDAY SAID: "They accuse me of rubbing the fur the wrong way. I don't; let the cat turn around!"

Billy Sunday was right. When God's servants declare the whole counsel of God, they will be accused of rubbing the fur the wrong way. The accusations will fall as plentifully as Niagara—and be just as noisy.

But when gospel truth rubs the fur the wrong way, people should not condemn the preacher. Let them turn around. To be converted means to make an about-face. The Bible declares: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7, 8). People who are sowing wild oats had better take warning. They are heading for everlasting damnation. They had better turn about before it is too late and start walking on the highway of holiness that leads to everlasting life.

When fur is rubbed the wrong way, sparks fly. But if you have a faithful preacher who insists on pleasing God rather than pleasing the people, you should be thankful. Don't find fault with him. Find fault with yourself instead. You must face God's Word in the judgment. Why not face it now and conform your life to it?

The world is facing the wrong way. The way of the crowd is not the way of the Cross. It is time for individuals to make an about-face, to face the facts of eternal life, to face Calvary. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Billy Sunday was right: "Let the cat turn around."

—ARTHUR H. TOWNSEND

NO ARGUMENT WITH JUDGMENT

A YOUNG MINISTER was confronted with an able skeptic, Burt Olney. At the close of the gospel service, Olney said, "You did well; but you know, I don't believe in the infallibility of the Bible."

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," was the young man's calm assertion.

"I can prove to you there is no such thing as a judgment after death," declared the skeptic.

"But men do die," the young pastor declared, "and 'it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.'"

"That's no argument," the skeptic protested; "let's get down to business and discuss this in a logical manner."

The pastor shook his head: "I am here to preach the Word of God, not to argue over it."

Olney, annoyed, turned away with the remark, "I don't believe you know enough about the Bible to argue about it."

"Perhaps you are right," was the calm answer, "but please remember this: 'It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.'"

The very treetoads Olney heard on the way home sang the verse; and the frogs seemed to croak, "Judgment, judgment."

The next morning he called at the parsonage: "I've come to see you about that verse of Scripture you gave

me last night," he said. "I've spent a terrible night, with those words burning their way into me. I can't get rid of them. Tell me what I must do to be saved. I've got to get rid of this torture."

When he left, he was a child of God through faith in the finished work of Christ.

—The Pilot

IF ANY MAN SIN

FOR YEARS THE LARGE PENCILS used by beginning writers had no erasers on them. The theory was that beginners would make fewer mistakes if they could not erase them. Now educators are asking for erasers on the large pencils, as on the regular size.

It remains to be seen whether erasers will result in more beginner mistakes. But whatever we expect of the beginner, we can be grateful that our Heavenly Father recognizes our own tendency to be less than perfect.

Even though we are saved through the blood of Jesus, He still supplies an "eraser" for He loves us. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father." This eraser is not given to encourage the believer to sin, but to provide mercy and forgiveness when needed.

—ELVA J. HOOVER

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Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Why is it that at times I feel like going to church, and even experience the manifestations of the Spirit; then I lose all desire to go?

This is because you do not have a settled experience in God. You try to exercise what you think are spiritual gifts, then you feel "washed out." You need a settled experience in a godly character which makes you glad to go to the house of God to worship, to hear the gospel, and to enjoy the fellowship of the saints. You are paying too much attention to your feelings. Development of Christian character is more important than temporary feelings.

Who was Melchizedek? Was he Christ?

No, but he typified Christ, our great High Priest. Melchizedek lived in Abraham's day. Both he and our Lord Jesus were without priestly father or mother; they were without priestly genealogy, since they were not of the tribe of Levi. Both were king-priests. Their time of priestly service was not limited by minimum or maximum age as was the service under the Law. Jesus is "a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." He "ever liveth to make intercession for us."

Do you think the remarkable prophecies of Jeane Dixon in her book, "A Gift of Prophecy," are of God, especially those that foretell what is to take place between now and the end of the century?

I do not feel qualified to comment on the book. In the ancient world—Egypt, Babylon, etc.—much confidence was placed in the predictions of those claiming to foretell the future. There were the magicians and wise men of Egypt (Genesis 41:8), and those in Babylon (Daniel 2:2). Since the magicians in Egypt duplicated some of the miracles, or signs, performed by Moses (Exodus 7:12, 22), we must believe that there are occult (mysterious) powers in the world.

It is interesting that none of the magicians of Egypt, and none of them in Babylon, were able to interpret the dreams of the kings (Genesis 41; Daniel 2). This would indicate that magicians cannot penetrate the secrets of God. Because of this Israel was forbidden to consult any of the various forms of divination (Leviticus 20:6; 1 Samuel 28:3).

Someone might say, "How far can the devil know the future?" Demons evidently know their end. "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" (Matthew 8:29). The "man of sin" will come "with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thessalonians 2:9). He might be able to know what Satan has planned or what man might do; I cannot say. But I believe that only the Spirit of God can penetrate the understanding of the purposes of God. His purposes are found in the Scriptures. Let us go to them rather than to human writings (Isaiah 47:12-15).

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, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.



WHY DOESN'T GOD

IN THE LIGHT of the current world situation, some skeptics (as well as some professing believers) are asking, "Why doesn't God do something? Why is He silent?"

This generation is not the first to wrestle with that question. Jeremiah once said very frankly to God, "Let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? Wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?" (Jeremiah 12:1).

Solomon the philosopher observed: "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

Habakkuk asked: "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear? . . . Wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?" (Habakkuk 1:2, 13).

God Himself says in one place, "These things hast thou done, and I kept silence" (Psalm 50:21).

Sir Robert Anderson wrote a book which he called *The Silence of God*. In it he noted the cruelties and the atrocities of one nation toward another and complained that God did nothing about it.

Is God silent? The problem is answered in the Book of Habakkuk where God points to history as the answer to His seeming silence. "Behold ye among the heathen nations, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans . . ." (1:5, 6). That is to say, "No, I am not silent about the sins of the people. I will send the Chaldean nation against them. History is my answer. The nations shall see it. I am not silent as men count silence."

And furthermore, in other places God says that He brings judgment against the nations that sin against Him. "Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?" (Amos 3:6). The word *evil* here and in the following quotation means calamities, disturbances, and distresses: "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things" (Isaiah 45:7).

Spain had large possessions in the new world. History tells us she lost them all. Las Casas, the great apostle



By ARTHUR PETRIE

DO SOMETHING?

of the Indies, gave us a glimpse of Spanish cruelty in those days: "I have left in the Indies, Jesus Christ our Lord, suffering stripes and afflictions and crucifixions, not once, but thousands of times, at the hands of the Spaniards." God is not silent.

Sir Robert Anderson complained that God was silent toward Turkey for her atrocities against the Armenians, but history shows that He has not been silent. In World War I, Turkey lost most of her empire.

In Habakkuk 2, five woes are pronounced on the Chaldeans. A careful reading of that chapter will convince you that history repeats itself. Some nations of the world today are doing just what the Chaldeans did. God pronounced woe upon the Chaldeans for: (1) lust of conquest and plunder (vv. 6-8); (2) rapacity (vv. 1-11); (3) building of cities with the blood and property of strangers (vv. 12-14); (4) cruelty toward conquered nations (vv. 15-17); (5) idolatry (vv. 18, 19).

Just as the Chaldeans met with the judgment of God, so the judgment of wicked nations of today is fixed some time in history.

The Book of Habakkuk has words that are final in reference to the problem of the seeming silence of God. "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (2:14). God will yet be glorified, and the earth shall be filled with His praises.

Many things may be wrong in today's perplexing world, and the problems may seem fearful, but it can never get out of hand—God's hand. "The Lord is in his holy temple," and overrules all events for His own glory. Instead of complaining, let us "keep silence before him," knowing that He is God and will bring the nations into judgment in His own time.

*"Careless seems the Great Avenger;
History's pages but record
One death grapple in the darkness,
'Twi'x't all systems and the Word;
Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne;
But the scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own."*

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INSECURE?
AFRAID?
DEPRESSED?
WORRIED?
WEARY?
LONELY? SICK?
TROUBLED?**

These are dark words—

... words that speak of human problems, of tragedy, of hopelessness. To them could be added others: Confused? Sorrowing? Trapped? Despairing? Condemned? Those dark words describe people all around you—friends, neighbors, relatives; people you know; people you don't know.

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GOD'S MAN GIDEON

Sunday School Lesson for August 21, 1966
JUDGES 7:12-23

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

"GOD HATH CHOSEN THE WEAK THINGS of the world to confound the things which are mighty . . . that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Corinthians 1:27, 29). This principle is strikingly illustrated in Gideon's call, his life, and his work.

In Judges 6 Gideon appears as a rather pathetic figure. Like the rest of his countrymen, he was intimidated by the Midianitish oppression—cowering and fearful. To such a man the angelic messenger said, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor." God sees men not only as they are but also as they can become by His grace and power. Gideon had to be awakened to the possibilities of life in God. Our study of this "weak" man's ministry will illustrate this principle.

PREPARATION FOR VICTORY (Judges 7:1-8)

After cautiously testing his call to service, Gideon became impatient with the delay. He and his men "rose up early"—a good thing to do when there is work to be done for the Lord! He pitched his camp by a well, so

INVINCIBLE WEAPONS



he could be near water, and on a hill—an advantageous location with a view of the Midianites in the valley. Although Gideon knew God was with him, he used good sense and laid his plans well.

1. *The first sifting* (vv. 2, 3). An army of 32,000 men—less than a fourth the size of Midian's army—was too large to suit God's purposes. God did not want the Israelites nor anyone else to think that human strength, cunning, or courage was responsible for the victory. Following the injunction of Moses' law (Deuteronomy 20:1-8), the fearful ones were permitted to leave. The low moral courage of Israel is seen in that more than two-thirds returned home!

2. *The second sifting* (vv. 4-7). The 10,000 remaining men were brave. But it takes more than bravery to win victories. A strange test showed the superiority of the 300 who survived it.

(1) *It revealed wakefulness and alertness.* Men who would stretch out face down on the ground to drink from a stream rendered themselves susceptible to enemy attack and made themselves perfect targets. By contrast, men who on the run scooped up water and lapped from their hands were able to defend themselves.

(2) *It revealed strength.* A missionary working in a land where this custom is practiced wrote: "I observed that, as a general rule, it was the strong, the vigorous, and the energetic who drank water in this way; never the feeble, the lazy, or the easy-going; and the inference I drew respecting God's intentions toward Gideon and his army was this: to select the very best men in the army, and with them to accomplish the deliverance of Israel."

ASSURANCE OF VICTORY (Judges 7:9-14)

Although Gideon already had ample proof of God's call, presence, and favor, it seems evident he still suffered from secret misgivings. Instead of rebuking him, God accommodated Himself to Gideon's frailty and gave him further reassurance by allowing him to overhear a dream.

THE METHODS OF VICTORY (Judges 7:15-23)

What a strange procedure God ordered Gideon to employ. Three hundred men armed not with weapons of earthly warfare, but with trumpets, jars, and torches! Yet these 300 put to flight about 150,000 men.

1. The principle in 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 is illustrated in the selection of Gideon's men. A handful of warriors, obedient to God and energized by His Spirit, were "more than conquerors" over the hosts of Midian.

2. The principle is also illustrated in the choice of the weapons. Lamps, jars, and trumpets seemed ridiculous and ineffective for real warfare; but they won the victory. It is ever the same. A soft answer, a simple act of love, a humble service rendered can break down walls which could never be penetrated by human force and persuasion. A crooked stick in Moses' hand, a jawbone in the hand of Samson, a few loaves and fishes—such things employed in simple obedience to God, with faith in His power and dependence upon His Spirit, are sufficient to win great victories, overcome insurmountable barriers, and meet fathomless needs.

3. "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." Are we depending upon these weapons in our daily conflict? (See 2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:11-18.)

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER (Hebrews 13:8)



DISLOCATED HIP HEALED

IN 1963 after the birth of my first child, I had much pain in my back. One of my hips was out of place and about two inches higher than the other.

One day as I was standing in my kitchen washing dishes and my back was so painful, I decided I would have to see a doctor. Then as I was walking across the room, I suddenly realized the Great Physician was there with me—only waiting for my call.

I stood there and prayed to God. The Spirit immediately came upon me. I felt God's power in my body and I praised Him for healing me. The pain was gone as I lay on the bed and worshiped Him.

I stood in front of the mirror and saw visual proof of the miracle. My hip was in place and level with the other.

Oh, how great is the power of the living God! I could never praise Him enough for the many times He has healed me and my loved ones.—Carol C. Hinson, Chester, Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. E. Tatem, Assembly of God, Colonial Heights, Va.)

GIVES THANKS FOR MIRACLE BABY

CHRISTMAS 1965 was a bleak time for my husband and me. My doctor had told me—unhesitatingly, forthrightly, and positively—that my unborn baby was dead. There was no heartbeat. We were crushed with sorrow.

We somehow lived through the Christmas season. On New Year's Day Pastor George Nixon of West Road Assembly called on us. He exhorted us to pray and ask our God for a miracle—a living, positive miracle. He read James 5:14 and Matthew 8:17, then anointed me with oil in the name of the Lord and prayed for my baby.

Weeks later a faint heartbeat was heard, but the doctor still gave us no hope. Further complications had set in—the baby's position reversed. But God worked another miracle, and the baby turned completely around.

While I was in labor, the doctor told my husband the baby was going to be stillborn. But imagine the doctor's surprise when the baby cried! It was very much alive! The doctor was so surprised that another doctor had to take his place and finish attending to me!

We praise God for a miracle. We have a lovely red-headed baby boy, perfectly normal in every way.—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Santure, New Boston, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor George B. Nixon, West Road Assembly, New Boston, Mich.)

HEALED OF NERVOUS CONDITION

FOR 18 YEARS I was weak and frail, but God healed me. Although I am 72 years old, I am strong and well again.

Three years ago I was going through a great trial. I was nervous, restless, weak, and had great pain in my chest. I couldn't sleep. I believe if there had been one more restless night I would have landed in the hospital.

My pastor and his wife had been such a great blessing to me in so many different ways, and again God used them. They prayed for me, and God completely healed me overnight of all these ailments. I awoke the next morning feeling fine. I cleaned my attic and actually enjoyed doing it! I was completely well and still am. I praise God for this miracle.—Mrs. Susie Senjem, Hayfield, Minn.

(Endorsed by Pastor H. L. Hagemeister, Gospel Tabernacle, Dodge Center, Minn.)

BOY HEALED OF ENCEPHALITIS

LAST YEAR our son Terry was stricken with encephalitis and was given up as dead. God miraculously restored him to perfect health again.

It happened on Friday, September 3, 1965. We had retired for the night. About 11 p.m. our oldest son awakened us to tell us something was wrong with Terry. We ran into Terry's room and found him in a convulsion. We rushed him to the hospital.

We sat in the waiting room while the doctor and nurses worked with him. Our pastor and my mother were with us. Mother felt we should join hands and pray. We didn't know until later that at that very moment the doctor had given Terry up as dead. In fact, he gave him up as dead twice in the emergency room. But God answered prayer, and he came out of the convulsion which had lasted two hours.

Terry was kept in oxygen and wet sheets for eight hours. Then the doctor told us he had encephalitis, and put him in isolation.

We called members of the church to pray. When the doctor came in to see Terry on Sunday morning, he saw a miraculous change. A specialist was called to check his eyes. The isolation was lifted.

We knew when the Lord touched Terry's body. It was about 2:30 p.m. Saturday when Terry started to toss and turn. At the time this took place, people were praying and felt the burden lift.

Terry today is a very healthy five-year-old. We are so thankful God is on the throne and still hears our prayers.—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Galloway, Marion, Ind.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. Haskell Wooldridge, First Assembly, Marion, Ind.)



A LETTER FROM TOMMY



By RON ROWDEN

ROSALIE...

"DADDY, WOULD YOU READ TO ME ABOUT JESUS?" Seven-year-old Tommy Harris stood by his father, clutching a tattered book of Bible stories.

Keith Harris, his long, lean frame reclining in his favorite chair, glanced from behind the evening paper. "Not tonight, son. Your mother and I want to watch the late news. And you've got to get to bed if you're going fishing with me in the morning."

"But Daddy, tomorrow's Sunday, and Billy's dad is taking me to Sunday school. He promised to give everyone a candy bar who knows the memory verse for our lesson."

"Never mind. Tomorrow we are going fishing. Summer is no time to be always cooped up in a stuffy old church building." Tommy shuffled off to his bedroom, closing the door behind him.

After the newscast, Tommy's mother, Ellen, prepared for bed. The faint sound of music filtered through from Tommy's room, and she went to investigate, thinking the lad had gone to sleep and left the radio on. She cracked the door. The music became clearer. It was a choir—

*"There's room at the cross for you,
There's room at the cross for you,
Though millions have come,
There is still room for one.*

Yes, there's room at the cross for you."

—and a voice was saying: "Parents, go with your children to church this week. Sit by them—pray with them. Listen as I pray with you in this moment: 'O God, banish our fears and backwardness right now. Give us boldness and fervor to go to our own children with this personal invitation, lest they grow up and leave their homes without a personal experience of salvation.'"

Ellen looked down at Tommy, kneeling beside the bed in prayer. A troubled look clouded her eyes, as silently she closed the door and returned to her husband.

"Keith, maybe we should take Tommy to church tomorrow. I think as parents we are failing him. We make

every effort to see that he is dressed well, and that he has nice friends, but we never offer him any spiritual guidance."

"Don't be silly, sweetheart," Keith's voice was gruff as he switched off the television. "It won't hurt him to miss a Sunday once in awhile. Besides, I am trying to be a good father to him. That's why I want him to go with me."

"Yes, I know," she agreed, "but you never go with him to Sunday school, and last month he was so hurt because you didn't come to the Father-Son dinner at church."

"Come on now, Ellen, let's don't go through all this again. I work six days a week, and I like to have at least one day to do something enjoyable. And you know that father's get-together thing was on my regular bowling night."

Dismissing the conversation, Keith turned without a word and went outside to load the station wagon for the next day's fishing trip.

After a troubled night's sleep, Ellen was jolted to wakefulness by the alarm clock. She rose to fix breakfast for her two fishermen. Keith buried his head behind the Sunday paper.

Breakfast was ready in a few minutes, and Ellen went to awaken Tommy. As she opened his bedroom door she saw him sprawled across the bed. In his right hand he still held a stub of a pencil; his head rested on a school tablet.

Curious, Ellen leaned across the bed to read the childish scrawl:

Dear C. M. Ward:

My name is Tommy Harris. I am seven years old. I listen to you every week.

Please pray for my Mommy and Daddy. Daddy is good to me, but he does not know our friend Jesus. Pray that he will start taking us to church.

Tommy

Ellen's eyes filled with tears as she read the carefully printed note. Picking it up, she took it to Keith at the breakfast table.

He read the message, his face reflecting the shame and dejection that filled his heart. "I never knew it meant that much to him, Ellen—and I've never even asked how you felt. What kind of dad am I?"

Trying to control the lump in his throat, Keith went into his boy's room. Tommy awoke at the sound of his father sitting on the edge of the bed.

"Hi, Dad."

"Hello, son. Say, tell me about this friend of yours—C. M. Ward. Who is he?"

"Oh, you know, Dad, he's the preacher on *Revivaltime*. I always listen to him after I go to bed on Saturday night."

"I read your letter to him, Tommy. You must really think a lot of him."

"I do, Dad. But Brother Ward says everybody should visit the *Revivaltime* church closest to their house, and that's where Billy's dad takes me to Sunday school. But I want *you* to take me, Daddy. Jesus is my best Friend, and I know you'd like Him too."

Keith fought the fresh rush of moisture that filled his eyes as he scratched his son's blond head. His rugged features melted into a soft smile. "I'll tell you what, Tom. We'll just go where you want to this morning. And listen, when this *Revivaltime* comes on again you let me know, and we'll listen to it together."

"Okay, Dad!" Tommy grinned and hugged his father's neck. "And you can have half of my candy bar too!"



AREAWIDE REVIVALTIME CRUSADE

"Evangelist C. M. Ward's rare ability to get right down where folk live has won a lasting place of love and appreciation in our hearts," said Pastor Charles Fussell, First Assembly, Lonaconing, Md., at the close of a recent "Revivaltime" crusade sponsored by the Assemblies of God churches in the area. Held at First Assembly, Lonaconing, the crusade attracted hundreds of persons from the surrounding area.

Shown are pastors who sponsored the crusade. They are, left to right, R. C. Lymburner, First Assembly, Keyser, W. Va.; A. Newton Chase, First Assembly, Westernport, Md.; Ervin Mason, Bedford Valley Assembly, Bedford, Pa.; Charles Fussell, host pastor; C. M. Ward, "Revivaltime" speaker; Joseph C. Hicks, Assembly of God, Poland Mines, Pa.; Arthur Evans, First Nazarene Church, Frostburg, Md.; Frank Sharp, Assembly of God, Frostburg, Md.; and R. W. Richendrfer, Trinity Assembly, Midlothian, Md.

LATE NEWS

DONALD GEE, Haywards Heath, Sussex, England, passed away very suddenly on July 20. He was 75 years old. The funeral was at Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, on July 26. (Further information will be published later.)

WONDERFUL HANDS

A COWBOY LISTENED carefully to the story of the first Palm Sunday; then he looked up and said, "Jesus must have had wonderful hands." "What do you mean?" his friend asked. "Well," he replied, "if Jesus could sit on a colt on which no man had ever sat, and one that was untried and unbroken; if He could soothe it and control it and guide it while people were shrieking Hosannas in its ears, waving branches of palm trees in front of its eyes, and throwing clothes before its feet, He must have had wonderful hands."

—LESLIE D. WEATHERHEAD, in *Pulpit Digest*

SUFFER MY HUMILITY

THERE ARE THOSE WHO FEEL SO SINFUL and unworthy that they refrain from doing anything for Christ. Luther in writing to Melancthon, a man who felt himself too sinful to serve God, said, "You are kept in bondage by false humility."

That great soul winner, George Whitefield, said: "How often have I been kept from speaking and acting for God by a sight of my own unworthiness. But now I see the more unworthy I am, the more fit to work for Jesus, because He will get much more glory in working through such mean instruments; and the more He has forgiven me, the more I ought to love and serve Him."

—Selected

KEEPER OF THE KEYS

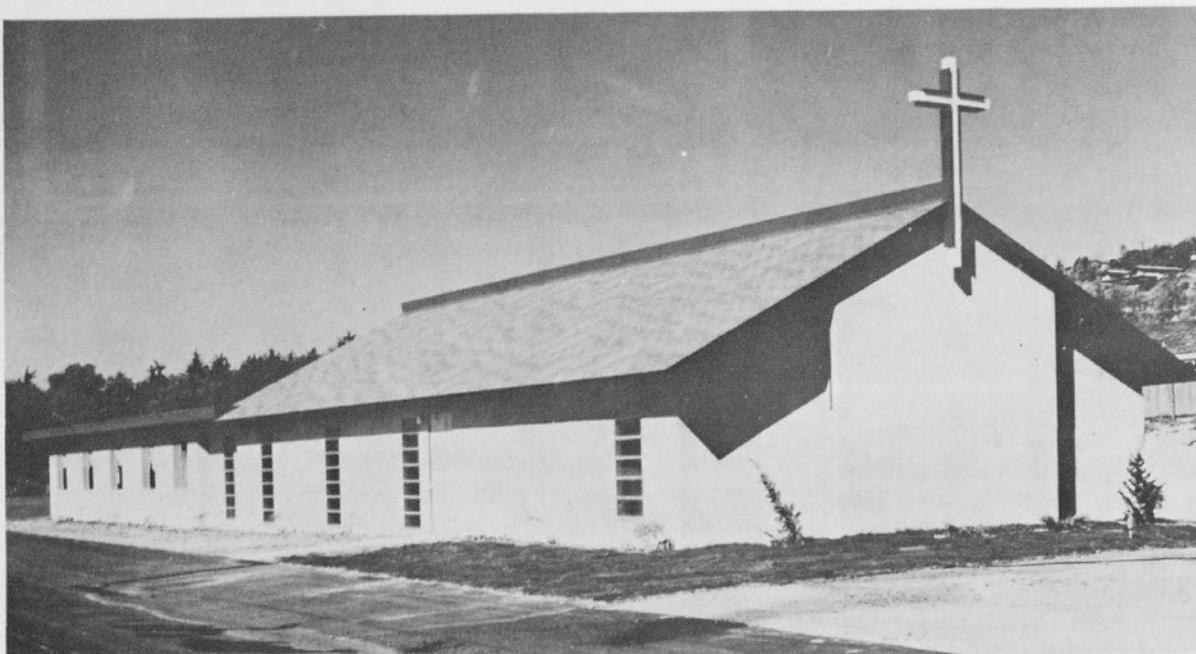
ONE EVENING OUR DAUGHTER came home rather late, unlocked the front door, and forgot to remove her key from the lock. We slept, supposing we were safe, yet anyone might have gained entrance.

In daily contacts we sometimes are equally careless with the keys to our inner peace and outward conduct. Drawn into careless conversation, we allow another to rob us of tolerance, leaving us only the bare walls of bigotry. We permit negative conversation to confiscate our love and faith, leaving empty shells of hatred and fear. Another's compulsive dissatisfaction steals away our own heart's gratitude, leaving only the chilled hollowness of ingratitude.

Loss of a key to some of our earthly possessions causes us great concern. When on a rare occasion we entrust these keys to another, it is only because we believe he will not violate our trust in any way. How much more should we keep the keys of our inner resources safe from the enemy of our souls.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

—IDA F. KILLIAN



The attractive new Calvary Church in Camarillo, Calif., also houses a Christian day school until additional facilities can be constructed. A building program is under way.

James Collier, founder and pastor of Calvary Church.



TWO-YEAR-OLD CHURCH COMPLETES \$80,000 BUILDING

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED for the Assemblies of God testimony in Camarillo, Calif., would be a commendable product of a decade of effort. But it took Mr. and Mrs. James Collier of Camarillo, Calif., and the congregation they established only two years to build an \$80,000 church from scratch and establish a day school with 47 pupils.

James and Judy Collier opened the Calvary Church of Camarillo in the spring of 1964. They did not have one family to start with; consequently they received only meager financial support for the first year. Two fellow pastors in the area, J. H. Edmonds of Port Hueneme and Ellis Robertson of Meiners Oaks, upon seeing the Colliers' need, did help them financially.

Twenty-seven people visited that first service, held in the city's Community Center. For a year and a half the growing congregation met in the rented hall. In the fall of 1965 a \$1,000 loan from the National Home Missions Department and help from the district and other sources made

it possible for the church to purchase land and initiate a building program.

On February 13, 1966, Presbyter Ellis Robertson of the Central Coast Section dedicated the completed church, and Arne Vick delivered the dedication message. The congregation now numbers about 100.

The Colliers hardly waited for the building program to get under way before they accepted another challenge—that of opening a Christian day school.

The school was envisioned by Pastor Collier from his college days at South Central College, Hot Springs, Ark. Dr. Harold A. Fischer, an instructor at the college when Brother Collier was a student, empathized with his plans and together they laid the groundwork for the new institution.

The Camarillo Christian School, now operating, offers courses in religion as well as a standard academic curriculum. Students from kindergarten through the fourth grade are accepted. At first, classes were held at another local church; but when the new church building was finished, the

school was moved there until educational facilities could be constructed.

Its first year of operation was a pleasant success. Parents of the students report marked achievement in all aspects of their children's lives. The 47 youngsters enrolled in the first session represented several denominations.

Camarillo is one of the fastest-growing communities in Southern California, with a present population of 23,000 and an anticipated growth by 1970 to 44,000. Pastor Collier writes that the future for both the church and the school is very bright. A building program to house the school is already under way. 

Offerings for Home Missions (including Indian, Alaska, Deaf, Blind, Foreign-Language, Prison, Teen Challenge, and Jewish ministries) should be mailed to

Assemblies of God
HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
 1445 Boonville Avenue
 Springfield, Missouri 65802

A MISSIONARY BLITZ

COPYING SOMEWHAT the very successful *blitzkrieg* tactics used by Germany in World War II, a missionary group from the Church of Christ is landing in Stamford, Conn., in an effort to win the city for Christ.

Paul W. Kinney, pastor of the Assemblies of God church in Stamford, has been stirred by this and writes: "I believe the Assemblies of God could do this too if only people in our stronger districts could be challenged to move this way and help us establish new Assemblies in the numerous cities in Southern New England which are yet unevangelized."

He sent the following item which appeared in *The Stamford Advocate*, May 5, 1966:

"A congregation of the Church of Christ will soon be established in Stamford. Its beginning will climax the efforts of a number of Stamford residents, as well as members of this church from several other sections of the country, to establish a congregation here. . . . Families are moving to this city on a permanent basis to help in the establishment of the church. . . . Among those who will make the 'exodus' to Stamford are an aeronautical engineer, medical doctor, chemical engineer, college professor, hospital dietician, accountant, electrical contractor, mechanical engineer, electro-mechanical draftsman, and over 20 school-teachers.

"Four weeks ago, 56 individuals from this group were welcomed to Stamford by . . . Chamber of Commerce and were interviewed by personnel directors from Southern Connecticut industries and school systems. Some have already been em-

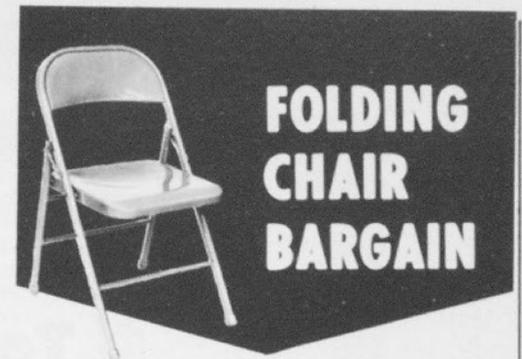
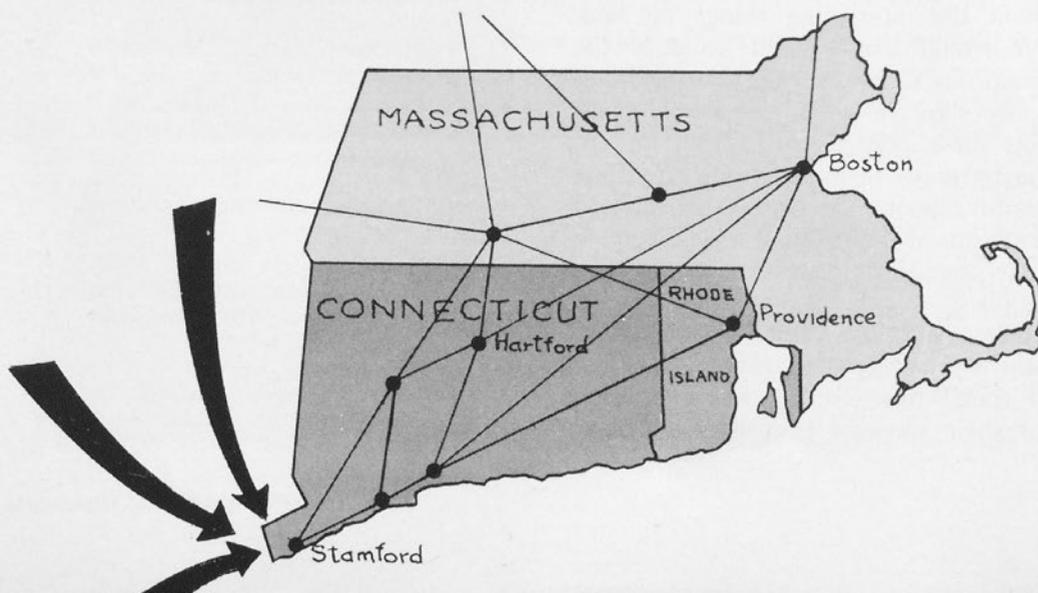
ployed. . . . Many more who have obtained responsible positions in schools and industry will arrive in Stamford this summer to assume these positions. Thus while making a contribution to the growth of the Church of Christ in Stamford, they will also add to the economy and productivity of Stamford."

Stamford is a city of 110,000. We have only two Assemblies there. The city is growing rapidly, and there is a great need for expansion of our Assemblies outreach. Use of the Mother Church plan will help to start new churches throughout this area.

Harold Spradling, an Assemblies of God minister from Oklahoma, felt a burden for Southern New England and has already pioneered a thriving church in Middletown, R. I. He now plans to go into the city of Northampton, Mass., to reopen an Assembly there. *This is the city where Jonathan Edwards preached his famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," which gave powerful impulse to the great revival of the 18th century.* At present there is no evangelical church in this city.

A binder has been placed on a building in Northampton, centrally located two blocks from Smith College and three blocks from the high school. Brother Spradling says, "If \$7,000 can be made available now, this will be an Assemblies of God church—the only Pentecostal church serving 100,000 souls and four major colleges and universities!"

Brother Spradling recently returned to Oklahoma for a month's itineration on behalf of the need in Southern New England. Pray for this challenging mission field.



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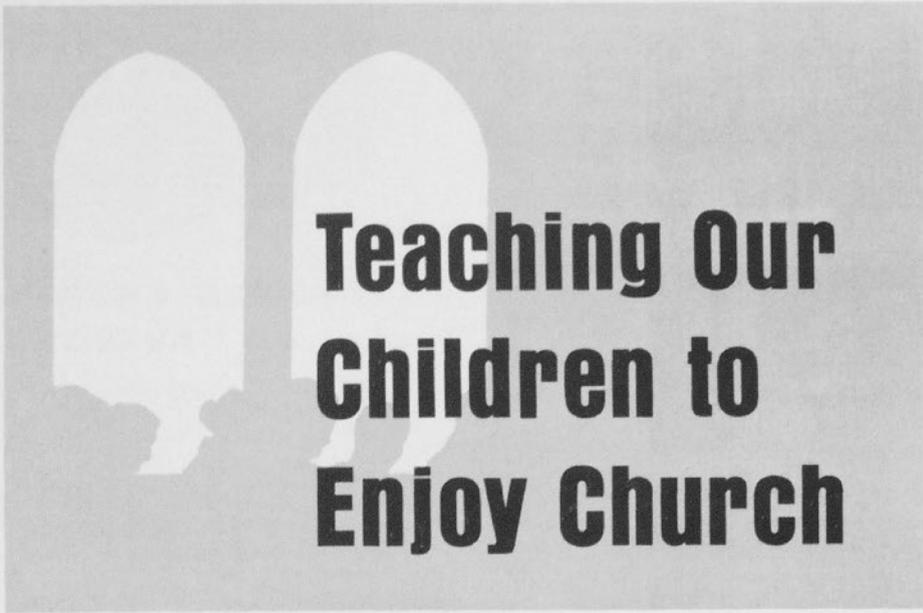
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Teaching Our Children to Enjoy Church

By ADA NICHOLSON BROWNELL

A LITTLE BOY sat on the front pew, proudly holding a songbook and singing fervently.

How, I wondered, did his mother train him to behave so well and to enjoy the service?

I watched him as he listened to the minister. He was obviously impressed by what was being said. If the minister said something amusing, the little fellow smiled. If it was serious, the boy listened soberly.

This boy and his parents were among several persons I watched when I began a project to help my own children enjoy and participate in the church services. I wanted my children to feel they were a part of the church and not just present in the services because I wanted them to be. I wanted them to enjoy worshipping God in church so much they would not miss the opportunity even after they are grown.

Besides observing the manner in which other parents trained their children, I looked for the causes of many problems I had with mine and tried to eliminate them.

I found that giving my children a drink of water and having them go to the bathroom before we leave home helps keep them comfortable during worship. What a difference these routine measures make! Sometimes it is advisable to let the children visit the

rest room between Sunday school and church, and also get a drink at this time.

I made it a practice to hand them a hymnbook when the song service began, to encourage them to sing. At first they had more fun finding the number than singing; but as they learned to read better, they began to enjoy singing with the congregation.

I taught them to close their eyes during prayer by smiling at them, then touching their eyes gently with my open hand as the prayer began.

We saw to it that the children began taking their own Bibles to church and finding the Scripture reading in them. They needed help at first, but now they enjoy the challenge of looking for the right chapter.

To stimulate interest in the pastor's sermon, after we got home we talked about the interesting things he said. We would laugh about some of the humorous things he said. During family worship we sometimes would mention some related truth from one of the sermons. (I avoid saying anything negative about the service so that no criticism of mine shall ever dampen their love for the church or God's people.)

The most important thing I do to help my children love God's house is to spend time on my knees praying for their spiritual progress—and ask-

ing God to make me a better mother.

Sometimes, no matter what parents do, children will be restless and irritable toward each other. I found that fussing during church stopped almost completely when I began sitting between our children. This also eliminated their wanting to play.

I do the disciplining at home, not at church. If one insists on misbehaving, such as by reaching over to bother the other child, I remind him he will get a spanking when he gets home if he keeps it up. Often just a tap on the shoulder or a stern look is enough.

The time and effort I have spent teaching our children how to behave in the house of God has been well repaid. Now they sing and pray with the congregation. They feel they are a part of the service. They enjoy the pastor's sermon so much they talk about it themselves later. In fact, he has become a hero in their eyes.

I am much happier now, and so are they. I believe the investment of effort and prayers will pay spiritual dividends in their lives for years to come.

1966

Year of the Bible

GREAT CHAPTERS
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**GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE
WEEK OF AUGUST 14-21**

Sunday	John 15
Monday	John 16
Tuesday	John 17
Wednesday	John 18
Thursday	John 19
Friday	John 20
Saturday	John 21
Sunday	Acts 1

PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Ashford	First	August 21-26	Grover & Carolyn Dunn	J. W. Wooldridge
	E. Brewton	First	August 14-21	The Michael Lord Party	L. N. Smith
Ariz.	Tucson	*Eastland	August 16-28	Victor Etienne	Gail C. Copple
Ark.	Hector	First	August 21-Sept. 4	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	William D. Hooten
	Hot Springs	**First	August 21-26	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	G. E. Chambers
	Pocahontas	First	August 8—	Charles Ogdon	Norman Kilpatrick
Calif.	Riverside	Bethel	August 17—	Linfield Crowder	John C. James
	San Francisco	Community	August 16-21	Stanley & Mrs. MacPherson	C. Dou North
	Whittier	First	August 28-Sept. 4	Irene Abrahamson	Ron Prinzing
Colo.	Stoneham	A/G	August 9—	Bob Wilson	John Booher
Fla.	DeFuniak Spgs.	First	August 21-28	The Michael Lord Party	Cary Richards
	Pensacola	Brownsville	August 17-29	Ernie Eskelin	Carl Arnold
Ga.	Warner Robins	First	August 16-28	Charles & Mrs. McKnight	Charles A. Morris
Ill.	Chicago	Central	August 17-28	Don & Dixie Cox	George Lee
	Cottage Hills	**Forrest Mission	August 21-26	David & Patricia Johnson	Louis Estes
	Elmhurst	Bethel	August 7-21	John & Faith Stallings	Wesley Butler
	Galesburg	**Calvary	August 15-21	Carl E. Gammel	Dave Iverson
Ind.	Ft. Wayne	First	August 14-25	Donnell-Holler Team	D. Fred Leader
	Gary	**Faith Temple	August 22-26	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Floyd Petrucci
	Indianapolis	West Side Gospel Tab.	August 16-21	Sunshine Party	Thomas Paino Jr.
	Lafayette	**A/G	August 8-14	Billy & Kathy Long	Charles Hackett
	La Porte	**Pentecostal	August 15-19	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	W. R. Waincott
	Plainfield	**Faith	August 15-21	Billy & Kathy Long	Evan Paul
Kans.	Lyons	A/G	August 21-Sept. 4	Kenneth M. Stottlemeyer	L. J. Underwood
	Lyons	**A/G	August 21-Sept. 4	June A. Stottlemeyer	L. J. Underwood
La.	Rayville	A/G	August 14—	Reuben H. Welch	Bob N. Brantley
	Slidell	First	August 14-28	Colen & Carol Lassiter	A. J. Dufrene
Maine	Springvale	**Sanford Full Gospel	August 14-19	Norman & Evelyn Hays	G. P. Hendrickson
Md.	Deer Park	Full Gospel	August 16-28	John Higginbotham	Gail Hixon
Minn.	Owatonna	A/G	August 16—	Bob Ludwig	S. A. Hallblade
Miss.	Natchez	First	August 22-Sept. 4	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	W. H. Richardson
Mo.	Arnold	First	August 17-21	Neil Eskelin	Kenneth L. Brown
	Butler	First	August 23-Sept. 4	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	J. C. Taylor
	Canton	A/G	August 9-21	Rebecca & Loyd Middleton	Marvin V. Nichols
	Kansas City	**Central	August 21-26	Charles Senechal	Paul Brewer
	St. Louis	Northside	August 14-28	Glenna Byard	Norman Flood
	Springfield	**Faith	August 14-19	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	James E. Radford
N. H.	Littleton	**Full Gospel	August 21-26	Norman & Evelyn Hays	Joseph Bennett
N. Mex.	Las Cruces	First	August 17-28	James H. Black	James D. Brankel
Ohio	Lorain	**Broadway	August 21-28	Rebecca M. Beisel	K. A. Smith
Okla.	Comanche	First	August 23-Sept. 4	Ray & Elaine Leonard	Cecil L. Brown
	Lawton	Bethel	August 7-21	Ray & Elaine Leonard	C. H. Davis
	Tulsa	Sheridan	August 14-28	Bob Larson	Glenn E. Millard
Oreg.	Coquille	First	August 14-19	Knouse-Stovall Team	James S. Ryan
	Gold Beach	A/G	August 23-Sept. 4	D. L. Nultemeier	C. W. Ahalt
	Rogue River	A/G	August 7-21	Fisher-Check Team	Charles L. Fuller
Pa.	Barnesboro	North End	August 16-28	Arnold & Anita Segesman	James W. Swank
	Bedford	Valley	August 16-28	Don & Sharon Parker	Ervin Mason Sr.
	Nicholson	***A/G	August 9-28	Charles S. Morris	Theron Roush
S. Dak.	Aberdeen	***A/G (area-wide)	August 14-Sept. 4	Paul Olson Team	D. W. Wartenbee
	Rapid City	Bethel	August 14-28	Jeremiah Hanley	Earl Harper
Tenn.	Chattanooga	First	August 7—	J. B. Woolums	Charles O. Lee
	Dyersburg	First	August 2—	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	B. M. McKenzie
	Memphis	Calvary	August 15-21	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Herbert M. Yandell
Tex.	Alvord	Faith	August 17-28	Hale-Turner Team	Larry Price
	Lindale	First	August 21—	Danny & Elizabeth Kennedy	J. R. White
	Fairfield	First	August 17-28	Dwight Edwards	M. M. Hammack
	Lubbock	First	August 23-Sept. 4	Leon Morrow	L. F. Ammons
	Seminole	First	August 3-14	James H. Black	Logan A. Harper
Wash.	Mabton	*A/G	August 22-26	Jim & Karen Boreland	Ron Tuttle
	Renton	A/G	August 21-28	Christian Hild	Orland Marr
W. Va.	Clarksburg	Full Gospel	August 16-28	"Little Joe" Peterson	R. W. Harvey
	Elkins	First	August 22-Sept. 4	David Dean	C. C. McAfee Sr.

*Youth Crusade

**Kids' Krusade

***Tent Revival

Due to printing schedule, announcements must reach *The Pentecostal Evangel* five weeks in advance.

WAKEFIELD, R. I.—Six were saved during an evangelistic crusade with Evangelistic and Mrs. Eugene Fiddler of Sequim, Wash., at First Assembly here.

One University of Rhode Island student was baptized in the Holy Spirit as he walked to his dormitory room on campus.

Twenty-five visitors attended the services, including seven university students.

As a result of the interest shown by the people in the church, Sun-

day evening services are now being held in this pioneer assembly.

—Anthony H. Testasecca, pastor

TOLEDO, OHIO—Thirty-five found the Lord as their personal Saviour during special meetings at First Assembly here with Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry Knibbe.

Some believers were refilled with the Holy Spirit, and others were healed.

A total of 145 visitors attended the services. Each evening Broth-

er Knibbe presented an oil painting to the person who brought the most visitors.

—G. G. Martin, pastor

MONETT, MO.—The Assembly of God here was blessed, strengthened, and uplifted spiritually recently by the ministry of Evangelist Norman Heiskell of Golden City, Mo. Many dedicated themselves to greater service for the Lord.

—Nolan Wilkins, pastor

CABINS, W. VA.—Fourteen came forward for salvation during two weeks of services at the Assembly of God here with the Stan and Marilyn Morris Evangelistic Party.

There were 362 visitors who attended the services.

Sacred music presented by the party each night was a blessing to all.

—J. D. Eversole, pastor

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MT. VERNON, MO.—The Assembly of God here recently concluded two weeks of services with Evangelist Glenna Byard.

One was saved, two were reclaimed, and four were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

The entire church was revived through Sister Byard's deeper-life emphasis.

—Samuel A. Adams, pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

19TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, Oct. 25-27, at Memorial Auditorium (3,000 seats), Raleigh, N. C. Headquarters hotel is the Sir Walter Raleigh. (Herbert Carter, PFNA secretary.)

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE, Aug. 15-19, at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo. National finals, rallies, and workshops.

CAMP MEETING—August 9-28, Union Grove Camp Grounds, Cumberland, Md. Special speakers: C. M. Ward, August 9-14; Willard Cantelon, August 16-28.—by Frank J. Fratto.

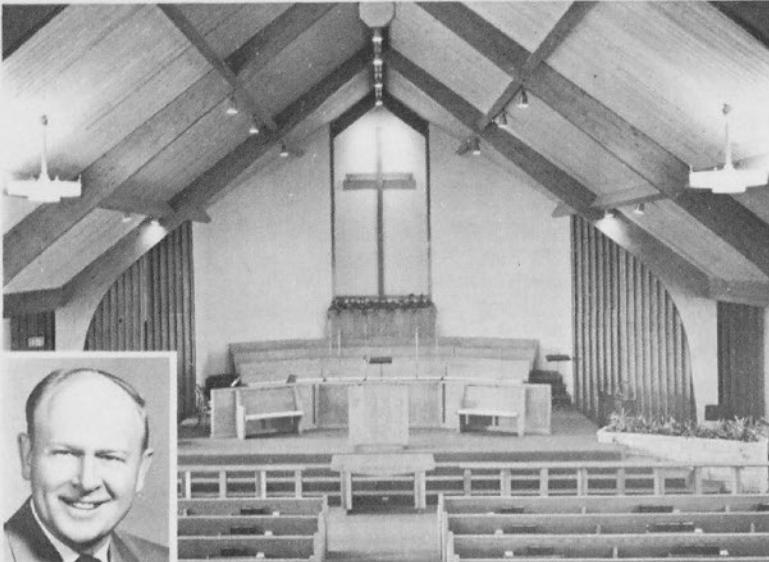
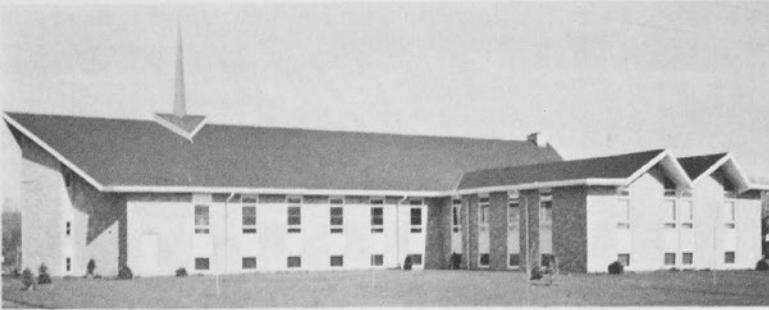
WITH CHRIST

GEORGE F. NEWMAN, 75, of Compton, Calif., went to be with the Lord June 8, 1966. Brother Newman was licensed to preach by the Southern California District in 1946 and served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and three daughters.

NEHEMIAS RUYBALID, 64, of San Jose, Calif., went to his eternal reward June 27, 1966. Brother Ruybalid, a minister for 30 years, was ordained in 1943 by the Latin American District. He founded Templo La Hermosa in San Jose which he pastored 20 years. He is survived by his wife Amelia, three children, and 10 grandchildren.

NATHAN MAYNARD, 54, of Varney, W. Va., went to his eternal reward June 14, 1966. Brother Maynard was licensed to preach by the Appalachian District in 1963. He served as the pastor of First Assembly in Matewan, W. Va. He is survived by his wife and six children.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



These three views of the new Assembly in Willmar, Minn., show the exterior, the front entrance, and the main sanctuary which seats 450. (Pastor Richard Orchard, inset.)

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED IN MINNESOTA

WILLMAR, MINN.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord. Herman Rohde, superintendent of the Minnesota District, was the dedication speaker.

The new sanctuary seats 450 but can accommodate up to 770 people. The sanctuary, church offices, library, and nursery are carpeted.

New Sunday school furniture has been installed, and new equipment purchased for the radio program which has been broadcasting the gospel for 27 years.

The church is helping to support 18 missionaries.

The Assemblies of God work in Willmar began in the 1930's with a series of prayer meetings conducted by Adele Selness and other Christian workers.

E. Elsworth Krogstad became the pastor of the first Assemblies of God church in 1934 after holding evangelistic meetings here.

The congregation grew and in 1964 ground was broken for the new church building.

Richard Orchard has been pastor since 1958.



REVIVAL SPIRIT LEADS CALIFORNIA CHURCH TO EXPAND FACILITIES

FULLERTON, CALIF.—The congregation of First Assembly here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord.

Leading in the dedication service were L. E. Halvorson, superintendent of the Southern California District, and Pastor Lloyd Cagle. Assisting were T. C. Cunningham, assistant district superintendent; W. H. Robertson, district secretary-treasurer; L. H. Hauff, Dwight Brown, Norman Field, Everett Stenhouse, Ralph Markey, and Max Yeary. (Brother Yeary is associated with Pastor Cagle in First Assembly.)

Since July 1960 First Assembly has enjoyed a revival spirit and remarkable growth. Thirty were recently baptized in water.

In 1961 nine new classrooms were added, and the sanctuary was remodeled. But these facilities were soon crowded and an extensive expansion program was begun.

A new sanctuary and classrooms

were constructed, and the older buildings were remodeled.

The new structure contains 21,000 square feet of floor space. The carpeted, round sanctuary

seats 500, and overflow areas provide room for 700. There are facilities for a completely departmentalized Sunday school.

There are two large social halls,

a modern kitchen, and comfortable evangelist's quarters. The entire building is air-conditioned. The building and remodeling were completed at a cost of \$185,000, including furnishings, while the church's property is valued in excess of \$325,000.





Sanctuary of the Assembly in Wister, Okla., has oak furniture and mahogany paneling. (Pastors Waymon and Jo Ann Jones, inset.)

OKLAHOMA CONGREGATION DEDICATES CHURCH, SHOWS PROGRESS

WISTER, OKLA.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new church building. Oklahoma District Superintendent Robert E. Goggin delivered the dedicatory address. The new sanctuary is 40 by 60 feet and has mahogany paneling.

It is furnished with new oak furniture accented by royal blue carpeting throughout.

Included in the building are central heating and air conditioning, a nursery, and rest rooms. A grand piano 107 years old was donated to the church.

Valued at \$27,000, the church has an indebtedness of less than \$3,000.

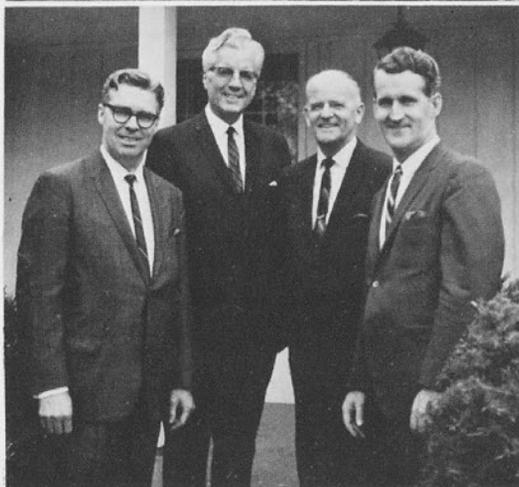
An educational building will be added in the fall. Both buildings will then be bricked.

The Sunday school had been averaging between 70 and 80 in attendance, but has now reached a new high of 122.

—Waymon and Jo Ann Jones, pastors



WHITTAKER RIDGE, VA.—Although she is now 87 years old, Mrs. Betty Barnett never misses a service at the Assembly of God here. Sister Barnett is one of the most faithful in attendance at the church, according to Pastor A. M. Paschal.



The new Indiana District offices are located on an acre of beautiful grounds. Attending the open house and dedication were Marshall Calloway, assistant superintendent; Bartlett Peterson, general secretary; William Van Winkle, district superintendent; and Gordon Matheny, district secretary.

INDIANA DISTRICT GETS NEW OFFICES

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Indiana District officials recently gathered for an open house and dedication of the newly purchased district offices.

Bartlett Peterson, general secretary, was present for the ceremonies.

The new facilities include separate offices for the district superintendent, secretary, and regular staff members, plus a recep-

tion room, workroom, conference room, kitchen and dinette, large basement, and offices for the D-CAP, WMC president, and MF director.

The new office has twice the space of the former office and has an acre of beautiful grounds located on a main highway.

—William Van Winkle, district superintendent

YOUTH CHALLENGED TO WORK FOR GOD

ZION, ILL.—A total attendance of over 1,300 was recorded at the six-night Youth-Arama with Evangelist Paul Hild held at Christian Assembly here.

Young people from other area churches attended the meeting and participated in a Teen Choir and in other special music.

Mayor Bruce Dunbar gave his personal Christian testimony.

Several young people were saved, including a young couple and two Eagle Scouts.

The following week a total of 1,500 children attended special services for them. One night the chief of police, a Christian, came and swore in the boys and girls as Christian deputies.

At the end of these services over 200 boys and girls marched in a Christian parade.

These meetings have challenged members of Christian Assembly to give themselves wholeheartedly to the work of the Lord.

—Michael Tabor, pastor

Mayor Bruce Dunbar (center) gave his testimony during the meeting with Evangelist Paul Hild (left) at the Christian Assembly in Zion. Pastor Michael Tabor stands at right. Lower photo shows children ready to march in a Christian parade.





"Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus"
(Galatians 3:26).

THE CHILDREN IN A BIG FAMILY enjoy many things of which the "only child" knows little. The pleasures of playing together, the disciplines of working together toward a common goal, and the privilege of sharing burdens and joys are theirs. A large family may have its disputes but it stands united against the world.

We who have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are members of a very large family, the family of God. You may be of a different denomination or live on the other side of the world. But if you are in Christ, by faith, you are my brother or sister in God's great family.

It is an honor to belong to the family of God and a comfort to know that what we do matters to the rest of the family. It is good too to know the love of our Heavenly Father and be led and taught by His Holy Spirit.

But there are other facets of family life. Parental correction is sometimes necessary. Just so, "The Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom he loves, and he punishes, even scourges, every son whom he accepts and welcomes to his heart and cherishes" (Hebrews 12:6, A.N.T.).

Have you seen children who were allowed to do as they pleased, when they pleased? An undisciplined child is usually an unpleasant one; and whatever his family's financial status, that child is underprivileged. When you feel God's chastening hand upon you, remember those undisciplined children and be thankful that your Heavenly Father loves you enough to correct and guide you.

Being one of the family has responsibilities as well as privileges. The family that works together under the guidance of the family head is a happy, efficient family, getting the job done well. Self-effort and the desire for self-glory bring only loneliness and heartache to the individual and loss to the family as a whole.

As the father is meant to be the head of each earthly family, so the head and leader of the church family is God. Only as each member of the family walks in obedience to God can the family life be in harmony.

Being human, all of us may never be in complete

A BIG FAMILY

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agreement. No family ever is. But we can all prayerfully seek to walk in yieldedness and obedience to God our Father. Then our minor disagreements will not swell out of proportion and destroy our fellowship in the family. Nor will our love for one another be weakened.

Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

"The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father" (1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13).

Being one of the family is a glorious privilege. It fills the heart with joy and peace, gives strength and wisdom, and brings needed correction and guidance.

*"Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares."*

I revel in belonging to this great family of God.
Don't you? 