

# TEACHER'S NOTES

## Juniors



**January 1, 1989**

### The Strange Messages

Scripture references: Acts 10:1-16.

Many times Christians have opinions unlike God's and therefore must learn what God's opinion is about those things. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, but he had a different opinion about other races than God. God taught Peter His way through a vision.

People like Peter and Cornelius who love the Lord are in a good condition for God to teach. There are many ways God teaches. The safest way for children to learn more about God's ways is to listen to godly teachers and study the Bible. Visions and dreams can come through sources other than God, so care must be taken before following messages from either of them.

Both Peter and Cornelius obeyed the messages they received in visions, for the messages were from God. God used these men to open up doors for Gentile people, like us, to enter into the Kingdom of God. How thankful we should be that the strange messages were obeyed!

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**January 8, 1989**

### Understanding Peter's Message

Scripture references: Acts 10:19-34.

God sent Peter into the home of a man who loved God from the heart but knew nothing about salvation. Peter found a host of people in this home ready to receive Jesus as Saviour.

However, a few days before Peter felt these same people so sinful that even going into their homes to eat would have defiled him before God. How often some Christians today have an attitude like Peter. Some people such as alcoholics, drug addicts, homosexuals and

lesbians are shunned as if developing an acquaintance would cause defilement. There is, however, no person too low in sin that God cannot raise to the plane of holiness. God needs those like Peter who are willing to climb out of the usual rut, and go to those bound in evil habits with a message that they need not be bound any longer.

Children cannot go, but they need to be taught to have a burden for these bound people so they will understand the great need and be willing to go when they are older.

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**January 15, 1989**

### Peter's Lesson To The Gentiles

Scripture references: Acts 10:34-48.

In this lesson, we see God breaking down a great wall of prejudice. God created all nationalities, and made a plan of salvation which is available to each of these. "Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins," is God's message.

It is easy for children to pick up prejudiced attitudes from those with whom they associate—it is not right before God, and our children should not be allowed to develop them. There are many kinds of prejudice. Prejudice between races in only one kind.

Sorry to say, there are prejudiced attitudes within the Church. These prejudices are being unconsciously handed down to our children. Let us teach our children to love all children, regardless of race, how the other child looks, what kind of parents he has, how he is dressed or any other factor. Our children need to understand that God loves every person with the same love, and that He died that each may have salvation—that was God's message to Peter, and Peter's message to the Gentiles.

**January 22, 1989**

**The Apostles Accept The Gentiles**

Scripture references: Acts 11:1-4, 17-35.

Some of the apostles accused Peter of breaking God's law when he stayed with Cornelius and taught and baptized the Gentile brethren in Caesarea. Peter had to explain that God, through two visions, had planned for this. He brought proof that God's approval was on it, in that God sent the Holy Spirit on the meeting. In the end, the apostles were surprised, but happy.

Oftentimes men classify anything different as being wrong. This is what the apostles did. God, however, is a unique God, with plenty of creativity. Let us teach our children that they too are unique, and God may want to use them in a new way to bring souls into the Kingdom of God. They will need to be able to stand against some questioning, and be able to love those who question, and at the same time realize the holy brethren will approve of it, if it is from God, just as the apostles did of Peter's actions.

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**January 29, 1989**

**Peter Escapes From Prison**

Scripture references: Acts 12:1-19.

I believe Herod's love for men's approval, more than an animosity of the gospel caused him to kill James and imprison Peter.

There is a practical lesson in this for children. Many times the devil makes children think they are being persecuted, when really the problems they are enduring are only struggles of life. In this way the devil tricks children into thinking that living for God is causing this suffering. Continually thinking in this way could cause discouragement.

Children who have learned that God is bigger than any problem, will overcome and stay saved. God's angel leading Peter out of prison is a good example of God's power for them to draw from.

"With God nothing is impossible." God can get us out or give victory through all problems, be they from persecution or just life.

**February 5, 1989**

**God Destroys Those Who Take His Glory**

Scripture references: Acts 12:18-24; Isaiah 14:1-12, 42:8; Daniel 4 and 5.

God expects lowly man to keep his place. No human is divine, they are only bodies of clay, blessed and saved by the graces and Spirit of God. Isaiah says, "the heart is deceitful . . . and desperately wicked." Every person's heart is in that condition before being cleansed by Jesus' blood.

There are movements in our country today, that are teaching that each person has a God within himself, or is a God within himself. These thoughts are dangerous, and children should be cautioned about this danger, lest they exalt themselves into a position to be taking some of God's glory.

King Nebuchadnezzar was one who did this. He said, "Is not this the great Babylon, that I have built." I will ascend into heaven." "I will be like the most High."

His son Belshazzar and the two King Herods were also guilty of taking glory that belonged to God. All of these kings were destroyed, apparently as judgments from God.

Many have ascribed the fourteenth chapter of Isaiah to Satan, but we see clearly in verse four, that the MAN spoken of in this chapter is "the king of Babylon." Read the chapter from verse one to twenty-one for a clear understanding.

Let us continually caution our children against giving glory that belongs only to God to self or any other human.

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**February 12, 1989**

**Adventures in Cyprus**

Scripture references: Acts 12:25, 13:1-12.

Some children, fearing they would live a dull uninteresting life, may be afraid to consecrate their lives wholly to God. This lesson, and some of those following should help to dispel such fear.

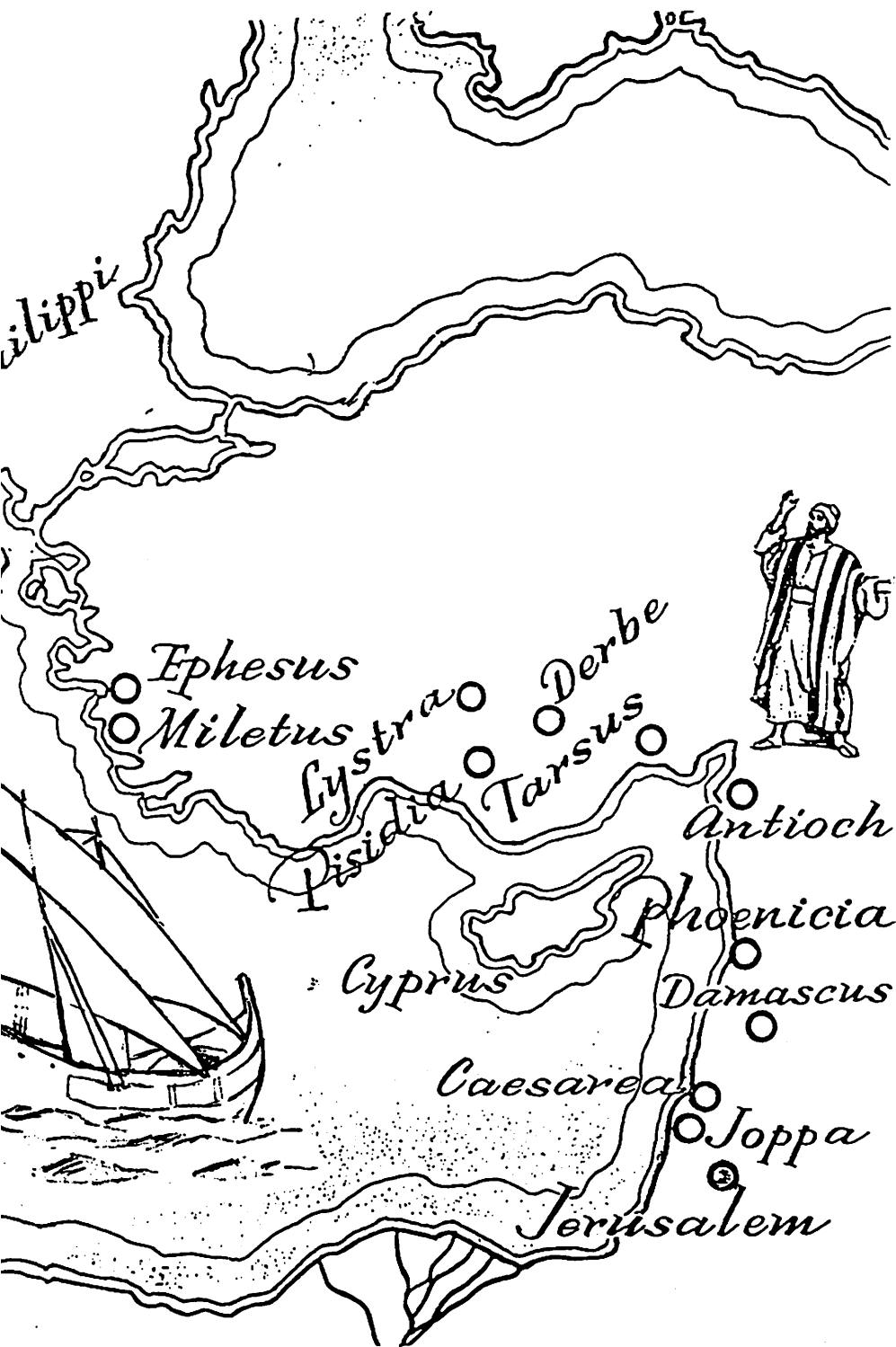
The apostles lives were filled with excitement. They included travel, exploration, ruggedness, magnificent miracles, personal invitations of country leaders, honor, and many other thrilling adventures, plus of course be-



A hand-drawn map of ancient Greece and surrounding regions. The map is oriented with North at the top. It shows the outline of the Greek peninsula and the island of Crete. The following labels are present:

- Macedonia**: Located in the north, above the Thessalonica region.
- Thessalonica**: Located in the north, below Macedonia.
- Corinth**: Located on the west coast of the Greek peninsula.
- Athens**: Located on the east coast of the Greek peninsula.
- Crete**: Located in the south, below the Greek peninsula.
- Mediterranean Sea**: Located in the south, below Crete.

The map is drawn with simple black lines on a white background. The labels are written in a cursive, handwritten style. There are several small circles marking the locations of Thessalonica, Corinth, and Athens. The Mediterranean Sea is represented by a wavy line at the bottom of the map.



ing mobbed a few times, and spending a little time in jail. But who wouldn't be ready to spend time in jail, to enjoy the other experiences they had?

Many Christians have experienced many exciting adventures since the apostles' time. Christian book stores, and even public libraries have many interesting books about missionaries, and gospel workers. Encourage children and parents to read these wholesome books in place of so much fiction. Reading is the soul's food, and everyone should be far more selective about its food than the bodies' food.

Encourage children to fully consecrate to God for an exciting abundant life.

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### February 19, 1989 Troubles At Antioch In Pisidia

Scripture references: Acts 13:13-52.

Throughout the years of the world, the devil has tried to hinder God's plan. He started in the Garden of Eden and has never stopped. He has shown his ugly head in every country and every age in one form or another.

He is present today in America and every country around the world, working every hour around the clock to stop the growth of the gospel.

The very air seems to be charged with a spirit that is against Christ. A child forming values in these conditions, needs much prayer and help from stable Christians, lest they be like the Jews and reject God's simple plan of salvation through Christ.

They will need to put on the whole armour of God and fight with all their might against evil. Help your children to see their need of the Holy Spirit, then lead them on into a life wholly consecrated to God's service. I believe it is their only safeguard. The apostles could not have been victorious without it, and neither can our children.

The gospel will endure until the end of the world, even if our children fall from the grace of God, for God will raise up others to preach and teach the blessed light of His Word, however, we have an ardent desire that our children get and stay saved and be with those who continue to spread the gospel.

### February 26, 1989 Jupiter and Mercurius

Scripture references: Acts 14:1-14.

This lesson clearly shows how a person should act when receiving praise that belongs to God. Barnabas and Paul were quick to let the people know that they were only human, as were all those ready to do obeisance; these are the kind of people God can trust to use for healing and other miracles.

It seems from this lesson and the one in chapter thirteen, that healing through Jesus' name was the main thing that caused the heathens to believe that this Jesus whom the apostles preached was truly the Son of God. The Jews did not have this manifestation of God's blessings upon their teachings, so naturally they were losing followers. Losing followers was the cause of their envy. Through envy they persecuted the apostles.

Children should be taught to expect healing as a witness of God's blessings, but not be judgmental, for Jesus said, "Judge not that ye be not judged."

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### March 5, 1989 The Return Trip

Scripture references: Acts 14:11-28.

Paul and Barnabas were faithful to the call which God had given to them. They traveled, and endured much persecution, but nothing stopped them from obeying God.

It is easy for Christian children and adults to believe that God is not with them when trouble comes. The human part of us is so prone to ask, "Why should this happen if God approves of what I am doing?" We have the idea that good things fall upon us if we are doing right, and evil things come our way if we are doing wrong, but that is not always true, for Jesus said, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." John 15:18, 19.

Let us encourage children to not let suffering separate them from doing God's will.

**March, 12, 1989**  
**A Questions Is Settled**

Scripture references: Acts 15:1-31.

The Church has, since the apostles' time, been plagued with those who like to place personal convictions, as if they were God's almighty laws, upon the consciences of others. It seems to me that we would do well to teach our children that Christ came to set souls free—free from sin and any other thing that will bind. Obeying the laws of God does not bind a person. God gives grace and victory over binding earthly desires and habits so that the soul is ruler in a person's life, thus making it free to act righteously.

Paul said in I Corinthians 9:27, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Each one should discipline himself to serve God in a way that will not bring condemnation to his own heart, and others should enjoy the same freedom. Children sometimes find it easy to condemn other children who do not dress and act the same way as they have been taught.

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**March 19, 1989**  
**Following The Holy Spirit**

Scripture references: Acts 15:32-41, 16:1-15.

This study contains several important lessons for children. Paul and Barnabas, planning another missionary trip, could not agree on whom they should take along. Each then chose his own helper and worked in different places. Barnabas and Mark sailed again for Cyprus Island, and Paul took Silas with him to visit the other places where churches had been established. This experience shows that problems will arise but that they can be resolved peacefully.

Being recommended by the brethren, as Paul was, is another important lesson for children to learn. If God chooses to use a person in His work, the Church will recognize it and give their approval. If the Church does not approve, it is questionable that God has chosen the person for that work.

The third important lesson is to follow the directions of the Holy Spirit. Paul went only to the places where the Holy Spirit led him. This spelled success, for the Lord added many souls to the Church in those cities.

Praying and obeying God's Word is the best way for children to learn to follow the Holy Spirit.

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**March 26, 1989**  
**Experiences In Macedonia**

Scripture references: Acts 16:13-24.

The disciples of Jesus were regular attenders of public worship. In strange cities, they found a place and worshiped with other believers. In the lesson today Paul and Silas were in Philippi of Macedonia. Since there was no synagogue in the city, the Jews had built a *proseucha*. It was a large building with seats but no roof, like an amphitheatre. Teach the children to follow the disciples' examples and attend public worship service regularly.

When Paul rebuked the evil spirit in the girl, we see he also placed more value on liberating souls than pleasing men, for the men of the city who made gain by using this girl, became so angry they had Paul and Silas beaten and put in prison. Sometimes it is easier to just please men, but God wants children and adults to be bold and stand against sin even if it brings persecution.

Much is being said about individual rights. Children must be taught to forfeit their rights for better goals, such as being a bright testimony, or helping liberate some soul as Paul did.

Rejoicing through injustice, instead of fighting, is a valuable lesson worth learning.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Part 1

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## The Orphan's Friend The Log In The Forest

This is the true story of Lillian Trasher. It is adapted from *Lady On A Donkey*, by Beth Prim Howell.

Lily's long hair shot out in space, as she raced bareback across the field on Daisy. "Slow," she said gently as they neared the cabin where her friend, Judy, lived. The horse slowed just enough for Judy to jump on and, off they raced again, heading for a plunge into their secret swimming hole.

Summers were such fun! Even the winter in the coastal town of Brunswick, Georgia, was so mild that Lily and Judy spent most of their play time outside.

Lily would never forget Christmas, 1896. On Christmas evening, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Judy's mother and father came to visit. The fire in the stone fire place, sparkled with blue, red and orange as the pine logs melted away. Suddenly, the adult conversation interested Lily. Curiosity raged in her breast. Rambling away from the children playing in the corner, she edged up close to Mr. Mason's chair listening carefully to what he was saying.

"Yes, it all happened at that camp meeting," he said. "When the preacher got through preaching, I felt like I was the worst man that ever lived. But at the same time, I felt hope, hope that there was a way to stop being mean

like I had been. There were a lot of people at the mourner's bench, a crying and a praying, so I went too. And you know, the Lord saved me."

Lily looked at Mr. Mason. He looked happier than she had ever seen him. All the sadness was gone from his voice when he talked about getting saved! "What is getting saved?" she wondered. She had never heard anyone use the word before.

The next morning Lily didn't bother to get old Daisy. She raced all the way across the field to Mrs. Mason's cabin to ask about getting saved.

It was Monday morning and Mrs. Mason had her iron pot full of white clothes already boiling. Boiling the white clothes was her way of making them snowy white. Lily inhaled the clean sweet smell of homemade lye soap. "Anna," she said coming right to the point as was her usual manner, "Tell me what Mr. Mason was talking about last night. I've just got to know."

Anna, who was leaning over the washboard rubbing clothes, straightened her back and said, "There isn't much I know about it. He just got saved and quit doing the mean things he used to do."

"Tell you what," Lilly proposed, "I'll help you wash, if you will talk to me more about it." She hurriedly grabbed a dirty shirt that was soaking in a smaller tub filled with lye soap and water and began frantically scrubbing up and

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Strange Messages

Acts 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the house top to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

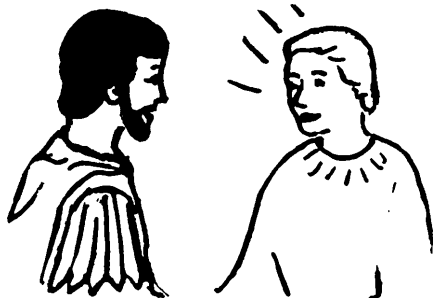
13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

**Central thought:** We have in our lesson where Peter and Cornelius were obedient to God's unusual command.



### Questions:

1. Where did Cornelius live?
2. What actions of Cornelius proved he was devout?
3. In what way did God speak to Cornelius?
4. What message did he receive?
5. Where were Cornelius' servants when Peter received his message?
6. How did God give a message to Peter?
7. What did Peter see in the vision?
8. What was the message to Peter?
9. How many times did Peter see this vision of the sheet filled with animals?

### MEMORY VERSE

Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God. . . .

Jeremiah 42:6



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Through the ages of time, God has spoken to men in many different ways. In this lesson He has spoken to both Cornelius and Peter through visions. A vision is power to see something not actually present to the eye, whether by supernatural insight, imagination, or by clear thinking. The supernatural power of God had an angel speak to Cornelius, telling him to send for Peter to come and teach him. The angel told Cornelius that Peter was staying with a friend, Simon, who was a tanner and lived beside the sea in the city of Joppa. Very clear directions, weren't they?

Many years before, the disobedient prophet, Jonah, had come to Joppa. He did not come seeking to obey God's message as Cornelius' servants were doing. He came with the intent to disobey God. He boarded a ship sailing for Tarshish, instead of going as God had directed to preach to the Gentile people in Nineveh. Remember how Jonah was thrown into the sea and how much he suffered until he was willing to obey?

Another outstanding thing happened in Joppa just a few days before. Tabitha, a woman known as Dorcas, had died. Peter was sent for and after prayer, Dorcas came back to life.

After Dorcas was healed, Peter stayed many days with the brethren in Joppa. He was staying with a disciple who was a tanner. Tanners were people not very highly respected. They were considered dirty and spiritually low by the Jewish people, because the Jews touched only certain animals which they called clean. A tanner handled the skins of the unclean animals as well as the clean ones, for the hides of all animals were valuable for making leather. This tanner, Simon, was one of Jesus' disciples. The Apostle Peter was welcome in his home.

As Cornelius' servants and his soldier came near to the tanner's house a

strange thing happened to Peter. While he was resting on the flat roof of Simon's house he became very hungry. Suddenly there appeared a huge sheet let down by its four corners from the sky, and in the sheet he saw a great jumble of all kinds of birds, reptiles and four-footed, unclean animals. Then a voice urged him to kill an animal and eat it. "No! No!" he said, "I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

The voice answered, "What God has cleansed, that call not thou common."

The vision appeared three times, then went away.

God was preparing Peter's mind to receive the servant's of Cornelius who were of a race of people that the Jews called unclean. —Sis. Charlotte

## --- Six Words Of Six Letters

Turn to the following verses and pick out a word of SIX LETTERS beginning and ending with the same letter.

II Samuel 7:2

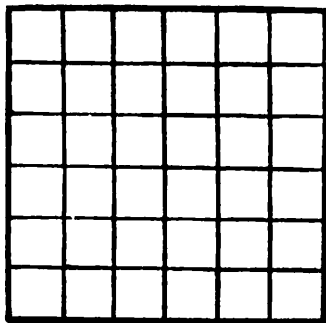
Esther 1:20

Psalms 20:1

Ezekiel 17:5

Amos 9:13

Acts 18:2



Now arrange the SIX WORDS so that the first and final letters make the name of the same apostle.

(Answers: 1. In Caesarea. 2. He feared God, gave much alms to people, and prayed. 3. In a vision of an angel. 4. To send men to Simon the tanner's house in Joppa and ask Simon Peter to come. 5. They were on their way to get Peter. 6. Through a vision. 7. A sheet filled with unclean animals with its four corners knitted together. 8. "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common." [vs. 15]. 9. Three times.)

down, up and down, on the metal wash-board.

"All right, Lily, I'll tell you all I know." She shoved her hands back into the huge tub filled with sudsy water and began again, rub, rub, rubbing on a sheet made from flour sacks. She was silent for a while as if choosing her words with care. "I don't know any better way to say it than, that God loves everyone in the world so much that He wants to save them just like He did Mr. Mason and me."

"He loves me, too?"

"Tell you what Lily, come over Wednesday night. We are having prayer meeting in our house. I've already invited your mother."

Lily came early on Wednesday night to help Judy do the dishes and get the house ready for the prayer meeting. It started just after dark, when the neighbors got there. They sat around a crackling fire burning in the stone fireplace and sang, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Lily saw on Mr. and Mrs. Mason's face an assurance that they would be there when Jesus called His roll in heaven. "I wish I had that assurance," she muttered.

Next they sang, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me—I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind, but now I see." "But I'm still a wretch! lost! and blind!"

Mr. Mason prayed a long prayer, so long that Lily almost went to sleep on her knees, but when he stood to talk, he read the most wonderful passage from the Bible. It went like this: "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. It sounded like heavenly music to Lily's ears!

Prayer meeting ended with Mr. Mason praying again. As Lily was leaving with her mother and father and her older sister Jeanie, Mr. Mason smiled a big broad smile and said, "I'm going to call on you to pray next prayer meeting."

"I can't pray!" Lily stammered, although she prayed every night at home when the family prayed together before going to bed.

"You could try."

Lily lay awake a long time that night, trying to think of all the big words she had heard used in prayer. After all, if she was to pray in public, she must use just the right words—words that she had heard the Quaker speakers use, when she went with her family to Quaker meetings in Boston before they moved to the south. She might even remember some words the family friend Henry Ward Beecher used in his eloquent prayers and sermons; those should be fitting enough. The next evening after school was spent in the barn loft writing and rewriting her prayer. By bed time, it was finished and memorized.

The next day she said the prayer to the hens as she gathered eggs, and to the old gray cat, and Branch, the dog.

Next Wednesday she was ready. Mr. Mason really did call on her to lead in prayer. She started out, "Great Observer, — — — Oh, Lord, our Great Benefactor," and that was all she could remember.

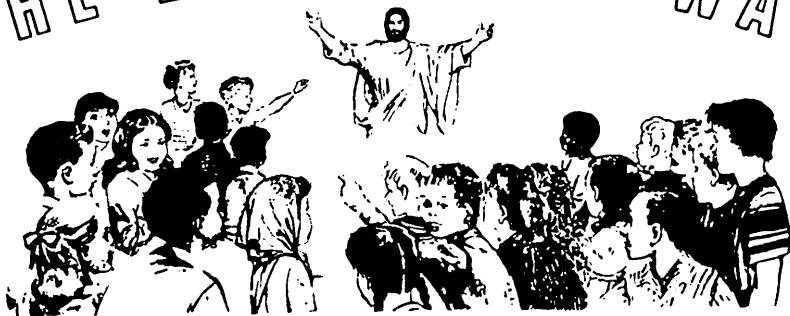
One February evening as Lily walked through the woods on her way home from school, she noticed a large log across her path. "This must be like the mourners bench at the camp meeting where Mr. Mason was saved," she mused to herself.

She fell on her knees and began to pray. "Lord," she cried, "I want to be your little girl." On and on she prayed and cried for a long time, then suddenly she felt a soothing warm presence and the confusion was gone. She sat back on her heels and revelled in the sweet peace. Before arising from her altar, she said, "Now God, if ever you need me, just let me know."

No one was there to hear Lily's promise, but it was for real. She never made promises she didn't mean to keep. The thought of it made her frightened, yet happy at the same time.

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Part 2

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## Searching For God's Plan

(Continued from last week)

Holding the ticket tightly in her hand, Lily impatiently tread on the board sidewalk in front of the train station. She jerked open the door and went in, as if her presence in the station might hurry the train. The dirty, musty depot was horrible. She knew her older sister, Jeanie, would have shunned such filth, but Jeanie was far away, living in her own new, clean cottage in Long Beach, California. "Maybe I'll have my own home some day, if I get the job," she said to encourage herself.

After her eyes adjusted to the darkness of the depot, Lily noticed a small lady dressed in black. She was strangely drawn to the woman. What better time to get acquainted? she thought, so without hesitation, she walked over and said, "It's hard to wait, when there are so many interesting things to do, isn't it?"

"Why, yes indeed, and there are many things to do! My name is Miss Myrtle Marker. I run the Faith Orphanage and Bible School, up in the mountains. Do you live in this town? Where are you going?"

"My family moved here about a year ago, from the southeastern tip of Georgia. I'm going to visit my old friends near Brunswick. On my way back, I'm going through Atlanta and try to get a job in

the art department of the *Atlanta Georgian*. That's the newspaper—"

"Atlanta is a big city for a girl so young. How old are you anyway?"

"I'm seventeen. I'm old enough to decide what I will do in life."

"A girl of your quality and refinement, wouldn't usually look for work in a newspaper establishment. I am surprised."

"Well, I'm surprised that a little woman like you could manage an orphanage and Bible school. Who supports the orphanage, and how many children are there?"

"There are 100 children, and God supports us. He sends everything we need. We live on faith—"

"All the time?"

"Yes, all the time. God knows right now where supper is for those 100 children. You have to have faith, Lily, lots of faith. You have to believe that God will supply breakfast, and go to bed and sleep at night so you can have strength to care for the children the next day. If you don't get the job, why don't you come up and stay with me and continue your education at the Bible school? I'll be glad to have you," Miss Marker shouted above the noise of the train whistle.

"Maybe I will," Lily shouted back as she boarded the train.

In Georgia she stayed with the Masons. Judy was still her friend, but things were different now. Lily was

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Understanding Peter's Message

Acts 10:19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house and to hear words of thee.

23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet and worshipped him.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting . . . and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, . . .

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither . . . Peter. . . .

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee . . . Now therefore are we all here . . . to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

**Central Thought:** God is willing to teach all men who will listen to Him.

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#### Questions:

1. What did the Spirit say unto Peter?
2. What did Peter say when introducing himself?
3. Where did Cornelius' servants spend the night?
4. Name some of the attitudes displayed by this.
5. What did Cornelius do when he saw Peter?
6. How did Peter rebuke him?
7. What was the law that Peter broke and why did he break it?
8. What was Cornelius doing when the angel appeared to him?

#### MEMORY VERSE

... God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34



# Let's Talk

To us it seems very strange that God commanded the Jewish people not to become friends with people from other nations. The laws found in the Old Testament were like school teachers to bring the people to a real knowledge of Christ's way. School teachers help their students to develop some skills and obtain some knowledge, but they are only a way or a path in which the students may walk today; tomorrow they should learn something more. Students cannot obtain higher education until they master what is being taught by the teacher today. So it was that the people of long ago could not understand the things of Christ until they learned the basic teachings of the law.

The people under the Old Testament law did not have the Holy Spirit in their hearts to strengthen and help them to overcome sin. They seemed to be in ways like children, for like children they copied evil actions and habits of other nations. For this reason God said they should not become friends with people of other nations, unless those persons from the other nations were worshippers of the true God.

Have you noticed that little children will say bad words and do wrong things when they play with children who do those things. Some bigger children, and even adults are like that, too. Instead of doing what is right, they will do what their friends do. These kind of people should obey the old commandment which forbade people to choose friends who did not worship the true God.

People, like Apostle Paul, who are filled with the Holy Spirit are strong enough to go into homes of wicked persons and help them to see that God's way is better, but most young Christians should choose friends who are already Christians.

When we are saved, God puts a new love in our heart for every person, no

matter what race they are. Although we may not be strong enough to associate very much with unbelievers, we must never think of them with disdain, nor believe we are better in the eyes of God than anyone else. All the good we do is only the goodness of God flowing through us.

Many of us have been taught from childhood that God loves all nations. "Jesus Loves the Children of the World," is a Sunday school song that many know by memory. The chorus reads like this:

"Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world,  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
All are precious in His sight."

Many years ago, God gave Apostle Peter the vision we read about in the first part of Acts 10. The vision taught him that all races are precious in God's sight. "God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

Peter accepted the message through the vision and obeyed God's command to go with servants to Cornelius' home, where he taught the Gentiles about Jesus.

—Sis. Charlotte

"There is always hope in a man that actually and earnestly works; in idleness alone is there perpetual despair."

—Carlyle

"The great secret of success in life is for a man to be ready when his opportunity comes."

—Selected

(Answers: 1. "Three men seek thee. Go with them, without doubting, for I have sent them." 2. "I am the one you are looking for. What do you want?" 3. At Simon's house, where Peter was staying. 4. Peter and Simon's love for each other, Simon's selfishness, and that the disciples had all things in common. 5. He fell down at his feet and worshiped Peter. 6. He took him up and said, "I also am a man." By doing this he made Cornelius his equal. 7. The law was, that the Jews were not to eat with other races. 8. He was fasting and praying.)

seriously trying to decide what to do in life and Judy seemed content to just help around the house and think of someday having her own family. Lily had talked a lot with Mrs. Mason, trying hard to draw wisdom from the older woman to help her in this decision. One day while everyone was away except the two, Lily said to Mrs. Mason, "I'm still searching for something. I don't know what it is."

"You need to pray that God will show you what you need," Mrs. Mason said.

"I do pray everyday. Sometimes, I think my search is about over. Tell me, do you think it awful of me to want to be an artist, and do sketches for a newspaper?"

Mrs. Mason stared out the window at the pine forest and remained silent a long time, as if searching for the right words, just like she had done so long ago when Lily had asked about being saved. Lily marveled at the wisdom she saw in Mrs. Mason's eyes, and the heaven she felt when near her. When Mrs. Mason moved, her heaven moved with her, for her heaven came from within. It shone out like a halo, and seemed to reach far enough to encircle the person to whom she was speaking. "I can't tell you if you should be an artist or not. God planted a talent in you to draw and to tell stories. I remember you used to draw pictures in the dirt and tell me stories about them. Maybe God wants you to draw pictures and tell stories. He will tell you what to do. It may be a still small voice, or it may be loud like thunder. Just listen, my child, just listen, and you will hear."

It was almost time for Lily to leave, so she took one more walk in the pine forest and remembered the fun she and Judy had playing there.

Walking through the forest, she came across the same log she had used for an altar eight years ago. Down on her knees she fell again. "Oh Lord," she prayed, as tears fell from her uplifted face, "if ever I can do anything for you, let me know. I really mean it, Lord. I'll do anything and go anywhere

for you!" Telling God again that she would be glad to help Him for anything He needed her for, made her feel better.

Back in the Mason's home she helped Mrs. Mason with supper. She heard the rattle of the plow and thudding of the horses' hooves as Mr. Mason brought them from the field. Then she heard his voice singing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me." How glad Lily felt that she was not a blind wretch anymore. God changed that when He saved her beside that log so very long ago.

Mrs. Mason was talking, "I want this supper to be the very best meal we've had together, for it will be the last we have with you for a long, long time."

"Maybe. Maybe not," Lily answered. "If I get that job drawing for the newspaper, I will come and see you when I can get a few days off. I really do want it! To draw all the time would be great fun!"

"I hope you get it, too, if that is where God needs you."

"Could I do something for God there?"

"You might if you would write stories that would make people think about how they could better please God or draw good thought-provoking pictures."

"I guess people do need to know about God. Mrs. Mason, how many people do you suppose there are that don't know about God?"

"Lots and lots of them. Probably thousands!"

Lily knew there was something she wanted more than anything else and that was to feel Mrs. Mason's heaven always. Then a new thought came into her mind. Others, too, would like to feel this heaven.

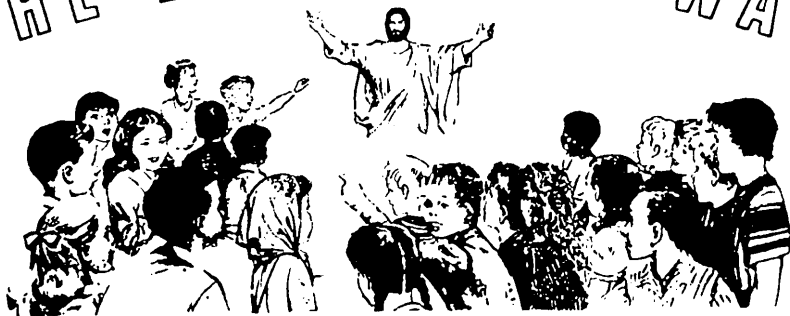
Lily didn't want to leave this heavenly place. This was the home in which she had learned about salvation. "Lord," she prayed silently, "help me to take some of this heaven with me, wherever you need me."

But where will God need Lily?

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A New Friend

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Lily's daring personality immediately fell in love with the big city of Atlanta. There were lots of exciting things to see! There were lots of nice homes. Lily thought maybe she would soon have her own home too, or maybe be rich, or famous! There were plenty of modern buildings that showed progress, while the beautiful old buildings glowed with history. She stayed in a colonial styled home on a street lined with houses adorned in gingerbread trim.

Lily took one last glance at herself in the oval, oak framed mirror that stood in the corner. Her clothes were just right. How grown-up she looked now that she was allowed to wear her hair up! She glanced at the pendulum clock. It was time to go again to the newspaper office. She was sure she would get the job. After all, hadn't he told her to come back?

She climbed the hill to catch the electric trolley car. What fun it was finding her own way around the big city of Atlanta, and speeding like a roller coaster down hill in an electric trolley car!

The rattling of typewriters, humming from the presses and the talk and confusion in the newspaper office almost overwhelmed Lily. What a contrast from the peaceful pine forest where she had sat to do a lot of her sketching.

Lily made her way through the crowded hall to the art editor's office. "Mr. Howard isn't in today. He's home sick with a cold," the man behind the desk told Lily. "He's already hired someone, so don't bother to come again."

"B—B—But where are my pictures?" Lily stammered after she overcame the shock of hearing the words, "He's already hired someone."

"I don't know where he put them," he said. Then throwing his hands up in despair, groaned, "I'll never get this out on time. Sorry, lady, can't help you today."

Lily could hardly find her way out of the building because of blinding tears. She held them back while riding the trolley car and the remaining walk back to the house where she was staying. Once in her room with the door securely locked, she sobbed uncontrollably. "Oh, God," she cried. "you are my only help." There was no family or friend near. Even the woman with whom she was staying, although a friend of her mother, was almost a stranger to Lily.

While sobbing on the bed she seemed to feel a little of Mrs. Mason's heaven around her, and strange thoughts came to her mind. She remembered that Mrs. Mason had said, "You may hear a voice loud as thunder telling you what you should do in life."

Lily knew she had heard that voice in the disappointment today. She knew

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Peter's Visit To The Gentiles

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the

Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

**Central Thought:** Salvation and the Holy Spirit are obtainable by all races.



### Questions:

1. Who is no respecter of persons?
2. What must a person do to be accepted of God?
3. Did the people in Caesarea know about Jesus?
4. What were some things they knew about Jesus?
5. What were some things Peter knew about Jesus that they did not know?
6. Name two things Jesus told the apostles to preach.
7. What happened to the believers in Cornelius' house while Peter was speaking?
8. Why were the men who came with Peter astonished?
9. Were the Gentiles at Cornelius' house baptized?

### MEMORY VERSE

... Through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Acts 10:43



# Let's Talk



Apostle Peter was not like the disobedient prophet, Jonah. God had asked both Jonah and Peter to take His message to the Gentiles. Jonah's rebellious heart caused him to board a ship and sail in another direction from where God wanted him to go. Peter was obedient to God's instruction to him. God had said, "Go with the men, doubting nothing," so Peter invited several of the brethren from the Church in Joppa and went with Cornelius' servants to Caesarea.

Cornelius met Peter at the entrance of his estate and fell at Peter's feet to worship him. Peter's strong oarsman arms lifted Cornelius back to his feet as he said, "Don't worship me. I'm only a man like you." Peter the Jewish apostle and Cornelius the army officer walked into the reception hall, talking together as if they were the best of friends. Peter and the brethren were greeted by Cornelius' relatives and close friends.

These few brethren were surrounded by a host of people whom the Jews thought were polluted. The others may have felt a little uneasy for fear they were displeasing God, but Apostle Peter had no doubts. The vision he saw had convinced him of God's love for all men.

Peter explained all this to Cornelius as they were walking in, then told him about the vision. "That's why I came when you sent for me," he said, "What is your request?"

"I'm glad you came," Cornelius answered, "for we are ready to hear the commandments of God."

Peter's introduction to his sermon was, "I know God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him."

Before the sermon was finished, God sent the Holy Spirit down on the first Gentile congregation, just as He did on the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

How surprised the brethren must have been, for never before had the Gentiles been blessed to have such communications with God. God had given them new hearts and new tongues, because they believed with their whole hearts in Jesus. Now they were confessing the new-found joy and their faith in Jesus as the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

The Gentile believers were baptized and became a part of the Church of God. They begged Peter to stay awhile with them, which he did.

What great things happened, because two men in different cities, were obedient to each of their strange messages!

—Sis. Charlotte

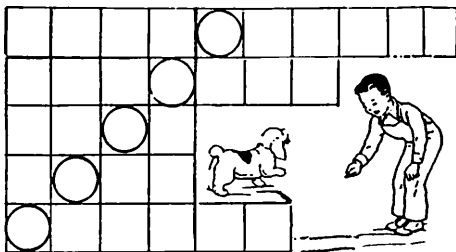
## This Prophet Said,

### "Salvation Is Of The Lord."

The circled letters spell his name.

Read from the bottom up.

- 1) The king who saw the handwriting on the wall. (Dan. 5).
- 2) Leah's fourth son—his name means "praise." (Gen. 29:32-35).
- 3) A very old prophetess who served the Lord night and day. (Luke 2:25-38).
- 4) What the seraphim cried in Isaiah 6.
- 5) One of Esau's wives who was a Hittite. (Gen. 26:34, 35).



(Answers: 1. God. 2. He must fear God and work righteousness. 3. Yes. 4. That God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power, so that He healed all those oppressed of the devil. 5. That Jesus was raised from the dead and ate and drank with them. 6. That He would be the Judge of the quick and dead, and that through His name, whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins. 7. The Holy Spirit fell on them. 8. The Holy Spirit had been given only to the Jews until this day when it fell on the Gentiles also. 9. Yes.)

she must go to Faith Orphanage and help Miss Marker.

Four days later she went again to pick up her sketches. To her surprise she found out that she had been the one hired for the job, however, because she had not returned, they took the second choice. Lily was happy she had been chosen but not sorry she had missed the job. She was anxious to get to her new mission field.

At Faith Orphanage, Lily learned quickly to trust God instead of herself. She also learned how to cook, sew, care for small babies, arise early in the morning, make breakfast for 100 children, teach school during the day and study at night. Another thing she learned was to do without.

Lily learned that hand-me-down men's shoes are better than no shoes at all—even if the children did draw pictures on the blackboard of her in the men's shoes with her toes hanging out.

Lily seldom had any money of her own. One time, however, someone gave her twenty cents. Yes, 20¢. She had saved it for some time, as she was deciding what she needed most. The very morning when she felt extremely weak and thought she needed to buy something nourishing to eat with the money, Miss Marker asked for it to finish paying for groceries just delivered to the orphanage.

Soon after this, Miss Marker's brother and his wife asked Lily to go with them on a preaching trip. She gladly accepted, knowing the change would be restful. On this trip, she met Tom Jordan. Tom Jordan was a tall, nice looking young minister who had come to the area as a home missionary. His grey eyes were looking directly at Lily each time she glanced at him. It was love at first sight for both of them! Lily was 22—old enough to get married! She and Tom talked more and more to each other—sometimes at missions, sometimes in town and sometimes at friends' homes. Soon they were taking walks together and talking about God's plan for their lives.

Tom was a preacher and Lily would make a good preacher's wife. Everyone thought they were a perfect match! Lily and Tom thought so too! After praying about it for several months, one wonderful May evening in 1910, Lillian Trasher and Tom Jordan were engaged. They agreed that this must be God's plan for them.

Now they spent a lot of time together making plans and talking about where they would live and things they would do together in the future.

One Sunday morning when Lily was riding to church in the buggy beside her handsome, strong fiance, a strange thought entered her mind. She thought that perhaps this might not be God's plan for her. She knew God had a plan for every life—for hers, and for Tom's, and for everyone's.

Lily also remembered what her mother had told her about an older sister who died when just a tiny baby. Her sad mother determined to have a Lillian Hunt Trasher, had given Lily the same name she had given to the other baby. Had God put her on earth to do the work of both Lillian Hunt Trashers. The thought made shivers go up and down her spine even though it was summer.

Lily paid little attention to the thought. The next chance she got to go to town, she shopped for wedding things. She bought some white material and a pattern for her bridal dress.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Search Is Ended

(Continued from last week)

Lily slipped into her wedding dress. She was pleased with what the mirror showed her—slim waistline, broad shoulders and plenty of color in her lips and cheeks. Taking long walks in the fresh air with Tom had put pink back into her face. She smoothed the natural high eyebrows that framed her soft blue eyes. Her long brown hair was held back with a large blue ribbon. She thought of all the wedding arrangements. Everything was being prepared on schedule. There were only ten days to wait!

"Are you ready?" Miss Marker called.

"Just a moment," Lily called back. She carefully took off the dress and laid it lovingly over the iron cot on which she slept each night. (Faith Orphanage could not afford nice beds, even for its workers.)

The buggy hurried them along the mountain road to a church in the village below. A missionary from India was to speak tonight.

Before the missionary had finished talking, Lily was crying. What a strange urgency she felt. It was much like the force that impelled her to come to the orphanage. She said hardly a word on the way home and went straight to her room. After what seemed like an eternity of wrestling in prayer, Miss Marker knocked on her door. "Can I help you?" she asked.

"Yes, do come in. I need to talk to you."

Miss Marker sat down on the bed beside Lily and put her arm over Lily's shoulder. "What's wrong, my child?"

"Nothing's wrong,—noth—ing, it—it's just that God spoke to me tonight. I know I found the answer about my life that I've been searching for all these years."

"Here I am ready to marry the most wonderful guy in the world in just ten days, and—and—I can't do it. God has called me to be a missionary. I can't refuse God. I promised God when I was eleven years old, 'if ever you need me, just let me know.'"

"Don't make any hasty decisions. Maybe Tom will go with you as a missionary."

Lily hadn't thought of that! She dried her tears and thanked Miss Marker for coming and told her good night. She didn't know how everything would work out, but she knew she was called and would go. As she lay on the iron cot thinking of the many things she had learned by being at the Faith Orphanage, she realized these would help her very much on the mission field. Pain struck her heart at the thought of leaving the children and Miss Marker, for these were her family. Her parents and sister Jeanie, could not understand why she had come here, and only occasionally wrote a short letter to her. Jeanie had gotten an education and a good job

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### The Apostles Accept The Gentiles

Acts 11:1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised and didst eat with them.

4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying,

17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

**Central Thought:** The Christians at Jerusalem rejoiced that God gave salvation and the Holy Spirit to other nations.



#### Questions:

1. Where did Peter find trouble with the brethren?
2. Of what was Peter accused?
3. How did Peter explain his actions?
4. Can Peter or anyone withstand (resist) God's dealings with others?
5. After the discussion, to what decision did the apostles come?
6. In what other city did many Grecians (Gentiles) become believers?
7. How did the Church at Jerusalem react to this news?
8. Where did Barnabas go while he was working at Antioch?
9. Where were the disciples first called Christians?

#### MEMORY VERSE

... The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Acts 11:26

# Let's Talk

When Peter returned to Jerusalem after staying with Cornelius at Caesarea, he was severely criticized for eating with these Gentiles. Although he was one of the stronger leaders of the Church, some of the Jewish Christians who had been taught to strictly obey the Old Testament laws, questioned Peter's action of breaking these laws when he ate with Cornelius, his family and his friends. The critical disciples may not have realized it, but they were still prejudiced, which is contrary to God's desires.

Peter stoutly defended himself. He told about the strange message God had given to him through the vision of the unclean animals. "Call not thou common or unclean what God has cleansed," the voice from heaven said. Then as he was thinking about the meaning of this message the same voice said, "There are three men at the door seeking you. Go with them and doubt nothing, for I have sent you."

"What could I do but go?" Peter asked. "On the way I learned that God had also sent a message to Cornelius by an angel. After preaching to the host of Gentiles who were there to hear me, God sent the Holy Spirit on them, as he did to us on the day of Pentecost. Who am I to resist what God has done? God accepted them into His kingdom, shouldn't we accept them into fellowship?"

The apostles agreed with Peter and were happy that the Gentiles were also believers in Jesus.

About this same time, some other brethren who had fled Jerusalem because of the severe persecution were preaching Christ in other places. Most of these were preaching only to the Jews, but some men from Cyprus and Cyrene taught the Gentiles in Antioch. Many of the Gentiles believed. News soon came to the Church in Jerusalem about this. With gladness they received

the new brethren and sent Barnabas to help them.

While Barnabas was in Antioch, he went over to Tarsus and found Saul, bringing him back to Antioch, where they stayed together for a whole year.

In the city of Antioch the brethren were first called Christians. This was over nineteen hundred years ago, and people who profess Jesus Christ as their Saviour are still called Christians today.

—Sis. Charlotte



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In the grid are 11 characteristics that God's workmen need. Can you find these? Faith; virtue; knowledge; temperance; patience; godliness; kindness; charity; love; joy; hope.



(Answers: 1. In Jerusalem. 2. Of disobedient God's law when he ate with the Gentiles. 3. He told the apostles that God had instructed him through a vision of unclean animals, to have no respect of persons. He also told of the angels' message to Cornelius to send for him. Then he told that the Holy Spirit came into the hearts of the Gentile brethren. [To know the whole story, read all of Acts 11.] 4. No. 5. They glorified God that He had granted repentance to the Gentiles. 6. In Antioch. 7. They sent Barnabas to Antioch to help with the new work there. 8. He went to Tarsus and got Saul. 9. In Antioch.)

in Long Beach, California. She owned her own home and several houses she rented. Lily knew her parents were proud of Jeanie's success. She thought they were a little ashamed of her wild adventure.

"I'll wait for you to come back," Tom said when Lily told him she was going to be a missionary.

"What could I do in one year, or two?"

"I'll wait three years, or even four. I love you enough to wait that long."

"I'm sorry Tom," she said. "God is calling me for a lifetime of service as a missionary."

"To what country are you called?"

"I don't really know, but I think maybe Africa," she answered.

Tom did not want to go to Africa as a missionary, so they told each other good-bye forever.

Lily cried because she had hurt Tom so badly. As she walked alone on the winding hilly road back to the orphanage, God showed her that if she would stay in the straight narrow way, He would lead her. She would not always be able to see the road, just as she couldn't see over the next hill or around the next curve of this road. All she needed to do was follow step by step. She cried again thinking of Tom's broken heart, but God must come first.

Lily had used all her money except \$5.00 getting things ready for her wedding. How would she get money for a ticket to Africa? Miss Marker couldn't pay the workers at the orphanage. Where would she go in Africa? How would she live after getting there? Hundreds of questions flooded her mind. She then remembered what Miss Marker had said the day Lily met her, "You have to have faith, Lily—lots of faith!"

"There is a holiness missionary conference being held in Pennsylvania. Maybe you could learn some things you need to know by going there," a good friend suggested. Lily decided to go. People who heard that she wanted to go handed her money—a dollar here, and a dollar there. She kept this money in Miss Marker's office. Finally the day came when she had enough to buy a

ticket to Pennsylvania. She got the roll of money, and Miss Marker took her to the train station.

The ticket agent made out the ticket. Lily unrolled the roll of bills in her hand. Some of the money was gone! There was not enough to pay for the ticket! "Oh!" exclaimed Miss Marker, "Bertha asked if she should use the money in my desk to pay the fuel bill. I never dreamed she was talking about your money!"

"That's all right," Lily assured her.

"Tell you what," said Miss Marker in her usual keen wisdom, "You can go on to Washington, D.C. I have a friend with whom you can stay until I send you the rest of your money. I'll write a letter about you for her and you can take it with you." Hurriedly she wrote on a card taken from her black purse and handed it to Lily.

Without hesitation, Lily, now twenty-three years old, said good-bye to Miss Marker and boarded the train for a strange city—Washington D.C. She was starting out on the unseen road, following God, step by step.

Riding along in the old train cars, she again felt Mrs. Mason's heaven engulfing her like a mighty ocean.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Road Leads To To Egypt

(Continued from last week)

Lily knocked at the house of Miss Marker's friend in Washington, D.C.

When the woman answered the door, Lily, tired and cruddy from the long train ride, handed her the letter of introduction from Mrs. Marker. She tried nervously to smooth her wrinkled clothes and pin loose strands of hair in place while the woman read.

"I'm terribly sorry. I have no room for you, for I'm keeping missionaries from Egypt who are on their way to a missionary conference in Pennsylvania. But please do come in and have lunch with us and rest awhile. I'm sure you must be terribly tired and hungry after such a long trip."

Lily was introduced as Miss Lillian Trasher, a missionary going to Africa, to Bro. and Sis. Dunning and Miss Mattie Rast, all missionaries from Assiout, Egypt. The conversation was immediately turned to Lily.

"To what part of Africa are you going?" Sis. Dunning asked.

Lily didn't know where God was leading her. She was just following Him step by step. He had shown her the night she walked back the winding hilly road to the orphanage after breaking up with Tom that she would not always be able to see the road ahead. Knowing the place in Africa where she would

serve was over the next hill, or hills, and she didn't know how many hills she might climb before getting there; she was just in Washington D.C. now, without enough money to go on to Pennsylvania.

"Under what mission board are you going?" was the first question asked by Bro. Dunning.

"None," answered Lily. She knew nothing about missionary boards.

Bro. Dunning must have sensed her ignorance. "I mean what church is sending you?" he asked.

"No church, sir," was Lily's honest answer. "God is sending me."

Sis. Dunning came to her husband's rescue. "We know God sends most missionaries, but who is buying your ticket and who will be sending money for your expenses and the expenses of your mission station?"

"God will supply like He does for Miss Marker and the Faith Orphanage."

"You are from a rich family," Sis. Dunning concluded, "they have always taken care of your needs, and will see that you have what you need in the future."

Lily took a deep breath and flatly said, "Madam, my family does not agree that I go."

Lily would never forget the astonished look on the faces of those in the room, nor forget how hard it was to swallow bites of food, even though she was so hungry. The conversation that followed

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Peter Escapes From Prison

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king . . .

2 . . . killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. . . .

4 . . . He put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him . . . and, raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off. . . .

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark: where many were gathered together praying.

13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

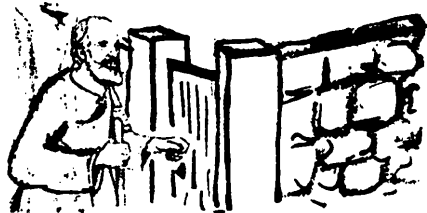
14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

17 . . . And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed . . . into another place.

**Central Thought:** There is nothing too hard for God.



### Questions:

1. What did King Herod do?
2. When was Peter to be prosecuted?
3. The night before Easter, what happened in the prison?
4. Where did the angel leave Peter?
5. When did Peter realize he was not dreaming?
6. To whose house did he go?
7. What were the brethren doing at Mary's house?
8. Why did Rhoda not open the door?
9. Before Peter left, he said to take this news to whom?

### MEMORY VERSE

. . . With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26





The Church of God which Jesus established on the day of Pentecost was growing fast among the Jews as well as among the Gentiles. Persecution under Saul had scattered the Christian brethren into many cities and even into the surrounding countries. Everywhere they went, their faith was soon known and new persons came to know Jesus because of their testimony. Many brethren went preaching in other places where they felt more safe. Even in Jerusalem the persecution almost ceased after Saul's conversion. Some books record a period of more than two years that the Church enjoyed peace.

When the new ruler, Herod Agrippa, known as King Agrippa I, came into power, things changed. He was the grandson of Herod the Great, who so cruelly murdered the baby boys of Bethlehem after he found that Jesus had been born there. Perhaps he inherited some of his grandfather's brutality, or his hunger for power, for he did horrible things in order to keep his throne.

Wanting to gain favor with the high priest and leaders of the Jewish nation, he had James put to death. (There were two apostles named James. This one was known as James the Great, possibly because of his age, the other was called James the Lesser.) Seeing how well this pleased the Jews, he also had Peter arrested, intending to have him executed immediately after the Passover.

Sixteen soldiers were appointed to guard Peter. There were to be four with him at all times. There were two at either side of him and two at the cell door. When these went off duty, four others took their place.

Besides being guarded by soldiers, he was chained, but none of these things could stop God's angel from delivering him. At the angel's words, the chains fell off, and he followed the angel right past each guard and out the gate that

opened as if it were operated by an electric eye.

The angel disappeared in the middle of the city and Peter went on to Mark's house where the brethren were, at that very hour, praying for his release. After relating briefly his escape, he asked them to tell it to the other believers and also James, the Lord's brother known as James the Lesser. By daylight he was well out of Agrippa's reach.

Herod the Great and Herod Agrippa were selfish cruel men. There are many such acts of cruelty recorded in history. Surely not one reader of this paper will ever be guilty of killing another person to satisfy a selfish desire.

Why do people murder? Have you ever thought about it? What did Jesus say about a murderer? Jesus said, "Whosoever *hateth* his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." I John 3:15.

If we will keep hatred out of our hearts, we will never be guilty of murder.

—Sis. Charlotte

## GOD'S CARE

God's care is precious to me,

It follows me each day,

No matter where I'm going,

It, too, is on the way.

No place too high for God's care

To follow as I go;

No place too dark to find me,

No place for it too low.

Just think, in any trouble,

Alone I will not be,

For anywhere, at all times,

I have God's care with me!

(Answers: 1. He killed James and put Peter in prison. 2. After Easter. 3. An angel released Peter and led him out of the prison into the city. 4. On a street in the city. 5. After the angel left him. 6. To Mary's house—she was the mother of John Mark. 7. They were praying. 8. She was so happy and excited, she ran to tell the others. 9. To another apostle named James and the brethren.)

the questioning left her feeling confused and guilty, as if she was doing something wrong. She couldn't understand fellow missionaries not welcoming any young person who would dedicate their life to foreign mission work.

Nothing was heard for a long time except the clatter of dishes as they ate. Bro. Dunning broke the silence. She heard the soft tones in his voice as he spoke. "Miss Trasher, the people in Africa speak a different language than we do. You will need money for support while attending language school. Missionaries don't start evangelizing as soon as their feet touch the soil. It usually takes years to build a congregation. Besides, the people in Africa are very, very poor and even after you may form a congregation, they cannot support you."

Lily looked at the kind lines on Bro. Dunning's face. She felt assured he spoke with a care for her. He had lived in Egypt a long time, and had traveled in many countries of Africa, so he knew the conditions. "A young person can wreck their life jumping into something like this. The fare to get there is only a small item. I suppose you have that?"

"I have only one dollar," Lily answered.

Gasps sounded around the table. The hostess strangled and had to excuse herself.

After the gasps subsided, silence reigned.

Dinner was over.

Later when several were seated in the living room, Bro. Dunning said, "Miss Trasher, I must give you some fatherly advice. You should go home to your mother. Africa has enough people with wild ideas already. We don't need any coming from America."

"But God called and I dare not refuse," Lily protested.

Bro. Dunning exploded, "No! No!"

Just then Miss Rast slipped into the room with suitcase in hand. "I will go on to the conference and leave my bed for Miss Trasher," she told the hostess. "I was wanting to get there a little early anyway."

"Oh, thank you!" Lily exclaimed trying not to sound too relieved.

As was her usual habit, Lily read her Bible before going to bed. She read I Thessalonians 5:24, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

The next morning Bro. Dunning said to Lily, "Come sit down and talk with me and Sis. Dunning." Lily timidly sat down.

"We are sorry about our reactions yesterday," he apologized. "Forgive us for not having your kind of faith. Every missionary should have it. I just couldn't believe a girl your age without preparation, nor money could be taking such a step."

"I don't know how I will make this mighty step either, but I know God knows, and the way is just hidden from me right now."

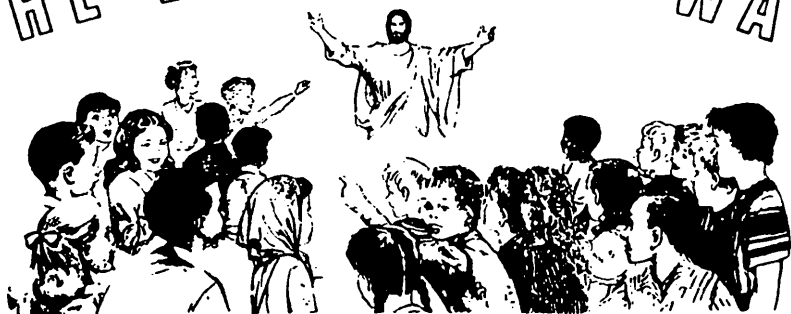
"We talked to God last night about you," Bro. Dunning said, and then we talked to each other. We have no money to offer you for the trip, nor a salary, but we need you at our station in Assiout, Egypt. You would always have a place to stay and food to eat."

Lily bowed her head partly in shock and also partly to pray, then arose from her chair and looked out the window. People on the sidewalk below were hurrying to their duties. She thought, "I must hurry too, to my duty in Africa." She looked at the sky and tried to imagine how God, so far away, was looking at the needy in Africa and her in Washington, D.C. at the same time. Like a light it flashed in her mind that Egypt was in the northern part of Africa. She mused, "This must be the part of Africa in which God needs me, at least, right now. She turned a tear-stained face back to Bro. Dunning and said, "Now I know why God caused things to happen that I had to stop here. It surely wasn't in my plans! I will go to Assiout, Egypt, when God supplies the fare. Thank you, ever so much!"

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Surprises For Lily

(Continued from last week)

At the holiness missionary conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Lily and all the other missionaries were provided with a tent in which to sleep and meals. She arrived with 25¢, and a trunk badly battered from having fallen off the wagon that carried it from the train station to the camp.

Soon after arriving, she was given \$8.00 with which she bought a new trunk.

During the meeting she met many new friends with the same burden for mission work that she had; some of them gave her money. A lady from Harrisburg gave Lily her address and invited Lily to visit her home. Arrangements were made for her to stay at a mission in New York while waiting for her fare to sail for Egypt.

When the conference was ended, she went along with Bro. Dunning to the train station. When he went to pay for his ticket, he did not have enough money. Lily cheerfully helped him out. After seeing him off, she went back to purchase her own ticket to Philadelphia. "I haven't enough!" she exclaimed, when told what it would cost.

The agent smiled at her embarrassment. "Maybe I could help you?" he said.

Lily looked straight into his eyes. Was he trying to be too friendly, or just

being helpful. She thought she recognized a smirk, as if to say, how foolish to give away money and not have enough for your own fare.

"No, thank you."

"It's only a small amount. Just take it as a personal loan or a gift."

She declined again. "I'll go as far as this takes me," she answered. "Where will that be?"

"Harrisburg," he answered.

"I'll take it," she said, searching in her purse for the address the woman from Harrisburg had given her a few days before.

It was night when she reached Harrisburg. No one knew she was coming, so no one met her at the station. She knew absolutely nothing about the city. Where was the street the woman lived on? How far would she have to walk? What might happen to her trunk?

She arranged with the ticket agent for the safe-keeping of her trunk, asked a few questions, and started out. Dogs barked, women eyed her with suspicion, old men nodded their heads when she walked past and young men, eager to meet beautiful young ladies, followed her with their eyes as far as they could see. After the long search and finding the place, Lily wasn't too sure the family was ready to entertain her so soon after their acquaintance.

In Harrisburg she was asked to speak in a mission, but no one gave money to

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### God Destroys Those Who Take His Glory

**New Word:** *Proverb:* A short wise saying used for a long time by many people. (It is sometimes used as a byword.)

Acts 12:20 And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

Isaiah 42:8 I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another. . . .

Isaiah 14:3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5 The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. . . .

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms,

17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

**Central Thought:** God punishes, and sometimes destroys those who take glory that belongs to Him.

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#### Questions:

1. How did the people respond to Herod's speech?
2. What happened to Herod after he took glory that belonged to God?
3. What did God say about His glory?
4. After the people were freed from bondage in Babylon, what were they to do?
5. In a few words tell what the proverb said.
6. From where had the Babylonian king fallen?
7. To where did the king say that he would exalt his throne?
8. Who did the king say he would be like?
9. What would men say about him after he had fallen?
10. Who is this man called Lucifer?

#### MEMORY VERSE

. . . The angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory.

Acts 12:23



# Let's Talk

During the time soon after Jesus' death, when the gospel was first being preached, there was a great scholar named Josephus who wrote about things that happened among the Jews. He wrote about Herod's three year reign over Judea. One of the first things Herod did after he became king was to have Apostle James killed in order to gain favor with the ruling powers among the Jews. Seeing this pleased them, he then had Peter captured and put into prison, planning to have him killed after Easter, but God's angel delivered Peter. His next act of cruelty was executing the sixteen soldiers who were responsible for guarding Peter.

Sometime later, seeking favor from the Roman Emperor, Claudius, who had power to remove Herod from his throne, he went to Caesarea and exhibited shows and games in honor of the emperor. On the morning of the second day of these shows, he put on a costume made wholly of silver, and walked into the theatre. The reflections of the morning sun rays caused this silver garment to shine in such a manner that it dazzled the audience. The people were already wanting his favor so they cried, out, "He is a god!" then added, "Be merciful on us, we have thus far only revered thee as a man, yet from now on we shall own thee as higher than human nature."

King Herod enjoyed the flattery, and never rebuked the people for giving him honor that belonged only to God. While gloating in this honor, he looked up and saw an owl on a certain rope over his head, and immediately conceived that this bird was to him a messenger of ill tidings. He fell in a deep depression. Shortly afterwards a severe pain came in his bowels. After five days of agonizing torment, he died.

His death was most evidently a judgment from God, because he took God's glory. His grandfather, Herod the Great,

died in about the same way. His death also is believed to be the judgment of God.

It is recorded in the Old Testament about two kings of Babylon who were also struck down by God because they took glory to themselves that really belonged to Him. This story is found in Daniel chapters four and five. Open your Bible and read it, or for a shorter version, read 4:30-37 and 5:18-31. God brought both King Nebuchadnezzar and his son King Belshazzar down because they did not give God the glory which belonged to Him. God took Nebuchadnezzar's mind. For seven years he lived like a wild animal in the fields and ate grass like a cow, until he learned "that the most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." He caused Belshazzar to be killed and his kingdom taken by another ruler.

Later God spoke to His people and told them to make a proverb against the king of Babylon, (King Nebuchadnezzar). Isaiah 14:4 reads like this: ". . . Take up this proverb against the king of Babylon." This proverb was to become a story or byword among the people that they would never forget God's wrath against those who lift themselves up in pride as that king did. The king had said, "I have built this great kingdom. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will be like the most High."

Those who lift themselves up in pride and take glory that belongs to God always come to bad ends, just as both King Herods and the two Babylonian kings did.

—Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. They praised him as if he were God. 2. He was eaten by worms and died. 3. He said, "I will not give my glory to another." 4. God said to take up a proverb against the king of Babylon. 5. It said, although the king of his throne to heaven, that he would lose everything kings usually have and be brought to hell. 6. He fell from heaven [or the grand glories or splendors in which a great king lives]. 7. Above the stars. 8. God. 9. "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble?" 10. The king of Babylon.)

her. On Saturday when she was ready to leave, the man of the house loaded her trunk and took her to the depot. On the way he said, "It is a little late. It would save time if you have the money ready for buying the ticket."

Lily made no effort to get the money ready. She just sat, still thinking about Bro. Dunning's first reactions to her dream of going to Africa with an empty purse. After awhile she said, "I don't have any money to get ready!"

"I'll be glad to buy your ticket," he said, "but do you expect to go all the way to the other side of the world on nothing?"

"God told me to go, and He will surely supply," she said feeling a little embarrassed.

Leaving Philadelphia, after a short stay, she went on to New York. During the remaining part of July, she spoke in missions. From time to time, people handed her money. As soon as she had saved \$40.00, she went to the Thomas Cook and Son Travel Bureau. She paid the \$40.00 down to reserve a berth.

That night she wrote her family that she would be sailing for Egypt on October 8th. She said nothing about needing \$60.00 to finish paying her fare.

Weeks passed and no answer came from her parents. However, a letter did come from her sister, Jeanie. Lily read the letter.

Dear Lily,

I am doing well and can take off work for awhile. I will be happy to go with you on your trip. I have a friend who will collect my rent money and send it on to me.

You may get sick on the trip and need me to nurse you. After you are settled, I will return.

I have taken care of my reservation. I will see you October 2nd.

Love,  
Jeanie

Lily read the letter again. "Not Jeanie," she said to herself. "She's afraid to step outside after dark." She read it again. "Yes, Jeanie was going

with her to nurse her in case of sickness. "That's just like Jeanie," she said.

Excitedly she wrote, "Dear Jeanie, I will be delighted to have your company. . . ." She tucked the letter into her Bible then bowed and prayed for a stamp to mail it. "And please, Lord," she added to her prayer for a stamp, "do send money to pay for my ticket. Jeanie might think you are not sending me if I don't have it when she gets here."

One, two, three days passed and no stamp. At the mission the next day, she found a stamp on the floor. The woman in charge insisted she keep it, so Jeanie's letter was sent.

October 1st came. Jeanie would be here tomorrow and she hadn't one dollar of the \$60.00 she needed. "I'm not doubting you, Lord," she said, "but neither do I want to be embarrassed."

While taking a nap that afternoon, she was awakened by a sharp knock at the door. Sleepily she opened it, and there stood a strange lady who asked if she could come in.

Once inside, she began asking questions. "Where are you going? What do you plan to do in Egypt? How much money do you need?"

When Lily had finished answering the questions, the strange woman knelt beside the sofa and thanked God for supplying Lily's needs. Then she arose, took \$60.00 from her purse, gave it to Lily, and slipped out the door.

Lily called, "Thank you," but she was gone as quickly as she had come.

Lily tasted the salty breeze as she and Jeanie boarded the ship. "Lily, open your Bible and read the verse your eyes fall on first," suggested one of the friends seeing them off. Lily closed her eyes and opened her Bible. She read, "I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt." Acts 7:34.

Lily was now more sure, than ever before, that her place was Egypt of Africa.

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## Lily's New Home

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Lily leaned over the railing of the steamship *Berlin* and searched for land. She caught the faint outline of something in the distance. On and on the ship churned through the Mediterranean Sea, until the buildings on the shore took shape. There it was! The famed port that Alexander the Great founded more than 300 years before Christ was born. Lily was surprised to see that it looked so much like New York City. It was there she had boarded the steamship a month ago, on the other side of the world.

As they walked down the gang plank leaving the ship, Jeanie shoved a scarf into Lily's hand. "Cover your mouth so the dust won't make you sick," she said behind the mask she wore.

Lily smiled at the foolishness! Egypt was her new home. She couldn't wear the mask the rest of her life.

Kamil, Bro. Dunning's Egyptian helper, who spoke almost perfect English, met them. He loaded their trunks on an ancient, black, horse-drawn carriage driven by a man sitting very high, up front. They bumped all the way across the city to catch a train for Assiout.

As they left the port side of the city and went into the older part, Lily saw that only the new part of Alexandria was like New York City. The remaining part of the city had narrow dirt streets, almost like alleys, lined with shops of

all kinds. Men and women in long flowing robes of either black or white hurried to their duties. Men wore red tarbooshes (a hat with a tassel hanging from the top), and a black shawl with a small fringed scarf on the forehead covered each woman's head. Many veiled their faces, so nothing except their eyes could be seen. Metal bracelets adorned one or both ankles.

"Let's take a walk while we wait for the train," Lily suggested, after their tickets were bought and their luggage checked. "I'm anxious to investigate my new home land."

The buildings were much different from the wooden houses in America. They were mostly made of brick or stucco, French style, with high windows and balconies protruding out over the sidewalks.

All around them were shouts of vendors trying to sell their wares. On a busy street corner sat a blind man begging.

An hour later seated in the train, Lily watched the stream of long robed men, women and children pour out of the depot struggling to gain entrance to the train. Young men and boys never bothered to enter the train through the door. They came to an open window, tossed their baskets into a chosen seat, then leaped in themselves.

The train's coal engine, puffed black smoke as they bounced on the hard board seats.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Adventures In Cyprus

Acts 12:25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, [whose mother was Herod's nurse], which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus [an island in the Mediterranean Sea].

5 And when they were at Salamis [the island's capital], they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos [capital of the province], they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus:

7 Which was with the deputy [governor of the province] of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

**Central Thought:** Following the leadings of the Holy Spirit is rewarding and many times will be an adventure.

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Your walk, talks;

And your talk, walks.

But your walk talks louder,

Than your talk, talks. —Selected

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**Questions:**

1. Who did Barnabas and Saul take with them when they left Jerusalem?
2. Which disciple in Antioch grew up with Herod?
3. By whom were Saul and Barnabas sent to Cyprus?
4. What did Saul and Barnabas do in Salamis?
5. What important man called for them?
6. What did Elymas do?
7. Saul said Elymas was a child of whom?
8. Elymas was struck with what because of his actions?
9. What effect did this have on the deputy?

### MEMORY VERSE

Paulus . . . desired to hear the word of God. Acts 13:7



# Let's Talk

Barnabas and Saul had gone from Antioch to Jerusalem to take an offering for those suffering from the famine. Apparently they were there when an angel delivered Peter from prison and death. They chose John Mark, the son of Mary at whose house Peter had come the night of his escape, to go with them back to Antioch.

The Church had grown rapidly at Antioch; there were several prophets and teachers and a larger number of believers than in any other city, even Jerusalem. One of these leaders, Manaen was the son or grandson of Herod's nurse. The Jewish writers say that this man had the gift of prophecy, and that he told Herod, when Herod was a child, that he would be the king. When Herod became king he sent for him and respected him highly.

It was usual with the Jews—those who took their religion more seriously—to fast on Monday and Thursday. The disciples also did this. It was the way they ministered to the Lord. While they were fasting, the Holy Spirit impressed them to separate Saul and Barnabas for a special ministry among the Gentiles. After the Church fasted and prayed the second time, the elders laid hands on Saul and Barnabas and blessed them. This was their way of saying they would be supporting the disciples in their new work. This was a new custom. The old custom was to stand in front of the chosen person and say, "Rabbi, behold thou art ordained, and hast power of judging." Jesus, however had strictly forbidden His followers to call any man "Rabbi" so they laid on hands and prayed instead.

After receiving this blessing, the disciples sailed to Cyprus. Barnabas was a native of this island and no doubt had relatives and friends among the thousands of Jews that lived there. First they preached in Salamis the capital, on the eastern side. Then they worked their way

across the island, preaching in the towns and villages, until they came to Paphos, the provincial capital on the western side. There was probably no town in the universe more wicked. Here a superb temple was built to the god Venus and all of her rites were observed. Later this temple and whole city were destroyed by an earthquake.

The Roman governor of this province, Sergius Paulus, lived in this city. He sent for Saul and Barnabas.

One of the governor's favorites at court was a Jewish sorcerer named Bar-jesus, who had assumed the Arabic title, Elymas, meaning "wise." As Paul explained the Christian beliefs to the governor, this faker kept heckling and contradicting Paul. After awhile, Paul paused and gazing at the culprit, called him a son of the devil and said he would be blind for a season for opposing the truth. At once darkness began to close in on Elymas, and he groped about, trying to find someone to guide him. This convinced Sergius Paulus, who became a believer.

Elymas' blindness was not to be for life; it was meant only to show God's power and to soften hard hearts. There is an ancient tradition that later, Elymas became a dedicated disciple. Two different writers, Origen and Chrysostom, wrote about this.

Missionary life can be quite interesting and rewarding. We will learn more about Paul and Barnabas' adventures in the lessons to follow.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. John Mark. 2. Manaen. 3. By the Holy Spirit. 4. They preached the Word in the synagogues of the Jews. 5. The deputy, who was the governor of the province. 6. He withstood them, seeking to turn the deputy away from the faith. 7. The devil. 8. Blindness. 9. He believed.)

For awhile they followed the track that was laid on a dike around the edge of the sea, then the high built-up track turned with the Nile River and ran along the side of it for many miles. On a built-up road nearby was a continuous line of bronze-colored men leading donkeys loaded with wares. Farms and mud hut villages were all along the way. At one place Lily saw many white robed men, like white winged birds, drawing water from the river. "Every-one depends on the Nile River water," Kamil told them.

"What would happen to all these people if the Nile dried up?" Lily asked.

"It will never dry up," he answered. "The rains of Ethiopia fill the river each year until it floods all these farms; that's why the roads and train tracks are built up."

"What do the people do when it floods?"

"They are prepared for it. It comes every year. It brings rich silt onto their land, making the land more fertile so it can raise better crops."

"Does it ever rain here?" Lily asked, as she looked up at the sky. Before Kamil had time to answer, she had another question. "Why is the sky golden?"

"That is desert dust blowing in from the southeast. In the spring the sky is golden like this for about fifty days. It will only last a couple days in November."

Lily saw Jeanie shivering at the thought of dust in the air for fifty days. That would be unbearable!

The mission station was nice. Lily and Jeanie had a room together. Good meals were served, and there were plenty of English speaking people. Lily began immediately learning Arabic. Lily and Sis. Sela Friends, one of the missionaries, went often to visit the Egyptian homes. They also went to town often, not to shop, but to learn all they could about the people.

Lily could not believe the love the Egyptian people had for her. They sometimes killed their last chicken to make her a meal, but she couldn't understand

their poverty. The whole valley around Assiout, was a beautiful lush green, like the Garden of Eden, she imagined, but the farmers were very poor. It's probably because they are still using farming methods that were being used when Moses of the Bible lived here, she thought. "I'll help them to learn better ways," she told herself.

One Sunday in early February, a dark cloud of glum settled itself over Lily. She was sure something mighty terrible was about to happen, like—maybe someone would die. All day she wrestled with these feelings. At supper she was trying desperately to choke down her food, when a loud knock sounded on the door.

A young Egyptian spoke Arabic in hurried, fearful tones. "He says, 'a woman is dying. Would someone please come quick,' " Kamil told them.

"Let me go. Please, Bro. Dunning, may I go?" Lily begged as she slipped into her coat.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Lily's New Baby

(Continued from last week)

Lily, Kamil and Sela Friend hurried through the darkness behind the young Egyptian man. On and on they walked past lovely homes with beautiful palm trees. They then passed a section of poor shacks and finally left the streets and followed a trail among mud huts on the bank of the Nile River. Each hut was alike and Lily wondered how Kamil would know which hut was the right one. He turned sharply and they followed him through the low door of one of the huts.

By the moon light from the door, Lily could see a young woman lying on the ground in the corner. "Arjouky, arjouky," she whispered pointing to the other corner of the room. Lily could faintly make out a tiny thin baby lying on the lap of an older woman. The baby looked lifeless. She went closer. The rotten smell made her gag. Covering her nose and mouth with her hankie, she looked into its pleading eyes, while stroking its tiny arm. The clothes on the baby looked as if they had not been changed for weeks—possibly since the mother took sick. Its arms looked more like bones than arms. Its little cheeks were sunken in and its eyes protruded from their sockets. Lily wanted to run! It was the most horrible thing she had ever seen. Her heart brimmed with love and anger at the same time—love for the helpless baby and anger that no adult had taken

care of it! Where was the father, grandparents, the aunts, the friends? Surely someone could have fed and dressed this baby!

The mother was again saying, "Arjouky, arjouky," then muttering something in Arabic. She looked into Lily's eyes and smiled. Lily understood. The mother felt sure that Lily would take her baby so she died in peace.

"She was begging you to take her baby," Kamil said, "but you know there is no place at the mission station for a baby. Bro. Dunning says other mission work is more important than caring for babies."

While they were talking, the older woman had walked out the hut door and was standing on the bank of the Nile River. She seemed to understand that Kamil had said they could not take the baby. "It's just a girl baby anyway," she said and made motions to throw it in the river.

"No, no," Lily shouted, grabbing the baby. "I must care for this baby," she said and disappeared into the darkness. Lily hardly realized what she had done, until she began trying to find her way back to the mission station alone. When she did get back, Kamil and Sis. Friend were already there.

Jeanie and Lily soaked the baby in warm water and cut off the clothing that was stuck to its skin. Jeanie cut diapers and a gown from a soft old sheet. Mrs. Friend sewed up the gown,

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Trouble At Antioch In Pisidia

Acts 13:14 . . . They came to Antioch in Pisidia, [the big congregation from where they were sent, was another Antioch in Syria], and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

38 . . . Through this man [Jesus], is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of

everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

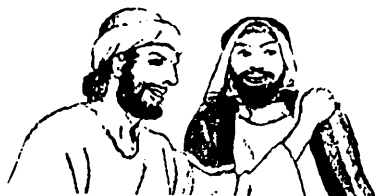
49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

**Central Thought:** Men cannot keep the gospel from spreading.



#### Questions:

1. From Perga, where did Paul and Barnabas go?
2. Were they invited to speak in the synagogue?
3. By whom are believers justified?
4. Of what did Paul warn the Jews?
5. The next Sunday, who came to hear Paul and Barnabas?
6. How did this affect the Jews?
7. What did the Jews do during the worship service?
8. Where was the gospel preached?
9. What did the Jews do to stop Paul from preaching?

#### MEMORY VERSE

. . . This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world . . . then shall the end come. Matthew 24:14



Paul and Barnabas sailed from the island of Cyprus to Pamphylia, a port on the southwestern coast of Asia. They stopped for awhile at the city of Perga and while there, John Mark left them and went back to Jerusalem. The other two apostles made their way further inland, through a wild mountainous region infested with bandits, until they came to Antioch in Pisidia. The city was located near the southwestern boundary of the Roman province of Galatia, and had a strong colony of men whose special work was to hold in check the fierce Pisidian mountaineers.

Paul and Barnabas went to the synagogue in Antioch to worship. As was the usual custom, a man read to the worshipers a portion of the law and writing of one of the prophets. By reading planned portions each Sabbath, the law was read through each year. Seeing that Paul and Barnabas were Jews, the man in charge sent a message asking them if they would like to speak. Paul accepted the invitation. The people here spoke four different languages—Pisidian, Solyman, Greek and Lydian (probably Latin). Some believe that Paul preached in Latin, which he already knew—I believe being able to speak words that these people could understand, might have been another manifestation of the gift of tongues which God gave those who were filled with the Holy Spirit.

This first sermon made a tremendous impression. The Gentiles especially, clamored to hear him, and the following Sabbath almost the whole city came. Their popularity made the Jews jealous. Soon the angry Jews were talking against the truth of Jesus that the disciples were teaching. They talked to rich Jewish women and leading Roman officials until they aroused great opposition. Paul and Barnabas were then angrily ordered out of the town.

Paul and Barnabas shook off the dust of their feet against the city. This was what Jesus had commanded them to do. (Matthew 10:14). This act of "shaking off the dust" was saying, "You are worse than the heathen. Even your land is accursed because of your terrible opposition to God, and we dare not permit even its dust to stay on the soles of our feet. We have offered you salvation, but you rejected it." The Jews when traveling in heathen countries, took care when they came to the borders of their own, to shake off the dust of their feet, lest any of the unhallowed ground should defile the sacred land of Israel.

Paul and Barnabas were not afraid of defiling their land or bodies. It was God's plan that the Jews should have the gospel preached to them, but if they rejected it, then the apostles were to go to other people. God has always given men a chance to serve Him, but when men turn this opportunity down, God directs His people to help others.

Each of us should be afraid to reject any of God's dealings with our hearts, lest He should also reject us from entering into His kingdom.

Men cannot keep the gospel from spreading. If they stop some people from preaching, others will. If some reject Him, others are eager to accept Him.

—Sis. Charlotte

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## A Good Reason to Pray

A little girl about four years of age was asked, "Why do you pray to God?" She replied, "Because I know He hears me, and I love to pray to Him."

"But how do you know He hears you?"

Putting her little hand to her heart, she said, "I know He does, because there is something *here* that tells me so."

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(Answers: 1. To Antioch in Pisidia. 2. Yes. 3. By Jesus. 4. He warned them to not reject the truth. 5. Almost the whole city. 6. They became envious. 7. They contradicted Paul and blasphemed. 8. Throughout the whole region. 9. They influenced the chief men of the city and had Paul and Barnabas expelled from their coasts.)

while Jeanie made a cap, and Lily tried to feed the tiny skinny girl diluted warm milk from an eye dropper. The baby was hungry, but its stomach, having been empty so long, could not keep from vomiting the milk. It cried the rest of the night.

The baby cried most of the next day and the next night. She was very weak, but she surely could cry, and cry she did. Jeanie held and rocked the baby during the day while Lily was doing her work at the mission station; Lily rocked her at night.

After twelve days and nights of listening to the crying baby, Bro. Dunning called Lily into his office. "You'll have to take the baby back," he said.

"Take it back, where?" she asked in surprise. Didn't Bro. Dunning know?

"Back to her people. The mission work must go on, and it can't unless the workers get some rest."

"This baby has no people," she explained.

"I'm sorry, Lily," he said firmly, "the baby must go."

Lily hated to say it, but she knew it was true, "The baby will soon die anyway," she choked.

"Never can tell," he answered. "It can't stay any longer here."

Lily left Bro. Dunning's office and went directly to town to find the owner of a house she had seen with a "for rent" sign. She found the owner and paid the rent. She then went to a market and bought a kerosene cooking stove, a table, two chairs, some blankets, cleaning supplies and food. She hired a cart to carry the things to her new apartment, and to move her and Jeanie from the mission station.

While she was packing, the others at the station, seeing the cart, knew what was happening. Some warned her of the dangers of living alone and begged her not to leave. Others said she would be killed, and then who would take care of the baby? Bro. Dunning, in a fatherly fashion, reasoned with her, and flatly told her that she could not come back to

the mission station if she rode over his advice and left.

Sis. Friend came with a gift. It was a blue cape she had knitted for herself. "You will need this more than I do," she said, "and don't be afraid. God will take care of you."

Some of the missionaries tried to persuade Jeanie to stay, but Jeanie answered, "We are like Ruth and Naomi of the Bible story. I guess I am Ruth."

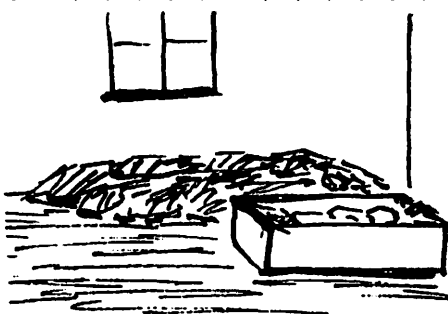
Strange as it may seem, the baby began keeping down milk the evening they moved. She was getting fat and she slept in a box. Lily and Jeanie slept on palm leaves in one corner of the room.

Lily was happy with her new home and baby, but Jeanie wasn't. Their money was gone. There was no food for tomorrow and in three days the rent was due. Jeanie was awfully blue, but Lily knew God would take care of them as He had taken care of Miss Marker and her 100 orphans.

The next morning a messenger boy knocked at the door. He handed her the message and then asked if she was starting an orphanage. "Yes, by God's help," she answered.

Before the boy left, he handed Lily seven piasters (about 35¢). With this she could buy food. Milk, bread and cereal cost one piaster each and there would be four left for other things!

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Dark Summer

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"Despise not the day of small things," Lily often quoted to herself when an Egyptian would help by giving her a half cup of rice, or an onion. It was the Scripture God had given her the day the little Egyptian messenger boy had given her 35¢. It was the first offering she received after deciding that God had sent her to Egypt to care for orphan children.

March, April and May passed. Lily cared for Fareida, her first baby, and visited the Egyptians, talking often about her plans. God made her able to understand and speak their language. Her plans to take in orphan children was a strange idea to them. "How could any American love Egyptian children enough to care for them without being paid?" they asked each other. Others said, "She is being paid by a church in America." Still others started a rumor that she was going to sell the children. Some added to this rumor that she would sell the children as slaves!

These rumors were hard for Lily to understand, but she kept the vision God had given and lived in the sunshine above the gloom.

There were some people who believed Lily was doing good. One was a man who worked at the telegraph office. He knew of an orphan brother and sister and took Lily to get the children. The

little boy was four and girl almost six. Lily hugged one child in each arm all the way home!

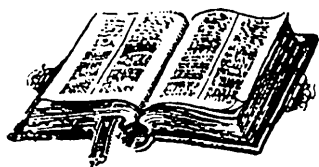
On July 12, a five-year-old boy came. The next day he took very sick. Lily knew an American doctor who worked at a Presbyterian hospital in Assiout. She sent for him. After examining the boy, he announced, "This child has Bubonic plague! It is one of the most dreaded diseases in Egypt! By law I must notify the health inspectors. The boy will be put in isolation at the hospital. 'I'm sorry,' he continued, 'there is no other way to handle these cases.'"

After the boy was settled at the hospital, the health inspectors fumigated the apartment. They took every piece of cloth from the apartment and put them in a big barrel of disinfectant. Many of Lily's and Jeanie's things were ruined.

The other children had to be kept in the house away from all other children, until the doctor was sure they would not take the Bubonic plague, too. One morning a few days later, they each had high fever and red blotches all over their bodies. "What shall I do if all my children die?" she asked herself, as she fought tears on the way to notify the doctor. "What if Jeanie should take this?" Then she remembered all the advice given her at the mission station to discourage such an adventure. "Maybe I was wrong in all this," she mumbled to herself.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Jupiter and Mercurius

Acts 14:1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they [Barnabas and Paul] went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe. . . .

7 And there they preached the gospel.

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

### Questions:

1. Into what city did Barnabas and Paul go?
2. How many people became believers in this city?
3. What did the unbelieving Jews do?
4. After staying in the city a long time, why did they decide to leave?
5. Into what cities did they flee?
6. What affliction did the man at Lystra have?
7. What happened to him when Paul cried out, "Stand upright on thy feet?"
8. Who did the people think Barnabas and Paul were?
9. What was the apostles' reaction to this?

### MEMORY VERSE

. . . The Lord . . . gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 14:3



# Let's Talk

Barnabas and Paul were not discouraged when they were ordered out of Antioch in Pisidia. They left the wild mountain people of Pisidia and walked about sixty miles on the Roman military road until they came to the garden city of Iconium.

Entering into the synagogue of the Jews, they spoke the Word of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost so clearly that many believed. Soon the unbelieving Jews began stirring up trouble. This did not quiet the apostles. They kept on teaching and healing the sick for many weeks. Healing was a sign from God that the Jews could not discredit, so they formed a group who planned to stone the apostles. The violence increased until Barnabas and Paul fled and went to Lystra.

Lystra was a secluded valley inhabited chiefly by superstitious natives of a race called Lycaonians, because it was in the country of Lycaonia. It was the usual custom of these superstitious natives to have a god of protection for each city. Lystra was under the guardianship of Jupiter Propulaius, which means Jupiter the Guardian. A statue of Jupiter was at the entrance of the city, and religious services were held under the leadership of a priest of Jupiter.

These natives also believed that Jupiter and Mercurius were the gods who most often came to visit in the form of human beings. Therefore when God healed the crippled man after Paul shouted for him "to get up and walk," these heathens decided immediately that the gods were visiting their city!

Jupiter was the supreme god of the heathens. He was often pictured as an older man, large and noble, with a muscular body. Barnabas was a large, noble, well-built man, and older than Paul, so he was called Jupiter. Mercury was the god of eloquence. (Eloquence is

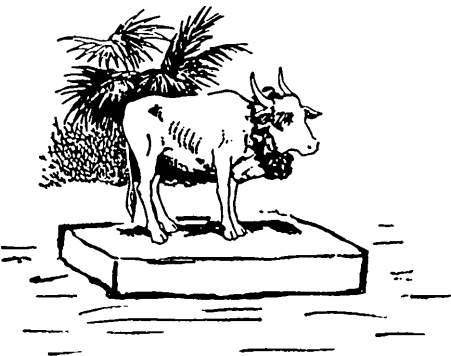
a flow of speech that has grace and force.) Paul was young, active, well-mannered and a good speaker, so the natives gave him the name Mercurius.

The natives talked excitedly in their native language about the gods coming to see them. The statue of Jupiter was adorned with flowers and the temple of Jupiter was decorated. The priests also adorned themselves with flowers. Soon Barnabas and Paul saw the priest of Jupiter parading down the street leading oxen adorned in flower wreaths and gold-plated horns. The priest announced, "Come one, come all, to the sacrifice, for the gods have come to us in the form of men!"

Barnabas and Paul ran into the crowd, shouting, "Why should ye do this thing? We are only men just as you." The apostles' attitude was quite different from that of Herod, who when he was praised as a God, never rebuked the people for their actions.

They escaped from one city to save their lives, and were honored as gods in another.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. To Iconium. 2. A great multitude. 3. They "stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren." 4. The rulers and some of the people attempted to stone them. 5. Lystra and Derbe. 6. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 7. He jumped up and walked. 8. They thought Barnabas was the god Jupiter, and Paul was the god Mercurius. 9. They ran into the crowd and cried out, "We are only men like you.")

After examining the children, the doctor announced, "It's red measles! Measles aren't as serious as Bubonic plague, but complications could follow if not properly cared for." Lily sank to her knees and thanked God.

That was a busy day. She hung blankets over the windows to keep out the bright Egyptian sun and heat, and went to the market to get food so they could eat, then visited a boy at the hospital, besides all the usual care of the baby. Jeanie had her hands full, too, nursing the two sick ones.

That night Lily was too tired to sleep. She rolled back and forth on the palm leaves trying to get comfortable. She was hot, too hot even for July. Her throat was dry and her eyes burned. "Jeanie," she finally called, "I think something is bad wrong with me!"

"Your temperature is 106 degrees," Jeanie said as she read the thermometer. "If you've got the Bubonic plague," Jeanie stormed, then added softly, "I'll never forgive us for coming. Just lie still and don't worry. You'll be all right."

Lily must have lapsed into unconsciousness. The next thing she knew, Bro. and Sis. Friend and some Egyptian friends were carrying her into the hospital. Later the same day she heard the doctor talking to Jeanie. "She'll be all right," he was saying. "She just needs rest, hospital rest. You must leave her here."

Days later, Lily was carried back to the apartment by the same dear friends. The children greeted her. "Mama Lillian, Mama Lillian," they shouted with smiling faces. They were well! The plague and measles were gone. Sela Friend had helped Jeanie care for them while Lily was away.

Lily still wasn't well, however. She was so weak and tired most of the time. She had much pain around her heart and through her back.

One day the doctor and a group of Egyptian friends came to visit her. "Miss Trasher," the doctor said, "you must go away from these children for awhile so you can rest. That is the only way you will get well."

"I cannot leave my children," Lily protested.

"You will leave them if your heart completely quits working. If you don't want to leave them permanently, then leave them for a vacation."

"I can't go away for a vacation," Lily protested again.

"Arrangements are all made for you to rest in Alexandria," her friends spoke up. "The rest and cool ocean breeze will do you good."

Lily took Fareida and went to Alexandria. In about three days, she felt better. She knelt before a window overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and read in her Bible. "Turn ye to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee." Zechariah 9:12.

She felt a sudden great surge of strength come into her body and knew she was healed!

Fareida was playing in the middle of the room. Lily turned to her and said, "God just told me we should go home and get busy on what He planned for me to do in Egypt. But I'll have to remember and not get too busy again. I can't hear God speak when I get too busy and don't take time to listen for Him. That's when I get into lots of trouble."

She began packing.

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## Plunging In The Muddy Canal

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In the Autumn of 1915, Jeanie was back in Egypt after a business trip to San Diego, California. It had been four and one-half years ago when Lily found Fareida, and saved her from being fed to the crocodiles. Seven more children had been added to the family.

One of Lily's friends, Malik, came to see her. His eyes sparkled with excitement. "Miss Trasher, the half-acre of land on the other side of the Nile that you have been wanting is for sale! I talked to the owner today and she wants 50 pounds for it!"

Lily had tried before to buy the land to build an orphanage. She wanted the children to have flowers, a garden, fruit and shade trees, a large yard in which to play, and a protective fence with a beautiful gate. The gate would have a bell so any new orphan who needed help could ring it and the gate would be opened. "Fifty pounds!" she exclaimed, "That is more money than I could ever have. I only have \$1.25."

"But it's just the place you have been wanting. It would be so nice for the children."

Lily prayed and faith filled her heart! "Tell the lady I will buy the land. I will have the money in one week!"

After Malik left, Lily went to the pile of palm leaves she was still using for a

bed, because she could not afford to buy a mattress. She bowed and prayed, "Show me what to do, God. I'm willing to do anything."

She felt impressed to rent a donkey and God would show her where to go. "I'll be back later," she called to Jeanie, and to the rental stables she went.

As soon as she had rented the donkey, she knew God wanted her to go to the governor's palace.

She dusted and smoothed her skirt and pinned strands of loose hair as she walked into the luxurious offices. She was taken, without delay, into his private office and was explaining her plan sooner than she could believe.

First she told the governor about her plans to help any Egyptian orphan, and that she had eight children already. "I know about your work," he said.

Then she said, "Not long ago, a government officer of a nearby city came by the house I have rented and left money to buy food. He said if I ever needed help to let him know. I am needing \$250.00 to buy some land on which to build a home for the orphans. My request is that you make an appointment for me to see him. I want him to know that you approve of what I am doing in your city."

"I will be glad to make you an appointment, and do you have transportation? The city is miles away."

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### The Apostles Return Trip

**New Word:** *Vanities:* A useless, idle, or worthless thing.

Acts 14:14 . . . When the apostles, Barnabas and Paul heard . . . [that the men wanted to sacrifice to them as gods] they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24 After they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:

26 And then sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

**Central Thought:** Barnabas and Paul traveled for two years preaching in heathen cities. In every city many believed, but others hated and persecuted them.



#### Questions:

1. What did the men plan to do?
2. How did the disciples refuse the honor?
3. From what should these men turn?
4. What did God do in times past?
5. What does He expect men to do now?
6. What did the Jews from Antioch and Iconium do?
7. What happened to Paul after the Jews came?
8. What did the apostles do after they left Derbe?
9. Where did they go after that?

#### MEMORY VERSE

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

John 15:18



# Let's Talk

The following fable was believed by the people in Lystra:

"Many years ago the god Jupiter, hearing about the terrible sinful condition on earth, determined to find out if it were true. He disguised himself as a human and came to this province. He took up residence in the palace with King Lycaon. Soon the people were worshipping him as a god. After awhile some of the king's wise men doubted that he was a god, so they decided to test him. On a certain day when some ambassadors from the Molossian state arrived, they killed one of them, boiled part of his flesh, and roasted the rest. This they gave Jupiter for a meal. He was so insulted about it that he burnt the palace and turned the wicked king into a wolf."

From this fable the province was called Lycaonia. Each generation of people were told this fable as if it were true, and were therefore afraid of any supernatural power. When the man, who had never walked, jumped up and began walking at Paul's command, these superstitious men were sure that Barnabas was Jupiter and Paul the god Mercurius. Promptly they came with oxen to kill and sacrifice in worship of these visiting gods.

Paul and Barnabas preached to the men to throw away their foolish, superstitious, useless, worthless beliefs, and trust in the living god.

All went well for awhile until some vengeful Jews from Antioch and Iconium arrived. Soon Paul was stoned and dragged unconcious out of the city and left for dead.

None of these things stopped Paul. Paul knew the world hated Christ, so it was understandable that it would hate him, too. The next day he and Barnabas went a day's journey farther away to

the frontier town of Derbe, where they preached and won many believers for Jesus.

From Derbe the shortest route home lay eastward through the mountains by Tarsus, Paul's home city, but they took the longer way. They went back through the cities where they had just preached. This meant braving the danger of possible renewed mob violence. In each city they fasted and prayed, and appointed leaders, called elders, for the Church in that city. After taking care of the churches they went down to the port at Attalia and sailed back to Seleucia, the seaport city of Syria, not far from where they started.

Returning home to Antioch in Syria, they ended the first missionary trip of the Church. They were gone more than two years and had traveled fourteen hundred miles by land and sea. The Church held a mass meeting to hear them tell of their many interesting experiences. The Christians were very happy when they heard of the large number of people both Jews and other races who had accepted the Christian faith.

—Sis. Charlotte

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(Answers: 1. To sacrifice to Barnabas and Paul as if they were gods. 2. They ran into the crowd of people and shouted, "Don't do this, we are men just like you!" 3. From vanities [useless things such as worshipping a lot of gods]. 4. He suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. 5. To serve the living God. 6. They persuaded the people to persecute Paul and Barnabas. 7. He was stoned, and drawn from the city as dead. The next day he and Barnabas escaped and went to the city of Derbe. 8. They went back to each city where they had already preached, and ordained elders in every church, then sailed on to the other Antioch from where they had begun their journey. 9. They gathered the Church at Antioch and told all that had happened.)

"I will go on a donkey," she answered with a smile.

"A donkey?" he asked in surprise. "A donkey is the symbol of baseness. You are too high class to ride a donkey."

"A donkey was good enough for Jesus' mother, so it's good enough for me!"

"It is too hot to travel so far in the sun."

"I go everyday to the villages around to get food for the children."

"It's dangerous for a beautiful lady like you to travel alone."

"I'm never alone," she called back as she left his office, "Jesus is always with me."

"Take my advice and hire a guide and some help for tomorrow's trip. I'll make you an appointment for eleven o'clock in the morning. You better get started before dawn."

"Thank you," Lily called as the governor waved, and she trotted off on the donkey.

At the stables she hired two good guides and made plans to leave before dawn.

By eight o'clock the sun was very hot. She looked at her watch. "We can't possibly make that eleven o'clock appointment taking these lengthy detours around the flood waters," she told her guides. "We need to make better time."

The lead guide whipped his donkey into a trot and the others followed. Before long, however, they had to slow down and were feeling their way through deep flood water, being ever so careful not to step into a canal hidden by the muddy water. Soon they came to a complete stop. One of the guides went on to some higher ground to map out a route.

Impatient Lily jumped off her donkey, ripped off her shoes and stockings, and started wading. "We can cut across right here," she called. "See the road is high right over there."

"Come back," the guides called. "Mess Lee-le-en, we can't go that way."

"We must hurry or we will be late. It will take too long to go around. Don't be so afraid——" and splash, she plunged into five feet of muddy water.

"A canal!" the guides shouted as they rushed to help her out.

On a bit of higher ground nearby was a little mud hut. Lily ran over to the woman standing in the door and asked for water to wash. "All I have is right there" she said, pointing to a clay container where ducks were playing.

"That will do," Lily said. She shooed the ducks away and washed her face, arms and hands as best she could in the dirty water without soap. While washing she told the lady about her important appointment with a government official at eleven o'clock, and that she had a clean skirt and blouse in her suitcase on the donkey. "But what can I do for undershirts?" Both women looked at each other understandingly. They knew no woman went in public without two or sometimes three petticoats on.

"We can wash them in this water," the woman said.

"But there isn't time for them to dry," Lily sighed.

Lily scrubbed the undershirts in the muddy water, while the guides discussed her problem among themselves. "At least the mud won't dry and cake," she mumbled.

Within minutes Lily was on her way. The guides each held a slender palm branch with a now light brown petticoat billowing in the breeze. "It looks like children playing parade with flags in the lead," she mused to herself.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## "I Can Do All Things Through Christ"

(Continued from last week)

"'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' Philipians 4:13," Lily read from the Bible to the eight Egyptian orphans who sat on the tile floor. "Tommorrow we will begin making bricks for our new home."

"Don't worry, John," she said to the oldest boy when she saw the puzzled look on his face. "We can do all things. God will help us!"

"Yes, I know," John said. "God helps you to get our food and everything we need. Tell us again how you got the money to buy the land," he begged.

"It happened that day I thought I knew more than my guides about traveling through flood waters. I fell in the muddy canal!" Lily said, laughing at her foolishness. "But I got cleaned up and made it to the police station at the appointed time. The official gave us almost the whole 50 pounds."

"He sure is nice," said five-year-old Fareida.

"God is better. God caused him to give," John told her.

"Tomorrow Mr. Misregee is coming to build forms and show us how to make bricks. God is helping us through Mr. Misregee."

"Mama Lillian, we all want to help," the other children said.

"There will be plenty of work for all," she assured them, "but some of you will have to do the cooking, washing, sewing and caring for the babies, that is just as important as making bricks."

The next day while Mr. Misregee built the wooden forms, Lily, John and the younger boys dug a shallow hole. In the hole they mixed dirt, straw and manure. To this they added water, and then the boys jumped in! They stomped, they kicked, they stirred, they kneaded and they even jumped up and sat down on the soft mushy mud. When the mud was kneaded enough for brick making, they looked like mud balls themselves!

Now they filled the forms. This was easily done at first, for the forms were near the mixed mud, but soon they had to carry mud to the forms farther away. Even the smallest children carried handfuls of mud to fill the forms. The filled forms were shook and the mud carefully pushed down until every air bubble was out. The mud had to be very, very tight in the forms to make good strong bricks. The mud was then left in the sun to dry.

Mr. Misregee only helped the first day; after that, they did it alone. In two days the mud was dry and ready to come out. The forms were turned over and tapped gently. Out fell the first brownish gray bricks. Lily looked at the boys and noticed they were standing taller than ever. They were men now!

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### A Question Is Settled

Acts 15:1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren [in Antioch], and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said . . .

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

19 . . . My sentence is, that we trouble not them. . . .

20 But that we write unto them. . . .

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner. . . .

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words . . .

28 . . . It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no

greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

**Central Thought:** A Holy Spirit led Church can solve all problems.

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### Questions:

1. What did the men from Judaea tell the brethren in Antioch?
2. How did Paul and Barnabas feel about this?
3. How did the brethren decide to settle this question?
4. Did the disciples in Jerusalem receive Paul and Barnabas?
5. What action did the apostles and elders take to solve the problem?
6. What did Peter think about the question?
7. How did James feel the problem could be solved?
8. What were the four things required of the new converts?
9. Were the Antioch brethren happy with the decision?

### MEMORY VERSE

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Proverbs 11:14





# Let's Talk

There were many Christians in the Church at Antioch who had never followed the laws of Moses. These men were Gentiles. Before they were saved, they had worshiped idols. Sometimes the idol worshipers killed animals in sacrifice to their gods. The blood was drank and the meat cooked and eaten.

One day some brethren came from Jerusalem. These men thought the newly saved Gentile brethren in Antioch should obey the law of circumcision which Moses had given. All the brethren in Jerusalem had obeyed it from childhood. Paul and Barnabas knew that Jesus' death on the cross ended the necessity for believers to obey Moses' laws. They disputed with these men.

Finally the problem became so great that the disciples at Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem to ask the apostles and elders at Jerusalem to decide if the new converts should obey this commandment.

The Apostle Peter said that they would be tempting God, and putting a burden on the new disciples that they themselves could not bear. James said, that it was written in the Old Testament, that heathen persons would become a part of the Church. He felt these new brethren should not be troubled with any of Moses' laws, and that they should write a letter explaining this to the brethren.

After much discussion, the apostles and elders sent a letter back with Paul and Barnabas. It said that these men who had once worshiped idols, should not eat meat which was sacrificed to idols, nor eat blood, nor the meat of a strangled animal, and that they should not commit fornication. The brethren were happy with this decision.

Sometimes people today are like the men who wanted to bind unnecessary rules on believers.

Some people still have horses and ride to town in a wagon pulled by the

them. They say people are being like the world if they buy cars to drive. They bind this, their personal opinion, on others and will not fellowship those who have cars.

Others think that everyone should give at least a tenth of all their income. This was a commandment in the Old Testament, but like all other laws of Moses, it too, was nailed to the cross with Jesus. Sometimes Jesus wants every cent we have, and at other times, He is happy if we use the money we have for our own needs. God's Word says, "Ye are free indeed."

There are also those who say anyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit must speak in unknown tongues. Still others think that people who are filled with the Holy Spirit are so spiritual that they are above human mistakes.

Still others would like for us to believe that saved people wear only certain colors of clothing, and comb their hair in only certain ways. Some feel brethren should not drive expensive models of cars. There are multitudes of personal opinions, but these must be kept as personal opinions. They should never be taught as doctrines. These are burdens placed on Christians, that even God Himself does not require believers to bear.

As you can see, there are some today who are like the brethren in the apostles' time. They think their personal opinions are God's law and wish to place these heavy burdens on others, but God does not require others to obey them.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: That they must follow Moses or they could not be saved. 2. Paul and Barnabas did not agree with it. 3. They sent Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem to discuss it with the apostles and brethren there. 4. Yes. 5. They came together to consider the matter. 6. Peter thought it was putting on the disciples something that they themselves could not bear. 7. James felt they should write a letter telling the disciples what things they should avoid. 8. To abstain from fornication, to not eat meats offered to idols, nor blood, nor things strangled. 9. Yes.)

They had made adobe bricks for their own home!

"Ready to start digging again?" Mama Lillian asked. The boys grinned and started digging harder and faster than ever. It was a hot September day, but the boys and Lily kept on working. About noon Mr. Misregee came by on his way to Assiout. "How do they look?" Lily questioned as he examined the bricks.

"Couldn't be better if those boys had been making bricks for years."

How can we ever thank you enough for making the forms and teaching us?"

"I need no thanks," he said. "We Egyptians need to be giving you thanks instead. I'll check again tomorrow."

Everyday Mr. Misregee checked the brick making. One day he said, "There are enough bricks here to start building. Tomorrow I'll mark off the foundation. You boys can dig that, too."

The boys could hardly sleep that night.

"You'll need foundation stone for the foundation," Mr. Misregee told them after the ditches for the foundation were finished. "They will cost about three pounds."

"Okay, I'll order them," Mama Lillian answered.

John whirled around and looked at her. He knew she had only \$1.25. Three pounds was \$150.00!

After Mr. Misregee left, Lily bowed and prayed. "God, you know I have no money, but I have eight children and you want them to have a home. Shall I order the bricks before I have the money you are going to send, or shall I wait until the money comes?"

She listened for awhile, then got up, went to town and ordered the needed bricks.

Early the next morning she started out on her donkey for Kom Es Fat, a fellahin village. It was far away, so a soldier whom the governor had provided, went along to protect her. Flood waters were raging for miles along the Nile River. The donkeys waded knee deep water for miles. Three miles from Kom Es Fat they had to hire a boat to take them the rest of the way.

Children ran everywhere in the village telling the people that "Mama Lillian" was coming. They knew when she came she had a need. Soon the people had collected 5 pounds! "Thank you! Thank you!" she said, "but how can you give so much when you are so poor?"

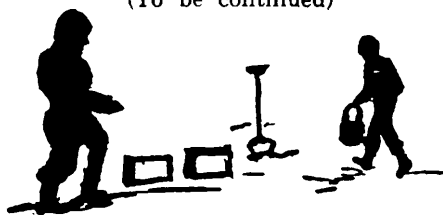
"God will give us more," they said. "Now you run along or you'll be in the middle of that flood lake when darkness comes."

When they were halfway across the lake, darkness came, and with it a terrible wind storm. The boat was blown far off course. It bucked and dipped. Only Lily's and the soldier's rhythmic leaning, first one way and then another, kept it from capsizing.

All of a sudden there was a crunching sound and a big hole was ripped in the boat. The boatman jerked off his outer robe and stuffed the hole. The severe leaking stopped, but water was still seeping in. It was hard to tell in the darkness where they were going. Every minute seemed to be the last! "God, I'm your child," Lily prayed. "How could the children build a house without me? Hours ago I pinned the bag of money on the inside of my skirt so if the boat capsized, it wouldn't be lost, or if I drown—" Something brushed her. It was cornstalks! Then the boat hit something hard. They held to the embedded cornstalks and climbed out of the boat. "A farmer's hut!" the boatman exclaimed. "We are on top of a hut."

"It makes a good island," Lily exclaimed praising God. "Yes, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me—if it's making bricks, braving a storm on a lake, or spending a night on a hut roof in the middle of a flood!"

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Family Grows

(Continued from last week)

"You say you have made bricks before?" Nohad asked John.

"See that older box-shaped building with the patio in the middle? Two years ago it wasn't here. Nothing was here except this high land overlooking the Nile River and Assiout. Mama Lillian and I, with the boys helping, made every brick. We dug the foundation, helped lay the bricks and put up the palm logs and leaves for the roof. It took a long time," John said as he leaned on his shovel, "but makes a person feel good when it's finished."

"By the time it was finished, John continued, Fareida's daddy came and legally snatched her away from our family. I thought Mama Lillian would die over it 'cause Fareida was her first baby! Now she has lots of babies! I don't know what Mama's going to do with so many children! There were seven of us when we moved in here; now there's fifty!"

"I know what she will do!" returned Nohad. "She'll love every child!"

All the boys laughed and continued mixing the mud for making more bricks.

Soon they saw Mama coming in the gate returning from the hospital. "How is Anwar?" they asked almost in a chorus.

"Fine! He's gained four pounds. He may come home tomorrow because he's

gained up to six pounds." Then her face saddened, "But his mother didn't make it. I guess being blind already and then widowed was too much for her."

"How's the brick factory doing?" Without waiting for an answer, she continued. "Mr. Misregee and his men will be here this afternoon to start on a new dormitory for you older boys. That will be the third building we've constructed. John, how about going into building construction? she joked.

John stretched taller.

"I'll be leaving now for the villages to see if I can get someone to donate doors, windows, or palm logs for your dormitory, boys. I may not be back tonight," she told them, and turned toward the stable to get her recently purchased donkey.

"Farid is new," John said. "He doesn't understand why you spend nights in jails."

"It's a privilege!" she exclaimed.

"When I can't get home there is no other place to sleep, except in a farmer's hut. You boys know every farmer's hut is already full with his family and his animals which sleep in the house with him. Some have a donkey, an ox, a goat, a cat, ducks or chickens; some farmers have all of these. The rats also come to visit during the night, and the animals bring their fleas along. Quite often the farmer's wife puts bells on the baby's feet or around a good cat's neck. I would rather sleep on the hard jail

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Following the Holy Spirit

Acts 15:35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord. . . .

36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord. . . .

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John whose surname was Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them. . . .

39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

16:1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus. . . .

2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him. . . .

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

**Central Thought:** Studying and obeying the Word of God, and praying is the best way to learn to follow the Holy Spirit.



### Questions:

1. Where were Paul and Barnabas staying?
2. What did Paul suggest they do?
3. Why did they not go together?
4. Who went with Paul?
5. What new worker joined Paul and Silas?
6. What did Paul and Silas teach the newly saved people?
7. Why did Paul not preach in Asia, nor Bithynia?
8. How did the Holy Spirit show Paul where to go?
9. Did Paul obey the vision and go to Macedonia?

### MEMORY VERSE

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. . . .

John 16:13



Many great things happened in Apostle Paul's life because he followed the Holy Spirit. Also, many people are in heaven because God through His Holy Spirit, spoke to them through Apostle Paul. God wanted the heathen Gentile people to hear about Jesus' saving power. His Holy Spirit came to these heathen people's minds, causing them to realize they were not doing what was best. This same Spirit sent Apostle Paul and his helper to show these people how to make the change. If Apostle Paul had not gone to help these people, God would have sent someone else. But, where would Apostle Paul be if he had not obeyed?

Apostle Barnabas, after separating from Apostle Paul, took his nephew John Mark and went to the island of Cyprus where he and Paul had preached on the first missionary trip. There is no record in the Bible of what happened on this trip.

The success of Paul and Silas' trips are recorded. Before leaving Antioch, they were recommended by the brethren, and on the trip, they followed the Holy Spirit. One time Paul wanted to preach in Asia, but was forbidden by the Holy Ghost. He also tried to go to Bithynia, but the Spirit wouldn't let him. He and Silas preached only where the Holy Spirit led them to preach; the Holy Spirit was also working in these places. It showed its presence by healing the sick and saving those who repented. Working together with the Holy Spirit spelled success for them.

It is very important that each of our lives are led by the Holy Spirit. We may not be called to be an apostle, but God has some job for each of us to do. If we are to be successful at our job, the Holy Spirit must prepare the minds of those to whom we speak so they will understand. The Holy Spirit must talk with people before they get saved. Jesus

Himself said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." It is very important that we are led by the Holy Spirit to talk to the ones He is already talking to.

Some ask, "How do I know if the Holy Spirit is leading me?" Each person after they are saved, must begin to study God's Word. As we study the Bible, we learn about the way God wants us to act and how He wants us to think and talk. Anyone who is following the teachings of the Bible is following the leadings of the Holy Spirit. As we learn what His Word says and do that, we are learning to follow His Spirit. Little by little we learn from His Word and step by step we learn to follow His Spirit.

Your experience may be different than that of Apostle Paul. He was a grown man when first saved, also he already had an abundant knowledge of the Old Testament. Paul preached Christ immediately after being saved, then he went away into Arabia and Damascus, and stayed there for three years. (Galatians 1:17, 18) In those years he was learning how to be directed by the Spirit of God.

It will take each of us time to learn how to follow the Holy Spirit, but remember, the effort will surely pay off in the end. —Sis. Charlotte

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## Ability

It's easy enough to be pleasant,  
When life flows along like a song;  
But the man worth while  
Is the one who can smile  
When everything goes dead wrong.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

9. Yes.)

(Answers: 1. At Antioch in Syria. 2. To go again and visit the brethren in each city where they had preached. 3. Barnabas wanted to take John Mark and Paul did not. 4. Silas. 5. Timotheus. [His name is also spelled Timothy. The books of the Bible called first and second Timothy are letters Paul wrote to him.] 6. They taught what the apostles had ordained. 7. The Holy Spirit forbade him to teach there. 8. Through a vision.

floor in quietness, than on the damp earth floor with all the animals and noise."

"Or standing on top of cornstalks piled high on a farmer's hut surrounded for miles by flood water, like you did the time the men at Kom Es Fat gave enough money to construct the foundation of our very first building!" John added.

"Yes, much better," she assured them. "I thought sure I would drown that night, but a boat rescued us in just a couple of hours."

While the boys worked hard every evening after their studying was over keeping bricks made ahead of the ever-multiplying buildings, Jeanie worked at managing carefully everything that God sent in. There had to be food enough every day for sixty children now. Next week it might be seventy or maybe eighty, and each child had to have something to wear.

Winter came with bitter cold. Lily wore two sweaters, a heavy coat, three pairs of socks, heavy shoes and gloves when she went outside. Most Egyptian homes were heated by the cook stove, but Lily had a fireplace in a large room of the orphanage where the children could warm.

By the summer of 1918, 100 orphans and several widows and their children lived together with Lily and Jeanie. The widows cooked, sewed, and cleaned. Lily wondered how she could ever get along without them. She had no money to pay workers, but these widows worked willingly for a living for themselves and their children.

Most Egyptian women love their children enough to do anything for them. However, Leila's mother was an exception. Three years ago Leila had to have her foot amputated because of infection; soon afterwards her father died. Her mother chose to abandon Leila and marry again. Leila heard about the orphanage and hobbled with a cane for miles to find it.

"Didn't you sleep good on your new soft bed?" kind-hearted Leila asked

when she saw how tired Mama Lillian looked. "I slept good on mine."

"I didn't make it back from the village last night," Lily answered, "and the village jail was full, so I spent the night in a farmer's hut. The hut was so crowded, hot and noisy, that I couldn't sleep."

"Do American people always sleep on soft beds?" Leila questioned.

"Not always. Jeanie and I have slept on palm leaves for the past eight years."

"I wish I could help you more. You help so many others."

"You are doing all you can."

"I would like to care for the babies, like the other girls," the ten-year-old said.

"It would be more interesting than mending, but your job is equally as important. And you are helping care for the babies by keeping their clothes repaired. You will soon learn how to cut new material and make dresses and gowns for them."

She gave Leila a hug and kiss. "I must hurry now and get ready to see Jeanie off. She is leaving for America this morning. I don't know what we'll do without her."

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Returning to America

(Continued from last week)

England was ruling Egypt in 1918. They needed the Egyptian men as soldiers. Each area governor was required to send a certain number of Egyptian men to England each month. The nobles or British men were never sent. No one wanted to go, so the poor, especially the fellahin farmers, were arrested and forced to go.

Taking the farmers caused the people to suffer hunger. This unfairness caused anger and rebellion. Months passed and the rebellion increased. The Egyptians met in secret and planned how to get their independence. First they sent delegates to the British embassy to get freedom without war, but some of these leaders were exiled to the island of Malta and another six of the Egyptian men were killed.

Anger swelled and war broke out!

There were many British homes between the orphanage and the city of Assiout. This caused open fighting around the orphanage. They could not safely go for food. Fortunately, Mama Lillian had a large supply of dry foods in storage, and a milk cow in the yard.

Mama Lillian stepped outside in the warm March evening and looked out over what had been the beautiful city of Assiout. Gun shots rang out across the Nile. Explosives sounded on every side. She saw that a factory, government

buildings and several British homes were burning. She looked at the starry sky and prayed. "Are we safe here tonight?" she questioned. She knew the rebels would love to loot the orphanage, but what would happen to her 100 children if they did?

Darkness came! The sounds of fighting drew nearer and nearer. Now it was in the road in front of the orphanage. Quickly she ordered the boys and younger girls to the brick kiln. She took the older girls and went upstairs to the nursery. "Quietness is a must," she told the older girls. "Everyone take a child and entertain it in any way possible to keep it quiet." In single file they crossed the yard to the brick kiln. One girl was behind Lily. Suddenly she fell and dropped the child. Lily turned to help. By flashing the light on for just one moment, she saw the girl had tripped over a dead British soldier. She pressed a clean handkerchief against the bloody cheek of the smaller child and went on. The child did not cry.

They had baked many bricks in the kiln, but had never thought it would be used for a war shelter. When her eyes were accustomed to the darkness inside the kiln, Lily checked to see if all of the children were there. Two toddlers were missing. Back into the darkness she half crawled and half ran. Finding the missing babies, she waited until the shooting in the yard stopped. She then started steadily toward the kiln being

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Experiences In Macedonia

Acts 16:13 And on the sabbath we [Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke] went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household [those living in her home], she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by sooth-saying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

**Central Thought:** Almost everyone will at sometime be treated unjustly. At such times, Christians can be happy because they are suffering for righteousness. However, the unsaved person will suffer vengeful anger from within, along with his sufferings from others.



### Questions:

1. Where did the men go on the Sabbath day?
2. To whom did the disciples speak?
3. What happened after Lydia and her family were baptized?
4. What did the possessed damsel (girl) do?
5. How did Paul get the girl to stop?
6. Why were the girl's masters angry?
7. What lie was told on the disciples?
8. Why were the disciples beaten?
9. What happened to the disciples after they had been beaten?

### MEMORY VERSE

... If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled.

I Peter 3:14



# Let's Talk

At long last, Paul, Silas and Timothy climbed through the mountains and looked down upon the magnificent seaport city of Troas. Its harbor was speckled with sailboats. Beyond it they saw the restless waters of the Aegean Sea. Little more than a 150 miles across that sea lay Macedonia, from which Alexander the Great had once marched with his armies to conquer the then known world.

While they were staying in this city, they met Luke, who joined them. Luke wrote two books of the Bible: The Acts and Luke. Sailing from Troas, they stopped overnight on the island of Samothrace, then arrived at Neapolis in Macedonia the next day.

From Neapolis they pushed inland through the hills to Philippi. One Sabbath day out by the riverbank they met Lydia, at whose home they stayed. Lydia and those who lived in her home, accepted Jesus and were baptized.

As the disciples went from day to day preaching the gospel, they were troubled by a girl with an evil spirit. One day Paul rebuked the spirit in the name of Jesus, and it left her.

Men in the city made money having this girl tell fortunes through this evil spirit. When they saw that their means of gain was gone, they were angry. They captured Paul and Silas, dragged them through the city to the rulers, and shouted lies about them. The rulers, believing the lies, had Paul and Silas beaten and put into prison.

There was not even a pretense of a trial, or any consideration of the disciples' rights. I think this was unjust. What do you think? Next week we shall see what kind of attitude the disciples had about this problem.

Every person, who has lived just a few years, has suffered some kind of injustice. Unjust treatment, misunderstanding, and injustice from others are

things each of us have to learn to deal with. The way we accept these things will affect our happiness and victory in Jesus. Being able to forgive is a key factor in keeping happy.

At times when you feel mistreated, remember that you don't always understand others and may mistreat them. Another good thing to remember is how Jesus and the apostles were treated. They were able to forgive. The Holy Spirit will also help you to forgive.

Studying and obeying the Bible, and praying often to God, is the way to be led by the Holy Spirit and have exciting adventures like Paul and Silas had.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. They went out of the city to a place by the river where people met for prayer. 2. To some women. 3. She invited the disciples to stay in her home. 4. She followed the disciples for several days crying out, "These men are the servants of the most high God." 5. By commanding the spirit, in the name of Jesus, to come out of her. 6. They could make no more money. 7. That they were troubling the city exceedingly. 8. Because the magistrates acted according to the lie that was told to them. 9. They were cast into the inner prison and their feet fastened in stocks.)

careful to avoid the dead soldier. Suddenly someone ran at her. She dodged and soundlessly fell into what she thought was a ditch. The soldiers ran right over her, even stepping on her shoulder. She wiggled trying to get more comfortable and realized she was laying beside the British soldier. One of the babies cried, and someone hearing it, fired into the darkness in the direction of the sound. A spray of dirt covered their faces, but they were unharmed. Before daybreak, the shots and shouts had faded into the distance.

The next morning Mama Lillian left the kiln and examined everything. She found that nothing was seriously damaged and went back to the kiln.

"It is morning," Lily called gently to the children sleeping huddled together on the kiln floor. "Let us go make some breakfast."

Fires were still smoldering in Assiout.

That evening after worship, Mama Lillian said, "We will sleep in our beds tonight." The boys rushed off to their dormitory, and the girls to get the babies ready for bed. Lily sat alone in the big room at the north end of the building.

Someone knocked. "Someone is needing help," she yelled opening the door.

Guerrillas rushed at her, backing her against the wall. Suddenly her neighbor, Said, rushed in. He crowded between her and the intruders, held up his hands and shouted, "This American woman has given her life to our orphan children. Please don't harm her."

The guerrilla leader shouted back, "Move or I'll kill you!"

Said stood still! The guerilla shoved his knife against Said's stomach, but he refused to move. "She has done nothing worthy of death," he blurted.

More men moved into the house. The leader turned, and then motioning for the others to follow, he walked out and disappeared in the darkness.

"Thank you, Lord," Mama Lillian prayed. "Thank you for sparing me to my children."

Things grew worse in other parts of Egypt. It became so dangerous for foreigners that the British government

ordered all of them to leave Egypt. "I'm not a foreigner," Lily protested when she was ordered to leave. "Don't you see all my children are Egyptian? A family is not made to be separated."

"Sorry, madam, the official said, but orders from the government must be obeyed. If you get an okay from the general at the British Embassy you can stay."

Early the next morning Lily was at the embassy. The answer was still that she must go back to America.

The next day she and all the children went to the American Embassy. But Mama Lillian had to leave. They cried all night and Lily prayed for God to show her what to do. At daybreak the thought came clear into her mind.

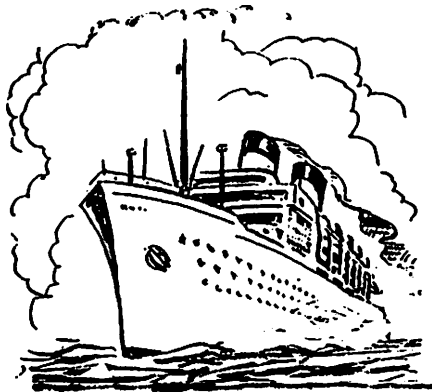
She went to Oma, her most faithful Egyptian widow, who was almost managing the orphanage already. "Will you please take charge of the orphanage while I am away?" she asked.

"I will do my best," Oma answered.

"Mr. Nashid said he would take responsibility for things that you cannot handle. I will send money from America for expenses," Lily promised by faith, "and return when God makes the way."

On March 27, 1919, nine years after she landed in Egypt, she boarded the steamship *Puritan*. When she turned to wave good-bye, a hundred pairs of beautiful dark eyes were pleading for her. To some of them she was the only mother they had known.

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# TEACHER'S NOTES

## Juniors

**April 2, 1989**

**An Earthquake**

Scripture references: Acts 16:25-40.

This lesson shows what can happen when individuals are totally committed to God. However, something spectacular will not necessarily happen every time a person is totally committed to God. God needs consecrated vessels for many different uses. Neither is every miracle a sign of deep commitment, for even the spirits of devils work miracles. (Revelation 16:14).

Many truly saved persons miss the real blessings awaiting them because they lose faith and draw back on their consecration when suffering comes. God could not have completed His plan for that night when Paul and Silas were in jail if they had slacked up on their commitment and allowed bitterness to fill their hearts. How could they have presented God's wonderful plan of salvation to the jailer and his family if they had been thinking that God was mistreating them? They probably wouldn't have been very enthusiastic about it.

Children must learn to control their emotions, for emotions must be controlled if a person keeps committed to God. Parents, especially, can help children to control their emotions by training the child to obey without griping or pouting, and to always be attentive to the quiet voice of the parent or other persons in authority.

**April, 9 1989**

**A New Friend**

Scripture references: Acts 17:1-13.

Paul and Silas went from city to city, preaching. They were strangers to the people of each city, but in every city there was someone who trusted them and invited them to stay in their home. In Philippi, they stayed in Lydia's home. In Thessalonica, Jason opened his home for the disciples. Jason may not have known what he was getting into when

he invited the disciples into his home, but I am sure when it was all over, he was glad that he did.

He was not afraid to get involved. The Lord would like for Christians to trust Him and not be afraid to get involved in helping others. We are not to be busybodies, but we are to be concerned enough about needy people whom we contact that we will cast away the cloak of fear of the "what ifs" and roll up our sleeves, open our doors, stop our cars, raise our telephone receivers, or pick up our pens, and help others.

Very often we hear this statement: "You better be careful and not get involved." What if Jason hadn't gotten involved? Would Paul and Silas have been beaten and jailed again? Jason's deed was recorded in the Bible that we might learn from it.

Children must quit looking out for themselves and start looking for someone else to help.

**April 16, 1989**

**THE UNKNOWN GOD**

Scripture references: Acts 17:16-34.

While Paul was waiting in Athens for Silas and the other brethren, he was stirred in his spirit because he saw that the city was wholly given to idolatry. People had come to Athens from all parts of the then known world, bringing their idols with them; and the ignorant, superstitious people adopted every new god.

Worshipping this multitude of gods had not brought satisfaction, so they had added one altar for the UNKNOWN GOD.

Paul explains to them that the UNKNOWN GOD is not another idol, and that we are His children. We can look at ourselves and understand Him. He has feelings of love, understanding, and wisdom. He is the Creator of heaven and earth. He is the God who has power over death. He has raised His Son from death and will raise everyone in the

last day to appear before Him to be judged according to how they have lived on earth.

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**April 23, 1989**  
**New Friends At Corinth**

Scripture references: Acts 18:1-15.

Paul traveled to many cities on his second missionary journey. Help the students find these places on a map. Review with them some outstanding things that happened along the route.

This lesson is a good reminder that God always keeps His promises. It should also show that working for God is very exciting. It takes one into new places to see different cultures and meet interesting people. Although there was some suffering on the trip, the good outweighed the suffering. How many times have people on vacation in foreign countries gotten into trouble and were put in jail overnight because they were drunk, etc.? It doesn't stop them from their sinful ways; they just laugh about it. We should be so much more willing to suffer a little to spread the gospel. God has promised to be with us to the end of the world, and He always keeps His promises.

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**April 30, 1989**  
**Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos**

Scripture references: Acts 18:18-28; I Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:3-5.

Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos were new converts who helped Paul spread the gospel. There were many other brethren who were also helping. He started with Silas from Antioch. Timothy joined them at Lystra, Luke at Troas. Jason was also a helper, although he did not go with Paul. We have read about many who helped him, either by giving him lodging, as Lydia; accompanying him; giving moral support; or establishing a church in their home, as Aquila did.

There are many ways to help spread the gospel. Children can do many things, also. When Bro. John Varghese was here, he said that we must pray to have compassionate hearts. I truly believe that Christians in America need more compassion. Let us ask God to break our hearts until we will bleed for lost souls; after this happens, we will see more people helping spread the gospel.

**May 7, 1989**

**Starting the Third Missionary Journey**

Scripture references: Acts 18:22, 23; 19:1-12.

After the feast in Jerusalem, Paul stopped at Antioch then went back over the countries north and east of Ephesus, visiting and encouraging the brethren in each place where he had gone before. In some of these cities, Paul had been persecuted, but he did not let that scare him from seeing the brethren. His love for them was as father to son.

Arriving in Ephesus, he found a group that knew only about John the Baptist. These he instructed to be baptized again, which they were.

Later, Paul laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. In this instance, as on the day of Pentecost, God gave gifts of languages together with the Holy Spirit. Perhaps there were people who spoke different languages in this city, as in Jerusalem, and this would be a means of spreading the gospel to those people. Miracles, healings, and deliverances from evil spirits were also manifested in Ephesus as in Jerusalem. There seems to be a definite connection between the Holy Spirit and miracles. Next week we will learn about some men who tried to perform miracles without the Holy Spirit.

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**May 14, 1989**  
**The Vagabond Jews**

Scripture references: Acts 19:13-20; Mark 6:7, 12, 13; Luke 10:17, 19, 20.

After the seven sons of Sceva were wounded by a possessed man while they were trying to cast the devil out of him, many Ephesians turned from their beliefs in curious arts and trusted in Christ. They burned their books on this subject.

Today there are many such books which need to be burned. Many, many others would also make good fuel. Children need to be strongly warned about pornographic magazines. Many other magazines which were once acceptable are now filled with pornography, evolution, humanism and undermining psychology which could destroy faith in God, and good moral values.

· We should be careful about allowing our children to read material by authors who are highly praised but have an undermining psychology woven through their books. I believe the devil is pleased when we let our children fill their minds by authors who scorn Christianity. with writings by authors who scorn Christianity.

We want to encourage our children to read, but we need to recognize how greatly children can be affected by what they read. As they read, they are apt to relate to the role of the characters. Moral values can be adversely affected as they see immoral acts enacted and justified in the characters of the book.

On the other hand, books can be of great benefit in building values and strong Christian character. Biographies of Christian heroes can challenge our young people to pattern their lives after those whom God used in great ways. *God's Smuggler*, by Bro. Andrew, biographies of George Mueller, D. L. Moody, and other men and women of God are commendable. Paul Hutchens writes a series of books entitled, *The Sugar Creek Gang*, which are wholesome books for young readers. Elizabeth Rice Handford wrote: *The Fugitive King*, a story about David; *The Bible Smuggler*, about William Tyndale; and *The Exiled Prince*, which is a story about Daniel. We want our children to read, but we must monitor what they read.

*Books Children Love* by Elizabeth Wilson, could be a great asset in helping children find good reading material.

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May 21, 1989  
The Goddess Diana

Scripture references: Acts 19:23-38.

Paul had been teaching the people in Ephesus to obey the first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Not making or worshipping any graven images was also included in this commandment. The worship of the goddess Diana was practiced daily in Ephesus at the great Temple of Artemis. Besides the city being wholly given over to idol worship, it was also becoming rich through these practices.

Demetrius seemed to be the first to notice the great financial loss which Paul's preaching was causing, so he went before a group of like craftsmen and demanded something be done.

The townclerk's testimony of Paul showed that Paul was not attacking their goddess, nor robbing the craftsmen. Paul was preaching the commandments of God. It is important that we also leave off attacking others and just teach the truth. The truth will enlighten people and set them free. They will turn from vanities as they obey the truth.

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May 28, 1989  
The Long Sermon

Scripture references: Acts 20:1-15.

This lesson covers a lot of activity. Paul left Ephesus and went to Macedonia where he suffered much according to II Cor. 8:5-7. After visiting all the congregations there, he came south into Greece. Here Titus met him and brought him good news of the church in Corinth. He went to Corinth and stayed several months. During this stay at Corinth, it is believed he wrote this letter to the Romans which Phebe took to them. His plans to go by ship to Syria and then to Jerusalem were changed when he found that the Jews had a plan to kill him en route. He then went by land back through Macedonia until he got to Philippi from where he sailed to Troas.

At Troas, Eutychus fell from a third story window and was dead, but God restored his life.

Paul's great zeal and love for God and His children, and the brethren's great love for Paul are manifested in this lesson.

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June 4, 1989  
Paul's Farewell To Ephesus

Scripture references: Acts 20:17-38.

Paul, on his way back to Jerusalem, stopped at Miletus. From here he called the elders of the Ephesian church. He told them how he had lived in holiness and had taught all the truth, though the temptation to withhold it was strong. He had worked for his own fare

and had even given to others. He was free from the blood of all.

Their parting was sad. Paul said the Spirit had witnessed to him that bonds and afflictions were ahead, and that grievous wolves, even men from right among them, would tear apart the flock of believers.

They wept and prayed together, then they accompanied him to the ship.

Paul lived among the Ephesians in an attitude of giving, instead of expecting to receive. He gave himself to them. Children must learn to give of themselves to others if they are to be happy or successful in living for God.

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### June 11, 1989 Agabus Prophecies

Scripture references: Acts 21:1-14.

Paul and his company left Miletus after saying good-bye to the elders of Ephesus. They sailed to the islands of Coos and Rhodes, on to Patara, then past Cyprus, on to Tyre. He visited disciples on the way. In Caesarea he visited with Philip, the evangelist, who had four unmarried daughters who were prophetesses. Acts 6:5, 8:5-40, tells of some of Philip's evangelistic trips.

Paul's testimony that he was ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus, is the high point of this lesson. Each Christian should be consecrated to lay down their life for Christ, but they should not fear having to do it. We must trust Jesus that if He should call us to do such a thing, He will give grace at the needed time. We must always remember that He will not put on us anything we are unable to bear.

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### June 18, 1989 Paul's Arrest

Scripture references: Acts 21:17-40.

This lesson shows that God speaks only the truth through His prophets. If something is prophesied and does not turn out as prophesied, we then know that it was only man's words and not God's words.

Paul had two witnesses that trouble awaited him in Jerusalem. In Tyre the

brethren, through the Spirit, warned Paul that he should not go up to Jerusalem. Agabus, in Caesarea, also prophesied that he would be bound in Jerusalem. Therefore, it was evident that whatever Paul did in Jerusalem, it would not prevent his arrest.

When Paul was first converted, God had also spoken to his servant, Ananias, saying that Paul would bear His name, "before the Gentiles, and kings." Acts 9:15. Paul had taken Jesus' name to the Gentiles, but had not yet taken it to kings. God was letting things happen so Paul would have an opportunity to bear Jesus' name to kings, thus fulfilling the prophecy.

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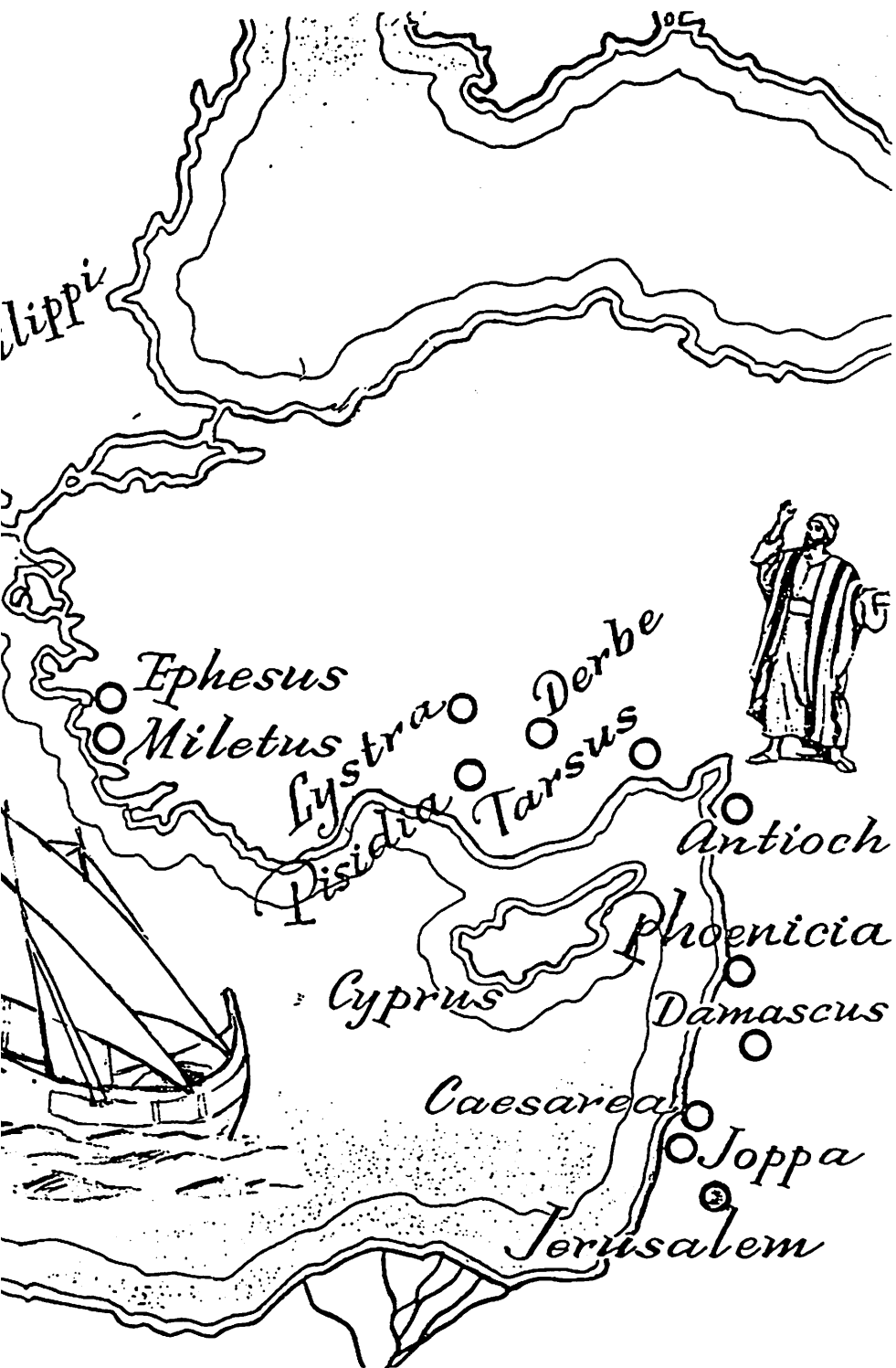
### June 25, 1989 Review

Scripture references: Acts 16-21.

This review should help the children see what an exciting and adventurous life Apostle Paul had. He traveled to important cities of the world where he saw many interesting sights. He met new friends, some of which became life-time friends. He instructed many new leaders who took his place when he left a congregation. He saw miraculous healings, deliverances from devil possession, and other miracles! He also witnessed men, women and children being freed from the binding powers of sin and religion, which, I am sure, was his greatest delight.

Encourage the children to seek to be as committed to Jesus as Paul was. They will not experience the same things he did, but they can have an exciting, adventurous life.







# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Stranger In The U.S.

(Continued from last week)

Lily drew the woolen cape close to her body to keep out the cold North Atlantic wind. Her first friend in Egypt, Sela Friend, had knitted it for herself, but had given it to Lily that cool evening when Lily and Jeanie had moved away from the mission compound. Bro. Dunning, the man in charge, had ordered Lily to either take the motherless infant, Fareida, back to her people or leave! Lily had not the faintest idea where she could find Fareida's people, so she and Jeanie left. Sela had said, "Take the cape, Lily, you will need it." Lily had needed it, all right. It had been her dress coat for nine years, and her only cover many a night, when her journeys to collect food for the orphans had made it necessary to spend the night away from the orphanage. Now it was protecting her from the cold March winds of North America.

She was surprised at the changes she saw in New York City. The dock was much larger, buildings were taller, and the streets were filled with cars and trucks honking to each other as they hurried on their way. "There is so much noise, and everyone is in such a hurry," she thought. "It is so different from the quiet peaceful cities of Egypt." She gazed about as the taxi sped on, carrying her to the mission where she had stayed while waiting for money to buy a ticket to Assiout, Egypt. "I'm a stran-

ger in my own homeland," she said to herself.

Although a stranger, she was busy. As soon as people heard she was back in the U.S. they asked her to tell about her orphanage. She went from church to church in New York City. There were people in other cities which also knew her. They too, asked to hear her story, so she went and told them.

Traveling from city to city wasn't hard for Lily. The clothes she wore, one nice dark dress for church and another for work, and her personal things fit nicely into her little brown handbag. This was all she owned, all she needed, and all she wanted. When people asked if she would like to have more clothing, she answered, "I can only wear one dress and one pair of shoes at a time. These brown leather shoes were handmade by one of my older Egyptian boys. 'I feel love on my feet when I'm wearing them.'"

Almost everywhere she spoke, people gave her money. Each day she hurried to the post office to send the money on to the orphans. For nine years she had gone each day on her donkey to gather food for them. When other needs arose, like a need for winter clothing, blankets, or a place to live, other trips had to be made. Sending the money made her happy, for although she could not be with the children to love and care for them, at least she could send money so Mr. Nashid would be able to buy their

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### An Earthquake

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the [other] prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go.

36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city.

40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

**Central Thought:** Paul and Silas were committed to suffering anything for Christ, because they knew God had everything in control.



### Questions:

1. How do we know that Paul and Silas were not depressed?
2. Did singing and praying show their faith in God?
3. What happened during the earthquake?
4. What did the jailer plan to do when he saw the prisoners freed?
5. Who prevented the jailer from committing suicide?
6. What must the jailer do to be saved?
7. When was the jailer baptized?
8. What message did Paul receive the next morning?
9. Who brought Paul and Silas out of jail?

### MEMORY VERSE

... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31

# Let's Talk



Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into prison, not because they had broken a law or harmed someone. They were beaten and put in jail because some slave masters became angry when Paul delivered their slave of an evil spirit.

Paul and Silas did not raise clenched fists into the air and shout, "God, why did you let this happen to us?" They were not sitting in the cold damp prison holding their heads in their hands and feeling sorry for themselves. They were not thinking of the happenings of the past day and wishing they had not delivered the girl. Neither were they moaning about the lacerations on their backs. Instead of doing those things, they had prayed and were now singing praises to God.

While they were singing, the chains by which they were bound began shaking! The prison walls began trembling; the prison doors began creaking and swung open! The rattling of chains and creaking of walls and doors awakened the jailer. Frightened by the noise and the shaking, he jumped to his feet, rubbed his eyes and surveyed the situation. Seeing the prisoners loose and the doors opened he knew he couldn't keep them from escaping, and the penalty for letting prisoners escape was his own life. In despair, he drew his sword to kill himself. Paul, seeing what was about to happen, shouted, "Stop, stop! None of us are gone, we're all right here!"

The jailer and the prisoners must have thought that the earthquake was a sign of the wrath of God, for the prisoners did not escape and the jailer came trembling and fell at Paul's feet asking what he should do to be saved. Paul told him to believe on Jesus and he would be saved.

The jailer then took the brethren to his house, washed their bleeding backs and gave them food. Paul preached to the jailer's family and baptized him.

What could have been a terrible night in an inner dungeon of the prison turned into a midnight baptismal service!

News of the earthquake reached the ears of the magistrates who had thrust the disciples into prison. They, too, realized that God was taking care of Paul and Silas. Hurriedly they sent to have the disciples released.

"Why should they beat us publicly and release us secretly?" Paul asked. He must have wanted the magistrates to know that he was trusting God and was not afraid of them. He said, "Let them come and fetch us out!" They did.

Paul and Silas were willing to suffer anything for Christ. They knew that God had everything in control and that He would not let anything happen to them except what was best. They knew God had a good reason for letting them be beaten and imprisoned. Because of their unwavering faith and commitment, God was able to let all those things happen to them. In this way the other prisoners saw God's power and the jailer and his family learned about Jesus.

Let's keep committed and faithful to God when He lets suffering come to us, and He will work some good out of it. Something really unusual might happen, too!

—Sis. Charlotte

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(Answers: 1. Because they were singing and praying. 2. I think it showed that they knew God loved them and was in control of everything. 3. The prisoners were freed and the prison doors were opened. 4. To kill himself. 5. Paul. 6. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." 7. That night. 8. That he could leave the jail. 9. The magistrates came and brought them out.)

food. Oma, her most loyal Egyptian widow that stayed at the orphanage would see that it was properly prepared, and that each child got their portion. Lily kissed every letter and turned the stamp upside-down as a token of her love.

At night, when she lay her weary body down, she remembered that many orphans were sleeping on either the ground or a pile of sticks. She also remembered the years that she, Jeanie and all her orphans had cornhusk beds spread in a corner. She closed her eyes and she saw the hundred pairs of dark, beautiful, pleading eyes that she had left standing on the Nile shore when the government forced her to leave Egypt. "I will be back when the time is ripe," she told them. Every night before going to sleep she said again to the dark-eyed children across the ocean, "I will be back when the time is ripe," then she would go to sleep and dream of Egypt.

After traveling around to several different cities, she went on to Jeanie's home in Long Beach, CA. Soon after arriving, she was asked to speak in a church nearby. It was just a small church, and the people were not rich, but they gave abundantly, and took her mission to heart. They prayed earnestly for her and encouraged her. Lily had had very little encouragement from anyone before. In fact, many missionaries had tried to discourage her from starting an orphanage. How great to have friends who shared her interest in the homeless motherless children of Egypt!

Summertime in Long Beach is cool and fresh. It is much different from the hot 120 degree sandy desert. Lily stayed outdoors all she could to enjoy it! She walked uptown in her homemade "love" shoes. The cool breeze from the Pacific Ocean filled her with zest, so she walked on and on. She had noticed little of what was displayed in the store windows until now. Suddenly she saw the women's dresses! "How strange these short, boxy, long-waisted dresses look," she said to herself. "The long flowing black robes of the Egyptian women are more graceful."

\*She came to a restaurant. In the window was displayed a piece of spicy apple pie, and a red cherry one. She paused and took a closer look. Over in the corner was a piece of tall fluffy lemon meringue. "Ah, for a piece of flaky-crusted American pie. How many times I have longed for one in the past nine years," she said. "I'll just go in and treat myself." A delicious aroma met her when she opened the door! The room was filled with small round tables covered with long white table cloths. She sat down at one near the window so she could still see the beautiful sky. As she looked up at the fleece-white clouds, mysteriously she pictured a long line of Egyptian children coming across the hot desert sand. Their bony arms were outstretched, and their beautiful, dark, pleading eyes were set in gaunt faces. The faces disappeared as Lily turned to the waiter who was asking, "May I have your order?" The hard lump in Lily's throat kept her from speaking. Tears blinded her eyes, and she wasn't the least bit hungry. The waiter spoke again, "May I help you?" Lily finally managed to say, "I'm sorry, . . . b-b-but I don't feel like eating right now." Quickly she hurried out of the restaurant. Through blinding tears, she made her way back to Jeanie's home, washed away the hot stinging tears and wrote a letter to the children. "I hope you have some rice to eat today, or maybe some beans. I am sending all the money I have in hopes there will be enough to buy sufficient bread for everyone to have at least a little piece."

After mailing the letter, she imagined she saw a smile in the beautiful dark eyes of the gaunt-faced children across the ocean. She felt rested and happy. She knew things would be all right, for she had done her best, and God had promised to do the rest.

"I just couldn't eat their pie," she said to herself as she walked that evening on the sandy beach with her "love" shoes tied together by the strings and hanging over her shoulder.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## No More Donkey Riding

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"Mama Lillian," the children cried to Lily as they ran to meet her at the big gate of the orphanage. Lily placed her feet firmly on the ground and steadied herself to keep from being knocked over as almost 100 children crowded around to hug her and to get their own personal hug. Only the very smallest children had forgotten her during the year she had been gone.

"How well you look!" she exclaimed after she finished hugging each one. "Oma and Mr. Nashid must have taken good care of you, just as I thought they would." Oma and Mr. Nashid, each holding two toddlers, smiled.

When Lily and Mr. Nashid went to the post office the next day, they received a notice to pick up a barrel and packages at the dock. It was clothing from the people of the little church. She soon began receiving offerings of money, clothing, etc., from other congregations. What an encouragement it was to Lily.

Receiving these offerings from the U.S. was a great help, but she still had to get most of their needs from the Egyptians.

Almost daily she would be seen jolting along on the back of her donkey, headed out to pick up some food already collected for her, or heading for a new town or village where she might

employ the good favor of other willing donors. About seven years ago, some of the peasant farmers, called fellahin, had organized a system of collecting grain for her. In their city meeting place, which joined the police station and jail, they placed either wooden boxes or sacks, where even the poorest farmer could drop in his little offering of rice, beans, or wheat. This idea caught on rapidly and soon many villages were giving to the orphanage in this way. For several years Lily went on her donkey to pick up this food.

At first she was collecting food for 12 children, then 25, next 50. The number reached 100 before she had left for America. Sixteen years after Lily took in the first little girl, there were 500 boys and girls living inside the fence of the orphanage that was on a hill overlooking the Nile River and Assiout on the other side of it. Every inch of this ground was used. There were fruit trees she and the children had planted, and the boys brick kiln which produced bricks for all their buildings, and some to sell. One corner was used as a corral for the donkey and milk cows, another for growing vegetables. Buildings surrounded a large center patio called a courtyard. The children played on this courtyard, and each evening they sang and prayed on it. This home for orphans and all the needs of each orphan were provided by God, through faith. Everyday Lily's donkey carried 100

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## A New Friend

**New Words:** *Lewd:* Worthless, ignorant, not descent.

**Security:** A bond, goods or money received as agreement to perform certain duties properly.

Acts 17:1 Now when . . . they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 . . . Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

**Central Thought:** Every Christian should be willing to help other brethren, although doing so may cause him trouble or suffering as it did Jason.



## Questions:

1. Into what city did Paul and Silas go?
2. What did Paul do on the sabbath day?
3. Who believed the message Paul and Silas taught?
4. What did the unbelieving Jews do?
5. What happened to Jason when Paul and Silas could not be found?
6. How did Jason get released?
7. When did Paul and Silas go to Berea?
8. Did the people of Berea accept the gospel?
9. What did the Jews of Thessalonica do when they heard that the people in Berea had accepted the gospel?

## MEMORY VERSE

. . . Ye endured a great fight of afflictions; . . . both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. Hebrews 10:32, 33



# Let's Talk

Yes, Paul and Silas suffered for the gospel, but they had a good friend, Jason. After they left Philippi, they came to Thessalonica. Here is where they met Jason who asked them to stay in his home.

Each Sabbath day for three weeks they met with the Jews at the synagogue where the Old Testament Scriptures were studied. Paul showed them by the Scriptures that the Messiah, which Jews everywhere were expecting, was to die and rise again from the dead. Then he told them about Jesus, the miracles He had done, His death on the cross, and His miraculous resurrection from the dead. "Jesus then is the Messiah," he declared. Some of the Jewish men believed and many of the chief women. But when the Jews saw that a great multitude of the devout Greeks believed, they became jealous of Paul and Silas.

To hurt the disciples, the men hunted up some dirty, ignorant, worthless men and told them to stir up the people against Paul and Silas. Soon stories against the disciples were going in every direction, until the people decided to do something about the problem. They went to Jason's house to get the disciples. When they couldn't find Paul nor Silas, they dragged Jason and some other brethren out and hauled them off to the authorities, saying, "These men are saying that there is another king, Jesus."

When Jason and the brethren got back to Jason's house, they made things ready so Paul and Silas could leave during the night and go to Berea.

At Berea the people were more noble and they received the gospel eagerly. Each day they studied the Old Testament to see if what the disciples were preaching was the truth. When they found that it was true, many men and women and also many honourable Greek

women became disciples of Christ. However, when the jealous men from Thessalonica heard of this success, they came all the way to Berea and stirred up more trouble for Paul and Silas who had escaped from their city without any serious injuries.

Have you ever helped someone and gotten into trouble for it like Jason did? It is a very noble thing to help others. To help someone although it may cause you suffering is more noble. Jesus suffered to help everyone by dying on the cross that they might be saved. Everyone would be lost if Jesus had not been willing to suffer for others. How many people are dying because you are not willing to suffer that they may know about Him?

We would not have freedom in the United States to worship God if someone had not been willing to suffer to help us have this freedom; and think of all the good things that black Americans have contributed to our country. However, there was a time when even those who helped them had to suffer for it. What if those who saw the wickedness of slavery would not have been willing to suffer to get it stopped? What kind of country would we have today if those men had not gotten involved and put an end to it?

Yes, getting involved with problems of others and helping them may sometimes bring suffering and persecution, but we must be brave and help anyway.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. To Thessalonica. 2. He went into the synagogue and taught them about Jesus from the Scriptures. 3. A great multitude of Greeks and many chief women. 4. They persuaded ignorant worthless men to set the city in an uproar against Paul and Silas. 5. He was arrested and taken to the rulers. 6. Security was taken of him. (Some people believe it was evidence that he and the disciples were good citizens). 7. At night. 8. They received the Word with all readiness of mind. 9. They came to Berea and stirred up the people against the disciples.)

pound sacks of wheat, rice, beans or other grain to be used as food for these 500 children. When the donkey was loaded, Lily walked the miles back across the desert to the orphanage.

When she needed money for clothing, books, teacher's salaries, bricklayers or building repairs, she went to the rich Egyptians. Many of them freely helped when they realized the need. Others however, did not wish to cooperate.

One September evening the cook said, "I have only enough kerosene (oil for the cooking stove) for tomorrow."

A moment later the girls in charge of the laundry came to her. "We have no soap," the oldest one said.

Lily walked out to check on the building. "I'll need money tomorrow to pay the bricklayers," Mr. Misregee reminded her.

In her room, Lily fell on her knees, "Where, Lord, will I get money for all these needs, and to pay the teachers?"

Early the next morning she knocked at the home of a rich Egyptian and asked to see the man of the house. "He is not up yet," the servant told her.

When she returned at noon, she was told that he was gone.

Later that evening when she returned, the servant disappeared for a few minutes. Returning she said, "He is resting and cannot see anyone at this time."

"May I wait here for him?" Lily asked.

The servant took her into a luxurious drawing room, and seated her in a soft, soft chair. How good it felt after walking and jolting along on the donkey—sometimes she wondered which was worse. Lily was surprised when the servant lingered. She could feel the servant staring at her. Presently she looked up to see tears in the servant's eyes. "I wish I had the money to help you, . . ." the servant said sadly, then stopped speaking as if choking and hurried out of the room.

Suddenly Lily realized that the rich man did not want to help her. A loneliness she had never before experienced crept over her. She felt so tired—so tired of riding a donkey through the boiling

heat of summer and bitter cold of winter, and begging, begging, begging, sometimes from men like this one who had no heart for homeless orphans.

She began weeping silently, then sobbing bitterly. The next thing she knew, she was on her knees asking, "Lord, do I have to keep doing this? Could you please supply for my children some other way? I'm almost forty, and too tired to get the food, and take care of the children, too. I want to stay home with them all the time. Please, God, won't you supply the money. You know those forty new ones who came this week need my love and care until they get adjusted."

As she thought of forty new ones in one week, she remembered the words of caution from other missionaries, "You'll get so many children you can't support them," they had told her.

"No, I can't support them," she told God again. "B-b-b-but I'm willing to keep trying, . . . if . . . you say I should."

She then put out a "fleece." "Lord, if you will send me 75 pounds (\$375.00), this day, I will know that you agree, that I need not beg any more."

When she returned to the orphanage late that evening, Oma met her at the front gate with a package and a big smile. Lily opened the package. The note inside said, "Our daughter has become engaged to a wonderful man. This is our way of saying 'thank you' to God." This box contained 200 pounds (\$1,000)!.

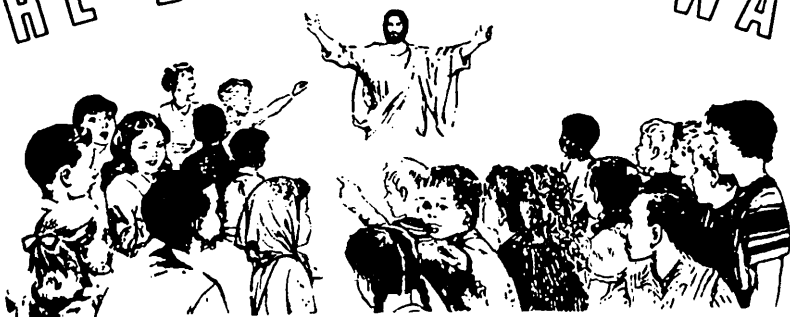
"Thank you, God," said Lily. "Thank you for shouting 'okay' to me." Her begging days were over!

What she didn't know was that her donkey riding days were almost at an end, also. At this very time, some of her friends were pooling their money to buy her a car. In October they presented her not with a used car, but a new one! Lily soon learned how to drive. Speeding smoothly along in the new car to do business, Lily said, "Thank you, God, that I'm not jolting along on a pokey donkey."

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## God's Promises Are True

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"What are they unloading?" Lateefa asked when she heard Mama Lillian call some of the older boys to help her unload the car.

"It's groceries," Faheema answered. "Here, step out of the way, someone might bump you." While she continued speaking, she took blind Lateefa by the arm and guided her to a safe place against the outside wall of the kitchen. "Mr. Badeer filled Mama's car full. It is so full she couldn't bring the rice and sugar. She had to send Habib with the donkey cart to bring the big sack of rice, and a huge box full of sugar."

"I didn't know Mr. Badeer was that nice!" Lateefa exclaimed.

"Well, he's never done it before. Mama has always paid for everything she got from him."

That night when Mama's big family of 500 orphans gathered to sing and pray in the courtyard, Mama Lillian said to the children, "God has proved His promises again! I will read the promise He has proved to us this day." She opened her Bible and read Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. . . ." She closed the Bible, handed it to Lateefa, who was sitting in her usual place near

Mama, and continued speaking. "A poor blind woman, named Toffa, came today asking for help. Her husband has been unable to work for eight months. They had absolutely nothing to eat. We were nearly out of money ourselves, but when I found out she had walked four miles to come here, I knew she needed help in the worst way. I gave her five dollars, a dozen loaves of bread, some rice, sugar, and six bars of soap. I then took her to town in the car and bought some meat and a few other groceries."

"After taking her home, I went by Mr. Badeer's store to get the rice and sugar that Faheema said we needed. One of the clerks said, 'We have some very good rice in. Would you like a sack?'"

"I said, 'No thanks, I'll just take a basket of cheaper rice and a box of sugar.'"

"Mr. Badeer came out from the back and said to the clerk, 'Get her a sack of that good rice and a hundred pounds of soap bars.'"

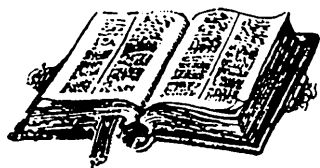
"'No,' I said, 'I can't buy so much rice, and really I don't need any soap today.'"

"'You'll need it before long, with all your children,' he said, 'so take it today.' Then he loaded the car completely full of all kinds of things. I had to send the donkey cart to get the rice and sugar."

"We gave Toffa a little rice; God gave us a huge sack of rice. We gave six bars of soap; God gave us 100 pounds of

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### The Unknown God

**New Words:** *Idolatry:* Praying or offering of divine honors to any created object.

**Philosopher:** A person who loves and seeks to learn principles underlying all knowledge.

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33 So Paul departed from among them.

34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

**Central Thought:** God is not hard and cold as are precious metals. He is wisdom, light, and love, and can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities.



#### Questions:

1. Why was Paul's spirit stirred?
2. Where did Paul talk about Jesus?
3. What did the philosophers call Paul?
4. Who is the UNKNOWN GOD?
5. What are some things the UNKNOWN GOD has done?
6. Name some ways He is different than other gods.
7. What did the philosophers say about the resurrection?
8. Who was Dionysius the Areopagite?
9. Do you think Paul's trip to Athens was profitable?

#### MEMORY VERSE

... We ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

Acts 17:29

# Let's Talk

Today's lesson took place in Athens. Athens is the city on the southeastern coast of Greece. About 1300 or 1400 years before Christ, it was named Athens after Athene, its goddess of protection. The city was built on a hill surrounded by plains, but it grew rapidly and soon the plains were also covered with buildings.

Athens was old and beautiful; its buildings were the best in the world. The greatest men that ever lived: scholars, lawyers, statesmen, and warriors, were Athenians. Its schools, laws, and literature were the envy of the world and its idols were most numerous. The historian, Quintilian, said, "Our region is so full of deities that you may more frequently meet with a god than a man." This multitude of gods caused such a problem that a law was made prohibiting any new god.

Philosophers from all over the world came to Athens, either to study or teach. Many of them came to both teach what they knew, and learn new things, for philosophers spend their lives learning. Many believed that gods were just names and that no good came from them; they thought the only good that existed was pleasing one's self. Others believed that the gods had no power in controlling the world, and that any wise man was equal to a god. Some thought man did not have a soul, and none of them believed in the resurrection of the body! However, because they wanted to learn, they were anxious to hear what Paul had to say. They took him to Mars' hill. It was called Mars' hill because, supposedly, Mars had been tried there by a court of twelve gods for the murder of Halirrhothius, the son of Neptune.

The supreme court of justice met on Mars' hill. Paul was probably questioned before the judges because some men thought he was bringing another god into the city. Athens had the best known court system in the world at that time,

so Paul was given a chance to witness for himself.

Paul said, "I am not teaching a new God. I am teaching about the UNKNOWN GOD whom ye already worship. This UNKNOWN GOD made the heaven and earth. We are His sons, made in His likeness, therefore we must not think of Him as a god of gold, or silver, or stone. Just as we feel sorry when our children suffer, so He is touched when we suffer troubles and afflictions. This UNKNOWN GOD also sent His Son, Jesus, to earth. While His Son lived on this earth, He was tempted in all points like as we are. When He died, it was for our salvation. God has also raised Him from death, and will raise all people at the end of the world to be judged. Those who have repented and believed on His Son, will receive everlasting life."

When these men heard of the resurrection, some mocked and others said, "We will hear thee again of this matter."

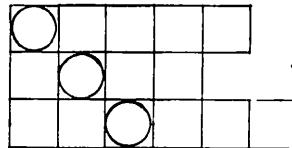
Most of the wise philosophers in Athens rejected the gospel, some, however, did believe. —Sis. Charlotte

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## He chose to dwell in the Plain of Jericho

The circled letters spell his name.

1. The father of Leah and Rachel. (Gen. 29)
2. He baptized Jesus. (Matt. 3)
3. A city once called Luz but now means "the house of God." (Gen. 28)



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(Answers: 1. Because the city of Athens was given over to idolatry. 2. In the synagogues and the markets. 3. A babler. 4. God. 5. He made the world and everything in it. 6. He does not dwell in temples, is not a piece of gold, silver or stone graven by men's hands. 7. Some mocked; some didn't want to hear any more about it right then. 8. A man who believed Paul's teachings. 9. Yes.)

soap. We gave a few pounds of sugar, and received a big box of sugar, and that's not all God gave us.

"When Dr. Aziz came this evening, he brought \$55.00. \$5.00 was from him, the other \$50.00 was a thanksgiving gift from Mr. Albert Khyat. Mr. Khyat just got engaged," she added with a smile. The children clapped for Mr. Khyat. "I gave Toffa \$5.00 and God gave us \$55.00."

"God promises to give us back more than what we gave, but He has given us many, many, many times the amount we have given," she told them. They knelt and thanked God together.

Neither was that the end of God proving His promise. Twenty-three days later, a letter came from Mrs. Wessa. It said, "My daughter Hallen is engaged to Leon. You are invited to attend the reception." In the letter was a check for enough to pay all of the orphanage debts.

A short time later, on Monday, November 9, money came in the mail from America, and then God supplied in a very different way.

"The Thomas Cook's Nile Luxury Cruiser bringing tourists will be here in two more days," Oma told Lily. "Maybe some rich tourist will become a regular donor to the orphanage."

"We will be praying that God will provide for us through them," Lily answered, "but we have much work to be done getting the orphanage ready for the rich people to look over everything. First we must make new clothes, for some of the children's best clothes are looking terrible. We must sweep down the cobwebs, wash all the walls, inside and out, and scrub the floors. The yards must be raked and swept clean, too."

Every child was given a job. Oma, Faheema, and the other workers watched to see that it was done properly. Lily and some older girls set to work cutting and sewing. Leila, who had only one leg, really enjoyed sewing and was an excellent seamstress. Snip, snip, snip went the scissors, cutting out sleeves. Snip, snip, snip went the scissors cutting

out dress backs, and skirts, and shirts and pants. Mama taught the girls to cut two pieces at a time. If the cloth was lightweight, they cut three at the same time. The humming of the sewing machines could be heard through the quietness of the night.

Early the next morning every child who could help was busy again. Then came the baths! All 500 children had to bathe! The older children helped the younger ones. By four o'clock in the evening, they were all ready. The orphanage was clean, and the children were bathed and dressed in their new clothes. Lily (Mama) felt happy and rested.

The tourists came, crowds and crowds of them. Some of them stayed out front in their carriages, but many, many, went through every building and walked around the grounds. Those who saw the nursery were very impressed with its rows and rows of tiny clean beds and sweet plump babies.

While Lily was busy with the tourists, she noticed a poor old Egyptian walking down toward the main building. As she hurried past, she paused just long enough to ask him to come in.

"Thank you. I will wait outside," he answered.

After all the tourists had gone, Lily noticed he was still lingering around, so she asked him again to come in.

This time he entered. "I came to bring you this," he said, and handed her a fifty dollar bill. Lily almost laughed out loud. The large crowd of tourists had left only \$13.00.

God was again proving to those at the orphanage that His Words are true. Isaiah 55:8 reads, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

"My way of thinking was that the rich tourists would supply for the orphans, but God's way to supply is through this poor man," she mumbled to herself. Immediately Romans 12:16 flashed through her mind. It reads like this, "... Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. ..."

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## How God Supplied

(Continued from last week)

Mama Lillian had a big family, not just ten children, or twelve, but she had over 500 Egyptian orphans! Everyday she asked God to supply what they needed and she taught the children to trust God, also.

Each evening Mama Lillian gathered her family together for singing and prayer in the courtyard of the big orphanage. The children also knelt beside their beds and prayed. The older girls who were in charge of the little children taught them to say the Lord's Prayer, and name out things they needed. Each evening after they had washed and were ready for bed, one could hear them praying.

One time a Dr. Zackie gave two sheep to the orphanage. It wasn't enough to share with all the children, so the toddlers were not given any. They wanted some meat too, so that evening they prayed for some. After dark while Mama Lillian and one of her helpers were sitting out on the river bridge, they heard a car stop at the front gate. Before they got to the car, they saw by the moonlight that two men were unloading something. It was half a beef! Malazama, the cook, prepared the meat so the babies could have some for breakfast.

Mama Lillian had private devotions in her room, also. Often she read Philippians 4:19, "... My God shall

supply all your need according to his riches in glory. . . ." When the orphanage had needs, she would remind herself of this promise to help keep her faith strong.

The cold November wind blew across the desert and blasted the orphanage on the hill. The children did not have warm clothing. Mama had given out every garment from their storage room, but there were many who got nothing. Her heart was broken when dozens of children said, "And me, Mama, I didn't get anything."

She told God all about it.

The very next day, money came in the mail from America! She went right to town and bought warm blankets, cloth for winter clothes, and food, which was always their greatest need. As soon as she took care of the food, she inspected blankets throughout the orphanage and traded new warm ones for those worst worn. The happy smiles on the children's faces made her forget about sleeping and wish she could go ahead giving out blankets all night.

Five days later she and the older girls had all the warm cloth sewn into dresses, but more dresses were needed, so she bought a lot more warm cloth. Two days after she bought this cloth, three packages of clothing came in the mail from America, also a letter containing the exact amount of money that she had spent for the cloth.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### New Friends At Corinth

**New Word:** *Insurrection*: Revolt, or turning against with disgust.

Acts 18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tent-makers.

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, . . .

7 . . . he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,

13 Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:

15 But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

**Central Thought:** God always keeps His promises.



#### Questions:

1. Where did Paul go after leaving Athens?
2. What new friends did he meet in Corinth?
3. What was the occupation of Paul and some of his new friends?
4. Where did Justus live?
5. What did God tell Paul in a vision?
6. Who rose up to harm Paul?
7. Who was the deputy that defended Paul?
8. What was Gallio's reason for defending Paul?
9. Will God always keep His promises to us?

#### MEMORY VERSE

. . . Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: shall set on thee to hurt thee: . . . Acts 18:9, 10



# Let's Talk

A couple of days after Paul was saved, God spoke to Ananias about Paul saying, "He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings and the children of Israel." Shortly after Paul was saved he began this work of bearing Jesus' name. He preached Jesus to the people in Damascus, Jerusalem, and his own hometown. Then he went to Antioch. Later he and Barnabas went on a long missionary journey, over 1400 miles, and were away from home over two years.

We are now studying about his second missionary journey. Silas, Timothy, and Luke were with him most of the time. However, there were times when they stayed longer in a city, and he traveled on. Sometimes others joined the group for short periods of time.

If your teacher does not have a map, ask her to get one and you can find on it the cities where he preached. On this second trip, Silas started with him from Antioch. At Lystra, Timothy joined him, and Luke joined him at Troas. He met Lydia in Philippi; he was also delivered from jail by an earthquake in Philippi. In Thessalonica, Jason became his friend and got him out of the city without harm. Can you find all these cities on the map?

Last Sunday's lesson was about his adventures in the famous city of Athens, Greece. Can you find it? See how Paul travels by water to get to Corinth where he is in today's lesson?

Two books in the New Testament were written to the Corinthians, so they are called First and Second Corinthians. In Corinth, Paul met four special friends: Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue; Justus, a Gentile with whom he stayed; and Aquila and his wife, Priscilla, who were refugees from Rome. (Do you see on the map how far Rome is from Corinth?) Aquila and Paul worked together making tents. When Paul left Corinth, Aquila and his wife went along.

Although the ruler of the synagogue believed in Christ, the majority of the Jews rejected Jesus. This made Paul sad, but one night God sent him a vision. In the vision God said, "Don't be afraid, . . . for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: For I have many people in this city."

Not many days after having this comforting vision, a mob revolted against Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and dragged him and Paul to court. Gallio, the deputy, was angry with the mob. He said, "If the matter in question was wrong or wickedness, I would help you. But problems about people and names, I will not hear." Then he drove them out of the judgment hall. Not one person hurt Paul: that was what God had promised in the vision.

Years ago, He promised Paul that he would take the gospel to the Gentiles and kings. That, too, was what God was doing in Paul's life. God was keeping His promises to Paul.

Paul stayed one year and six months in Corinth. During this time, many people were saved and baptized.

—Sis. Charlotte



## ISAIAH 48:17

Find the sentence parts that go together. Write the matching letter in the correct sentence blank.

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| "Teaches us to profit"               |  |
| means to teach us                    |  |
| God Himself leads us in the way that |  |
| a. things that are good for us.      |  |
| b. how to get on in the world.       |  |
| a. we ourselves want to go.          |  |
| b. we should go.                     |  |



(Answers: 1. To Corinth. 2. Priscilla, Aquila, Justus and Crispus. 3. They were tentmakers. 4. He lived in a house connected to the synagogue. 5. "Be not afraid but speak, . . . for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have many people in this city. 6. The Jews. 7. Gallio. 8. Because they were not accusing Paul of any wrong or wickedness. 9. Yes!)

Three days later, however, the orphanage didn't have a cent, and they needed food for the cows, and wheat to make cereal. It came the next day. Mama was busy helping one of the newborn babies, when Mr. Nashid came to the nursery and said, "Nasif Wessa called to say she was sending fifty ardebs of wheat."

"That's a lot of wheat!" she exclaimed. "Let's see, that would be," she paused to figure, "about 280 bushels. That will last a long time!"

Two days after this, Oma Amin sent three bolts of cloth for the boys. "Come, girls," Lily said, "let's make jackets for the little boys." That was a job they loved. Even the small girls loved to sew for the little boys. She laid out the material and some of the older girls started cutting while others got the sewing machines threaded and ready.

"Go ahead while I'm gone. I must go check on the boys since Mr. Nashid is ill," she said, "then I must go to the post office."

The boys were making homemade bricks to be used on a new building for the junior aged girls. There was no money to finish the building, but at least they could make the bricks. When God sent money, they would finish it. Every building at the orphanage had been built that way, and by the time it was finished it was paid for. "I feel so tired and kind of sick," she mumbled to herself as she drove to the post office, "but we have so many needs that I must check to see if there is some money for us."

The only letter she received was from a widow wanting to come with her child and live at the orphanage.

Before Christmas, about 6 weeks after they had started, money had come in for the new building, for cloth for more little jackets, and for Christmas gifts. Everyone got something nice for Christmas: the little babies each got a sack of candies, there were toys for the children and special clothing for the older ones, the widows also received clothing. Mama received what she wanted—seeing the children happy.

They showed their love to her by making her many beautiful things.

After Christmas she went to Cairo with a friend to visit the friend's sister who had a new baby. When they were leaving, the baby's mother and father each handed Lily \$100.00, one grandmother gave \$25.00, and the other grandmother gave 280 bushels of wheat! Lily had to get a truck to haul it.

Another thing God supplied while she was gone was a sweet new-born baby. That was the third new-born she had received in one month.

Two weeks later the telephone company called and said that a bill of \$30.00 was due. "I'll pay it today," Lily said. That afternoon she started out trusting God to lead her to where she could get \$17.50, for \$12.50 was all the money she had. She stopped to visit a friend. Another friend who was also there said, "Lily, I believe there is money in the charity box at the Nile Club for you."

There was \$62.60 at the Nile Club!

Here is another unusual way that God supplied meat one time. A man died, and his family, "to help his soul," they said, had killed two calves at the gate as his body was being carried out. They brought the fresh meat to the orphanage.

Another time the woman who had charge of the little boys' nursery came to Lily and said, "The mattresses are so badly worn that the little boys are nearly sleeping on the springs. If I just had some cotton, I would repair them myself."

"We will have to pray for cotton," Lily said, "for I have no money, nor is there any cotton left from last year." They talked a little while, and before she had left Lily's room, a truck stopped. It was loaded with huge sacks of cotton for the orphanage!

Three days later the girl's dormitory needed soap, and there was no soap in the storeroom. At five o'clock that evening, someone brought a carload of groceries which contained a large sack of soap.

"Thank you, God, for supplying all our needs," Lily said as she lay down to sleep.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Children Missionaries

(Continued from last week)

All was quiet, the day's work was done, and the children were in bed. Lily (Mama Lillian), leaned back in her rocker and let her mind wander over the past. Life had been interesting to say the least. It started back in the other century in the state of Georgia in the U.S., but the best part of her life started a little later in the same state beside a log in a pine forest. Kneeling beside that log she had said to God, "If you ever need me, just let me know."

God let her know that He needed her, and had brought her all the way across the Atlantic Ocean to Assiout, Egypt. It was a long story, but her mind traveled back through the years and miles in a moment, and back to the present just as fast. Why just today she had read in the eyes of a group of little boys that same willingness that she had had. She had also seen it in the eyes of the small girls when they so eagerly quoted Scriptures and memorized hymns. Even the children who were too small to understand the words they were saying showed that they loved Jesus. The older girls too, in a short time had memorized several English hymns by listening to the records while they sewed. They could sing the hymns beautifully in English, even though they spoke Arabic. Hadn't they also come to her last week and asked if they could be permitted to have a Bible study in the evenings after

their work was finished and the smaller children were in bed? Poor dears, though, they hadn't stopped to think that they couldn't read in the dark and that oil lamps were only used in emergencies. After trying unsuccessfully to read by moonlight, blind Lateefa became their eyes and she read the Bible for them in Braille. Lateefa was a missionary right at home.

Alya's work for God was at home, too. She never went to the villages to preach like the boys were doing, but the way she acted at the orphanage taught many lessons to both the widows and the children. Alya showed the children how to love by doing kind thoughtful things for others, such as getting Mama's blue cape or a wrap for a small child when the evenings were chilly. It was Alya who remembered that Mama was always tired, so she stayed close by to carry messages for her to other workers, or to hand her something from across the room, or straighten the sewing room, or get the smaller children to play more quietly so it would be more pleasant at the orphanage. (After all, 600 children can make a lot of noise!) It was Alya who told Mama so often of her appreciation for what she was doing for the orphans of Egypt. Yes, Alya was doing what God needed her to do.

Caroline was another home missionary. Just the thought of Caroline brought a flood of tears to Lily. "She must have been too good for this world,"

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Aquila, Priscilla, and Apollos

Acts 18:18 And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;

21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

Romans 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

I Corinthians 16:19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

**Central Thought:** We should all work together to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to lost souls.



### Questions:

1. Who went with Paul to Ephesus?
2. Where did Paul go from Ephesus?
3. Who did Aquila meet in Ephesus?
4. Where had Apollos lived before coming to Ephesus?
5. How did Aquila get acquainted with Apollos?
6. In what way did Aquila help Apollos?
7. What did Apollos do in Achaia?
8. Where did Aquila go after leaving Ephesus?
9. Did Aquila and Priscilla go back to Rome?

**Greet Priscilla and Aquila my  
helpers in Christ Jesus:  
Romans 16:3**



# Let's Talk

The Emperor Claudius ordered all Jews to leave Rome so Aquila and Priscilla, his wife, had to leave. They traveled many weeks across land and water to Achaia where they met Paul in the city of Corinth. For eighteen months they worked together with him, making tents. During this time they learned about Jesus and committed their lives to serve Him.

When Paul left Corinth, they went with him to Ephesus where he left them and went on to Jerusalem. Ephesus was a rich, popular trade city in Asia. It was about 200 miles east, across the Aegean Sea, from Corinth. Like Athens, Ephesus was filled with the most honored orators and philosophers of the world. Its splendid buildings were ornate with carvings of the greatest artists. Its most famous building was the Temple of Artemis (Diana), their goddess. (It is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Look under "Wonders of the World" in the *World Book Encyclopedia* and you can see a picture of it.)

At Ephesus, Aquila met Apollos, a Jew from the celebrated city of Alexandria, in Egypt. (This is the city where Lillian Trasher landed when coming to Egypt the first time.) It had The Lighthouse of Alexandria which guided ships into the city's harbor for over 1,000 years before being toppled by an earthquake. It is also one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Apollos was highly educated and a good speaker. He taught boldly the Word of God although he knew only the teachings of John the Baptist. After hearing him speak, Aquila took him and taught him the way more perfectly.

Later when Apollos decided to go to Achaia, Aquila wrote a letter for him to take along. The letter told the disciples in Corinth to accept Apollos as a disciple and that he was valuable to the work of God. Apollos did prove to be valuable to the brethren. He knew the

Scriptures well and mightily convinced the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah that they had been expecting.

Sometime later Aquila and Priscilla went back to Corinth and established a church in their home. When Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthians he told them to greet Aquila and Priscilla and the church in their house.

Sometime after this, Aquila and Priscilla left Corinth and went back to Rome, their hometown. They also established a church in their home in that city. About three years later, Paul came back to Corinth and wrote a letter which Phebe took to the church at Rome. In this letter Paul tells about his helpers, Aquila and Priscilla, and says to greet the church in their house.

—Sis. Charlotte



## SUPPOSE

If all that we say  
In a single day,  
With never a word left out,  
Were printed each night  
In clear black and white,  
'Twould prove queer reading, no  
doubt.

And then just suppose  
Ere one's eyes he could close  
He must read the day's record  
through,  
Then wouldn't one sigh,  
And wouldn't one try  
A great deal less talking to do?

And I more than half think  
That many a kink  
Would be smoothed in life's tangled  
thread,  
If one-half that we say  
In a single day  
Were left forever unsaid.

—Selected



(Answers: 1. Aquila and Priscilla. 2. To Jerusalem. 3. Apollos. 4. In Alexandria. 5. He heard Apollos teaching in the synagogue. 6. He told him about Jesus' death and resurrection, and wrote a letter of introduction for him. 7. He mightily convinced the Jews from the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ. 8. Back to Corinth. 9. Yes.)

Lily mused, "a misplaced angel." Caroline was only seven but acted as if she had the wisdom of a sage. "I could never understand it, unselfish, tender, thoughtful, loving and understanding so perfectly a tiny baby's needs. Oh, the fun we had together those three years, feeding, dressing and bathing babies. I had hoped God had sent Caroline to take over the nursery when I-I died, but God called her first." She covered her eyes with her hands as if trying to shut out the picture she saw of beautiful Caroline in her casket. Yes, that same year leukemia had started and she became its prey. Healthy, glowing, ruddy complexioned Caroline became wan, waxy and pale. Lily liked to remember the glowing Caroline, so she had a life-size picture made from a small photograph and hung it on the wall of the main lobby of the nursery building. It was a constant reminder of how even a child can serve God with dedication, and that the remembrance of their life can be a blessing even after they are dead, for her story was told over and over again whenever interested persons asked, "Of whom is this a picture?"

Lily leaned over and picked up her picture album. "I guess I don't really need this," she said, "I carry my picture album in my head. Maybe I had better get some sleep. I want to surprise the older boys in the morning."

Lily smiled happily when she thought of the fun she'd had working with her boys. They wadded mud together making adobe brick, dug foundations, planted trees and gardens, milked cows, built chairs, solved math problems, and hundreds of other things. But what she enjoyed most was the times they had studied the Bible and prayed together in their dormitory. "What strong Christian character they display! Their attitudes are great and they are doing good work preaching in the villages. More and more people are coming to hear God's Word. Some are only holding Sunday school. One nineteen-year-old boy is in charge of both Sunday school and preaching service and also

teaches the only school in the village. Right now, another boy is building a church building; and he will be the pastor. It will also be used for a school. Yes, my boys too, are doing what God wants them to do," she mused.

Lily headed for the big boys dormitory early the next morning. She had news for them! "I have bought three new bicycles to use in visiting other villages that don't have a church," she said.

"Mama Lillian, will you go with me to Sheik Soufi?" one boy asked. "The people are responding very good to God's Word. I want to find a building to be used for a school and mission."

They found the walls of a building which looked like it might have once been a church. "To whom does this church belong?" Lily asked some men.

A very old looking man said, "A long, long time ago a rich man deeded it to the village for a church, but he's been dead many years. We had a preacher for the Presbyterian College who came every Sunday as long as we paid for the donkey he rented to bring him here. When we could not bear that expense, he quit coming. That was a long time ago." He hesitated a moment, "I believe it's been seventeen years."

"By faith we shall put a new roof on the building and open a school and mission this summer," Lily promised the boy.

On the way home, they stopped by Deir Busra, where another boy was working on getting a building started for a schoolhouse, as this village, like so many others, had none. The stones were ready for the foundation, and bricks were being baked for the walls. How happy Mama Lillian was that her boys would have places to continue preaching and also teach the children. Mama Lillian could say just like John, "I have no greater joy than to know that my children walk in truth."

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Shall I Do It, Lord?

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While Lily was eating dinner with some friends, one of them, Habib Bey, told her that she had just missed getting a large sum of money each year from a millionaire, the Bishop of Coptic. "To stay out of trouble with the government, he had a lawyer write up a paper signing over yearly payments to different charities," Mr. Bey said. "The lawyer got things mixed up, and the bishop did not bother to have it changed. I really wish you could have gotten the money."

Lily sighed, "So do I. We have so many needs."

All were silent for a while, then Mr. Bey asked, "Don't you think you should stop taking in more children, at least limit the number?"

"I have thought of that," she said, "but it is almost impossible. To which little homeless starving child could I say, 'Sorry, there is no room for you. You will have to sleep in the street, and find whatever you can to eat?' "

"But you'll get so many you can't support them," Mr. Bey protested. "You must have about a thousand!"

"We have over a thousand, and they are still coming. We took in new-born twins yesterday. Their mother died when they were born. The family couldn't keep them. I doubt they will live." She sat thoughtfully for a moment, then

added, "We will stop taking them when God quits providing."

Mr. Bey never knew how his words haunted Lily. The idea of turning away children was at the front of Lily's mind very often in these days when food was so scarce, but she had always pushed it aside. Another idea was pressing in on Lily, too. This idea she had told herself she could never do! But she had to face reality. Winter was here and many of the children had no winter clothes, nor was there money to buy cloth. She wondered why more weren't sick, but rarely did she hear one cough. The food storage room was completely empty. She had been running to the post office in hopes some money would come from America, but only a few dollars came now and then. She understood, for the United States was suffering from the Great Depression of the 1930's.

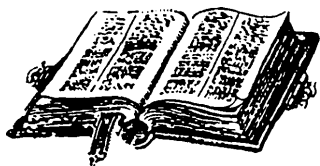
The peasant farmers, who through the years had given grain, weren't able to help either, for lack of rain had caused famine in Egypt.

Money was so scarce that one by one, Lily had sent away her paid helpers. Only the very few which she could not do without were kept. She, the children and the widows did most of the work. Their only pay was having a place to stay and a little food.

It was just another day when Lily cashed a check from a nurse in Africa who had once visited the orphanage. Although the nurse received little money

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Beginning The Third Missionary Trip

Acts 18:22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, [to Jerusalem], and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which

dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

**Central Thought:** There were many miracles worked after the infilling of the Holy Spirit.



### Questions:

1. Where did Paul go after landing at Caesarea?
2. Do you remember some things that happened in Antioch?
3. What did Paul do in Galatia and Phrygia?
4. What did Paul find when he got back to Ephesus?
5. Remembering from the last lesson, who do you think had been teaching the disciples that Paul found in Ephesus?
6. When the believers heard about Jesus, what did they do?
7. What happened when Paul laid hands on them?
8. After the Holy Spirit came, how many men spoke in tongues (languages)?
9. How long did Paul teach in the school of Tyrannus?
10. In what way did God work special miracles?

### MEMORY VERSE

... When Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; ... Acts 19:6

(Answers: 1. To Jerusalem and Antioch. 2. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch, Paul and Barnabas were ordained and sent to minister to the Gentiles, the saints from there sent money for the poor in Jerusalem, Paul started his second missionary trip from here with Silas as his helper. Maybe you can think of some more. 3. He strengthened the disciples. 4. He found disciples who knew only about John the Baptist. 5. Apollos. 6. They were baptized again in the name of Jesus. 7. They received the Holy Spirit. 8. Twelve. 9. Two years. 10. He healed and cast out evil spirits when aprons or handkerchiefs were taken from Paul and laid on the sick.



spread the gospel to all the world. 16:15-18). Paul was doing all he could to world and preach the gospel. (Mark promise to those who go into all the sick are healed. Healing of the sick is a chiefs are still sent to the sick, and the filled with the Holy Spirit. Handker- ing on of hands of ministers who are is still healing people through the lay- were cast out in this same manner. God and they would get well. Evil spirits prayed over could be laid on the sick chiefs and other cloths which Paul had Paul to lay hands on the sick. Handker- Jerusalem. It was not necessary for He had done through the apostles in special miracles through Paul, just as Another important thing that hap- pened in Ephesus was that God did

had heard the gospel. By this time everyone who lived in Asia Tyranus to listen to Paul's teachings. two years people met at the school of the world came there to study. For was famous for good schools, so stu- school, teaching about Jesus. Ephesus busy, probably in another part of the science, math, astrology, etc., Paul was While Tyranus continued teaching

Paul spoke boldly in the synagogue at Ephesus. He tried hard to persuade the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah, but they disputed his words and refused to believe, so, after three months, he separated from them and taught the new disciples in a school belonging to

received the Holy Spirit. Then Paul prayed and they baptized. Then Paul prayed and they for Jesus," he told them. They were Baptist. "Then you need to be baptized according to the teachings of John the He found out they had been baptized Spirit," they answered.

"We've not heard that there is a Holy Spirit," they answered. "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you be- disciples were lacking in their experience Paul must have recognized that these He did, however, find some disciples. Priscilla and Apollos were gone.

he finally got back to Ephesus. When he finally got back to Ephesus. When same in Phrygia and the other coun- ren in the different cities. He did the missionary journey, he went back to the country of Galatia and visited the brethren in Phrygia and the other coun- When Paul left Antioch on the third

second trip. from here he and Silas started on the out on their first missionary trip, and From Antioch, Paul and Barnabas set disciples were first called Christians. Here, the disciples at Jerusalem. Here, the given money to help the poor among From this city Barnabas and Paul were among the Gentiles was at Antioch. church at Antioch; the first church been called of God and ordained by the salem, he went back to Antioch. He had After finishing his mission at Jeru- gospel as they returned home.

so he would get the people to take the knew he could not go to all these towns, all the known world at that time. Paul then take it back to the people in their those who received the message would could tell these Jews about Christ, and easier way to spread the gospel? He from everywhere would be there. What of the feast because hundreds of Jews wanted to be in Jerusalem at the time one of the Jewish feasts. He probably Ephesus while he went to Jerusalem for Paul left Aquila and Priscilla at



herself, she sent an offering every month to Lily. "These small offerings mean so very much to me," Lily often said. Even an offering of just one dollar sometimes made it possible for her to buy the amount of flour she needed for bread. Today she needed \$10.00 more to pay for it. In the bank she waited for God to tell her where she might get the money. Several rich men were in the bank, "Shall I tell one of them my need?" she asked God.

God answered, "No."

Across the street from the bank lived a bedfast friend. Lily went over to cheer her. Two of the friend's daughters were there. One of them looked at Lily a moment, then said, "Miss Trasher, are you not feeling well?"

"Perhaps I can make her feel better," her friend interrupted. "She is probably feeling ill because she hasn't enough money for today's flour." Then reaching under her pillow, she took out \$10.00 and handed it to Lily.

Her younger daughter also gave her \$10.00.

The next day some money came in the mail. One of the girls had to have a pair of stockings so she set aside enough money for them, but then there was not enough left for flour.

At times like these, Mr. Bey's suggestion to turn children away forced its way into her mind and made her cry out, "Shall I do it, Lord?" But she never heard God answer, "Yes, my dear child, send the next one away. I love him, you love him, he needs help, he needs me, he needs you. He is my child, but you have no room."

She bought the stockings, and when she paid for them, the clerk gave her \$5.00 which made just enough to get the flour.

Another day she lacked \$2.50 having the amount needed for flour. She went to check the charity box at the Nile Club, where she often found money. There was not one cent in it. As she turned away, a young friend greeted her. "Needing something today?" he asked. He then handed her \$20.00. While they were talking, two other friends came up. Each of them handed her money.

"It may sound like money falls out of the sky on me," Lily said to a friend, "but

some days I have to return to the orphanage with not enough food for the next day.

For several months every day greeted her with the thought, "Is this the day that God will stop providing and I will have to turn some child away?"

Day after day they ate rice, or beans, and bread. Day after day Lily and Mr. Nashid went hunting for rice or beans, and flour to bake bread during the night, to have it ready for the next day. More and more water was added to the rice or beans, and the bread slices became thinner and thinner.

Lily stayed in her room and prayed as much as possible, often not eating anything herself. One day she called a day of special prayer for their needs.

Afternoon came and still there was no food for breakfast, nor flour for bread. She drove away in the car and went to everyone who owed her money, but no one had anything to pay her. She went to everyone she knew who might help. Nobody helped! She returned to the orphanage and prayed again. A great fear gripped her. "Will this be the day that my children will say that God didn't answer prayer?" The fear hounded her. "No, no, children, God never fails," she thought to herself. She went out again to find food. This time she knocked on a door and was given enough grain for breakfast and enough kerosene (fuel) to cook it. Later Mr. Nashid remembered another man who usually gave them flour. She went there and he gave them enough flour for four days!

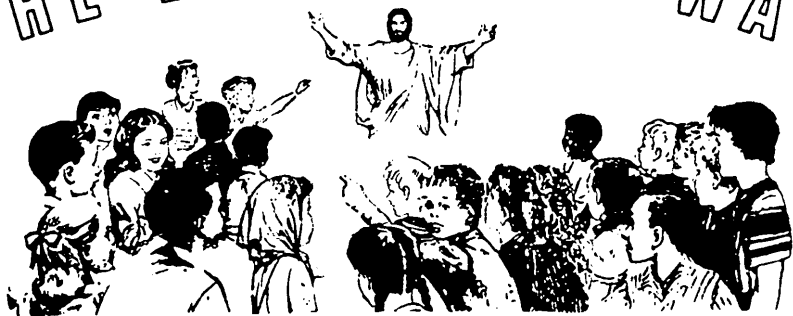
Weeks and months passed in the same way until for a whole year the children had eaten every bite of food that Lily had been able to get. At other times she had borrowed and God had supplied so she could pay it back. But this past year she had borrowed and borrowed and had not been able to pay it back. Had God quit providing? Was she not to take in any more homeless little ones? Was He expecting her to send the children away? These questions haunted her everyday.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Send Them Away?

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Mr. Bey's idea of not accepting any more children pushed into Lily's mind more and more, and so did another idea. Finally the day came when Lily decided she would have to make some more changes at the orphanage. She would have to talk to the children. It was a winter day, but they would have to meet in the courtyard; it was the only place large enough. She told Alya, "Please call all the children together in the courtyard after breakfast. Tell the widows to come a little later. I must talk to them."

She had been up praying since before the break of day. She had cried more than she had prayed, and had said a hundred times, "I can't do it, I can't do it."

God hadn't asked her to do anything—it was just that reality told her that she had to do it!

Tears cascaded down her cheeks while watching from the upstairs window of her room the thousand hungry children that were gathering.

When they were together, she went out and sat in her chair, then raised both arms. The children knew that meant silence, and each child raised his arms to let Mama know that he was ready to listen. When the arms went down, all was silent and Mama spoke. "My children, my dear children, we are in hard times. We have not enough money to buy food. You know I love each one. I feel that what I am doing is best for you." Her voice sounded

course and strange. "I-I-must send you away," she stopped again, "to live with relatives. If you have no relative, we will send you to a friend. If you have no friend, outside the orphanage,——" Mama paused and started sobbing, for hundreds of these children had no family or friends. She got control of herself and continued speaking, "we will find you a friend."

Lily saw a wild fear sweep over the crowd of children like a monster. "I promise to bring you back as soon as God provides—I promise—I promise." She could not look at the horror on their faces. She looked down at the ground worn smooth by the little feet which had ran and played there in the day and prayed there in the evening. She couldn't look at that either, so she closed her eyes. How could she turn them away from their only happiness, and security?

"How will these boys get an education? There are no free schools for the poor. The small boys will always be peasants, and what will happen to the people who will not hear of Jesus if the older boys can't continue to preach in the villages? The girls will be treated like servants, no, worse than servants, like slaves! The little blind girls will become public beggars. Mama had thought of all these things a hundred times, but she had hoped they would not be true. Now she knew that even the children knew they were true. She began to tremble. She would have to keep the blind girls, they could not be street beggars, they would

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### The Vagabond Jews

**New Words:** *Exorcist:* A person, who casts out evil spirits by a magic form of words or magic spell. *Vagabond:* Wanderer, idle, good-for-nothing person.

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Mark 6:7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the

devils are subject unto us through thy name.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

**Central Thought:** Believers should clean house and burn or throw away unwholesome books. These books can be replaced by books which have basic moral truths.



### Questions:

1. What did the vagabond Jews try?
2. In whose name were they casting out the evil spirit?
3. What did the possessed man say?
4. What did the man with the evil spirit do?
5. What affect did this have on the Ephesians?
6. What was the value of the books before they were burned?
7. What kind of power did Jesus give His disciples?
8. Were the devils subject to the seventy disciples?
9. Should the disciples rejoice just because the devils obeyed them?

### MEMORY VERSE

The preacher sought to find out acceptable words; and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.

Ecclesiastes 12:10



# Let's Talk

The great city of Ephesus not only had the famous Temple of Diana to attract visitors and participants in the heathen festivals, but it was a metropolitan center for trade and education. Roads radiated from it to all parts of the populous Roman provinces of Asia. Being the center of the idolatrous worship of the goddess, Diana, it was a hotbed for superstition and black arts of all kinds. Not only did the heathens use black arts, but also the Jews. Jesus mentions this in Matthew 12:27.

Seva was a chief of the priests among the Jews. He had seven sons who practiced casting out evil spirits through the use of magic. After seeing Paul casting out evil spirits through the name of Jesus, they decided to try doing it as Paul did. They gathered around the possessed man and called, out, "We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth, to come out!"

The possessed man shouted back, "Jesus I know, and Paul, but who are you?" Then he leaped into the air and pounced on first one, and then another of the seven men. After a good fight, the seven wounded men escaped for their lives. It is strange that seven men could not control one, but they couldn't.

News of this event spread all over town. Everyone who heard about it felt fear. The Jews who before had brought their possessed to the priests wondered if they should again. The Gentiles who trusted in magic began to doubt its power. Those who were studying it wondered if there was value in what they were studying. The people began seriously doubting the black arts and superstitions they had always believed in. Soon there were some who decided to destroy their books on witchcraft. They talked with others and soon many confessed their sins and believed in Christ. They had a book-burning party; the value of the books that were burned was 50,000 pieces of silver.

After the books were burned, the Word of God grew mightily. I think if every church had a book-burning party, Jesus would be very happy and the believers of that church would grow stronger in the Lord.

There are many magazines which have vile pictures that we should not look at. Others are filled with evolution and humanistic ideas that can cause us to doubt God. Do you have any books and magazines that are not good? Do you know how to decide if a book is okay? A book that glorifies lying, killing, cheating, stealing, hurting others, or disobeying authority, etc., is a book that is good fuel for a book-burning party.

You can sometimes tell by the author if a book is good for reading or not. Some authors who are praised by the world, have written books which Christians should not waste their time reading.

There are a lot of interesting books that will encourage you to love the Lord more. These are the kinds of books you should be reading. Try reading some biographies of Christian heroes. Look for books by Eliz Rice Handford, Louise A. Vernon and Faith Coxie Bailey. Paul Hutchens wrote a series of books called *The Sugar Creek Gang* which are both interesting and good. Moody Press, of Chicago, has a lot of wholesome, true stories of people who have lived for God in difficult times.

If the library in your town doesn't have books by these authors, or by Moody Press, ask them to get books for you through Inter-Library Loan. I have had good success finding books this way.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. They tried to cast out an evil spirit. 2. In the name of Jesus. 3. He said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?" 4. He jumped on the seven men, and overcame them. 5. The Ephesians were afraid to deal with magic so they burned their books on witchcraft, etc. 6. 50,000 pieces of silver. 7. Power over evil spirits and sickness. 8. Yes. 9. No, they should rejoice because their names were written in heaven.)

end up worse than beggars, nor could she bear to see her sweet girls treated like slaves, nor the boys following the miserable life of a peasant for fifty years, when she could make the difference. She couldn't bear to think of all the people who would not hear about Jesus if the boys had to move away and quit preaching." Mama was so caught up in her own thoughts, she hadn't heard the commotion around her.

When she opened her eyes she saw over a thousand children on their knees praying and crying, "Please, Lord, provide for us here. Send some money today. We can't go away. We have no place to go." They were telling God a thousand reasons why they mustn't be sent away! "Lord, Lord, Lord," shouted a little boy nearby, "I won't ever do anything bad no more, really, Lord, I won't, if you'll please, please, please. . . ."

Mama looked around at the many big buildings that God had provided for the very children who were kneeling in earnest prayer. Their earnest praying showed their faith in God. "Could she not stand and strengthen their great faith?" She sobbed a while longer while the children continued in prayer and then she stood up and raise her arms again. Some smaller children, who had finished praying, saw her. Quickly they jumped to their feet and sounded the alarm that Mama was going to speak again. One by one the children arose and hands went up.

"I cannot send you away! We will share whatever God sends in. God will have to provide for you wherever you go, so we will continue to pray for Him to provide for you here!"

That evening for supper, each drank rice porridge. Every slice of bread had to be divided among four children. A little milk is all they had for breakfast the next morning.

Lily felt too tired to go for the mail, so an older boy went. Even the small children waited anxiously to see if God would send money in a letter. There was one letter from Kansas, U.S.A.! The address read: Miss Lillian Trasher, Assiout, India.

"Is there another Lillian Trasher who lives in India?" Lily thought, "Shall I open it?" She looked at the postmark; it had not gone to India, but came directly from Kansas to Egypt! With trembling hands she opened the letter. A check for \$1,000.00 fell on the bed! Hurriedly Lily read the letter to see if it was for her. It was!

Strength surged through her body like an electric current. Quickly she threw on her blue cape, now 23 years old, and started briskly walking to Assiout. Tonight, the children would not go to bed hungry!

News of the large offering was soon all over Assiout, for all the people were watching with wonder to see how the orphans would be cared for while others were in such great need. They too, were hoping for the best, and when Lily deposited the check, the teller at the bank whispered to his co-worker, "The orphanage has received \$1,000.00 from America. It spread like a wild grass fire.

Lily went to the grocery store and ordered the food they needed. She then bought bolts of winter material for clothing and stopped by to order a steer, "This one please," she said, "it's large enough for every child to have some."

As soon as she got home she called Ayla. "Tell all the girls to come. We will make dresses for the little ones."

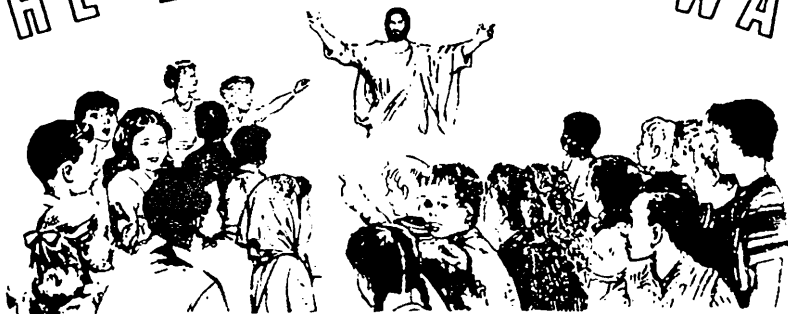
Hundreds of girls came near the door. Lily chose out older girls for each job. She organized them, "This group will cut, this group use the sewing machines, this group sew on buttons, this group do the handiwork and these will group the little girls according to sizes so we can cut several patterns out at the same time." She got out the patterns and handed them to the group who were to cut. Ten at a time the little girls came in to be measured.

A great prayer meeting of thanksgiving took place that night on the courtyard.

At midnight, Lily and some of the older girls laid the sewing aside and went to bed. "And I was too tired this morning to walk to the post office," she said as she dozed off to sleep.

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## Lord Maclay

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Lily heard the distant whistle of the luxury cruise liner plowing up the Nile from Cairo. It always stopped in Assiout for refueling and so tourists could buy the famous black nose veils. Although Egyptian women seldom wore this kind anymore, the tourists liked to take them home for souvenirs. Lily thanked her host for the delicious dinner, and apologized for leaving so soon.

She raced across the bridge to get her pamphlets about the orphanage so she could pass them out to the tourists. Hurrying to the luxury liner, she went up the gangplank and was on the deck sooner than she thought was possible. She paused just long enough to ask, "To whom shall I go, Lord?" but not long enough to get an answer. "Would you care to read about a Christian orphanage run by faith which has more than 1,000 children?" she asked at a table where two women and two men sat drinking tea. She looked into one young lady's eyes. They looked empty, and thinking she had not heard, Lily began again, "Would you care to read . . ." at that moment the young man Lily was standing behind, turned directly around and blew a puff of cigarette smoke into her face, then said, "No, we don't care. . ."

Lily backed away and coughed. As she was trying to overcome the embarrassment, a kind voice said, "Excuse me please, I would like to read one of your

pamphlets." Lily looked into her eyes; they were eyes filled with love and compassion, not hard as steel as those of the young man. "But at least he had told the truth," she told herself as she handed the smiling woman the pamphlet, "he really didn't care. . ."

Lily moved on among the crowd, but kept an eye on the woman who had brought comfort to her. She saw her showing the pamphlet to a group at the other side of the deck. In a little while she came to Lily again and handed Lily some money. "I'm Lady Inskip of Scotland," she said. "May I come this evening to see the orphanage?"

With the swiftness of a cheeta, Lily hurried back to the orphanage to get things ready. Every inch of the kitchen was polished. The girls in care of the nursery put clean linens on each tiny bed, then bathed the babies so each would smell sweet. The older children dusted every corner of their own dormitory. Some girls straightened the sewing room, others helped the smaller children bathe and shampoo their hair, then tucked them in bed a little early. Mama Lillian got pictures of the orphanage when it first began—of the boys making bricks and more recent ones she thought they might be interested in.

Everything was ready when the royal guests arrived promptly at eight o'clock. Lady Inskip brought with her a tall man with sandy colored hair. "Miss Trasher, this is my father, Lord Maclay."

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### The Goddess Diana

**New Words:** *Shrine:* An object made for worshiping. *Nought:* Nothing.

Acts 19:23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way [following Jesus].

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, . . .

25 . . . called together . . . the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, . . .

28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, . . .

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

34 But, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that know-

eth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, . . .

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38' Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

**Central Thought:** There is only one God.



#### Questions:

1. Who was Demetrius?
2. In what city did Demetrius live?
3. Why was he angry at Paul?
4. Who was dragged into the temple?
5. What did the people cry while they were rioting?
6. What did the townclerk say about Diana?
7. What did he say about the disciples?
8. How did he think Demetrius should handle the problem?
9. What commandment was Paul teaching?

#### MEMORY VERSE

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, . . . Thou shalt not bow down . . . to them, nor serve them. . . .

Exodus 20:4, 5

# Let's Talk

Diana was a goddess in Roman mythology. She closely resembled the Greek goddess Artemis, and the two goddesses seem to have shared the same temple. The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus was one of the largest temples built by the Greeks. The Romans in Asia called it The Temple of Diana. (Look in the *World Book Encyclopedia* under "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World," for a picture of this temple.) Both of the goddesses were supposed to have been the twin of the god Apollo, but Diana the daughter of Jupiter, and Artemis the daughter of Zeus. Both Jupiter and Zeus were kings of the gods.

The images of Diana first appeared on the island of Delos. Men selling these images said she had fallen from Jupiter and had powers of life, protection, etc. This all sounds ridiculous to us, and it is, but the practice of worshipping images of Diana had grown until some men, such as Demetrius, thought the whole world worshiped her. Many people made money by either making or selling images of Diana. Not only were these images bought by worshipers of Diana, but also as souvenirs by tourists who came to see the great temple. However, most of the money earned came from selling shrines for worship. For this reason Demetrius called the silversmiths together to take action against Paul.

Demetrius said, "This Paul hath persuaded many people that these gods we make with our hands are not God. Soon there will be no sale for our crafts and we shall make no more money." The men were so upset, they stormed out crying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

A riot followed! Paul was protected by the brethren and some chief men of Asia who knew him. After the crowd shouted, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" for two hours, the townclerk finally came to settle the uproar. He told them that they had no reason to be shouting because everyone knew that

the Ephesians were worshipers of Diana. He stated that if Paul and his helpers had robbed or were blaspheming Diana, then they should take them to the law and prosecute them in the right manner.

The Roman law said, "He who raises a mob shall forfeit his life." The townclerk was the man in authority and he did not want the Roman army charging into the city to settle a mob and possibly executing Demetrius who had started it.

Paul's preaching was having so much affect on the people that they were no longer buying shrines for worship. Hundreds of people, not only in Ephesus, but all over Asia, Macedonia, Galatia, Lycaonia, Achaia and the other surrounding countries were praying to the true God as you and I do. It may seem strange to us that people could believe in a goddess such as Diana, but remember, if we didn't know the truth, we might be an idol worshiper, also.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. He was a silversmith who made silver shrines for Diana. 2. In the city of Ephesus. 3. Because many people were following Paul's teachings to worship only the true God, therefore they would not buy his silver shrines for worship. 4. Paul's friends from Macedonia. 5. "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." 6. He said, "Everyone knows that the Ephesians are worshipers of Diana. 7. He said they were not church robbers nor blasphemers of their goddess, Diana. 8. He said that Demetrius should present his case before the deputy. 9. The first commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me.")

Lily took his hat and nervously said, "I don't hardly know what I should say to such royal persons, but I am very pleased to meet you."

The young lady and her father both laughed. Then Lord Maclay looked straight into Lily's eyes. "Miss Trasher, whatever titles I may have are nothing beside your noble character." Lily noticed that he, too, had kind caring eyes.

Lily was happy that every thing was clean and neat. She proudly showed them through all the orphanage. It was nice to have Lord Maclay from Scotland looking at her lovely children, but it was more thrilling to know that the Royal King of Glory looked down at them daily.

Lord Maclay also gave Mama Lillian some money. Every Christmas since then, he sent money so that the children could have a nice Christmas.

In February 1937, Lily received a cablegram from Lord Maclay. It said, "I will be in Cairo tomorrow for buisness, but have no time to come to Assiout. Will you please meet me at the port in Cairo?"

Of course Lily would meet Lord Maclay in Cairo. She had the boys get her car ready that evening. She gathered some pictures to show him and she and her sister, Jeanie, who was visiting from California, when to Cairo the next morning.

When she met Lord Maclay on the dock she showed him a picture of her newest children, of the toddlers, of the junior age boys, and the older boys working with leather. There was also one of the little girls sitting beside her in a rocker under the tree outside; she was sewing.

"Those are fine pictures," he said, "but what I want to know is if you have any special needs?"

"Needs, needs," Lily thought. Just having flour everyday was her greatest need, but that was hard to explain to a rich man. "Yes," she said, "they need clothing and food. I don't believe they are getting enough meat to stay healthy."

"How about you?" he asked. "Don't you need anything for yourself?"

Lily never thought of herself. She had what she wanted, and that was the privilege to help orphans. "I don't need anything," she answered. She then gave a long list of things her children needed: "Books, paper, pencils, combs, toothbrushes, tools, sewing machines, typewriters, money for government examinations. . . ." Her voice broke; the list was endless. She wiped her eyes with the white handkerchief Jeanie had tucked into her hand when she left the car.

Lord Maclay sat down in a chair on the dock and started writing a check. "Miss Trasher, I'm giving you 1,000 pounds, \$5,000.00 in American money."

Lily was so overjoyed that she closed her eyes to keep from bursting out crying. Now she was sure that she had just been dreaming. She would wake up in a minute back in the orphanage. But she was still hearing his voice. She tried again to open her eyes. Tears were still coming.

He was speaking very sternly, "You must promise to spend half of this on yourself."

Lily was shocked. How could she possibly spend that much money on herself? She controlled herself and looked into his kind eyes. He relaxed and smiled. His eyes told her she could do what she wanted with the money.

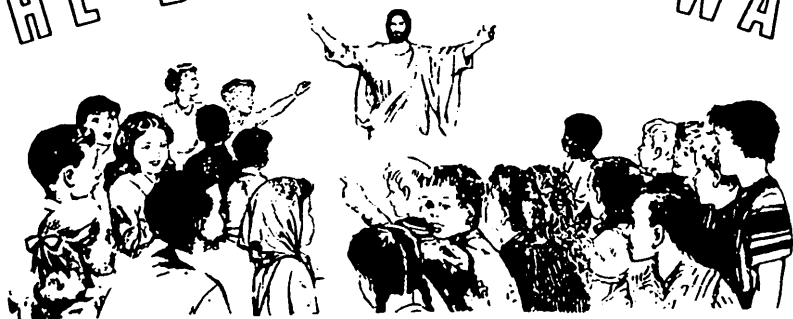
The ship's whistle blew. "Thank you, my good friend," she said. They shook hands and parted.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## When It Rains, It Pours

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Lily smiled when she thought of how God had sent Lady Inskip to comfort her after the rude young man had puffed smoke in her face. She smiled too, thinking about hearing Shid say, "My tractor came from Lord Maclay. He's a friend of mine." She knew it was good for the children to know that notable people loved them. But was there a danger?

Lily decided she would warn the children of this danger during evening devotions. Mama Lillian (Lily) raised both arms. The children raised theirs. Quietness reigned! "I want to tell you what Lord Maclay said when he came here to visit. He said that my loving noble character was much more important than the honors he has. Lord Maclay realizes that honors and riches of this world are not as important as being good. Do you know why we can be good and have a noble character?" she asked.

"Because of Jesus!" they responded.

"That is right! Jesus causes us to be good. Without Him, nobody can be good or have a noble character. Children, always remember that titles, honors and riches of this world are nothing compared to having Jesus in your heart. When you children are grown, I want you to have jobs that will bring plenty of money so your children will have things they need, and so you can help

others know about Jesus. But please, please, children, don't ever love riches or honor or anything more than you love Jesus.

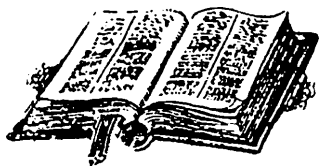
"As you know, Lord Maclay gave us a great sum of money yesterday. We will buy many more cows so we can have more milk to drink, and calves to raise for meat, and new buckets for milking and bringing water from the river. These will come in handy for watering the garden, too. I have already bought plenty of cloth to make new summer clothes and cloth for quilts so we can get them finished before winter." The children waited quietly until Mama was finished, then they exploded into cheering!

Two days later, Lily received another cablegram from Lord Maclay. Anxiously she opened and read it. "What?" She read it again, "This can't be true," she said, and read the cablegram the third time. Then slowly, still clutching it in her hand, she knelt, laid her head over the arm of the rocker and broke into uncontrollable sobbing.

Later she heard the girls come in, but quietly go out again, as they never disturbed her when she was praying. The next thing Lily knew, the girls were picking her up off of the floor. They helped her up the stairs to her room and put her to bed. She felt weak and tired. Her mind was blank, so she went to sleep. Just how long she slept, she never knew. The next thing she knew, a

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### The Long Sermon

Acts 20:1 And after the uproar [about the goddess, Diana] was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

6 And we [Luke and the other brethren] sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them [Paul and his helpers] to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft [story], and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

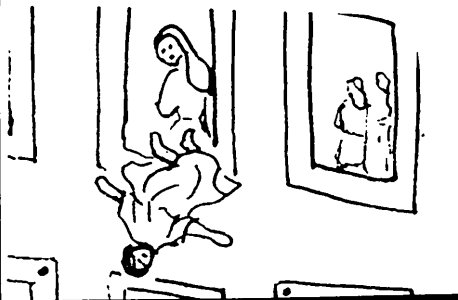
13 And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to

take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus.

**Central Thought:** The brethren's great love for Christ and for Paul was shown when they listened to Paul speak all night long.



#### Questions:

1. Where did Paul go after the uproar over the goddess Diana?
2. How long did he stay in Greece?
3. How many days were they traveling to Troas, and how long did they stay there?
4. What day did the disciples meet together?
5. When did Paul's sermon end?
6. What happened to Eutychus?
7. What did the disciples do after they found Eutychus was alive?
8. When did Paul leave?
9. Which of the following places did Paul not visit after leaving Troas: Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Corinth, Samos, Trogyllium, Antioch, or Miletus?

#### MEMORY VERSE

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

I John 3:14



# Let's Talk

Paul had been working day and night in Ephesus. At the time of the riot he had been there over two years. The riot was caused by workmen who were finding it hard to sell the silver idols of the goddess Diana since hundreds of people were rejecting idol worship and serving Christ.

After the riot, Paul said an affectionate good-bye to the Ephesians and sailed back across the Aegean Sea to Macedonia. At Philippi, in Macedonia, he probably visited again with the families of Lydia and the jailer as well as the many other brethren in that city. There were many churches in Macedonia which had been established on earlier missionary journeys. After visiting all these, he came into Greece where Athens and Corinth were located. It is believed that he spent about three months in Corinth, for there were many disciples there and there was some trouble among them.

When Paul felt God was through with him in Greece, he made plans to sail for Syria and go to the Passover at Jerusalem. Paul's plans became known to those Jews in Corinth who still hated him. "We shall kill him aboard the ship," they said, and set to work at once to plot his murder. This would have been easy, for Paul and his companions were to sail on a ship filled with Jews who were going to attend the annual Passover Feast at Jerusalem. In such a throng the conspirators would have had many sympathizers and could have escaped.

News of this plot reached Paul, so he changed his plans. To throw the conspirators off his trail, he sent his traveling companions by sea to Troas and he took the land route northward back through Macedonia to Philippi. At Philippi he met Luke and together they went on to Troas and joined the others.

Paul stayed a week at Troas. On the last night of his stay, the brethren met in a large upstairs room lit by many

lamps. Paul preached a long, long time. At midnight his sermon was interrupted by a scream from Eutychus as he fell from the window in which he was sitting. Paul began praying as he ran down the two flights of stairs to where the lifeless man lay. Paul lay on the man, and some feel that through this touch, Eutychus' life was restored. Whatever happened, the man lived, and the brethren rejoiced!

They were so eager to listen to Paul that they lingered the rest of the night talking with him. As the sun began showing light in the eastern sky, Paul told them good-bye and left. What great love the brethren had for Paul. What great love Paul had for the brethren. There is a special love in the hearts of brethren for one another. It is deeper than the love we have for other friends or our family, unless our family is also saved.

Yes, Paul had to leave some cities because of persecutions, but the love of the brethren for him was very deep.

—Sis. Charlotte

## \*\*\*\*\* Scripture Text Word Search

Can you find the words of this Scripture text in this Word Search? Look up, down, diagonally, backwards, across—every direction.

### John 20:29

"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

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(Answers: 1. To Macedonia. 2. Three months. 3. Five days, seven days. 4. The first day of the week, Sunday. 5. At midnight. 6. He fell from a third story window and was picked up dead. 7. They ate again and talked until daybreak. 8. At daybreak. 9. Corinth and Antioch.)

doctor was checking her over. Lily tried to explain to him what had happened, but he told her not to talk. "You need bed rest for several days and you will be all right," he said, and went silently out.

Lily was awake now, but it was getting dark outside. "I must have fainted, but why?" Slowly she pieced things together "The cablegram? Where was it? Had she lost it? No!" It was still crumpled in her clenched fist. She opened her hand and smoothed the paper. There it was in plain writing. "I am sending another \$20,000, it should be there shortly. Lord Maclay."

Mama Lillian could rest her weary mind and body. God had supplied all the needs for her orphans for many, many years. She had asked God at different times to send in money to buy food for a few days ahead, for it was so restful to have a little extra on hand, but she had never dreamed of asking for years in advance! She thought of the Scripture in Malachi, 3:30, "... Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." "Thank you, God," Lily said, "Thank you for opening up the windows of heaven," then she turned over and slept like a baby.

What happy days followed! Everyday Mama Lillian walked around the courtyard and watched her children at play, or followed them to see their mud pies, or cities they had built in the dirt. She went from room to room listening to them sing, or looking at pictures some were painting, or their knitting, crocheting, or needlepoint the girls were doing. She watched the boys making chairs, belts, and shoes. She helped them pull weeds from the garden, and plant some new fruit trees. She now had time to listen to them read. What a thrill! Not one of these children would have had a chance to go to school if she had not taken them in. She knew that she had hired good teachers because the children were learning a lot of skills.

She spent a lot of time talking with the older girls and teaching them to be strong Christian mothers. Neither were the older boys neglected; now she had time to go with them to visit the villages.

How very nice life was for Miss Lillian Traisher, the lady whom the missionaries had said would go under because children would descend on her in droves. The missionaries she had worked with when first coming to Egypt, had one by one, left. Nothing was left of the mission compound except one building where worship services were held once in a while. "Thank you, God, for giving me the strength to keep little Fareida although it cost me my place to live," Lily said as she thought about what had happened so long ago. It was 27 years to be exact. "And thank you, too, for helping Jeanie stick with me."

Lily had two more great surprises coming. The American Red Cross had a shipload of supplies on the way to Greece when Greece fell into enemy hands. There were many worthy places the supplies could have been sent, but the American ambassador chose to send them to the orphanage. He even sent a check for \$125.00 to pay the shipping cost from Cairo to Assiout.

What a day of excitement when the boxes and boxes, and boxes, and boxes of food and clothing arrived! There were 2,600 dresses, 1,900 wool sweaters, in addition to pants, shirts, socks, blankets, and many kinds of dried foods. It was like having a big store right at the orphanage!

New children were still coming! Lily had never turned one down. There were 1,005, 1,010, 1,100, 1,200, and still they were coming! Each of these 1,200 children had his turn of finding clothes to fit him.

As for the food storage room, it had been enlarged years before when Lord Maclay had given Mama that large sum of money.

After this, the American government regularly sent surplus foods for her children. Lily could truly say, "When it rains, it pours!"

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Fire! Fire!

(Continued from last week)

It was Monday, and Mondays were always full. Many daily jobs were left undone on Sunday so everyone could go somewhere to church service. The boys went to the different villages; Lily, her children and the widows and their children went to the church building right on the orphanage grounds. A man from the Philippines had sent money for the building. No more did they have to sit in the hot courtyard under the blazing sun during the summer, nor huddle together to shield themselves from the bitter winds of winter. Sunday's work had to be done on Monday.

Lily had been so busy all day that she could not get the newsletter mimeographed. It had to be mailed the next day, or at least that is what Lily thought, so she worked most of the night until she had it finished. She then prayed and went to bed.

She was just dozing off to sleep, when she sensed a glowing light. It was so bright she saw it through her closed eyes. It flashed, then died away. What could it be? She looked around. It seemed to be coming through the window. There it was! Then she couldn't see it. She finally decided her nerves must be playing tricks on her because of tiredness, so she lay back down. But there it was again, spooky and weird! "It is just a nightmare," she muttered and rolled over again.

A moment later she heard voices, shoutings, and the gonging of the school bell. She flew out of bed, dashed across her bedroom and looked out the east window. "Fire! Fire!" she shouted. She called the fire department while slipping on her housecoat and pulling on leather shoes. Massive black billows of demon-like smoke bellowed forth. Monstrous tongues of fire lapped at the walls and hurled far up into the dark sky. Every window revealed the inferno inside.

Thundering down the stairs, she ran across the yard toward the burning building, screaming, "Get the little boys out, get them out!"

Her voice sounded like a mouse squeaking against the roar of the fire monster. She dashed for the only door that looked accessible. Heavy hands grabbed her and forced her back. "Don't go in there," a husky voice demanded.

"The boys, we've got to get the little boys!" she shouted trying to tear away.

"They are already out. Believe me, all 40 boys are safe in the courtyard."

"Are you sure?" Mama begged, "really sure? Did you count them?"

"Yes, Mama." She relaxed just a little when she realized it was Mena, black with soot except for white streaks where sweat had washed it away. His appearance showed he had been in the burning building, and too, he was so dependable. How had she ever managed this orphanage before he grew up?

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Paul's Farewell To Ephesus

**New Words:** *Commend:* To hand over for safe-keeping. *Elder:* A leader of the Church.

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

**Central Thought:** To enjoy life, or be a successful Christian, we must learn to enjoy giving.



### Questions:

1. Who did Paul call to Miletus?
2. Why was Paul going bound in spirit to Jerusalem?
3. Would the people at Ephesus see Paul again?
4. What had Paul declared to the people at Ephesus?
5. Who supplied Paul's food etc., while he was at Ephesus?
6. What did Jesus say was more blessed than receiving?
7. How did Paul end his farewell speech?
8. Why were the brethren sorrowing?
9. From where were the last good-byes said?

### MEMORY VERSE

... Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35



# Let's Talk

Paul boarded a ship sailing for Syria so he could be at Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was a Jewish feast kept each year. On this day thousands of Jews came to Jerusalem. Paul's great desire to spread the gospel impelled him to go where the crowds of Jews were gathering for worship that he might tell them about God's wonderful plan to save them from sin. This was the ending of this third missionary journey. He also ended his second missionary trip by hurrying back to Jerusalem for a feast.

When the ship in which he was traveling back to Jerusalem stopped for a few days at Miletus, which was about thirty miles south of Ephesus, he sent for the elders of the Ephesian church to come.

In his speech to the elders, he reminded them how he had lived in holiness before them. He had worked to provide his own necessities and taught them daily, sometimes during the day and sometimes in the evening. Always, his teachings came from a heart of great love and concern for their souls, for often he was risking an attack from his enemies when he spoke.

"I have taught you all the truth," he said. "I told you the truth even when it caused me suffering. Therefore I go to Jerusalem free from the blood of all men, but bound in spirit because I know trouble is ahead. I am ready, though, to be killed for the gospel, and am sure that you will see me no more."

Fear and sorrow filled the brethren—sorrow that they would see Paul no more and fear of being left alone without him.

"I place you in God's hands," he said. "He will take care of you, and the study of His Word will make you strong." Then, kneeling down, he prayed with them all.

Arms around each other, they walked together to the ship. Yes, it is just as Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Paul had given him-

self for the brethren in Ephesus; they in turn would give themselves for the gospel that he loved so well. Giving is the weapon that will always win.

—Sis. Charlotte



## Our Neighbors

"Somebody near you is struggling alone  
Over life's desert sand;

Faith, hope, and courage together are gone;

Reach him a helping hand;

Turn on his darkness a beam of your light;

Kindle, to guide him a beacon fire bright;  
Cheer his discouragement, soothe his affright,

Lovingly help him to stand.

Somebody near you is hungry and cold;  
Send him some aid today;

Somebody near you is feeble and old,  
Left without human stay.

Under his burdens put hands kind and strong;

Speak to him tenderly, sing him a song;  
Haste to do something to help him along  
Over his weary way.

Dear one, be busy, for time fleeth fast,  
Soon it will all be gone;

Soon will our season of service be past,  
Soon will our day be done.

Somebody near you needs now a kind word;

Someone needs help, such as you can afford;

Haste to assist in the name of the Lord;  
There may be a soul to be won.

—Selected

(Answers: 1. The elders of the church of Ephesus. 2. Because the Spirit had witnessed to him that bonds and afflictions were waiting for him. 3. No. 4. All the counsel of God. 5. He did, by working. 6. Giving. 7. By kneeling down and praying with them. 8. Because they would not see Paul again. 9. From the ship.)

She saw the little boys with frightened faces huddled together.

The fire trucks? Where were they? She looked toward Assiout. There were no trucks in sight.

Then she thought of something else. Dashing toward the big boys who were beating on the burning mattresses with sticks and brooms, she commanded, "Break into the storehouse and get the new buckets." A dozen boys headed for the storeroom. Breaking in the door, they threw out the 150 new buckets. 150 boys scooped up a bucket and dashed to the Nile. At first each one tried carrying his filled bucket to the burning building. Soon, however, Lily showed them how to place their feet firmly in one place and pass the full bucket to the boy nearest the fire. In this way the boys formed a brigade all the way to the Nile.

Slowly, slowly the flames gave way to smoldering. Mama was just ready to tell the boys to slow down when she saw a spark fly onto the roof of the kitchen. Instantly it was a mass of flames! "To the kitchen!" she screamed. The brigade mechanically moved in line with the kitchen. In a short time Mama thought the fire was getting under control.

She looked down at her soot-covered housecoat, and was just hoping for a good hot bath when she remembered the kerosene tanks that supplied for the hot water. They were just outside the kitchen wall and were almost full. If they exploded, someone might be killed and the fire would spread to other buildings! She searched desperately for the fire trucks, at the same time shouting to the boys, "Hurry! Hurry to the wall by the tanks. We can't let the tanks catch fire!" She searched again for the fire trucks. Again the boys moved like a giant centipede with strength of steel and continued dousing the fire monster. Swish, swish, swish, went the heavy buckets filled with water as they were passed from one boy to another, until at last they were emptied on the flames nearest the oil tanks.

Lily looked again for the fire trucks. "What shall we do? What shall we do?" she cried. Then she remembered that she hadn't done the one thing that would help most. She hadn't prayed. Her mind was so possessed with fear that she couldn't seem to pray. She closed her eyes, but all she could say was, "Do something, Lord, please do something. Do something, the tanks."

The boys kept pouring on the water! Mama kept looking for the fire trucks, and saying, "Do something, Lord."

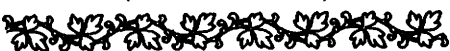
The fire trucks pulled into the orphanage gate, just as the last flame flickered and died. The firemen checked everything over and stayed a while to watch for any flare-ups. At about daybreak, shortly after the fire trucks had left, the ambulance from Assiout came to take the injured to the hospital. "We have no injured," Lily told the ambulance drivers. "God has protected us!"

When the sun was up, she went to the kitchen to check it over. A window beside the kerosene tanks was open. Someone had laid some old newspapers in it. What if the flames had gotten to those papers in the open window? The tanks would surely have exploded! Lily examined the wall closer. The fire had eaten up the wall all the way to the papers. Suddenly it had stopped! Lily knew God had *done something*, as she had asked Him to do. "Thank you, Lord," she cried, "you did something!"

She looked the stove over, "All it needs is a good bath, like me," she said with a chuckle.

How could she laugh in the face of such disaster? Because God had promised to be with her, and she knew He was with her through this, too. But, even with the Lord standing by, it wouldn't be easy to rebuild the kitchen and the little boy's dormitory, nor to manage meals for 1,200 children in a makeshift kitchen. But the fire monster was dead and she could go to sleep, something that she hadn't been able to do all night.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Death Stalks The Land

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In September, 1947, the dreaded disease of cholera struck Egypt like a cobra on its prey. Lily heard about it on the radio and read about it in the newspaper. The people who took cholera usually died in a few days; some lived only a few hours. They became sick with high, high fever, vomiting and diarrhea and the victims died because the disease, like a blood-sucking leech, sucked away all the body fluids.

In just two months, thousands of Egyptians had already died. The government took every precaution to stop it. All schools were closed and temporary laws, because of the emergency, were enforced, but the disease crept steadily over the country.

When anyone in a family became sick, white paint was put on the door so all the world could know that the demon of cholera was there. The government officials would then put a big circle of white on the ground around the house and yard. Guards were also placed at a distance so nobody would come to, or leave from, the home where the dreaded fatal disease had intruded. In many homes after cholera struck, all that remained was the house and furniture. All these precautions did not stop the dreaded monster; it moved on taking its toll wherever it went, for it was carried by flies, and flies went everywhere.

Fear gripped Lily when she thought of what could happen if cholera found its way into the orphanage. She envisioned rows, and rows, and rows, of children's bodies all awaiting burial. Worse yet, there might not be anyone left to take care of the dead. She had read about whole families being found dead!

Lily spent a lot of time praying for protection. God gave her a promise from Psalm 91:10, "... neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

"This plague certainly has not come nigh us, yet," Mr. Nashid said to Lily when she read to him the promise God had given her. "Not one case of cholera has been reported in the city of Assiout, nor its surrounding villages."

"I have been thinking that I would endanger 1,000 other children should I get a child who has been exposed to cholera. I don't think I shall take in any children right now," Lily said. Alya, who was in the room sorting quilt scraps, looked up in surprise.

"Sounds like a good idea," Mr. Nashid assured her. "See you later."

"You haven't refused a child in thirty-five years, have you?" Alya questioned.

"No, I have not, and I hate to now, —but—, oh, Alya, how happy I am that I didn't refuse you. What would I do without you. You do a thousand little things to help me. How I love you, Alya."

"Mama, I love you, too. Where would I be if you hadn't taken me in?"

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Agabus Prophecies

Acts 21:1 And it came to pass, after we . . . had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:

2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.

3 . . . and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

7 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven. . . .

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

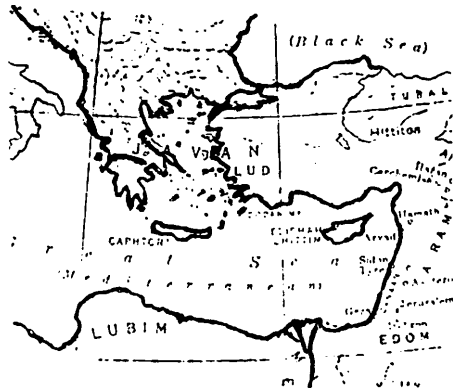
11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle [belt], and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

**Central Thought:** Paul was willing to travel around to spread the gospel, and he was also willing to be imprisoned or even die for Jesus.



### Questions:

1. How many ports did Paul stop at before reaching Syria?
2. Who did Paul find at Tyre?
3. How long did Paul stay with the disciples at Tyre?
4. Who was Philip?
5. Tell what you know about Philip's family.
6. What did Agabus do?
7. What did the brethren ask of Paul?
8. How did Paul answer the brethren?
9. Should every Christian be willing to suffer for Christ?

### MEMORY VERSE

Then Paul answered, . . . I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of . . . Jesus.

Acts 21:13

# Let's Talk

Paul and the disciples traveling with him left Miletus on a ship which sailed to the island of Coos. You may have heard about this island, for it was the home of Hippocrates who is called the father of medicine. Paul spent the night on this island. The next day they sailed past the island of Rhodes which was famous for its great shipbuilding industry. That evening they landed on the south coast of Asia at a port named Patara. Here they left the ship and boarded another going to Phenicia. This ship was a freighter and probably big, for it sailed out across the Mediterranean Sea, on the side of Cyprus Island on to a port in Syria called Tyre. Tyre was an ancient Phoenician seaport, and, I am sure, very interesting. Paul, however, was not very interested in seeing the city, but looking up disciples, which he soon found. He stayed with them for seven days while the ship unloaded its cargo. During these days, the brethren of Tyre warned Paul that he should not go to Jerusalem. When he left, the whole church—men, women and children—followed him to the beach where they knelt in the sand on the shore and prayed together. The next and final landing was at Ptolemais. After a day's visit with these brethren, Paul and his company traveled southward overland about thirty miles to Caesarea.

At Caesarea they stayed at the home of Philip the evangelist. When Paul stopped to visit Philip, a great evangelist and a great missionary had met together! I am sure they enjoyed sharing experiences. Philip once lived in Jerusalem and was chosen as one of the seven men who were responsible for taking food to the poor. (Acts 6:5). He also took the gospel to the country of Samaria (Acts 8:5-13), and he was led by the Spirit into the desert of Gaza where he met, on the road, the treasurer of the queen of Ethiopia, who was saved and baptized that same day. Philip was married and had four daughters. Just as

Paul had never married, but consecrated his entire life to work for God, so had these four daughters. They spent their days studying and explaining the Scriptures. Although they did not travel as Paul did, they were busy for God.

One day while Paul was at Philip's home, Agabus, a prophet, came from Judea. He took Paul's belt, which was a long piece of material, and tied his own hands and feet. "The owner of this belt will be bound in Jerusalem," he prophesied.

After hearing this, Philip and the other brethren begged Paul not to go to Jerusalem. But Paul told them he was not only willing to be bound for Christ, but also to die for Him.

Paul and his traveling companions, Philip and his daughters and many other disciples were spending their lives in service to God. They were willing to do anything that would help spread the gospel. Paul said to them, "Don't break my heart with your tears, let me suffer whatever God allows."

This was the end of his third missionary journey. —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Four: Coos, Rhodes, Patara and Phenicia. 2. Some disciples. 3. Seven days. 4. Philip was an evangelist and one of the seven men chosen to take care of the poor in Jerusalem. (Acts 6:5). He lived in Jerusalem at that time. 5. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied (explained the Scriptures). 6. He took Paul's girdle (belt), tied it around his own hands and feet, then said that Paul would be caught and bound in Jerusalem. 7. Not to go to Jerusalem. 8. He said, "Don't cry and break my heart. I am ready to suffer and die at Jerusalem for Jesus." 9. Yes.)

Mama looked again at lovely Alya, how strange that she looked so much like Fareida, her first child, and had the same loving manners.

They talked a long time, until all the quilt scraps were sorted. Alya brushed a strand of loose hair off Lily's forehead and tenderly kissed her good-night. There was not another child in the orphanage as dear to Lily as Alya.

One day as Lily was walking home from Assiout, she saw something that made her blood chill! Soldiers were guarding a small house with white paint on the door. A white ring was drawn around the house. She walked far around the house and hurried inside the orphanage; then she bolted the gate behind her. Nobody would go out or come in until the demon had left Assiout!

"I will not take another child," she told herself again.

A few nights later she and Alya were working together hours after everyone else had gone to bed.

Early the next morning, a gong of the gate bell awoke Lily. She heard the patter of Alya's feet as she ran to see who was there. Presently she was standing by Lily's bed. "A man and two little motherless boys want help. They have walked four days across the desert. I told them we could not take anyone, b-b-but they look half-starved."

How Lily wanted to help, but all the other children's lives were at risk. "No, tell them positively no!" she said hastily for fear that she would weaken. She lay down and listened as Alya slowly retraced her steps to the gate. Lily remembered Alya's words, "Where would I be today if you hadn't taken me in?" The little boys needed help, but they couldn't come in because they might be sick. Hadn't God sent her to help the sick and needy. She slipped on her housecoat and hurried to the main gate. "Let them in," she said hoarsely to Alya. "We will hope it is not unwise."

The boys were bathed, given clothes, fed, and assigned beds which they slept in most of the day. Nobody thought it strange, for hadn't they walked for four days? That night, Alya and another

girl slept near the little boys—this was the usual way to get a new child adjusted. About midnight Alya came running to Lily. The oldest little boy had fever and was vomiting and had diarrhea. "What have I done?" Lily asked, then in the same breath said, "Lord, help us."

The little boy died that same night. The health department came and sprayed every inch of the building with disinfectant, then vaccinated every child. Soldiers guarded the gates. Every older girl and every widow scrubbed the gate, the fences, the kitchen and dining room, the bathrooms, and the washrooms where the boy's clothes had laid before they were burned; they disinfected every place the boys had come near.

The next morning Alya didn't come to Lily's room. Lily went to find her. She was in bed with a high fever. "What have I done?" Lily asked herself again. Quickly she fell on her knees beside Alya and prayed that she would get well. "Lord, have I killed Alya, the one that means more to me than any earthly friend. Alya, whom you sent to replace my firstborn. . . ?" She looked once more at Alya and remembered Fareida's young mother dying. Alya looked exactly like her.

The next thing Lily knew, she was in bed and was told that she had been there three days. "Where is Alya," she asked, for Alya always attended Lily when she was sick. Then Lily remembered the cholera nightmare! She fell back on her pillow to weak to raise up. "Alya, Alya," she called, "are you dead, or alive?"

She called again and again for Alya, but Alya didn't come. Then she thought she saw the doorknob turn. Yes, there was Alya, slender graceful Alya, but she looked weak, and dark circles were under her eyes. She came to Mama and put an arm around her and kissed her. "Oh, I thought I killed you," Lily said. Alya didn't answer. Mama then awoke and knew she was just dreaming.

Later she was told that Alya died.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The New Manager

(Continued from last week)

"All the records of the orphanage money are ready for the government inspector," Mena told Lily.

"Wonderful! I am very thankful for your help," Lily answered. "You are very accurate. The inspectors are always impressed."

"Maybe being impressed is what causes so many of them to send back gifts to help."

"Yes, I think it is," Lily said. Then with a far away look on her face she said, "Mena, I was just remembering when you first started watching me keep records. One day you came in quietly and watched me for a long time. The next day you came, then again and again. You really seemed to like numbers."

"I guess I did. I always enjoyed math better than any other subject. But I think what I liked most was just being close to you. However, I do like working with numbers, and taking care of the orphanage business," he replied.

"I'm glad you like it. Mr. Nashib did a lot of the managing around here for twenty-eight years, but I always had to take care of the money. I'm seventy years old now, you know, and somebody must keep the orphanage going when I leave for good."

"I'm sure I can't do as well as you, but I will do my best. It's the work I think God wants me to do.

"I wonder where we'd all be today if you would have sent us away that time?"

"That was a terrible time, however, it worked for our good. It started you children to earnestly praying; and God answering those prayers was what saved the orphanage."

"I'll never forget how you looked when you received that \$1,000 check from Kansas, nor will I forget the bolts of cloth, and sacks of flour, rice and beans you bought with it. I thought we had enough food for years, but in a couple of weeks you were worrying about where you'd get bread for the next day. At that time I didn't realize how much it took to feed and clothe 1,000 children.

"Those were hard years, very hard," she said slowly, "but things have been better since. I am grateful we always have extra food and clothes on hand now, and I am glad too, that those children learned to trust God. I hope the children we have today will also trust God. Some do, I am sure. Yesterday when the children were eating lamb stew at your house, Jane, no, Betty, Ened, no, well isn't this terrible when you can't remember your own children's names?" She leaned her head into her hands and tried to think.

"Oh, Mama, don't feel bad that you can't remember. How could anyone remember the names of all your children? How many have you had anyway?"

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Paul's Arrest

Acts 21:17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when he had saluted them, he declared . . . what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; . . .

21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses. . . .

23 Do therefore this that we say. . . .

24 . . . and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; . . .

26 Then Paul took the men [four Jewish Christians], and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple. . . .

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: . . .

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some cried one thing, some another, . . . and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after crying, Away with him.

**Central Thought:** God speaks only the truth. He had spoken through His prophet, Agabus, that Paul would be bound in Jerusalem; therefore Paul was bound.



### Questions:

1. What did Paul do in Jerusalem?
2. Were the elders happy about all that God had done through Paul?
3. Did the elders want Paul to do something?
4. Did Paul cooperate with the elder's suggestions?
5. Who stirred up the accusation against Paul?
6. By whom was Paul rescued from death?
7. How was he taken into the castle?
8. What did the multitude cry against Paul?
9. Do you remember what the multitude cried against Jesus?

### MEMORY VERSE

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isaiah 40:8



# Let's Talk

Paul had a married sister living in Jerusalem, and perhaps he visited her on the day of his arrival. On the following day he, and some who had been with him, went to see James. All the church elders gathered to hear him give an account of his work among the Gentiles. They were happy about all that God had done through Paul's ministry.

At the same meeting, they told him that Jerusalem was filled with rumors about him. He was being accused of forbidding his Jewish converts to continue keeping Moses' law after they were saved. It was the same kind of charge which was made against Stephen before he was killed.

James and other local leaders suggested that Paul let himself be seen in the temple undergoing certain ceremonial rites in a week-long ritual with four local Jewish Christians. This would show that he held the laws in reverent regard.

The plan seemed wise, so Paul agreed. It seemed the Jewish Christians of Jerusalem who saw him performing these rites were satisfied that the accusation was false. But they were not the only ones who saw Paul there, some of his enemies from Asia were there, too. One day they had seen Paul on the street with Trophimus a Greek convert from Ephesus. This gave them an idea. Later, when they saw Paul in the temple, they shouted, "Here is the man who has spoken everywhere against the Jewish people, and against the law and the sanctuary. And now he has polluted the temple by bringing Greeks into it."

No Greeks or Gentiles were anywhere in sight to prove the accusation of Paul's enemies, but that did not keep the crowd from quickly turning into a mob. Paul was seized and dragged from the temple into the outer court where he would have been killed but for the ever-watchful Roman sentries.

Quickly they relayed the news to the castle. Soldiers were instantly dis-

patched to the scene. They cleared a path through the mob and rescued Paul before he was beaten to death. The captain ordered Paul to be bound with chains. Turning to the crowd, he asked, "Who is this man, and what has he done?"

Amid the uproar the captain could learn nothing, so he ordered Paul to be taken into the castle. To protect Paul, the soldiers lifted him on their shoulders and carried him up the stairs of the castle. The inflamed mob shouted angrily, "Away with him! Away with him!"

This was the same cry that had been raised against Jesus more than twenty-five years earlier when He had stood before Pilate.

At Tyre, the brethren had asked Paul not to go to Jerusalem. Also, in Caesarea at Philip's home, Agabus said that Paul would be bound at Jerusalem. In just one week the prophesies of Agabus had come true.

(Adapted from *Youth Explores the Bible*, by David R. Piper.)

## A Hidden Message

Starting at the left top row, write down all the letters under the numbers—6, then 7, 8, and 9. There are four messages.

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(Answers: 1. He went to see the elders and told them all that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Some Jews from Asia (probably from Ephesus). 6. By soldiers from the chief captain. 7. He was carried on the shoulders of the soldiers. 8. "Away with him!" 9. "Away with him!")

"A couple thousand, I guess! We have dozens of weddings each year. Some of the brides I've kissed good-bye were my best helpers, too. I hate to lose them, but of course I was happy for the girls."

"Anyway, back to what happened at your home yesterday, one little girl who was eating lamb stew said to me, 'Do you know that this is a blessing of the Lord?' It was mighty nice of you to invite 250 children to the engagement party. They had the largest piece of meat that they had ever eaten!"

"Well, you know it is the custom in Egypt to make a less fortunate person happy when something makes you very happy. Mary and I are Egyptians, you know, even though we are both your children. Of course we are happy that our oldest daughter is engaged to a good man. He paused a moment and continued, "Being raised here, we also understand how good an orphan feels when he is invited out to dinner.

"Yes, because there are so many of us, there are things in normal family life that my children miss," Lily said. Mena noticed the pain in the tone of her voice.

"But Mama, you must remember that the children you take in have no family. The few that have a relative or single parent would have been clothed in rags, almost starved, and never been able to go to school, or learn a trade, had they not come here. When I see beggars, the poor peasants, and the cruel poverty on every side, I realize, more than ever, how fortunate Mama Lillian's children are."

"Yes, the children who have found the orphanage have found the blessings of God," Lily said as she sat back in her rocker and relaxed.

"The boys have had a chance to learn woodwork, carpentry, leatherwork," (including shoemaking), he looked down at Lily's orphanage made shoes, "farming, mechanics, teaching, and clerical skills. Your girls, too, have been able to prepare themselves to be good mothers and housekeepers, and also have a trade in case they should ever need to work for money. However, Mama," he said, looking at Lily's contented face framed

in snowy white hair, "the most important tool we have for life is knowing how to trust Jesus."

"I am glad you understand the most important thing this orphanage has to offer. It makes me happy to see the young people establishing Christian homes as you and Mary have. What a mighty impact all these Christian families will have on Egypt. I've always told the folks back home that if they want the gospel to spread, they should have more children."

They both laughed. Then Mena corrected her, "They need to *raise* more children. Raising children can be very profitable for the Kingdom of God."

"It surely can be, but some people think it's just too much work. It is a lot of work—fifteen years of hard work to help boys and girls develop a strong godly character so they can do their duty toward God and man. Then it's another five years before a young man is prepared to take his place in the world as a Christian witness and provider for his family, or a girl dressed in white is ready to say, "I do." at the altar and be the wife and mother she should be. Oh, those long hard years of nursing through sickness, schooling, clothing, feeding, correcting, praying and tears—those years full of the joys and sorrows of parenting. I wouldn't trade them . . . not even if I could be a Lady in Scotland, . . . or a queen . . ." she wiped tears from her eyes and noticed Mena's eyes were wet, also.

"The inspector should be here sometime today," he told her after a brief moment of silence. "Would you like for me to call you when he comes?"

"No, I will be leaving tomorrow to stay with Jeanie at her villa in Alexandria, and I have several things to check on before leaving, and when it gets a little cooler this evening, I would like to walk around a bit and see the progress on the new school building and water project. I'll meet you here at the office at 6:30, okay?"

"Okay."

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Good-bye, I Love You!

(Continued from last week)

When Lily arrived at the orphanage office at 6:30, Mena was talking on the telephone. He rose from his chair and greeted her.

She sat down in her rocker to wait and rest a moment, for she knew walking around the orphanage was a long walk. She had bought adjoining land from the farmers and erected more and bigger buildings as the need for new ones arose. There were now 13 buildings.

They had talked just long enough for Mena to get comfortably leaned back in his office chair and his feet on the desk, when Lily suggested, "Let's walk out and see things." She liked everything in its place, . . . including feet!

They left the main office, walked across the courtyard and past the small boy's dormitory that had been rebuilt since the fire nine years ago. They passed the older girls dormitory (once used for the boys) and Mama's old two story house. Passing the old house brought back many memories, some were sad ones, but most were happy—like the September she returned from a trip to America when the children greeted her crying, "Mama jet, Mama jet," which means, "Mama has come," not "Mama has come on a jet," or those hours she had spent seated in her chair by the big window upstairs watching the happy children playing in the court-

yard, or the times the girls had gathered there to sew, and those long talks with the older girls about life's choices, or planning their weddings, or the times she had taught the older boys the Scriptures. Oh, there were so many happy times in that old house!

On past the sewing house and to the left, was the new nursery with 40 small beds. Close to the new nursery was Lily's new cottage which Jeanie had given her. Flowers, vines, and exotic plants surrounded the house, fruit and shade trees grew on two and one-half acres of land that were reserved for Mama so she could have rest and quietness when she needed it.

They walked on quietly. Lily was thinking of her conversation with a visitor last week. He had asked, "How much will it cost to run your new school for boys?"

"I don't know," she had answered.

"What?" he said, "have you built a school and not counted the cost for books, teachers, equipment, etc.?"

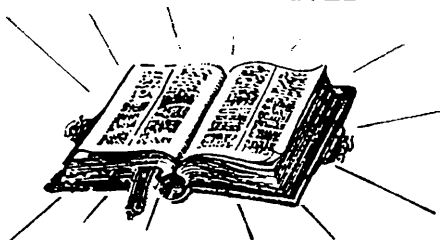
"I never count cost. I just know there is a need, so I get things prepared to meet the need. God supplies the money as we go along. He promised me almost fifty years ago that He would supply for my children, and He always has."

"Do you have a banker friend who loans you money while building?" another woman once asked Lily.

Lily was happy to say that she had never borrowed a dollar for building. "I

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Review

Acts 16:25, 26 At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises. . . . And suddenly there was a great earthquake, . . . and immediately all the doors were opened. . . .

17:9, 10 . . . When they had taken security of Jason, . . . they let them go. And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea. . . .

23 . . . As I passed . . . I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

18:9, 10, 12, 14, 16 Then spake the Lord to Paul, . . . I am with thee, and no man shall . . . hurt thee: . . . And . . . the Jews made insurrection . . . against Paul. . . . Gallio . . . drave them from the judgment seat.

18:19, 21 . . . He came to Ephesus, and left . . . [Aquila and Priscilla] there: . . . saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: . . .

19:5, 6 . . . They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; . . .

19:19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them. . . .

19:26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

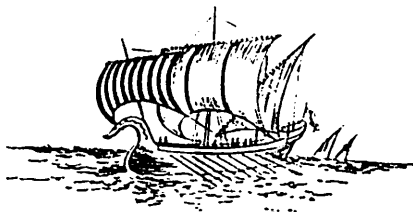
20:9, 12 . . . Eutychus . . . fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And they brought the young man alive, and were . . . comforted.

20:32 . . . Now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, . . .

21:11 . . . Agabus . . . took Paul's girdle [belt], and bound his own hands and feet, and said, . . . So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle. . . .

21:30, 33 . . . All the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, . . . out of the temple: Then the chief captain . . . took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; . . .

**Central Thought:** Paul enjoyed an exciting, adventurous life.



### Questions:

1. How were Paul and Silas released from the Philippian jail?
2. Who helped Paul escape from Thessalonica?
3. Who did Paul teach the Athenians about?
4. What did God promise Paul at Corinth?
5. Who did Paul leave in Ephesus?
6. Who did the Ephesians receive when Paul laid hands on them?
7. What did the believers do with their evil books?
8. Of what did Paul persuade the people in Asia?
9. What happened to Eutychus?
10. Who would build up the people of Ephesus?
11. What did Agabus prophesy?
12. What happened to Paul in Jerusalem?

### MEMORY VERSE

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:19, 20

# Let's Talk

"The love of money is the root of all evil." Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, his traveling companion. Paul had traveled extensively and had seen many things which proved to him that love for money, or wealth, is the basis for evil. In the last twelve lessons we have read about Paul having trouble because his actions had interfered with someone's personal gain. In Philippi, he was jailed because he delivered a slave of an evil spirit which had brought her masters much gain (money). In Ephesus, Demetrius stirred up a mob of silversmiths who were losing money from reduced sales of shrines of the goddess Diana.

"Words of Gold" has a few lines taken from each of the twelve previous lessons. Let's see how much we can remember. Try identifying the cities on the map. 1. At midnight, after Paul and Silas had sang and prayed, God sent an earthquake to open the jail at Philippi. The jailer and his family were saved and baptized. The next day the authorities begged them to leave the jail. 2. In Thessalonica the envious Jews got some worthless men to stir up a mob against Paul and those traveling with him. Jason, a local resident, helped them escape unharmed. 3. The angry Jews from Thessalonica followed them to Berea, but some brethren hid Paul and took him to Athens. Here he taught the Athenians about JESUS, THE UNKNOWN GOD, who they were already worshiping. 4. At Corinth when things were looking bad, God told Paul in a dream that no one would hurt him. Later when the Jews took Paul to the deputy, the deputy stood for Paul and drove them from the judgment seat. 5. Priscilla and Aquila, his new friends, accompanied him from Corinth to Ephesus. He left them there and went on to Jerusalem. This was the end of his second missionary trip. 6. Leaving Antioch on his third journey, he went through Galatia and Phrygia before

getting back to Ephesus. He established new churches in some towns, in other places he encouraged the already existing churches. Many believers of John the Baptist were found in Ephesus. After hearing of Jesus, these men were baptized and received the Holy Spirit. 7. Also, in Ephesus, many became believers and burned their books on curious arts after seven men were seriously wounded while using curious arts to cast out an evil spirit. 8. These believers in Ephesus refused to continue worshipping the goddess Diana. This caused an uproar among the craftsmen who made their living by creating shrines of the goddess. 9. After the uproar was ceased, Paul went again and exhorted the churches in Macedonia and Greece. Before sailing for Syria, he heard of a plot to kill him on the ship so he went by land back through Macedonia. At Troas, in Mysia, the brethren talked all night in a third story room. Around midnight, a young man fell from the window and was picked up dead. After prayer, God restored his life. 10. On his way back to Jerusalem, he stopped at Miletus and visited with the elders of Ephesus. 11. At Philip's home in Caesarea, the prophet Agabus prophesied that Paul would be bound in Jerusalem. 12. On the seventh day after Paul arrived in Jerusalem, he was arrested.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. God sent a frightening earthquake. 2. Jason. 3. Jesus, whom they called THE UNKNOWN GOD. 4. That nobody would hurt him. 5. Priscilla. 6. The Holy Ghost. 7. They burned them. 8. That gods made with hands weren't God. 9. He was restored back to life. 10. God, and the Word of His grace. 11. That Paul would be bound in Jerusalem. 12. He was caught and bound with two chains.)

have borrowed many times to buy food, but buildings are paid for in cash."

She was lost in thought until they were close to the boy's new dormitory. She looked up at the magnificent white building. It almost took her breath away; it did every time she saw it!

"What?" Mena asked

"I was gasping," she said. "It is hard for me to believe that we have a building with over 20,800 square feet of living space in it."

"It's like a hotel," Mena added, "and it's for the poor outcast child to call home. Isn't God good to provide this fine home for them?"

They sat in lawn chairs in front of the big dormitory and rested before going on. From where they sat, they could see the brick fence that walled the swimming pool, and hear the laughter as the middle aged girls took their turn swimming. Some Egyptian friends, the Maurice Bey Doss family, had given it to them.

The roof of the beautiful chapel could be seen from here, also. It was big enough to seat the 1,300 from the orphanage and few visitors from Assiout.

"We must go on," Lily said, "I want to go through the new school building and see the water system before it gets too dark."

"All this room lacks is paint around the doors and windows," Mena said as they went into the school.

"I am so glad the boys will have an opportunity to study," Lily said lovingly.

The next building they passed was the regular school building. The new one was for higher education and vocational courses for the boys. The old school had many rooms and a special play yard for the blind girls. Egypt had schools to teach blind boys, but there was none for blind girls, so Lily saw the need and through faith made this provision for them.

Many of the children who came to her were older, but had never been to school. These were not humiliated and put in classes with small children; there was a room especially for them. Lily

seemed to be endowed with wisdom from God to handle these things right.

Now they were passing the storage building. It held cotton, grain, dry milk, pasta, cooking oil, canned meat etc. Much of this was U.S. surplus food donated by the government and another organization which was established to send food, clothing, tools, books, etc., overseas to needy people.

The new building for the electric (dynamo) engine had just been finished. "How nice all this is!" Lily exclaimed.

"Look around here," Mena said. "The workers are starting to dig the new reservoir."

"It surely is big!"

"And over there," Mena pointed to where an old building had been. The boys have cleared away that old tumbled down building, and bricks are baked and ready to start a new one. I have the lumber ordered and paid for, too."

"And all this was possible from money sent by Americans who have shown a love for the dear ones here in Egypt. I praise God everyday for the loyal brethren who cannot be missionaries themselves, but help by giving. And the young people too, are generous. Have you heard what's on the way?"

"No, what?"

"A new car, paid for by only young people."

"Yes, I knew about the car, but how will you ever pay the customs fees?"

"I got a letter from the President today saying I can have the car free. Jeanie and I will pick it up on the way to Alexandria tomorrow!"

"Great!" he shouted. "I was sure you would get it."

They went into the kitchen. Everything was spotless and the workers were out for the evening.

"I won't be seeing you until the cooler weather in the fall," Lily told Mena as they parted. "You're my new manager. I know you will take good care of things while I am gone. Good-bye, I love you."

"Good-bye, I love you, too," Mena called back.

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