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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Hidden Treasure

Ernest Envidioso was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom.

When the day came that his wealthy father asked what he would like for a graduation present, he confidently answered that all he wanted was the sports car.

As Graduation Day approached, Ernest awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, the father called Ernest into his private study. "I am very proud of you my fine son," he said. "You have studied hard and done well. I love you very much and have a nice gift for you."

He handed Ernest a small but beautifully wrapped gift box. At first Ernest hope's fell, but then he thought perhaps the title to the sport car was inside the package or maybe a check for the amount the car would cost. Nervously he unwrapped the gift.

Inside he found nothing but a leather-bound Bible. His name was embossed in gold on the front cover.

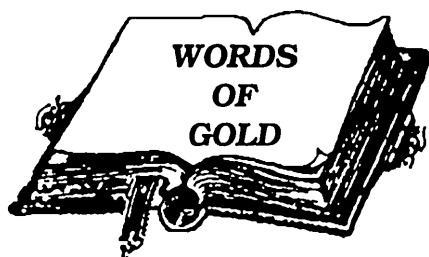
Angrily, he shouted at his wealthy father, "With all your money and you give me nothing but a Bible?" Ernest stormed out of the house, leaving the gift.

We can only guess how bad both Ernest and his father felt through the graduation ceremony and the lovely reception that followed. Ernest soon left home and went into business for himself.

Years passed. Ernest married but the father was not invited to his wedding. He had children, but the children did not know their grandfather.

Ernest was a successful businessman as his father had been. He bought a lovely home for his family but his father had never been invited to the home. By now his children were teenagers and Ernest was beginning to realize how ungrateful children can sometimes be. His father was getting old and Ernest felt he should go and make amends. He had not seen his father since Graduation Day so long ago.

Before Ernest could get arrangements made to leave his business and go to his father, he received a telegram saying, "Your father has passed away. He has willed all his



## A Hidden Treasure

**I Kings 12:1, 3-8,  
12-14, 19-20**

**1** And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

**3** ...And all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

**4** Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

**5** And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

**6** And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

**7** And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

**8** But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him,...

**12** ...All the people came to Rehoboam the third day,...

**13** And the king answered the people roughly,...

**14** ...Saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

**19** So Israel rebelled against [Rehoboam and] the house of David...

**20** ...There was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

**The Message: Look for treasures all around you that you have not recognized before.**

### Questions:

1. Who was being anointed king?
2. What did the people ask of King Rehoboam?
3. How many days were they to wait for the answer?
4. From whom did King Rehoboam seek advice?
5. What did the old men tell Rehoboam to do?
6. Did King Rehoboam speak kindly to the people?
7. How did the people respond to King Rehoboam's threat?
8. Did rejecting the old men's advice cause Rehoboam to lose his kingdom?
9. Should the advice have been like a treasure to the king?

### Verse to memorize

**A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.**

**Proverbs 13:1.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Would you like to be the son of a wealthy king and have everything you wished? Now think how wonderful to be the son chosen as king of your father's wealthy kingdom!

Rehoboam didn't have to dream of being a wealthy king's son. He was Solomon's son and Solomon was the most wealthy man on earth. When Solomon died, Rehoboam became king. He thought he could now do what he wanted with his father's wealth and all the people in the kingdom.

He soon found out he could not do what he wanted. The old men told him to be kind to the people, but like many rich young men, Rehoboam wanted to do things his way, so he ignored the old men's advice and spoke harshly to the people which caused almost everyone to rebel against him. They formed another nation and elected Jeroboam as king.

The wisdom of the old men was valuable...just like a treasure. It could have saved him the kingdom. But Rehoboam cast it away because he did not recognize it as a treasure. Many children, young people and old people, too, cast away treasures because they do not recognize them as treasures.

In "The Hidden Treasure" the son of the rich man cast aside the gift he wanted and left home angry. Had he known it was in the Bible he would have accepted the Bible. Had Rehoboam known following the old men's advice would have saved his kingdom, he no doubt would have

followed it. Have you rejected or thrown away a treasure because you did not recognize it as a treasure?

Don't dream about being a rich king. Look around you for treasure. There may be one you are not recognizing.

—Charlotte Huskey

## Lord, Forgive Me When I Whine!

On the bus, I saw a girl with golden hair,

I envied her and wished I were as fair.  
When suddenly she rose to leave,  
I saw her hobble down the aisle.  
She had one leg, and used a crutch.  
But as she passed, I saw her smile!  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two legs. The world is mine!

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad  
who sold it had such charm.  
I talked with him. He seemed so sad.  
If I were late 'twould do no harm.  
And as I left he said to me,  
"Thank you. You have been so kind.  
It's nice to talk with folks like you."  
"You see," he said, "I'm blind."  
Oh, Lord, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two eyes. The world is mine!

Later, while walking down the street,  
I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
He stood and watched the others play  
He did not know what to do.  
I stopped a moment, then I said,  
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"  
He looked ahead without a word,  
And then I knew he could not hear,  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.  
I have two ears. The world is mine!

With feet to take me where I'd go,  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,  
With ears to hear what I would know  
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine,  
I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine.

—Author Unknown

possessions to you. Come home immediately and take care of things."

All his father's money could not make Ernest happy now. All he wanted was a moment to say, "I'm sorry, Dad." His wife tried to comfort him. His children tried. He hardly saw their caring faces. He only saw his Dad's disappointment when he had refused the Bible.

When he arrived at his father's house, all the angry words he had said to his father came back to his mind. They were like ghosts following him into every room.

He went into the dining room where they had eaten happy meals together. "I'd give half I own to sit around this table one more time with Dad," he muttered. He went into his bedroom. There was his bed where Father had often sat and laughed with him. Into the basement he went, where they had played ping-pong together. Every room was filled with the presence of the man of whom he wished to beg forgiveness, but the person was not there. It terrified Ernest.

The day came that Ernest had to go find important papers in his father's private study. The chair in which his father had sat when Ernest refused the gift seemed to reprove him. Ernest rubbed his hand over the back of the leather chair as if trying to caress his father. "Oh, Father, if you were only here," he sobbed.

As he searched through draws for the papers, he found the Bible, still in the box, just as he had left it. He opened the Bible and began lovingly turning the pages. Mat-

thew 7:11 was underlined. He read, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your father—" Tears blurred his vision, so he raised the Bible closer to his eyes so he might see more clearly. A car key fell out of the Bible.

Wiping his eyes, he read the name on the tag. It was the same dealer who had the sports car he had so desired. On the back of the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL.

"What a fool I've been! The treasure I wanted was hidden in this book," he said, holding the Bible to his heart.

—Adapted by Charlotte Huskey

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.

(Answers: 1. Rehoboam. 2. To make their yoke lighter (make life easier for them). 3. Three. 4. From the old men who had stood before his father, Solomon. 5. They said he should serve the people and speak kindly to them. 6. No. 7. The people rebelled. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)

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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Martyred For Her Faith

Tuesday morning, April 20, 1999—all seemed normal in Littleton, Colorado. Students attending Columbine High School ate breakfast, collected books and assignments and headed for school.

Classes resumed as usual. Cassie Bernall, Joshua Lapp, Crystal Woodman and hundreds of other students brushed shoulders as they changed classes that morning. Among the student absentees were Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris. This was no great concern.

Joshua Lapp, studying in the far corner of the library, saw Cassie Bernall and Crystal Woodman enter. Crystal disappeared among the shelves of books. Cassie sat down at the table.

The quiet study was interrupted by a gunshot in the hall. Looking up, Joshua saw a gunman entering. He panicked. How could he escape without being seen? Sliding quickly and quietly under the table Joshua kept an eye on the gunman.

The gunman then pointed the gun at Cassie Bernall's face. "Do you believe in God?" the gunman asked as he came closer.

Cassie paused, the gun in her face. "Yes, I believe in God," she answered.

"Why?" he demanded, and pulled the trigger.

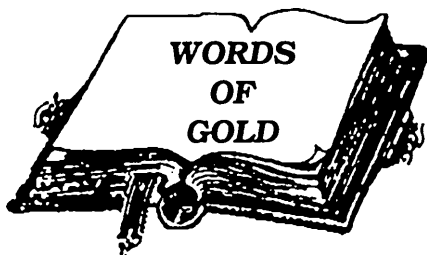
Cassie slumped to the floor. Joshua's instant reaction was to shout at the gunman, to go to Cassie—but knowing he'd probably be dead before he got there, he lay still and held his breath. Would the gunman see him? Would he ask him the same question? Sixteen-year-old Joshua, a member of St. Philip Lutheran Church hoped he wouldn't have to die for his faith too.

The gunman left.

Later when Joshua was asked how he would have reacted if he had been asked the same question, he said, "I would've done the same thing she did. She did something that one of the thieves did when Jesus was on the cross. She admitted she believed in Jesus Christ just before she died."

Joshua only knew Cassie Bernall from passing in the halls, but seeing someone martyred for their faith shook him up quite badly. Faltering he said, "It was just—well...she's... after she said that, you know, she's now in a better place."

Crystal Woodman, a Columbine junior and member of Cassie's youth group joined the students. "She died for her faith. That's why she died," Crystal said. "And that's how she lived her whole life. She is a martyr for Jesus." Cassie and Crystal had vol-



## The First Christian Martyr

**Acts 6:3, 5, 8-10, 12-13, 15**

**3** ...Lookye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

**5** ...And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost,...

**8** And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

**9** Then there arose certain of the synagogue,...disputing with Stephen.

**10** And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

**12** And they stirred up the people, and the elders,...and brought him to the council,

**13** And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place [the temple], and the law:

**15** And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

**Acts 7:55-60**

**55** But he,...looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

**56** And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened,...

**57** Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

**58** And cast him out of the city,...

**59** And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

**60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice,... And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

### The Message:

**Stephen was the first**

**Christian martyr.**

**He died because he**

**believed Jesus was**

**the Saviour.**

### **Questions:**

1. What kind of men were needed?
2. What did Stephen do among the people?
3. Why were those of the synagogue angry at Stephen?
4. What did the false witness say?
5. How did Stephen's face appear?
6. What did Stephen see?
7. What did the men do when Stephen saw Jesus?
8. What did the men do to Stephen?
9. What were Stephen's last words?

### **Verse to Memorize**

**Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

**I John 3:16.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Christianity is a religion of love. There was no understanding between Christians and other religions in the world. Other gods were harsh. Their religion was full of hate for all who disagreed with them. It was these religious men who killed Stephen. They claimed to believe in God but they hated Jesus and His followers which they persecuted and killed.

Millions of people in different religions say they believe in God but will not accept Jesus as God's Son and their Saviour. The number one belief of the Moslems (Islam) is "God is one and has absolute power." Judaism (religion of the Jews) believes in God. The native American's believed in the Great Spirit (God). Other religions also believe in a divine being, or God, but do not accept Jesus.

John 10:30, reads, "I and my Father are one." It is not possible to believe in God from the heart and not believe in Jesus, for God and Jesus are one. It is impossible to love God and not love His Son. The Jews who killed Jesus did not really love God. For many years their religious leaders had also killed God's prophets. The Muslims persecuted and killed thousands of Christians. Native Indians killed missionaries who came to them with the message of Jesus.

Why do people of other religions hate Christians? It is because Chris-

tians have a different spirit than other religions. Christians have a spirit of love. Christ's spirit is love. Stephen had a spirit they could not resist. Stephen's spirit was the spirit of Christ. Christ prayed, "Father forgive them." Stephen prayed, "Lay not this sin to their charge." The spirit of other religions is one of hatred and unforgiveness.

Jesus warned us to try the spirit and see if it is of God. Many spirits are in the world. Some are religious spirits which will try to deceive God's children. These spirits hate those who have the humble spirit of Jesus.

Christianity is a religion of love. How much do you love?

—Charlotte Huskey

### Reference Point

One of the reference points of London is the Charring Cross. It is near the geographical center of the city and serves as a navigational tool for those confused by the streets.

A little girl was lost in the great city. A policeman found her. Between sobs and tears, she explained that she didn't know her way home. He asked her if she knew her address. She didn't. He asked her her phone number; she didn't know that either. But when he asked her what she did know, suddenly her face lit up.

"I know the Cross," she said. "Show me the Cross, and I can find my way home from there." —Selected



unteered together, reaching out to homeless people downtown. "I too, barely escaped from the library. I prayed 'God, send Your angels down' and He did. I'm thankful to Him that I am alive."

"Everybody that made it out knows they made it out for a reason, or Somebody was watching out for them," Joshua said.

Churches all around Littleton have had countless memorials for the twelve students and teacher William "Dave" Sanders who died when bombs exploded and gunfire went wild in Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. One memorial turned into an old fashioned prayer meeting where people repented and called on God for mercy.

This tragedy caused people across our nation to turn to God for help. Prayer meetings sprang up...at churches, in parks, around the school and in homes. One such pray meeting sprang out of the mud and muck at the park across from the Columbine school. At first it was just a small circle. The Faith Christian School girls' soccer team from Arvada had come over in their maroon sweats to pray at the site. Hundreds of people buzzed around them: friends, students and strangers hauling posters, flowers and letters to the giant memorials growing in the park. The girls prayed and the circle grew. Twenty students, then fifty...holding hands, singing hymns. Young voices prayed aloud under a cold, slate-gray sky.

Matt Baker, a tough-looking student, prayed: "If we lean toward You, God, we know You're going to lean right back."

The circle kept getting bigger, crowding out the television crews. Soon there were 100 young people, maybe 120! Finally, everyone grew quiet, captured by the sweet, high-pitched voice of Sam Matherne, a

student from Cherry Creek High School and member of the Orchard Road Christian Center.

"The only way you'll get through this is through Jesus. If you don't have Jesus, get Jesus," she said. "You don't know if you have tomorrow. My best friend, Rachael Scott, died in there, don't let it be in vain."

Raindrops pattered on the memorials, smearing posters and letters. One letter, written on white notebook paper, stayed dry under the tent. Addressed to Cassie Bernall and God, it said, "This sweet, innocent, beautiful girl is one of Your most precious creatures and the world has suffered a great loss."

These teens agree with Joshua Lapp and Cassie's friend, Crystal Woodman, who say, "Now she's in heaven. She's so much better off than any of us."

These teens and Christians throughout the world also extend sympathy to the families of Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris who must face the reality that their sons are not in heaven. May each find Jesus as His personal Saviour and rely on His strength to face a hostile world and survive the avalanche of problems brought on them by their sons.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Men full of the Holy Ghost. 2. He did great wonders and miracles. 3. Because they could not resist his wisdom and spirit. 4. That Stephen spoke against the holy temple and law. 5. As the face of an angel. 6. The glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 7. They shouted and stopped their ears and ran at him. 8. They cast him out of the city and stoned him. 9. "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.")



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## Ryan's Project

"I want to give 2,000 Bibles to Chaplin Cawthon to use in the Seminole County Jail," Ryan told his father, Stan Austin.

"That's a lot of Bibles," Stan answered. Headadjusted his recliner. Ryan sat on the deck chair across from his dad. Mrs. Austin lay on a towel in the warm Florida sun.

"Didn't you ask God to show me what I should do for a community project? I think that's what God wants me to do."

"Have you thought how much 2,000 Bibles will cost?" his mother, Alana, asked.

"Let's see...at \$3.00 each that would be \$6,000. That's a lot of money, but nothing is impossible with God."

"Do you think you can raise that kind of money?"

"Well, I hope so."

"Listen Son, we're behind you and will pray every day for its success, but I'd hate for you to be disappointed," Mrs. Austin cautioned.

"Your mother has a good point. We know all things are possible with God, but you're only 13. Why not make your task a little easier—say 1,200 Bibles. Let's pray about it. And I have the telephone number of a Bible Society where you may get the Bibles at a lower price."

"Then my project is okay if I'll set my goal at 1,200 Bibles?"

Both parents agreed. They prayed again.

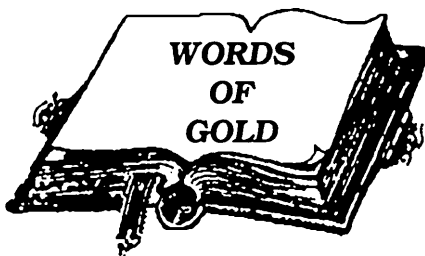
Austin set to work raising money for the Bibles. His brother, Richard, helped him make a flyer on the computer. Next they passed them out at school, encouraging classmates to ask their parents to help in his community project.

Their parents did not respond. Ryan was pretty discouraged the day his mother said she would help him send a letter to everyone on their Christmas list.

"I need your help," his letter read, "so I can purchase soft-covered Bibles for \$2.50 each. You could make a tax-deductible donation for this project. Make checks payable to..." Ryan mailed these letters to 65 friends and relatives.

Ryan also solicited fellow church members for support. From the beginning of January until early February, he and several friends had a table set up in the vestibule of the church to receive donations for Bibles.

His efforts started paying off. Friends and relatives began sending in checks. Many sent letters encouraging Ryan. The church people also gave. Two members gave him checks for \$500.



## **Asians Receive The Gospel**

**Acts 19:1-12, 18-20**

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.

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.

**The Message: Paul took the gospel to the people in Asia.**

### **Questions:**

1. Who did Paul find in Ephesus?
2. What were these disciples of John instructed to do?
3. How long did Paul preach in the synagogue?
4. Why did Paul stop preaching in the synagogue?
5. Where did Paul continue preaching daily?
6. How long did Paul preach in Asia?
7. What did God do by Paul?
8. In what way did Paul use handkerchiefs?
9. What books were burned?
10. What affect did Paul's preaching have? (Verses 10 and 20.)

### **Verse to memorize**

**Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.**

**Psalms 119:11.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Jesus had freed Paul from the spirit of hate and murder. He felt so much better he wanted to tell others so they too could be freed. He went to Ephesus in Asia, and preached about Jesus to idol worshippers. He stayed there two years, helping the people get free from their miserable conditions. After continual daily prayer and teaching, the people were freed from disease, evil spirits and witchcraft.

The condition in Ephesus was much like the condition in the United States today. Evil spirits of hate, murder and witchcraft are controlling children, young people and adults. Fighting, murders, bombs and shootings in schools come from people controlled by evil spirits. The only way to stop such action is for corrupt hearts to be cleansed by the gospel.

Some are trying to solve these problems by restricting the use of guns—however, the spiritual Sword, God's Word, will do much more good. God's Word will change hearts. When hearts are changed, actions change. Many criminals have been saved and changed by reading God's Word.

Years ago, Daniel Webster said, "If religious literature is not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain control."

The devil has gained control of many people because they did not receive God's Word. The devil also had control of many people in

Ephesus. The Word of God changed the people in Ephesus and the Word of God can change our people as well. Right now, after the terrible shootings that are taking place in the schools, people are seeing the need of God's Word.

Let's pray for those who are organizing Bible Studies and giving out Bibles. And let us do all we can to help our friends and neighbors know God's Word. There may be someone in your neighborhood who has no Bible.

—Charlotte Huskey

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### *The World's Bible*

*Christ has no hands but our hands*

*To do His work today;*

*He has no feet but our feet*

*To lead men in His way;*

*He has no tongue but our tongue*

*To tell men how He died;*

*He has no help but our help*

*To bring them to His side.*

*We are the only Bible*

*The careless world will read;*

*We are the sinner's gospel,*

*We are the scoffer's creed;*

*We are the Lord's last message*

*Given in deed and word—*

*What if the line is crooked?*

*What if the type is blurred?*

*What if our hands are busy*

*With other work than His?*

*What if our feet are walking*

*Where sin's allurements is?*

*What if our tongues are speaking*

*Of things His lips would spurn?*

*How can we hope to help Him*

*Unless from Him we learn?*

—Annie Johnson Flint

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After months of continuous work, the great day arrived! Near the end of February, Ryan checked the records and found he had enough money. He ordered 1,200 Bibles.

When Mr. Williams, of the American Bible Society read Ryan's letter it was not clear whether Ryan wanted to purchase 1,200 Bibles, or if he was asking the Bible Society to supply some of the Bibles through its grants program.

Mr. Williams called Ryan's home. His mother answered the phone. "May I speak with Ryan Austin?"

"He is at school. May I take a message or would you rather call back later?"

"At school? How old is Ryan?"

"Thirteen."

"I need to clarify his order. The Bibles he requested are \$3.95 each."

"I believe Ryan thought each Bible would cost \$2.50. He's raised \$3,400. I guess you'll need to send as many Bibles as the money will buy. Let's see, how many would that be?"

"Around 850 Bibles, but actually, Mrs. Austin, we can raise the quantity. The American Bible Society Grants Program can match every Bible Ryan purchases with a free one. That would bring the total to 1,700 Bibles."

That evening when Mrs. Austin told Ryan about the grant making it possible for him to receive 1,700 Bibles that cost \$3.95 each, Ryan said, "God's been working out His will from the beginning of this project."

By late March, Ryan was able to send an additional \$1,300 to the Bible Society. They matched the quantity he paid for with a free one—another 650 Bibles making a total of 2,300 Bibles.

Ryan's dad called Chaplain Cawthon, "We'll be coming Good Friday with 2,300 Bibles to be given to prisoners or used in the jail service."

"Praise the Lord!" Mr. Cawthon shouted. "We go through four or five thousand Bibles every year. Our files are filled with testimonies of inmates whose lives were transformed by the Word of God. The need for Bibles in prisons is increasing as prison population grows, yet Florida and several other states have enacted legislation forbidding state funds to be used to purchase Bibles. People like you are making it possible for these prisoners to have God's Word. Thank you so much."

Early Friday morning, April 10, 1998, Ryan Austin and his friends, loaded up a car trailer with cases of Bibles and headed for the Seminole County Jail. They were met there by Charles B. Pitroff, head chaplain at the jail, Chaplain Cawthon, Sheriff D. F. Eslinger and a throng of television, radio and newspaper reporters.

A Certificate of Merit, was prepared for Ryan Austin. When Sheriff Eslinger handed it to him he said, "Your efforts not only benefit the inmates but the entire community as well. Thank you very much for your hard work."

A television reporter asked, "How does it feel to be praised for such an outstanding good deed?"

Ryan smiled and replied, "I just give the glory where it belongs...to the Lord."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Disciples of John. 2. To be baptized in Jesus' name and to receive the Holy Ghost. 3. Three months. 4. Because unbelievers were arguing against the truth. 5. In the school of Tyrannus. 6. Two years. 7. Miracles. 8. Handkerchiefs which Paul had anointed were placed on the sick and diseases and evil spirits were healed. 9. Books of curious arts. 10. Everyone in Asia heard God's Word and the gospel grew mightily.)

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## Shall We Gather At The River?

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing from the throne of God?

### CHORUS

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, beautiful river,  
Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
That flows from the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down,  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.

—Words and music by Robert Lowry

## Will We Meet Again?

John Bunyan in *Pilgrim's Progress* describes death as a dark river everyone must pass through. Although it was dark and scary, the pilgrim Christians passed over because they wished very much to enter the Celestial City on the other side. If you have read the book you will know that things and places are symbolic. They represent something. The Celestial City repre-

sents heaven. The King is God, or Jesus. Crossing the river is dying and the Shining Ones are angels.

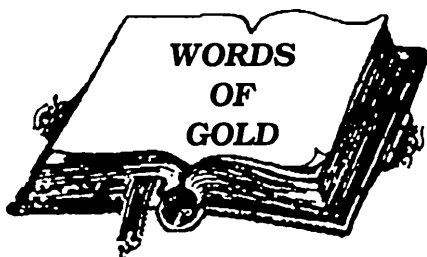
Helen L. Taylor in *Little Pilgrim's Progress* tells how Christiana and Mercy crossed this river. They had often watched the King's messengers as they passed through the streets, and wondered at whose house they would knock, and when at last the Shining One was standing at their own door, the two girls trembled with fear and joy....Christiana felt glad to think of being with the King....but she was sorry to leave her brothers and little Innocence and all her friends.

When the other pilgrims heard that Christiana was leaving, they came to bade her good-bye and at the water's edge they watched until she was out of sight.... They could see the Shining Ones and knew Christiana had safely reached the shore for the bright company moved slowly away from the river, up the steep pathway to the golden gates and disappeared into the Celestial City.

The Shining Ones, angels, helped Christiana and Mercy through the river of death and on into heaven, the Celestial City.

It is a comfort to know that God sends the angels to meet our loved ones when they die.

When Valiant went over the River he had no fear of the crossing, for he



## How Many Times Will We Die?

**Romans 5:12, 17**

**12** Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**17** For if...death reigned by one; much more they which receive... the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

**Hebrews 2:14-15**

**14** ...As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, [Jesus]...likewise took...the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

**15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**I Corinthians 15:26**

**26** The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

**James 1:15**

**15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**Revelation 20:6**

**6** Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power,...

**Revelation 21:4, 8.**

**4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: ..

**8** But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

**Revelation 22:5, 14**

**5** And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

**14** Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they...may enter in through the gates into the city.

**The Message: The second death will have no power over those who are resurrected from sin through the blood of Jesus.**

### Questions:

1. How did sin enter into the world?
2. What did this sin cause?
3. Who has the power of death?
4. How is the devil destroyed?
5. What is the last enemy Jesus destroyed?
6. How does spiritual death enter?
7. What will happen to the sinners and unbelievers?
8. Will the second death hurt those who have had part in the first resurrection?
9. Name different kinds of death.

### Verse to Memorize

**Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power....**

**Revelation 20:6.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

How many times can a person die?

To answer this question we must remember we are twofold beings. In the beginning when God created all things, He made animals. He formed the male and female of the animals at the same time. God created humans differently. First God made the physical body of man. Later He formed a woman out of a rib of this man. Then He breathed His breath into their bodies and they became living souls. Every human is a physical being and a spiritual being.

Our spiritual body cannot be seen, but it is very much alive. When the spiritual body separates from the physical body we say that a person is dead. The dead person cannot move, talk, feel, see, hear or smell. The spiritual part of the dead person is gone. This spiritual body is not dead. (Remember when the thief and Jesus were dying on the cross? Jesus said, "Today, *you* will be with Me in Paradise. Their physical bodies died, but their spirits lived. The thief enjoyed Paradise with Jesus.) Our spirits are alive after our bodies are dead.

Now let's talk about spiritual

death. James 1:15 says when we are tempted to do wrong and we do that evil thing, our spiritual being dies. We may continue to live for many years and our spiritual body be dead. If we die in this condition, our spirit is stained by sin and cannot enter into heaven, where God lives. Those who have not received pardon for their sins will be cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

God's plan in the beginning seemed to be that people would live forever. Satan tempted Adam and Eve to sin and they did. Sin entered into their hearts causing their souls to die. They were then in no condition to live forever as God had planned, so they died.

God was still in control although Adam and Eve had failed. God conquered sin and death through Jesus. Jesus came in a physical body. While living in this physical body Jesus conquered every temptation that Satan brought. He is the only person who has not died a spiritual death by sinning. Jesus did die a physical death but He arose again. Now everyone who believes in Jesus as their personal Saviour has a part in Christ's resurrection. They overcome temptation and obey God. Sin is conquered every day and the second death will have no power over them after their body dies. God will also give them peace and courage to pass through the dark river of physical death.

—Charlotte Huskey

had always been brave and his heart was full of trust in the good King. We, too, can be like Valiant if we get saved and keep our trust in Jesus.

Years ago in Brooklyn, New York many people were crossing this river of death. It was the summer of 1864 when a terrible disease spread through the city. Someone in almost every family died. All over the cemetery were mounds of fresh dirt. Some days two and even three were buried. Different church groups were singing songs and saying prayers over the dead at the same time in the same cemetery. As one group said "Amen" another church was listening to a farewell sermon and another was singing the last hymn.

Pastor Robert Lowry was being called day and night to pray for the sick, to bury the dead and to comfort the living. One hot day in July, Pastor Lowry was near collapsing. For weeks he had slept only a few hours each night and some nights he didn't sleep at all. He had little time to eat and when he did have time, sorrow choked his appetite. Many families in his own congregation had laid away a child, a mother, a father or grandparent. It was overwhelming. "All these families are grieving and hoping to see their loved ones again," he said. "Shall we meet again? We are parting at the river of death; shall we meet at the river of life?"

Although he knew what the Bible said about the question, he needed an assurance. He began studying the Bible to see what it said about the river of death, and the river of life. Then he answered his own questions in the song, "Shall We Gather At The River?" He said, "Yes, we'll gather at the river! Where angelic feet have trod!"

Will everyone meet at the river of life?

Again let's think of Helen Taylor's book, *Little Pilgrim's Progress*. Little Christian lived in the city of destruction. Its streets were full of boys and girls, who laughed and played all day long, at least in the summertime.

Sometimes a grave-looking man or woman with a gentle face, would come to the city. They told the children of a beautiful country far away and a good, wise King. They also warned the children that a wicked prince ruled their city and that someday it would be destroyed. "You must leave this city now and travel to the King's country. In the Celestial City where He lives you will be quite safe," they said.

At first the children laughed at Little Christian when he spoke of going to the Celestial City. Later, after he was on his way, other children followed him. Every pilgrim who met the Shining Ones at the river of death were on their way to the Celestial City. Those who stayed in the City of Destruction were destroyed with the city.

Will we meet again? That depends on us. We must leave the City of Destruction (sin) and get in the narrow way that leads to the Celestial City. Those who are on their way to the Celestial City when the Shining One comes for them will meet in heaven.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. It entered by one man. 2. Death. 3. The devil. 4. By Jesus' death. 5. Death. 6. It enters when a person sins. 7. They will be cast into the lake of fire. 8. No. 9. There is a spiritual death when a person sins. Physical death is when a person's body dies. A second spiritual death is when sinners and unbelievers will be cast into the lake of fire.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Country Singer

"Whoa! Whoa!" Will Thompson called to his pair of bay horses. "Easy now. Easy—not too fast or the piano will slide out the front."

"Everybody in town is waiting for you. We heard you's a comin.' You will stay overnight and sing fer us won't you?"

"Sure, that's why I came."

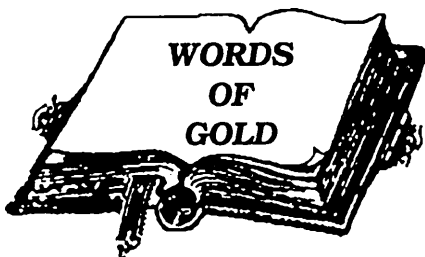
Many famous people have come from Ohio. Will L. Thompson author of "Soft And Tenderly" was one of those. Ohio claims the title, "Mother Of Presidents," for seven presidents of the United States were born there. That's more than any other state except Virginia. Also Neil A. Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, and John H. Glenn, Jr., the first American spaceman to orbit the earth, were both born in Ohio. Edison, the wizard of electricity, developed his scientific curiosity at Milan, Ohio. Orville and Wilbur Wright made test flights in the first power-driven airplane from a field near Dayton and Charles Kettering of Dayton developed a self-starter for automobiles.

All these men have made important contributions to Ohio, the United States and the world. Will

Thompson also contributed much to his state, his country and the world. More than that, he also contributed to heaven.

Will grew up in East Liverpool on the Ohio River. He loved to row his boat on the river, bask in the sun or walk along the shore gathering sea-shells. He began writing songs when he was very young. Although he was a Christian, his first songs were not religious. Many of his songs were about things of nature he loved. "My Home On The Old Ohio" and "Gathering Shells From The Seashore" tell of his love for the river. Will sold these songs in New York City and music dealers from other cities picked up thousands of copies. Soon people all across Ohio were singing them. Before long newspaper reporters were calling him "the millionaire songwriter."

Realizing he owed his success to God, Will Thompson started writing songs to glorify the Lord. Three of the many he wrote are, "Jesus Is All The World To Me," "There's A Great Day Coming," and "Lead Me Gently Home, Father." "Softly And Tenderly" was written when he was thirty-three years old, after writing many others. Will wrote so many hymns that he set up his own firm to pub-



## Daniel Is Not Afraid

### Daniel 1:8, 10-21

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with...the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of [Melzar] the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

10 And [Melzar] said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than [others] of our sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head...

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar...

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he...proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 ...God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom:...

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in,...[Melzar] brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar, [the king].

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

The Message: Daniel  
and his friends  
were rewarded for  
obeying God.

### Questions:

1. What did Daniel purpose in his heart to do?
2. Did Daniel act rebellious or did he politely ask permission?
3. Which do you think tasted best, pulse or the king's food?
4. Do you think Daniel was tempted to eat the king's meat?
5. What inner desire caused Daniel to refuse the king's food?
6. How were Daniel and his friends rewarded for being true to God?
7. How did Daniel and his friends' knowledge compare to other wise men?
8. Did Daniel have a lot of courage?
9. Must every Christian have courage to stand for the right as Daniel did?

### Verse To Memorize

**Our God whom we serve is  
able to deliver us...**

**Daniel 3:17.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Daniel and his three friends had been dragged away from their homes in Judea. They were herded like cattle through the land, across rivers, over mountains and into the land belonging to Babylon. In Babylon the families were separated. Fathers were put to work building roads and structures for King Nebuchadnezzar. Women were given jobs weaving lovely cloth for the king, his family and all his royal court. Children were taken to the beautiful hanging gardens of Babylon and put to work pulling weeds, cutting away dead flowers and watering the plants. Others helped with cleaning or tending babies in the palace nursery or grooming the king's horses. Some children and young people whom the king thought might learn easily were put into schools. Those he wanted to learn to serve in his court were put into the palace cells. There they were given food from the king's table and taught by the wise men of the kingdom.

Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, were kept in a palace cell. When food was brought to them, they saw it was meat and wine which God had said they should not eat. They must have been very afraid, for they did not want to disobey their God and if they angered the king he might kill them.

What could they do? What would you have done if you had been in their situation?

Daniel and his friends chose to talk with their supervisor and ask

permission to obey God rather than the king. They explained that certain foods the king served to them were forbidden by their God. Then they asked to be excused from eating those foods.

The supervisor was afraid. He said, "If you do not look well when the king sees you, he will investigate and find you have not been eating the food he is sending. Then I will be in trouble and could be killed."

"Let us not eat the king's meat nor drink wine for only ten days," Daniel suggested. "Then see how we look and decide what to do."

The supervisor agreed. At the end of the ten days Daniel and his three friends looked better than others who were eating as the king had commanded. So all the time they stayed in the palace cells they were exempted from eating the foods and wine which displeased God.

When they had finished their education they were tested by the king, and Daniel and his three friends proved to be ten times wiser than other wise men of the kingdom.

—Charlotte Huskey

## Bits And Pieces Of History

The first upright piano was produced in 1800 by John Isaac Hawkins. Pianos, however, are a gradual evolution with many persons contributing to it. The *harp* and *lyre* were used in ancient times. People in the Middle East developed the *dulcimer*. Europeans developed the *clavichord*. The *harpsichord* and the *harpsichord with soft and loud* were also forerunners to the piano we know today. In 1826, Robert Wornum developed an action which made the upright piano practical. Steinway and Sons developed the overstrung scale used in pianos.

lish hymn books. More than two million copies of his gospel quartet books have sold.

Through writing and publishing songs, Will had become friends to the famous evangelist D.L. Moody and his song leader, Ira Sankey. Sometimes they sang Will's songs in Moody's evangelistic campaigns. Will saw firsthand the good that is done by sharing the gospel in song and preaching.

These were the days before radio and television. Will knew many people in farming communities and small towns wanted to hear gospel singing and preaching. He was not a preacher but he was a singer, so he bought a heavy two-horse wagon, loaded his upright piano on it and drove into the Ohio countryside to sing his gospel message across his state.

In December, 1899, D.L. Moody lay ill in his home in Northfield, Massachusetts. He was so sick visitors were not allowed. But when Moody heard Will Thompson had come, he asked that Will be allowed to enter. The once robust (but now feeble) Moody took Thompson's hand and said, "Will, I would rather have written *Softly And Tenderly* than anything I have been able to do in my whole life."

That was a great compliment for it has been said that Moody "placed one hand on America and the other on England, and shook both for God." He preached to thousands, saw thousands come to Christ and personally led many others to the Savior, yet he knew his work was finished while the work that the songs Will Thompson had written was not ended. Thousands had already yielded themselves to Christ after hearing, "*Softly And Tenderly*"

and thousands more would continue to do so wherever this simple invitation song would be sung.

—Charlotte Huskey

## **Softly And Tenderly**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See at the portals He's waiting and  
watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

### **CHORUS:**

Come home, come home.  
Ye who are weary come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling O' sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is  
pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not  
His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?

Time is now fleeting, the moments  
are passing,  
Passing from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, death-beds  
are coming,  
Coming for you and for me.

O' for the wonderful love He has  
promised,  
Promised for you and for me;  
Tho' we have sinned, He has mercy  
and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.

—Will L. Thompson

(Answers: 1. He purposed to not defile himself with the king's food. 2. He asked politely. 3. The king's food. 4. Yes. 5. It was his desire to obey God. 6. God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom. 7. They were ten times wiser. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jesus Heals

For three years Emma Miller had lain in bed or sat in a chair by the window, wishing she could get up and walk or at least make some craft or read a book. Yes, Emma had lived in helpless darkness for three years, but since she had gotten saved nine months ago, a little ray of hope that Jesus could heal had shined into her heart. This hope had grown and grown until she was quite sure Jesus would heal her.

When Emma heard of a Church of God camp meeting in Bangor, she begged to be taken. "I will be healed at the meeting," she told her friends. "If you will supply me a piece of paper and envelope, I will write you a letter after I am healed." The long rough wagon ride to the meeting fifty miles away seemed to not even tire Emma. She was going to be healed!

On the fourth morning of the meeting, after continued earnest prayer and fasting, Emma told the sister taking care of her, "I will be healed today. Sit me up on the rostrum so everyone can see when God does it."

All morning Emma waited patiently. About 5:00 p.m., suddenly Emma's paralyzed eyelids raised.

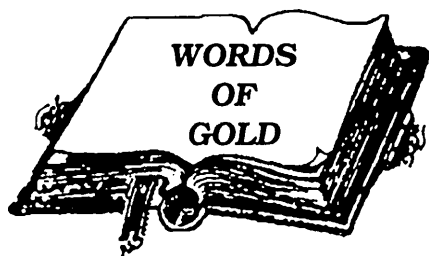
She gazed at the audience—they gazed back at her. Then she shouted, "I am healed! I am healed!" Others began shouting. They continued praising God for at least one hour.

Afterwards Emma walked by herself out into the bright sunlight and felt no pain in her eyes which had been in darkness for three years. When she was visited thirty-eight years later she could still see very well.

Supernatural healings were common in Battle Creek where Emma lived. Mrs. Samuel Worden was known around the country for her supernatural power. Newspapers in different cities published accounts of her supernatural healings. Letters poured in and people were coming from distant places to be healed.

When the Church of God held a camp meeting where Mr. and Mrs. Worden lived, she confessed, "We are not saved and filled with the Spirit, although I heal in the name of Jesus." Later during the camp meeting, she came to the altar but did not find peace with God.

She continued seeking God for several days. Then one day she said, "Thank the Lord, I am saved now and will consecrate my life for sanctification." She prayed and the breath-



## Jesus Heals

### Matthew 9:35

**35** And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

### Luke 9:11

**11** And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

### Acts 3:1-3, 6, 8-9

**1** Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer....

**2** And a certain man, lame from his mother's womb...laid daily at the gate of the temple...to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

**3** Who seeing Peter and John...asked an alms.

**6** Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

**8** And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

**9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

### Acts 4:22

**22** For the man was above forty years old,...

### Acts 10:38

**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;...

### James 5:13-16

**13** Is any among you afflicted? let him pray....

**14** Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

**15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

**16** Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

**The Message: A person who wants Jesus to heal, must confess his faults, pray and call for the elders of the church.**

### Questions:

1. Who sat begging beside the temple gate?
2. In whose name was he healed?
3. How old was the lame man?
4. What was Jesus anointed to do?
5. When sick, who should be called?
6. What is it that saves the sick?
7. Who raises up the sick?
8. Are sins forgiven at the time of healing?
9. What must the sick person do if he expects to be healed?

### Verse to Memorize

**Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed....**

**James 5:16.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Healing! How wonderful! No more pain! Who wants to be hurting? Not me. Not you. Everyone loves to be well. Jesus loves for us to be well.

Jesus healed all sickness and disease when He lived on earth. (Matthew 9:35.) He heals disease and sickness today. Have you been sick? Did you get well? Then Jesus healed you! Has Jesus healed your friend, your father or mother or someone else you know? Jesus is alive in spirit today and heals just as He did when He lived on the earth.

There are different kinds of healings. God made our body able to heal itself. In this kind of healing, white blood cells fight against infection and harmful matter that enters our body. If God blesses us to have enough white blood cells to kill the harmful matter, we get well. When we get cut or our skin gets torn, our body puts up a fight against any foreign matter which enters these openings. Soon the place is healed.

Some afflictions are caused from eating too much of one kind of food or not enough of the right kinds of foods. These afflictions will often go away by eating proper foods.

All healings are from God. But healings recorded in the Bible were instant healings. The lame man who had never walked, jumped up immediately and began walking and leaping. (When the body heals itself, a person must learn to walk slowly.) This man was well and walking instantly.

Jesus also healed a man who was born blind. He walked blindly, feeling his way to the Pool of Siloam. He washed and the next minute he could see. The man's eyes were opened instantly. (John 9.)

Ten men afflicted with leprosy cried to Jesus for healing. Jesus said, "Go show yourselves to the priest." As they walked along the road toward the temple, they were healed. There was no long recuperation time, no gradual growth of new skin to replace the skin that was decayed by leprosy. New skin appeared immediately. (Luke 17:14-16.)

Let us believe in Jesus' power to open blind eyes, straighten crippled legs, heal cancer or any other affliction or disease. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up." (James 5:15.)

Who wants to be sick? I don't want to be; you don't want to be. Then let us believe the promise Jesus gave.

—Charlotte Huskey

### I Am Healed

With afflictions great and sore,  
As if bound by Satan's hand  
For thy healing mercy to implore,  
Lord I came at thy command.

CHORUS:

I am healed, I know I am,  
I am healed this very hour,  
For my Jesus says I am,  
And I feel his mighty pow'r.

Tho' my faith was very weak,  
Jesus said so sweet and kind,  
I will surely heal you ev'ry whit,  
And will break the chains that bind.

Praise His name forever more!  
I will tell to all around,  
How the precious gift of healing pow'r,  
Thro' the Spirit, we have found.

—E. E. Byrum and B. E. Warren

ren prayed, but she went home unsatisfied.

On Sunday, October 26, the power of God came upon the camp. Four persons were healed instantly. Mrs. Worden came for healing. "I have suffered for years with a confused headache," she said. "Please pray for my complete healing."

After much prayer she said, "My body is completely healed." Within minutes however, her body began to twitch and move as if something was trying to come out. Promptly, she cried, "Bro. Warner pray the devil be cast out of me."

The brethren laid hands on her and commanded the demons to come out in the name of Jesus. Poor Mrs. Worden fell into a spasm. She shook violently and choked as the evil spirits came out. After a hard struggle, she sat up rather dazed and looked around very troubled. The brethren kept praying.

After awhile they laid hands on her again and demanded all evil spirits to leave. Again she trembled, twitched and choked. When she got quiet, Bro. Warner said, "For complete deliverance you must give everything to God."

"I have," she answered.

"Your family?"

"Yes."

"Your money?"

"Yes."

"Your reputation?"

"Yes."

"Your body and soul?"

"Yes."

"The devil is answering these questions," Bro. Warner said within himself. "Lord, rebuke him. Let this woman speak for herself."

"Have you confessed every sin?"

"Yes."

"Lord, help this poor woman," Bro. Warner prayed. He knew the devil was still talking.

"Do you love anything more than you love God?"

Struggling to answer, she said, "Yes—I—I—do." She was quiet again, then began crying and confessing humiliating, secret sins. At the end of her confession, she said, "And I love the Spiritualists church."

"Glory to God, Satan's nest is now revealed" Bro. Warner shouted. "The devil must go."

"Cast him out," she cried. "I want every evil spirit out, even if it kills me. Several times these spirits have almost caused me to be locked up in a mental hospital." A long, hard struggle followed. The devil tried again to choke her to death but Jesus conquered. Mrs. Worden raised her hand in praise as the ministers sang praises to God.

Two days later she realized she still loved the Spiritualists. She confessed it. The ministers prayed again and other devils came out. Poor Mrs. Worden, the spiritualist healer, was finally delivered of all the devils which had tormented her for years.

Now Emma Miller and Mrs. Worden could fellowship together for they had the same spirit and had been healed by the power of Jesus.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. A man lame from birth. 2. In Jesus' name. 3. He was forty years old. 4. To heal all oppressed of the devil. 5. The elders of the church. 6. The prayer of faith. 7. The Lord. 8. Yes. 9. He or she must confess his faults, pray and call for the elders of the church.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Killed By A Train

Many people have been almost persuaded to surrender to Christ, but never did. On pages 64 and 65 of *Birth Of A Reformation*, D. S. Warner tells about a man who was almost persuaded. We shall call the man Ezekiel Randel.

Mr. Randel had been a friend of the Warner family for as long as Daniel could remember. He had helped Daniel Warner's father and mother move to Ohio. There Mr. Randel had become wealthy. Daniel's father made quite a lot of money too, but he spent most of the money on whiskey. Many times Daniel had heard Mr. Randel joking and making fun of preachers and Christians.

He was now past eighty years old and had most everything he wanted, but he did not give God thanks for anything. There was no place for Christ in his heart, for his whole heart was set on gold—the god of this world.

Daniel Warner had just come home from a meeting in Basswood. Now he was helping with a meeting in Auburn where he grew up. One night he preached from Malachi 3:8. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Many

people present that night were like Ezekiel Randel. They loved money and had not been giving to the Lord as they should have been.

That night God's Word cut into hearts. Gospel workers, singers and the audience felt like something awful would happen soon. It was like a grave was already dug and someone was being pushed into it. The awesome feeling could not be shaken off.

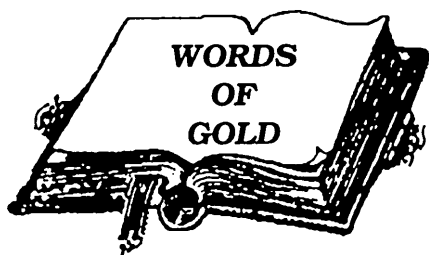
Brother H. Caldwell arose and prophesied, "Before tomorrow's sun shall set someone in this community will suddenly be killed. Please, let us arise and pledge ourselves to pray more fervently for poor sinners to be saved."

They prayed again.

The following evening, after meeting, Warner heard a group talking excitedly. He walked up in time to hear a man saying, "Ezekiel Randel was killed by a train at the Shelby crossing. They say he started out to foreclose on a mortgage and take a widow's farm."

Another added, "And I heard that old Mrs. Randel cautioned him to watch out for the train at the crossing. And his last words to her were, 'I wasn't made to be killed by the cars.'"

"Poor man," Warner said. "He's like the rich man who said, 'Thou



## King Agrippa Is Almost Persuaded

**Acts 26:1-4, 9-16, 19,  
21-22, 24-28**

**1** Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul...answered...

**2** I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself...

**3** Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs...among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

**4** My manner of life...was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem,...

**9** I...thought...I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus...

**10** Which thing I also did...and many of the saints did I shut up in prison,...

**11** And I punished them oft in every synagogue,...I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

**12** Whereupon as I went to Damascus...

**13** At midday, O king, I saw...a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

**14** And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice...saying...Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?...

**15** And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou

persecutest.

**16** But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee...to make thee a minister and a witness...

**19** Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

**21** For these causes the Jews caught me...and went about to kill me.

**22** Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small [the common people] and great [the rich or the rulers],...

**24** And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul...much learning doth make thee mad,...

**25** But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

**26** For the king knoweth of these things...for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

**27** King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets?...

**28** Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

**The Message: When Agrippa heard Paul's personal testimony, he was almost persuaded to become a Christian.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

**...Almost thou persuadest me  
to be a Christian.**

**Acts 26:28.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

How many times have you been "almost persuaded" to do something you wished later you had done? I have been many times. Once I was almost persuaded to buy some land on the lake for \$15,000. Because I feared what might happen, I did not buy it. Someone else bought the land and put another "for sale" sign on the gate. In about a year, it sold for \$30,000. I could have earned the \$15,000, if I had been persuaded it was an opportunity. How many times do we lose because we are not fully persuaded?

King Agrippa also lost a great opportunity. Paul explained to Agrippa why he was a Christian and how he too could be one. King Agrippa, who knew God's laws, understood Paul's reasons, but he did not accept Jesus. While Paul was talking, Festus the governor, interrupted saying, "Paul, you are crazy! You must have brain fever from studying too much."

"I am not crazy," Paul retorted boldly. "King Agrippa understands what I am saying."

Then Paul turned and asked, "King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets?" Paul then answered his own question, "I know you believe."

King Agrippa answered, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

"How I wish that not only you, but all who listen, would be alto-

gether persuaded to be a Christian like I am," Paul answered.

"Almost—almost saved, but lost," is the sad last thoughts of many when they are dying. Will it be your last thought? It doesn't have to be. Jesus is ready to save you today. Come to Him while there is an opportunity.

—Charlotte Huskey

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## Bits And Pieces Of History

About 1851, William Hassall (or Hersel) a machinist in New York City invented the first machine for making nails from wire. Today nearly 300 kinds of nails are made from wire in machines that can produce more than 500 nails per minute. Until this time nails were very expensive so builders used very dry hardwood pegs to hold a house together. The pegs were pounded into beams. The ends were left sticking out so if the peg or board dried a little more the peg was driven in a little farther.

Persuading people about Jesus is somewhat like driving a peg. It has to be driven in a little at a time.

—Charlotte Huskey

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## Questions:

1. To whom was Paul speaking?
2. Who was an expert in the customs of the Jews?
3. Was Paul taught the ways of the Jews?
4. What did Paul believe he should do about Jesus?
5. What did Paul do to the saints?
6. Besides the saints, who else was Paul persecuting?
7. Who persecuted Paul?
8. To whom was Paul witnessing?
9. What did Agrippa say after Paul stopped talking?

hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said, 'Thou fool! This night thy soul shall be required of thee.' I visited Mr. Randel twice during our meeting last winter and talked about religion.

"He said, 'This thing about being born again causes me to study a great deal. It is completely dark to me. Once I went to hear a great Universalism preacher speak about it, but I received no understanding whatsoever.

"It is a fulfillment of I John 2:11," Warner added. "Darkness hath blinded his eyes. (II Corinthians 4:4.) The God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not."

"He had a large, well-developed brain," Warner said slowly.

"But it was dashed out and strewn along the tracks," another added. "And his body was ripped into pieces."

"His poor soul has gone with all its' guilt to the place where another rich man once went and opened his eyes in torment." (Luke 16:19-23.)

"Sad, so sad," they all agreed.

Mr. Randel may have been almost persuaded when Daniel Warner spoke with him. But he did not yield to God. "Almost cannot avail; Almost is but to fail! Sad, sad, that bitter wail, Almost, but lost."

Don't let this be your cry.

—Charlotte Huskey

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## Bits And Pieces Of History

A famous race was once held between a horse and a steam locomotive named *Tom Thumb*. Peter Cooper, the builder, wanted to convince officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to use locomotives rather than horses to pull the train cars. The horse won the race after an engine belt slipped.

*The Best Friend* Charleston was

the first U.S. locomotive put into regular service. It began operating in 1830, the same year as the race.

The first locomotive was built in 1804 by Richard Trevithick. The first really successful one *The Rocket*, was developed by George Stephenson in 1829. *The Stourbridge Lion* engine, built in 1829, became the first full-sized locomotive to run on rails in North America. The Burlington Zephyr, 1934, was the first streamlined passenger diesel in the U.S.

The first locomotives could only pull or push a few light cars. Modern locomotives move more than 200 loaded freight cars at a time.

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## Almost Persuaded

*"Almost persuaded" now to believe;  
"Almost persuaded" Christ to receive;  
Seems now some soul to say,  
"Go Spirit, go thy way,  
Some more convenient day  
On thee I'll call."*

*"Almost persuaded" come, come today;  
"Almost persuaded:" turn not away;  
Jesus invites you here,  
Angels are ling'ring near,  
Prayer's raise from hearts so dear:  
O wand'rer, come.*

*"Almost persuaded" harvest is past!  
"Almost persuaded" doom comes at last!  
"Almost" cannot avail;  
"Almost" is but to fail!  
Sad, sad, that bitter wail,  
"Almost but lost."*

—Philip Paul Bliss (1838-1876)

(Answers: 1. To King Agrippa. 2. King Agrippa. 3. Yes. 4. He believed he should do things contrary to Jesus. 5. He persecuted them. 6. He was persecuting Jesus. 7. The Jews. 8. To the small and the great. 9. Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.")

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Carlos Finds A Way

Carlos looked at his little sister's bleeding toe. "I'm going to get you a pair of shoes," he said.

"With the peso you have?" Yadi asked. "It will take many more."

"I'll find a way," he promised.

After school, Carlos hurried through the hot sun to Sr. Gomez' farm. "I can bring in your cows or weed your garden."

Sr. Gomez took off his big sombrero and wiped his face, "Every day I turn away strong men. I don't need a chap."

Each day after school Carlos tried to earn money. At the end of the week he had earned only three pesos.

"There's no work in this village," he told Yadi. "I'm going to Vera Cruz. There are hundreds of stores and maybe a thousand houses. Somebody will need me."

That evening he proudly showed Yadi the seven pesos and fifty centavos he'd earned.

Each night while Yadi was soaking her sore foot in hot water, Carlos told of his adventures with his new friend, Juan. Sometimes he talked about the boys who roamed the streets, stealing and causing trouble.

The big end-of-the-year school program was coming up and Carlos wanted shoes for Yadi. He counted his money. "I have just enough to buy those on sale," he said.

The following evening after school, Carlos crammed his matchbox full of pesos

into his pocket and headed for the big shoe store in Vera Cruz. Juan saw him getting off the bus. "Want to go fishing?" Juan asked.

"Nope, I'm buying shoes today. I've brought my money. See!"

"Wow! What a lot of pesos!" Juan said, then snatched the box and flew away.

Carlos ran through the crowd shouting, "Stop! Stop! You ratero."

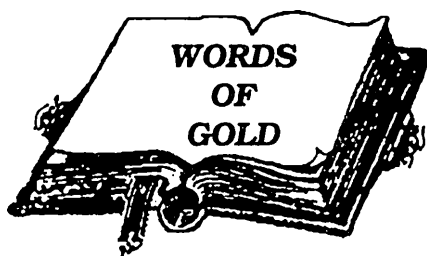
He caught Juan and throw him down on the sidewalk. "Stop it! I'm just teasing," Juan shouted. In the tussle, the box ripped and coins flew in every direction. The street thieves scooped up coins and disappeared.

"You didn't have to get so angry," Juan stormed. "Look you made me tear my new pants." He stamped away angrily.

"And you made me lose my money." Carlos sat down and cried. He just couldn't help it.

Summer came and tourists flowed into the city. Shopkeepers sold more and needed more help, there were more windshields to wash and sometimes wealthy ladies gave pesos for carrying heavy packages. Carlos' earnings were good. One evening he ran into the house shouting, "Yadi, Yadi, I earned more today than ever. You *will* have shoes when school begins. Look, Mother. Look!" he said holding out his hand. But Mother was crying. "What happened?" he whispered to Yadi.

"Mama's afraid my foot might have to be cut off. Look at my rotten toe and the red streaks on my leg. And there is no money



## Jonathan Helps David

**I Samuel 20:12-13, 15,  
17, 30-38, 40-42**

**12-13** And Jonathan said unto David...If...my father [plans] to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away,...in peace:...

**15** ...[And] thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever:...

**17** And Jonathan...loved [David] as he loved his own soul.

**30** Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him,...

**31** For as long as the son of Jesse liveth...thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom...now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

**32** And Jonathan answered...Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

**33** And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

**34** So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger,...

**35** ...In the morning,...Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

**36** And he said unto his lad, Run, find...the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

**37** ...Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond

thee?

**38** ...Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

**40** And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

**41** And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place...and bowed...and they kissed one another, and wept one with another,...

**42** And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace,... The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

**The Message: Jonathan and David loved each other as much as they loved their own selves.**

### Questions:

1. What did Jonathan promise David?
2. How much did Jonathan and David love one another?
3. Why was King Saul angry at Jonathan?
4. Why did Saul want to kill David?
5. What did Saul throw at Jonathan?
6. Where did Jonathan and David meet?
7. What did Jonathan do in the field?
8. When did Jonathan talk to David?
9. How long was the commitment between Jonathan and David to last?

### Verse To Memorize

**Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

**John 15:13.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Jonathan and David became friends on the battlefield. David had come to visit his brothers who were fighting in Saul's army. Before he left, he had killed the giant, Goliath, and had become the most famous young man in Israel. As a token of his love, Jonathan gave his royal garments, his sword and his bow to David.

Saul loved David also because David had saved Saul's kingdom from the Philistines. He took David to live at the palace. At first things went well for David in his new home, but trouble started after David did other outstanding things in battle and people began praising him more than they praised the king. King Saul then became so jealous he tried several times to kill David.

During all this trouble, Jonathan stood by David, comforting and protecting him. For this his father, Saul, was very angry and also tried to kill Jonathan.

Jonathan and David passed secret messages to keep David safe. Jonathan shot arrows beyond the lad who collected his arrows and told him to run quickly. In this way he told David to go away quickly, for Saul was determined to kill him.

After the lad had gone back into the city, Jonathan and David talked. Jonathan believed David would be the next king, so he asked David to remember his children. They promised to be friends forever then they tearfully said good-bye.

Jonathan was a true friend to David—he risked his life for David. David was a true friend to Jonathan. After Jonathan died and David became king, he hunted for any of Jonathan's family who had survived the slaughter of King Saul's family. King David found a crippled son of Jonathan, whom he brought to the palace and had him cared for the remainder of his life.

—Charlotte Huskey

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### Bits And Pieces Of History

In 1922-23, Mr. Albright found in Gibeah in the stratum of 1000 B.C. the ruins of the fortress which Saul had built.

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### Someone Special

There's someone very special  
I found along the way,  
Who knows my deep affection,  
The words I do not say.

How changed would be the story  
Without this someone dear,  
Who shares my hopes, my dream-  
ing,  
And laughs away a tear.

Companionship so priceless  
And understanding, too,  
Who is this someone special?  
My friend, it is you.

—Hilda Butler Farr.

(Answers: 1. He promised to tell David if his father was angry. 2. They loved each other as they loved their own selves. 3. Because Jonathan loved David. 4. He feared Jonathan would lose the throne to David. 5. A javelin. 6. In a field. 7. He shot arrows. 8. After the lad went back into town. 9. It was to last forever.)

to —"

Carlos hurried away to his secret box. "Take this," he said shoving his savings into his mother's hand. "Get Yadi what she needs."

"But this is for shoes. And you've worked so-o-o hard to earn it."

"It's for you. What good is a pair of shoes for only one foot?" Carlos asked.

The following morning, just as the sun was coming up, Carlos arrived at the fish market. Tired fishermen, bringing in the night's catch, paid good for help unloading. The fish market manager, who was more cranky than usual, shouted at Carlos. "Get out of here!"

"I promise to work and not get in anyone's way," Carlos pleaded.

"Get out, and don't come again!"

Carlos ran to the other side of the market and was carrying a big tuna when the market manager found him. "I said, 'get out!' If you don't I'll call the police."

Carlos walked slowly away. He sat down in the doorway of the shoe store that had given him a little work. "I'd give up," he said, "but I can't. I made a promise."

After thinking a long time, he said, "I'll offer to help for shoes instead of pesos," he said.

The next thing Carlos knew something was pressed into his hand. He sat up, blinking his eyes, for the sun was now very bright. A well-dressed man and woman were smiling at him.

"A mango for you," the gray-haired lady said, putting the fruit into his hand. "You had breakfast?"

"No," he answered.

Carlos felt embarrassed. He looked at his ragged pants and shirt that was much too big. He had worn his worst, for at other times jagged box corners and sharp tuna fins had ripped his clothes.

The man and woman sat down on the curb and began telling Carlos about Jesus and His great power and love.

Carlos listened. He was feeling a little hope again when he heard the woman saying, "Could you meet us here in the morning?"

"Yes," Carlos answered.

Carlos had been waiting two hours when the man and woman arrived. While he munched the burrito they had brought, the lady told him about a little girl whom Jesus had helped. When she finished, she said, "Yesterday I asked the policeman on duty about you. He said you work and don't cause trouble. If you'll come with us, we have a surprise for you."

Carlos went with the man and woman. As soon as they had said good-bye he hurried home.

"Did the people meet—?" Yadi asked. "They bought you new clothes?"

"Yes, everything." He pulled up his pant leg to show his new socks and shoes. Then he hurried into the bedroom and came out in his school clothes and a sack in his hand.

"Where are you going?" Yadi called, but he did not answer.

Carlos hurried back to Vera Cruz. At the Boca del Rio Mall he found the clerk who had helped the couple find him the right clothes. "Madam," he said, "Do you remember me? Some people just bought these clothes for me."

"Yes, yes, and you are bringing them back. Don't you like new clothes?"

"Oh, yes, but it's—it's—just that I have a little sister who has no shoes. She almost lost her leg this year when infection got in her toe. And, too, children make fun of her for coming to school without shoes. Will you trade my pants and shirt for sock and shoes?"

She took the clothes in her hands and looked them over carefully. Then she walked away. When she came back she said, "Yes, I can do that. Do you know what size your little sister wears?" Carlos hadn't thought about that. He just stood there embarrassed and confused and then she spoke again.

"I'll keep your clothes here and tomorrow bring your sister in and we will fit her with shoes." —Charlotte Huskey

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(Look for "Answers" on page 3.)

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# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Cracked Pot

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on one end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it. The other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house. For two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water for his master. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. It did the job for which it was made.

The poor, cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. You have to do all of this work, but

because of my flaw you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

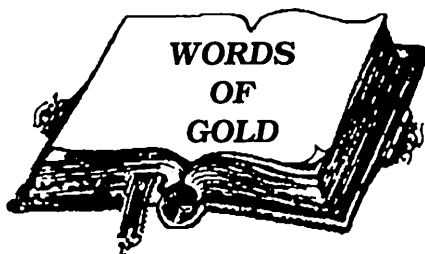
Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful flowers on the side of the path. This cheered it some, but at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load. So again the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"Yes."

"That is because I have always known about your flaw, and I used it for an advantage. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while I walked back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have had these beautiful flowers to grace his house."

—Author unknown



## God Needed The Blind Man

**John 9:1-9, 18, 20-22, 35, 38**

**1** And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his birth*.

**2** And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

**3** Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

**6** When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

**7** And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,...He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

**8** The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

**9** Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

**18** But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight until they called the parents...

**20** His parents...said,...this is our son,...

**21** ...Who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age, ask him:...

**22** These words spake his parents, because...the Jews had agreed...if any man did confess...Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

**35** Jesus heard that they had cast [the blind man] out: and when he had

found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

**38** And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

## John 10:42

**42** And many believed on him there.

**John 11:45**

**45** Then many of the Jews which...had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

## John 12:42

**42** Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.

**The Message: God needed the blind beggar who had felt useless for many years.**

### Questions:

1. What did the disciple ask when he saw the blind beggar?
2. Was there an important reason why he was blind?
3. What was the reason he was born blind?
4. Did the neighbors believe the blind man was healed?
5. Who did not believe the healed man had been blind?
6. Did the blind man's parents confess Jesus?
7. Why was the blind man cast out of the synagogue?
8. Why did many people believe in Jesus?
9. Why did the chief rulers not confess Jesus?

### Verse to Memorize

**But the Lord said unto him,  
Go thy way: for he is a chosen  
vessel unto me,...**

**Acts 9:15.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Let's talk about Jesus choosing the blind man. What was the blind man chosen to do? I can hear your answer, "He was chosen to bring glory to God."

Yes, he was chosen to bring glory to God. Isn't this what we all wish to do?

Have you thought sometimes that you were too tall, too wide, your nose too flat or your ears too large? Maybe you are a little different than you would like to be, but would you like to be born blind? Would you be willing to be blind if God wanted you to be blind? God allowed one man to be blind because He needed a man who was blind from birth. He had a plan for this man before he was born. God also has a plan for your life. Whether you are tall, wide, have a flat nose or big ears, God needs a person just like you.

I read about a little girl who wanted blue eyes. One night she knelt beside her bed and prayed, "God, please change my brown eyes to blue ones." Early the following morning she hurried to look into a mirror, expecting to see blue eyes. Her eyes were still brown and she was angry at God until she grew up. Years later, while working as a missionary in India, enemies of the gospel wanted to kill her, but her dark brown eyes and native dress kept them from discovering her.

Perhaps you want to be tall but are short. Could it be that someday God will need a person just your

height? God needed the man who was blind.

Do you have big ears? Perhaps some day you will be a Christian music director and will need those big ears to catch sounds. God needs big ears.

Maybe you have a handicap. Many of our greatest books, poems and some inventions have come from people who had handicaps. Not being able to run and play could give a person more time for thought—they could think more deeply and more clearly. God could give handicapped persons some ideas that others are too busy to think of.

Do you have a scar or injury that troubles you? Maybe God has allowed it to bring glory to His name.

You are like you are because God needs a person like you. If you will live for Him, some day He will choose you to bring glory to His name.

—Charlotte Huskey

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## Bits And Pieces Of History

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Harriet Tubman was an illiterate American who escaped slavery in 1849 and helped free about 300 other slaves during the 1850's. Blacks called her Moses and sang songs about Moses—in this way sending secret messages of her whereabouts.

Harriet had been severely injured by a former owner and the accident left her with strange sleeping habits. At times she fell asleep on park benches or in railroad cars. Even with this handicap, God helped Harriet to outwit many slave catchers seeking the reward for her capture which once totaled \$40,000.

During one military campaign, she helped free more than 750 slaves. After the war, Harriet raised money for black schools and established a home for elderly and needy blacks.

## Chosen Vessel

The Master was searching for a vessel  
to use;

Before Him were many,  
Which one would He choose?

"Take me," cried the gold one,  
"I'm shiny and bright.  
I'm of great value and I do things just  
right.

My beauty and luster will outshine  
the rest,

And for someone like you, Master,  
Gold would be best."

The Master passed on with no word at  
all,

And looked at a silver urn, narrow  
and tall.

"I'll serve you, dear Master, I'll pour  
out Your wine

I'll be on Your table whenever You  
dine.

My lines are so graceful,

My carvings so true,

And silver will always compliment  
You."

Unheeding, the Master passed on to  
the brass,

Wide-mouthed and shallow and pol-  
ished like glass,

"Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know  
I will do,

Place me on Your table for all men to  
view."

"Look at me," called the goblet of  
crystal so clear,

"My transparency shows my contents  
so dear.

Though fragile, I am, I will serve You  
with pride,

And I'm sure I'll be happy in Your  
house to abide."

The Master came next to a vessel of  
wood,

Polished and carved, it solidly stood.  
"You may use me, dear Master,"

The wooden bowl said,

"But I'd rather be used for fruit,  
not bread."

Then the Master looked down and  
saw a vessel of clay,

Empty and broken, helpless it lay.

No hope had the vessel

That the Master might choose

To cleanse, and make whole, to fill,  
and to use.

"Ah! this is the vessel I've been hoping  
to find,

I'll mend it and use it and make it all  
Mine.

I need not the vessel with pride of  
itself,

Nor one that is narrow to sit on the  
shelf,

Nor one that is big-mouthed and shal-  
low and loud,

Nor one that displays his contents so  
proud.

Not the one that thinks he can do all  
things just right,

But this plain, earthly vessel, filled  
with My power and might."

Then gently He lifted the vessel of  
clay,

Mended and cleansed it, and filled it  
that day;

Spoke to it kindly—"There's work you  
must do—

Just pour out to others, as I pour into  
you."

—B.W. Cornwall

(Answers: 1. He asked if someone's sin had caused his blindness. 2. Yes. 3. He was blind so that he could bring glory to God. 4. Yes. 5. The Pharisees. 6. No. 7. Because he confessed Jesus. 8. Because of the things Jesus did. 9. They feared the Pharisees would put them out of the synagogues.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Pastor Joe's Prayer

(Based on a true story.)

Pastor Joe Wright had been asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate with a prayer. He didn't know just what to say in the prayer, so he was in his study talking to God about it.

"I want you to pray a prayer of repentance," God was saying.

"But God, I can't do that—these men and women are expecting me to ask Your blessings on them," Pastor Joe complained.

"I can't bless people who call evil good and good evil," God answered. (Isaiah 5:20.)

"Surely we aren't doing that!" exclaimed Pastor Joe.

"Yes, you are," God answered.

"In what ways are we calling evil good?" questioned Pastor Joe

"Many people say the lottery is good. But I say, 'Money spent on the lottery should be buying food for the poor.'"

"We can't help all the needy," complained Pastor Joe.

"The billions used each year in lotteries would feed a lot of poor folks," God answered. "My Word says, 'Give to the poor.' You say 'I must save for myself.'"

"I say, 'He that doesn't work should not eat.' You give food to the lazy and call it welfare. That's making evil look good.

"Another thing—what your country

has done is shoot the abortionists and say it's alright. I say, 'Thou shalt not kill.'"

"But God, those abortionists are killing innocent babies," Pastor Joe argued.

God responded, "Killing the babies is murder and your nation says it's a choice, however, all men even abortionists, should have a fair trial."

"God, it looks like our nation is really a mess," Pastor Joe said at last.

"Yes, it is and I'm expecting you to help them see it."

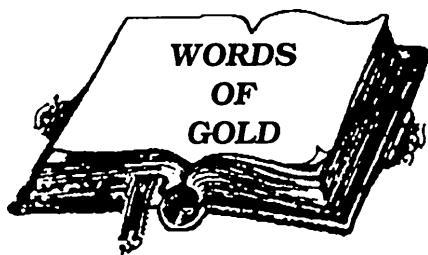
"Okay, God. You win. I'll say whatever You want me to say. Tell me now and I will write it down." Pastor Joe wrote the thoughts God gave him.

When he finished writing, he read it. "This prayer is like the Wesleyan preacher in Kentucky who prayed for snakes to bite the wicked family of Jacob Job," he said. "I hope they don't kick me out before I'm through praying."

"If you're thrown into the lion's den I'll go in with you," God promised.

When the day arrived the big room was crowded with Kansas leaders, lobbyists and outsiders. Pastor Joe was glad his pants covered his trembling legs.

"Let us bow our heads in prayer," he said into the microphone. His voice sounded a little shaky but it grew stronger as he continued. "Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask for-



## Solomon's Prayer

### I Kings 3:5-14

5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto..David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth,...and in uprightness of heart...

7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And [it] pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou...hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself,...but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee

a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

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**The Message: God gives understanding and wisdom to those who follow Him.**

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### Questions:

1. Who was Solomon?
2. What did God say to Solomon?
3. Why had God shone mercy to David?
4. How did Solomon feel about himself?
5. For what did Solomon ask?
6. Why was God pleased with Solomon's prayer?
7. What would Solomon receive besides wisdom?
8. Would there be another king equal to him?
9. What must Solomon do to have long life?

### Verse to Memorize

**A good understanding have all they that do his commandments:...**

**Psalm 111:10.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

God gave King Solomon wisdom and understanding as he had asked for. With this wisdom Solomon was able to judge and lead the great nation of Israel. When people came to him with problems, he was able to settle the conflicts.

In this lesson we see three admirable attitudes of Solomon. Verse six shows his appreciation and honor for his father. Verse seven shows that he was humble and depended on God. What he asked in verse nine shows he was not selfish—he asked for something that would help others, not something for himself. Because of these good attitudes, God was able to make Solomon a great king. The years he ruled Israel were years of peace for the nation.

Solomon realized "...It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23.) He knew he would need God's help to rule the nation. Any nation whose leaders realize this and seek God for wisdom and understanding are blessed.

Solomon was the richest man on earth in his time. God gave him wealth. The Queen of Sheba could not believe what she heard about his wealth until she came to visit. After seeing it she said, "...The half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard." (1 Kings 10:7.) With some of his wealth, Solomon built a beau-

tiful temple where the people worshipped God.

1 Kings 4:32 tells us that Solomon told 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. You may read many of these wise sayings from the book of Proverbs in the Bible. A proverb is a message, not a commandment. If accepted and followed, it will help you. If rejected, something is missed that could have made your life better.

We can have some of the wisdom God gave to Solomon by learning and applying the Proverbs from the Bible. —Charlotte Huskey

**Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.**  
**Proverbs 3:9-10.**

**A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.**  
**Proverbs 13:1.**

**The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.**  
**Proverbs 13:4.**

**Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.**  
**Proverbs 13:18.**

giveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe on those who call evil good,' but that's exactly what we are doing. We have ridiculed Your Word and placed other books on the level with the Bible. We have worshipped heathen Gods by accepting religions of every culture. We approve the actions of Sodom, the city You destroyed, and call it an alternative lifestyle."

Joe could hear people as they went stomping out of the room. He paused and reminded God of His promise to go with him into the lion's den. Then he continued. "We covet our neighbor's house, wife, car and a hundred other things and You said, 'Thou shalt not covet.' We neglect to discipline our children while You said to 'correct them while there is hope.' We have ridiculed the honorable values of our godly forefathers and have called it enlightenment."

"Search us, O God, and know our hearts today," Pastor Joe prayed. "Cleanse us from every sin and set us free."

"Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by God to lead our country. Give them the wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will. I ask it in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

By the time Pastor Joe reached home someone had already called the church complaining about his prayer. "Set up a tape recorder and record all the calls," he told the church secretary. "We may be in for trouble, but I don't think I broke any law."

By evening, the secretary was ready to quit. "All I have done today is answer the phone," she complained. "I could get no other work done."

"I'll call in a volunteer for a few days," Pastor Joe said. "This shouldn't last long. By the way, are most callers angry?"

"Some are, some are not," she answered.

More than one hundred calls came in the following day. This kept both secretaries and two tape recorders busy. Pastor Joe borrowed another recorder and called on another volunteer. All three were kept busy.

By the end of the third day, the church had become a central station of well-wishers and prayer warriors dropping in to pray. Careful records were kept of the calls, now amounting to over 300.

Paul Harvey, a national news commentator called asking for a copy of the prayer and permission to read it on the radio. He did read it on the radio and got more response from it than any program he had ever aired.

Then came letters from the other side of the world—from India, Africa and Korea. "We want our people to hear this prayer, for our nation also needs to repent," the letters said.

Week after week the calls and letters came. At the end of six weeks the church had logged more than 5,000 phone calls. That is more than 166 calls each working day.

But what is most surprising is that only 47 persons did not like the prayer. The 4,953 other persons loved it.

"Thank you God for giving me the prayer and the courage to pray it," Paster Joe Wright said as he knelt in his study.  
—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Solomon was King David's son. 2. Ask what I shall give thee? (Ask and I will give it to thee.) 3. Because David walked before God in truth and righteousness. 4. He felt he did not know how to rule the people. 5. He asked for wisdom to lead the people. 6. Because it was unselfish. 7. Riches and honor and long life if he kept God's statutes and commandments. 8. No. 9. He must keep God's statutes and commandments.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## God Knows Where You Are!

Do you believe that God not only loves you, but knows where you are and what you're doing every minute of the day? I certainly do, after an amazing experience I had several years ago.

At the time I was driving on I-75 near Dayton, Ohio, with my wife and children. We turned off the highway for a rest and refreshment stop. My wife, Barbara, and children went into the restaurant. I suddenly felt the need to stretch my legs, so waved them off ahead saying I'd join them later. I bought a soft drink at a Dairy Queen and started walking. A feeling of self-pity enshrouded my mind. I loved the Lord and my ministry, but I felt drained and burdened. My cup was empty.

Suddenly the impatient ringing of a telephone nearby jarred me out of my doldrums. It was coming from a phone booth at a service station on the corner. Wasn't anyone going to answer the phone? Noise from the traffic flowing through the busy intersection must have drowned out the sound, because the service station attendant continued looking after his customers, oblivious to the continuous ringing.

"Why doesn't somebody answer that phone?" I muttered. I began reasoning. It may be important. What if it's an emergency? Curiosity overcame my indifference. I stepped inside the booth and picked up the phone.

"Hello," I said casually and took a big sip of my drink.

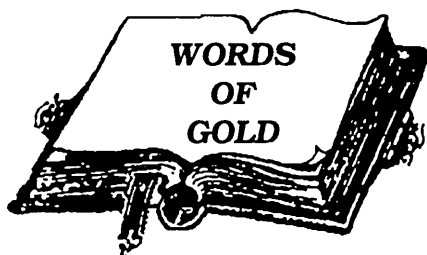
The operator said, "Long distance call for Ken Gaub."

My eyes widened, and I almost choked on a chunk of ice. Swallowing hard, I said, "You're crazy!" Then realizing I shouldn't speak to an operator like that, I added, "This can't be! I was walking down the road, not bothering anyone, and the phone was ringing..."

"Is Ken Gaub there?" the operator interrupted, "I have a long distance call for him."

It took a moment to gain control of my babbling, but I finally replied, "Yes, he is here." Searching for a possible explanation, I wondered if I could possibly be on Candid Camera! Still shaken, perplexed, I asked, "How in the world did you reach me here? I was walking down the road, the pay phone started ringing, and I just answered it on chance. You can't mean me."

"Well," the operator asked, "is Mr. Gaub there or isn't he?"



## God Sees Everyone

### Genesis 3:8-10

**8** And [Adam and Eve] heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

**9** And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

**10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

### I Kings 19:1-4, 9-10, 15-19, 21

**1** And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain [killed] all the prophets with the sword.

**2** Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying...I [will] make...thy life as...one of them by to morrow about this time.

**3** And when he [heard] that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba,...and left his servant there.

**4** But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness,...

**9** And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord...said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

**10** And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have...slain thy prophets with the sword; and I,

even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

**15** And the Lord said unto him, Go, return...and...anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

**16** And Jehu...shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha... shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

**17** And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

**18** Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal,...

**19** So he departed thence, and found Elisha...and cast his mantle upon him.

**21** ...Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

**The Message: God knows where we are and He will help us with what we need.**

### Questions:

1. What did Adam try to do?
2. Did God find Adam?
3. What did Jezebel want to do to Elijah?
4. Where did Elijah hide?
5. Who found Elijah in the cave?
6. What did God tell Elijah to do?
7. Who was to be king in place of Ahab?
8. How many other men loved God and had not bowed to Baal?
9. Who became Elijah's helper?

### Verse to Memorize

**The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.**

**II Chronicles 16:9.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Adam was a very foolish man. He thought he could hide from God. Do you think anyone can hide from God? Did God find Elijah? Did God find Adam?

Elijah had destroyed Jezebel's beloved prophets of the idol Baal. But he had done it according to the agreement that had been made with King Ahab and the people of Israel. The agreement was, *The God who answered by sending fire was to be worshipped and the other gods and their prophets were to be destroyed. God answered by fire, so Baal and his prophets were destroyed.*

Ahab's wife, Queen Jezebel, was so angry she determined to kill Elijah. He ran for his life all the way to Beer-Sheba. Not wanting anyone to know where he was, he left his servant at Beer-Sheba and walked another day into the wilderness. He hid there and an angel brought him food. Then he traveled forty more days on the strength of that food. No doubt about it...Elijah was well hidden from anyone. But God knew where he was.

One day Elijah was standing in front of the cave, which was his home, when God spoke to him. "What are you doing here?" God asked. "I have everything in control. I want you to anoint another king to take Ahab's place. And I have a helper picked out for you. Go anoint him." I believe God must have chided Elijah about being

afraid. Hadn't God done a miracle when he sent fire that burned the sacrifice and lapped up the twelve barrels of water? Why would it have been a problem for God to destroy Jezebel?

God knows where everyone is. He knows where our body is. He knows what we are doing. He knows our fears, our doubts, our sorrows. He knows everyone's problems, and He will help us out, if we will let Him.

He had the solutions for Elijah's problems, but Elijah had to do something about solving them. Elijah had to go and do what God told him to do. He may have still been afraid when he came out of hiding to go to Damascus to anoint Hazael. Everyone in the country knew Elijah. They could have reported him and Jezebel could have sent someone to kill him, but Elijah took courage and did what God said.

Elijah had lost faith in everyone and he lamented, "I am the only one left." Yet he went and anointed Elisha to be the prophet in his place. That was difficult to do when he thought no one else in the land served God. Elijah did not know there were 7,000 men who had not bowed before Baal. These people needed a prophet to lead them. Elijah was old and tired, God was coming for him and God wanted another man ready to take his place.

Yes, God knew where Adam was and what he needed. God knew where Elijah was and what he needed. God was watching over them all the time. He is also watching over you and me all the time and knows where we are and what we need. —Charlotte Huskey

"Yes, I am Ken Gaub," I said, finally convinced by the tone of her voice that the call was real.

Then I heard another voice say, "Yes, that's him, operator. That's Ken Gaub." I listened dumbfounded to a strange voice identifying herself. "I'm Millie from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. You don't know me, Mr. Gaub, but I'm desperate. Please help me."

"What can I do for you?"

She began weeping. Finally she regained control and continued. "I was about to commit suicide, had just finished writing a note, when I began to pray and tell God I really didn't want to do this. Then I suddenly remembered seeing you on television and thought if I could just talk to you, you could help me. I knew that was impossible because I didn't know how to reach you, I didn't know anyone who could help me find you. Then some numbers came to my mind, and I scribbled them down."

At this point she began weeping again, and I prayed silently for wisdom to help her. She continued, "I looked at the numbers and thought. Wouldn't it be wonderful if I had a miracle from God, and He has given me Ken's phone number? I decided to try calling it. I can't believe I'm talking to you. Are you in your office in California?"

I replied, "Lady, I don't have an office in California. My office is in Yakima, Washington."

A little surprised, she asked, "Oh really, then where are you?"

"Don't you know?" I responded. "You made the call."

She explained, "But I don't even know what area I'm calling. I just dialed the number I have on this paper."

"Ma'am, you won't believe this, but I'm in a phone booth in Dayton, Ohio!"

"Really?" she exclaimed. "Well, what are you doing there?"

I kidded her gently, "Well, I'm answering the phone. It was ringing as I walked by, so I answered it." Knowing this encounter could only have been arranged by God, I began to counsel the woman. As she told me of her despair and frustration, the presence of the Holy Spirit flooded the phone booth, giving me words of wisdom beyond my ability. In a matter of moments, she prayed the sinner's prayer and met the One who would lead her out of her situation into a new life.

I walked away from that telephone booth with an electrifying sense of our heavenly Father's concern for each of His children. What were the astronomical odds of this happening? With all the millions of phones and innumerable combinations of numbers, only an all-knowing God could have caused that woman to call that number in that phone booth at the right time. Forgetting my drink and nearly bursting with exhilaration, I headed back to my family, wondering if they would believe my story. "Maybe I better not tell this" I thought, but I couldn't contain it. "Barb, you won't believe this! God knows where I am!"

God also knows where you are. Place yourself in His hands, concentrate on knowing His will for your life, and He will never forsake or forget you.

—Ken Gaub

(Answers: 1. Adam tried to hide from God. 2. Yes. 3. Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah. 4. In a cave. 5. God. 6. God said, "Anoint Hazael, king of Syria; Jehu, king of Israel and Elisha a prophet." 7. Jehu. 8. There were 7,000. 9. Elisha.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Garbage City

(Based on a true story.)

Nohad jerked the coloring book from Farid's hand and ran away through rusty tin cans. His legs were long and he was accustomed to jumping over the garbage. He was soon far away from Farid.

He dug into the mountain of loose papers and old rags, formed himself a chair and sat down to look at his find. The first three pages, colored in brilliant hues of yellow, orange and green glistened in the Egyptian sunlight. Another page showed a slick black horse pulling a heavy black wagon. Ladies in dresses of lace, their black hair billowing in the wind, rode in the wagon. Nohad wished for crayons.

Nohad drew pictures on the ground. The damp earth of early morning or under mattresses or piles of newspapers was just right for drawing with a sharp stick. Nohad drew ground squirrels and big rats, bigger than men, with beady eyes and long slick tails that wrapped around men. On the canyon walls, with broken pieces of glass he sketched cities with streets, houses—real houses and cars. Nohad dreamed of having paints to make pictures come alive!

Nohad lived in Garbage City near Cairo, Egypt. Farid had just moved there. Farid Aziz lived in a large house. His father, Sami, invited people to hear

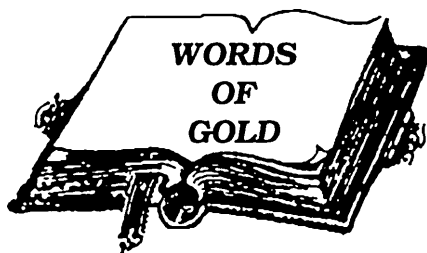
him speak and sing. Nohad liked to hear Sami say that God thinks everyone in Garbage City is beautiful. Tonight he would go to the church to hear Sami.

Every day Nohad and all the older children follow their dads into Cairo and collected garbage—hauling it back to the dump in donkey carts. The rest of the day is spent sorting and recycling it.

Here every piece of garbage seems to have value, but the people who collect it do not. Thirty years ago a law was passed that mandated that all garbage collectors of Cairo live with the garbage they collect. Since then, thousands of families forced out of Cairo have moved into the canyons around the city dump. From scrap wood and cardboard boxes they build shacks and crude pens for their chickens, pigs and goats.

The setting sun marked the end of Nahod's workday so he hurried to listen to Sami. Strangers were setting up a large screen. That night Nohad sat beside Farid and heard for the first time that Jesus loved him and had died for him and all the people in Garbage City. When the film had finished, Sami invited everyone who wanted to be Jesus' friend to raise their hand. Hundreds of hands went up. Nohad raised his. Sami prayed. The people prayed.

Then Sami said, "My wife has a surprise for you."



## God Loves Everyone

**Acts 10:1-3, 5, 9, 11-12, 17-20,  
24, 28, 35, 42-44, 46-48**

**1** There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius,...

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

**3-5** He saw in a vision...an angel of God...saying...send men to Joppa, and call for...Peter.

**9** On the morrow, as they went on their journey,...Peter went up upon the housetop to pray...

**11** And [he] saw heaven opened, and...a great sheet knit at the four corners, let down to the earth:

**12** Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

**17** Now while Peter doubted...what this vision...should mean,...the men...from Cornelius...stood before the gate,

**18** And asked whether...Peter, were lodged there.

**19** ...the Spirit said...Behold, three men seek thee.

**20** ...Go with them...for I have sent them.

**24** ...And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

**28** And he said unto them,...God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

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

**42** And [Jesus] 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.

**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.

**The Message: In every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted of God.**

### Questions:

1. To whom did the angel speak?
2. What kind of man was Cornelius?
3. For whom did Cornelius send?
4. What did Peter see coming from heaven?
5. What was God's message in the vision?
6. Who is accepted by God?
7. What happens to all who believe in the name of Jesus?
8. What came upon the believers in Cornelius' home?
9. Were Cornelius, his family and friends accepted as part of the body of Christ?

### Verse to Memorize

**And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour;...**

**I Corinthians 12:23.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

"God is fair and equal in all His ways. He sent His Son to die for the sins of the whole world. His grace appears to all people regardless of who they are. He will save anyone who will call upon Him with their whole heart. Then He will pour out His Spirit on them." —Tina Cox

God loves all people—rich, poor, black, white, intelligent, dumb, capable or disabled. Each one is beautiful to God. Christians have not always believed that God cared equally for all people. Some, like Peter, have thought that God loved only certain races.

God gave Peter a vision to teach him that salvation was for everyone. Then God sent Peter to stay a few days in a home which before he would not have entered. Peter obeyed God and he saw many people of another race being saved, filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized into the body of Christ.

Salvation is a free gift of God, for all men, women and children. All who fear God and believe in Jesus as the Saviour of the world can have salvation. Cornelius had no religious education, but he feared God, gave to the poor and prayed always. Every person has a conscience and this conscience will help them to obey God in the same way it helped Cornelius.

Neither wealth nor education makes a person more loved of God. Peter was uneducated. Paul was highly educated. All are equal—

God can save and use people from all nationalities and walks of life.

We must never confuse equality with authority. Equality means that each person can start their Christian life at the same point—salvation. Who a person is does not cause them to start at a lower or higher point. All start as newborn babes.

As people live for Christ they gain knowledge, authority and respect; God also gives gifts according to a person's capabilities. As a person gains in these areas, his field of exercise also grows. At the same time he is exercising in the Lord, he is gaining a circle of people who respect him and will listen carefully to what he has to say.

Cornelius, his family and friends, were part of the body of Christ, but they did not have the gift of healing nor anointing for preaching as Peter had.

The Church of God has order—leaders and authority which are to be respected. We are all equal as brethren, but some are following and some are leading. God loves each one equally. They are all beautiful to Him. —Charlotte Huskey

- (Answers: 1. Cornelius. 2. He was a devout man that feared God, gave to the poor and prayed to God always. 3. Peter. 4. A sheet filled with many kinds of animals. 5. Peter was to accept all people as equal in God's sight. 6. All who fear God and work righteousness. 7. All who believe in Jesus have forgiveness of sins. 8. The Holy Spirit. 9. Yes.)

Farid's mother, Rebecca, stood up. "I know many of you cannot go to school because you work every day. Starting Monday afternoon, right here at the church, I will teach reading, math and science," she said. Come with notebook, pencil and clean faces. Is that a deal?"

"It's a deal," many voices answered.

Monday afternoon sixty-six children came for lessons. These children could not attend government schools because they must work. Rebecca tested the students. They were in grades sixth through ninth. The following week, two new teachers came. Dividing the students by grade levels, the two new teachers each took a class, and Rebecca took the other two smaller ones.

Nohad wrote down everything Rebecca wrote on the blackboard. At night he memorized it. "You are doing wonderfully," Rebecca said when she looked at his notebook, and someday I believe you will be an artist. Your sketches around the page edges show real talent."

Every day new students came. Some arrived after the first lesson was over because they lived so far away. "We need a building on the other side of the canyon," Rebecca told Sami.

Sami took the problem before the large churches in Cairo. They were willing to give money. A carpenter was already coming once a week to teach carpentry. Another was teaching leather work. The carpentry class got "on the job training" working on the new building which was used for both school and church. Nohad studied the blueprints of the new building and practiced drawing planes, pitches and three dimensional objects. Rebecca was quick to refer students to Nohad when they needed a design to work on leather.

The American Bible Society sent in Bibles. Nohad's father received a Bible. Nohad read to his mother and father. He read where Moses told the people they should bathe before coming to worship.

There were no bathrooms, running water nor electricity in Garbage City. Candles and gas lamps lighted homes. Nohad bathed in a plastic tub behind an old blanket his mother had hung across the corner of their shanty.

The idea of being clean caught on quickly. With the help of Rebecca's home health care visits, women began cleaning around their houses and bathing their children more often. Families began building two and three story houses—so they could live above the garbage they sorted and the animals they raised.

More and more, people began reading their Bibles and coming to listen to Sami. Soon another church was needed, and another. More and more people were coming to live in the dump. Whoever started collecting garbage moved there. But now moving to Garbage City wasn't so bad. The government had paved the main streets and put in running water and electric lights to brighten the canyon.

Nohad was a young man now. He had helped on every church building... sometimes helping modify the blueprints to better fit the needs of Garbage City. With the recommendations of Rebecca Aziz he got a job in the designing department of a factory that was operating nearby. There, hundreds of young people from Garbage City were earning money and helping their parents, or building homes for their young families.

The church attracts people from the community around. Driving through the dump can be rather inspiring. Whole families, clean and well-dressed, can be seen singing hymns as they walk to one of the seven churches. On Thursday evenings Christians meet in the amphitheater which could seat 10,000 adults. Sometimes it is almost full. Nohad is there.

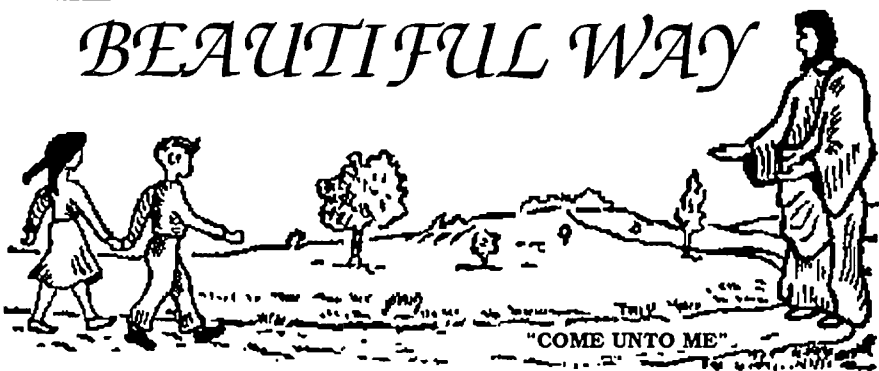
—Charlotte Huskey

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# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Powerful Song

Mr. R. H. McDaniel rambled through the park, his head down and his hands pushed deep into his pockets. Things were going wrong—troubles on his job, troubles at home. Black thoughts filled his mind although the sun shone brightly. He scowled when he should have been smiling. "All is dark," he mumbled. "Where is the light Christians sing about?"

McDaniel set out to find that light. Before long he was introduced to Christ and accepted Him as Lord of his life. "What a great change in my life!" he exclaimed. "Now I have the light Christians talk about."

One day McDaniel told his friend, "I often wondered where my life was going and what the outcome would be. Now I know, for my sins are gone and I am on my way to heaven. No more dark days for me. I have a hope that keeps me steady through every problem. I have many of the same problems, you know that, but now I have a Helper."

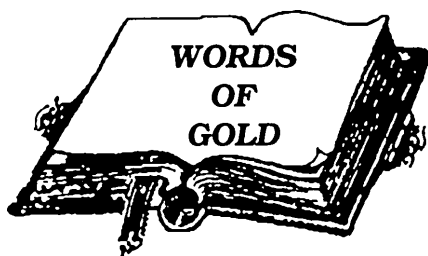
"You think Christ will always help you?" the friend asked.

"Sure He will. When I'm dying, I believe I will be able to see the gates of heaven and I'll go there to be happy forever."

Mr. McDaniel thought it was wonderful to have Jesus in his heart, so he wrote a poem and named it, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Charles H. Gabriel read the poem and put music to the words. The song became popular when Homer Rodeheaver had it printed on leaflets he handed out at Billy Sunday's evangelistic meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Before becoming an evangelist, Billy Sunday had played professional baseball for the Chicago White Stockings, the Pittsburgh Pittsburgs, and the Philadelphia Phillies for eight years. Billy's fans said he was the only man who could round the diamond, touching every base in just fourteen seconds. Even with all this fun and fame, Billy was often sad.

One day while walking sadly down a Chicago street he heard hymns coming from the Pacific Garden Mission. He went in and was saved. Soon he began working with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Four years later he resigned from playing baseball and gave his full time to preaching. Records show he preached 25,000 times. The radio announced that he preached to 100 million people and two million were converted (saved).



## One Testimony Helps Many

**John 4:4, 6-7, 14-19, 25-26,  
28-30, 39, 41-42**

**4** And he must needs go through Samaria.

**6** Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well:...

**7** There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her,...

**14** But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

**15** The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

**16** Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

**17** The woman answered...I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

**18** For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband:...

**19** The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

**25** ....I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

**26** Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

**28** The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

**29** Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

**30** Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

**39** And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman,...

**41** And many more believed because of his own word;

**42** And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

**The Message: People who heard the Samaritan woman's testimony also believed in Jesus.**

### **Questions:**

1. Where was Jesus sitting?
2. Where was Jacob's well?
3. Who came to the well while Jesus was resting?
4. Did Jesus know about the woman's husbands?
5. The woman believed Jesus was a\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Who did the woman tell about Jesus?
7. Who came out to see Jesus?
8. Did others believe because of the woman's testimony?
9. Why did the others believe in Jesus?

### **Verse to Memorize**

**And many of the Samaritans  
of that city believed on him  
for the saying of the woman,...**

**John 4:39.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" is the testimony of R. H. McDaniel. He said, "I love Jesus being in my heart. It makes me happy." When Mr. McDaniel's testimony was sung, others also came to know Jesus. Others may also come to know Jesus if they hear what Jesus is doing for you. A testimony is telling what we know about something. Is it important that we tell others how we feel since Jesus has come into our hearts?

The Samaritan woman testified for Jesus. She believed Jesus was the Messiah, or the Saviour, so she left her waterpot at the well and hurried back into the town to tell others. She said, "I met a man who told me all things. He must be the Saviour!"

"Surely He is," they agreed. Many hurried after her to see Jesus and listen to Him talk. Many more believed after listening to Jesus.

The testimony of one woman brought many to Jesus.

Your and my testimony is also very important. Let us be brave and tell others of the good things Jesus is doing.

Let's name some ways our testimony can help. Jesus said, "We overcome by the word of our testimony." So telling others what Jesus has done will also help us. Perhaps we have said, "I do not steal since Jesus came into my heart." When we are tempted to steal, what we have said will help us resist stealing so we will not be a liar.

Maybe we have said, "Jesus has taken away fear." When we feel afraid, what we have said will help us trust in

Jesus. King David said, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in the Lord."

Let's not be afraid to testify. Let's tell others how good we feel since Jesus has come into our hearts.

—Charlotte Huskey

### Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

What a wonderful change in my life  
has been wrought

Since Jesus came into my heart;

I have light in my soul for which long  
I have sought

Since Jesus came into my heart;

CHORUS:

Since Jesus came into my heart;

Since Jesus came into my heart;

Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea  
billows roll,

Since Jesus came into my heart;

I have ceased from my wand'ring and  
going astray,

Since Jesus came into my heart;

And my sins which were many are all  
washed away,

Since Jesus came into my heart;

I'm possessed of a hope that is stead-  
fast and sure,

Since Jesus came into my heart;

And no dark clouds of doubt now my  
pathway obscure,

Since Jesus came into my heart;

There's a light in the valley of death  
now for me,

Since Jesus came into my heart;

And the gates of the city beyond I can  
see,

Since Jesus came into my heart;

I shall go there to dwell in that city I  
know,

Since Jesus came into my heart;

And I'm happy, so happy, as onward  
I go,

Since Jesus came into my heart."

—Words by R. H. McDaniel

—Music by Charles H. Gabriel

When he preached in Philadelphia, people all over town spoke of Billy Sunday. Some ridiculed his slangy language and showy manners. Others criticized his promotional methods, which they claimed were part of the sports world but not of the church. Most Christians, however, believed he was God's man to change the world. Hundreds flocked to his meetings. "Come, let's go hear Billy Sunday," they said to their rebellious sons and daughters, and to the drunkard next door. Old, hardened sinners who had not attended church for years would come to hear him.

Policeman Fowler came. Whether he had a longing to know Jesus or went from curiosity, we do not know. Many curious boys came, for Billy Sunday sometimes came running down the aisle, jumped over the altar bench and onto the pulpit platform. While preaching, he sometimes stripped off his jacket and threw it high into the air. He slipped off his tie, unbuttoned his shirt and rolled up his sleeves as if preparing to play baseball. At the same time he preached hell fire and brimstone to listeners trembling in their seats.

Billy Sunday's fervent preaching and emotional demonstration had little effect on Policeman Fowler, but when the congregation sang, "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart," he began thinking how he would like to change his life. Policeman Fowler knew firsthand how sin could ruin a good man. He knew every hardened criminal had once been an innocent child who had wandered into sin. He wished he could help these men.

Policeman Fowler was saved in that meeting. After he let Jesus come

into his heart more than one hundred other policemen did the same.

Then they all sang, "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart." Maybe you, too, would like to have Jesus in your heart. Today is a good time. When you are saved, you can sing, "Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart."

—Charlotte Huskey

## Bits And Pieces Of History

The Anglo-Saxons of the A.D. 800's organized the people for military purposes. Boys over sixteen years of age had to stand watch and ward duty. By 1800 London had its own night watch, and also special police to guard docks, markets and other places.

A country given to prayer has no need for policemen. After the great revival in 1904, judges in Wales were given white gloves because there were no cases to try. District Consuls held emergency meetings to discuss what to do with the police now that they were unemployed. During this revival, 100,000 were saved. Five years later 80,000 were still standing firm for Christ.

(Answers: 1. On Jacob's well. 2. In Samaria. 3. A Samaritan woman. 4. Yes. 5. Prophet. 6. The men in the city. 7. The men from the city. 8. Yes. 9. Because they came at the woman's invitation and heard Jesus themselves.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Miss Glover's Class

All the way home from school, Kristin Williams tried to talk herself into having the right attitude. She was a Christian. She should be like Jesus, and she knew perfectly well that Jesus had never pouted or fussed when He didn't get His way. Kristin managed to keep the tears back until she got up the front steps of her house and had closed the door behind her.

She was still fighting the tears back when she heard her mother coming to meet her. "Well, how was your first day back at school, dear?" Her mother called as she was coming.

"Oh, Mama!" was all Kristin managed to say before she burst into tears.

"Why, Kristin! What is the matter?" her mother asked putting her arms around Kristin.

"I wanted Miss Adams for my teacher. The class was divided and I had to go to Miss Glover's room."

"What's so terrible about that?"

"Mama, Miss Adam's class is fun. The children in her room get to do interesting things—all kinds of projects. In Miss Glover's room nothing ever happens. Why did the Lord let this happen to me?"

"Do you think the Lord should have spared you when there are about thirty other fifth graders just as disappointed as you?" her mother asked softly.

"But I'm a Christian! I belong to the Lord. Shouldn't He do better for me?"

Mother patted Kristin and said, "The Lord has not promised that we will never be disappointed. He promised to be with us and to make things (whether good or bad) work for our good. But there's one condition."

"One condition?" Kristin asked. She was still pouting.

"God will make everything work together for our good if we will do and be our best in any situation," her mother explained.

"What do you mean?"

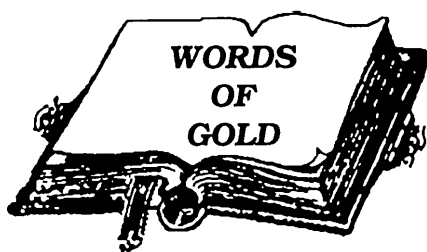
"Well, right now, since you're in Miss Glover's room, try to be sweet and cheerful about it. Be nice to Miss Glover and do your best work. Then everything will work out for your good."

Kristin sulked for a few moments. Then she said, "Okay, I'll try. But I don't think the class will change."

That night Kristin prayed, "Lord, You know I don't like being in Miss Glover's room, but since I'm there, please help me to do my best. And help me to be nice to Miss Glover."

The next morning Kristin started off to school determined to do her best. But she met Miss Glover on the corner of Spruce and Washington streets. Tears welled up in Kristin's eyes, but she smiled and said, "Good morning." She sounded like a frog croaking.

Miss Glover's face brightened and she smiled faintly. "I've just moved into



## Troubles Become A Blessing

**Genesis 37:5, 9-10, 19-20, 23-28**

**5** And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

**9** And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren,...

**10** And he told it to his father,...and his father rebuked him,...Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee...?

**19** And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

**20** ...Let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him:...

**23** And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat,...

**24** And they...cast him into a pit: and...there was no water in it.

**25** And they sat down to eat bread:...and the Ishmeelites came...with camels...going...down to Egypt.

**26** And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother,...?

**27** Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites,...

**28** Then...they...sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

**Genesis 42:6**

**6** And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and

Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

**Genesis 45:4-5, 7-8**

**4** And Joseph said unto his brethren,...I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

**5** Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither:...

**7** And God sent me before you...to save your lives by a great deliverance.

**8** So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

**The Message: Joseph's troubles turned out to be God's plan for him and a blessing for his family.**

### Questions:

1. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?
2. Who rebuked Joseph for his dreams?
3. What had Joseph's brothers planned to do with him?
4. What did they do with Joseph?
5. Where did the Ishmeelites take Joseph?
6. For how much silver was Joseph sold?
7. Did Joseph forgive his brothers?
8. Who became ruler over all Egypt?
9. Why did God send Joseph to Egypt?

### Verse to Memorize

**And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,...**

**Romans 8:28.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Joseph's brothers hated him. Each time they saw Joseph wearing the beautiful multicolored coat their father had made just for him, they were angry. One day when Joseph returned from watching the cattle with his brothers, he reported their evil actions to his father. This intensified their hatred for him. After that he had two dreams. In the first dream, his sheaf stood tall while his brothers' sheaves bowed before his. In the second dream, the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed before him. Even his father rebuked him for that dream.

His brothers smoldered with anger until at last they made plans to kill him. Reuben, his oldest brother, saved him by persuading the others to sell Joseph to Ishmeelite traders traveling through the country on their way to Egypt.

Joseph was taken into Egypt and sold there as a slave. While he was cleaning pig pens, mopping floors, grinding corn and baking bread, he must have often asked, "Why has this happened to me?" He may have wondered if God was still alive. Perhaps he blamed himself, wishing he hadn't tattled on his brothers or told his dreams. We do not know what Joseph thought while working in Egypt.

We do know he obeyed God's commandments. Even when strongly tempted, he did not yield

to sin. When suffering in prison, he did not grow bitter. He trusted God, although he did not always understand.

Joseph turned his troubles into stepping stones. He took each trial as a lesson sent from God to educate him for the future. Joseph did not know his future work, but he learned the lesson well. When the time came that God needed him, Joseph was prepared.

We, too, must learn lessons from trials. When we can't have things the way we want them, we must learn to be happy anyway. If others hate us and abuse us as Joseph's brothers did him, we must suffer patiently. If others try to force us to do wrong, we must be strong as Joseph was. Trials help us to build character which we will need in the future.

Remember, all things will work together for good to those who love the Lord—that is under one condition. The condition is that we keep the right attitude and do the very best we can under troublesome conditions.

Many times troubles turn into blessings. Troubles are like dark clouds that cover the bright sun. The sun, like God's will, shines always, but we may not see it. Sometimes the clouds bring rain that interrupts our plans but furnishes needed moisture. Later, when the hills are green and producing food for cattle and wildlife, we thank God, although the rain was unpleasant. It is the same with many troubles—later we see they work for our good.

—Charlotte Huskey

this neighborhood, Kristin," she said as they walked along. "We'll probably be meeting often."

Kristin's heart sank! The last thing she wanted to do every morning was to walk to school with dull Miss Glover.

Again Kristin swallowed the lump in her throat and tried hard to be nice. The following morning Kristin was tempted to go on another street so she would not meet her teacher, but she didn't. Kristin had to force herself every morning to be nice and walk with Miss Glover.

It was during the Sunday School contest that Kristin really had to struggle. She had promised to invite at least five people that week. Every day she thought she should invite Miss Glover. But how could she stand being with her on Sundays too? At last, on Friday morning Kristin invited her.

Miss Glover smiled bigger than usual and said, "I'd love to come! Thank you, Kristin."

When the pastor shook Miss Glover's hand and invited her back, Kristin heard her say, "I enjoyed the Sunday School very much. I will be coming back."

Kristin was surprised when she felt a strange, yet happy feeling about Miss Glover coming to church.

Monday morning Miss Glover looked happier than Kristin had ever seen her and she made Kristin happy, too, when she said, "I'm glad you are a little early this morning. I'd like to have a chat with you."

"Sure," Kristin said.

"First I want to thank you for inviting me to Sunday School. It did me good. I had not been in a long time because I have not been well. I think I'm going to be feeling better now."

"I'm glad," was all Kristin could think to say. But she wondered if Miss Glover's sickness had something to do with her dull classes.

They walked on silently. Kristin wondered what Miss Glover wanted to chat about. Finally Miss Glover said, "May I ask you a question?"

"Yes," Kristin said holding her breath.

"What makes all the boys and girls in my class so unhappy and sullen? Please feel free to tell me what you think about it. I won't tell anyone."

Kristin looked into Miss Glover's eyes to be sure she really wanted to know the truth. Then she told her about Miss Adams and how the children were disappointed because they wanted to be in a class doing interesting, exciting things.

Miss Glover listened thoughtfully. When Kristin was through talking she said, "Thanks a million, Kristin. This will be just between us. I would have quit weeks ago except for you. You kept working hard and so cheerfully that I decided I was not a complete failure. I tell you what, from now on things are going to be different."

That evening Kristin looked up from her book and said, "Oh excuse me, Mom, were you talking to me? I'm sorry. I didn't hear you."

"I've spoken to you three times. What's so interesting?"

"This book!" Kristin said, her face beaming. "Miss Glover loaned it to me. And, Mom, we're going to have a project in our class—not like in Miss Adam's class. She has her projects planned ahead. Miss Glover is letting the class plan ours. She's helping of course. I'm planning one now. The class is so excited!"

"Is this the same young lady who was crying about being in Miss Glover's class?"

"Well, in a way I'm the same—except now I know that you were right about all things working together for my good."

—Adapted by Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Because of Joseph's dreams. 2. His father. 3. To kill him. 4. They sold him to the Ishmeelites. 5. To Egypt. 6. Twenty pieces. 7. Yes. 8. Joseph. 9. To save the lives of his family.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Stinging Tree

Through the low, wide window Sheldon was watching some students in his class. They were building a bridge across a small stream made by the melting snow.

"Great!" he heard Art exclaim, as Malcom came, bringing a wooden box from a trash pile he had raided. "Just the thing to finish the center. Wow! Our bridge is almost done! Have your sailboats ready, guys, to go right under!"

It wasn't easy for Sheldon to stay indoors to sit with his aged grandfather on this warm holiday. After his folks returned, however, he would get to see the Washington's Birthday parade. But that was still hours away, long hours of waiting for his grandfather to wake up. And then he would have to help him with his slippers and bring his orange juice.

"Read your new book, Son, and the time won't seem so long," Mother said before she left.

"God help me obey without murmuring," Sheldon prayed, "and help me to get into this book."

Soon he was reading about the stinging tree, in Australia. It said, "The tree appears beautiful, but it is really very dangerous. It is so poisonous that anyone touching it drops to

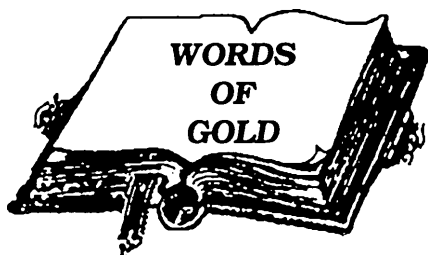
the ground in agony. Sometimes one who has touched it may live, but he is never as strong as before. Bad thoughts and dark words leave their sting also. They sting both the character and the soul. Our character is what we really are. If it is stung by evil and impure thoughts, we can never be as strong again as before. Ask Jesus to keep you away from the things that sting."

Sheldon found other fine stories and was still reading when Jay, one of the bridge builders, burst in. Jay had once been one of Sheldon's pals. But lately he had chosen to spend most of his evenings at the Clubhouse, a place the boys had dug out in the side of a hill.

Sheldon never went there. He didn't like caves. They looked too dark. And he had heard that sometimes tales were told there that boys would be ashamed to have their parents hear.

"God knows even our thoughts," Father had told him. "Thoughts are what makes a boy's character. Impure thoughts can make the whole life impure and keep us from being respected by others. Think pure thoughts and you will live a pure life," he said.

"Hey, Kid, you're missing all the fun," Jay greeted, "not helping us



## Joseph Resists Evil

**Genesis 39:1, 4-20**

1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh...bought him...

4 And Joseph...served him: and he made him overseer over his house,...

5 ...And the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand;... And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said...Behold, my master...hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9 ...Neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

10 ...She spake to Joseph day by day,...he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11 And it came to pass...that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled...

14 That she called unto the men...saying, See...he came in unto

me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

15 And..when he heard that I...cried, then he left his garment...and fled,...

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him,...saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, ...that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

**The Message: Joseph resisted doing evil with Potiphar's wife.**

### Questions:

1. What happened to Joseph in Egypt?
2. How did God show approval of Joseph?
3. How did Potiphar show faith in Joseph?
4. Who wanted Joseph to do evil?
5. How did Joseph get away from Potiphar's wife?
6. What lie was told about Joseph?
7. Did Joseph suffer because of false accusation? How?
8. Think of a time you were falsely accused.
9. Did you have to suffer because of it?

### Verse to Memorize

**...If, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.**

**I Peter 2:20.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

"I can't do this," Joseph said.

"No one will know," Potiphar's wife said, holding tightly to Joseph's coat. She drew her face near to his and whispered. "I love you, Joseph. Please, love me today."

"I said, I can't," Joseph insisted. "Your husband trusts me. He's put everything in my hands that is except..."

"Yes, except me. But I'm a grown woman. I can make my own decisions. Come, Joseph, come into my room while everyone is gone." She pulled Joseph toward her room.

Struggling to get free he said, "No, no, I can't. I mustn't." She held tightly to Joseph. There was only one thing to do and that was to slip out of his garment and run.

Joseph did.

Potiphar's wife was angry. And how could she explain Joseph's clothes being in her room? She framed a lie and told it to her husband. Potiphar had Joseph thrown into prison.

Joseph was a slave without the right to have a trial. He was in jail and would stay there until God changed things.

Have you ever been punished for something you didn't do? Teachers, parents and babysitters are human and they sometimes make mistakes. They may believe what they hear about you. Have you ever believed something that wasn't true? Let us be patient and forgiv-

ing to those who have believed lies told about us. We may someday believe a lie about someone. We will want that person to forgive us.

Do you think Joseph forgave Potiphar? I believe he did. He was soon the head man in the jail. He couldn't have become head man if he'd been sitting around pouting. He must have kept a good attitude and been cheerful and helpful.

Let us pray much so we will be able to resist temptation to do wrong as Joseph did. Then when it seems to have done no good, let us keep courage to continue doing the right. There is a great reward in doing right, although we may not see immediate rewards.

—Charlotte Huskey

### PRAYER

*Prayer is the key that opens the door.*

*Prayer gives us courage each step of the way,  
Faith, hope and guidance new strength for the day.*

*Prayer is a privilege given to all  
To talk with our Father if we will just call.*

*Prayer is a power, a hope fresh and new.  
His grace is sufficient his promise is true.*

*Prayer is a comfort and sweet release  
With rich communion, joy and peace.*

*Prayer is the contact, for rich and for poor.  
Prayer is the key that opens the door.*

build that bridge. But say," he added, pulling a smeary paper from his pocket, "I've got something here that has bridge building fun beat by a mile. Here are some swell jokes I wrote down that the boys told down at the Clubhouse!"

"Swell jokes!" To Sheldon these words didn't have the right ring—too much like a dollar a boy at school had tried to sell him for fifty cents. When the dollar accidentally dropped, it rang like iron or steel, not like true silver at all. It was counterfeit!

"I don't know as I care for those kind of jokes," Sheldon said. But Jay was holding his paper up, already reading. He stopped a minute and asked, "Is anyone listening, I wonder?"

Sheldon wanted to say, "Yes, God is listening. The Bible says nothing is hid from Him." But a strong force held his lips tightly shut so Jay continued reading the smeary paper. Sheldon knew he ought to tell Jay to quit. He knew that he ought to stop his ears and refuse to listen.

But Satan whispered slyly, "Don't be a sissy! There's no harm."

At that moment Jay asked, "What's this word, Sheldon? The page is all blurry and I can't make it out!"

Sheldon started to help Jay read when God's words flashed into his mind: "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile." Would he now use his lips to read these words? Sheldon sent up a quick prayer, "Help me, Jesus, oh, help me, please!"

And Jesus answered by reminding Sheldon of the story of The Stinging Tree.

Oh! He had almost gotten stung! He almost let the poison of impure words seep into his heart and come out of his mouth!

Jay was holding the blurred paper up close to the window pane, still trying to make out the words.

"Listen, Jay," Sheldon said, "let me read something to you. It's a story in my new book about the stinging tree in Australia. Wait just a second till I find the right page."

As Sheldon began turning the pages Jay stomped angrily toward the door. "Who wants to hear about any old stinging tree?" A moment later the door banged noisily shut and Sheldon found himself alone.

"Mmmmmmm!" he exclaimed, shaking his head, thinking of how nearly he had come to being trapped in Satan's net. Then he bowed his head and said to Jesus, "That was a pretty close shave, wasn't it? But thanks a lot for helping me not get 'stung' with impure thoughts."

Sheldon went over and stood gazing a long moment at the picture of Washington above the reading chair. Underneath the portrait were these words, "His success came through his strength of character...he guarded his thoughts and kept them pure."

"I guess, then, God must have helped you, too," said Sheldon, as his eyes, unashamed, met those of the great General Washington. —Selected

(Answers: 1. He was sold to Potphar and worked as his slave. 2. God caused everything Joseph did to prosper. 3. He trusted Joseph with all that he had. 4. Potphar's wife. 5. While Potphar's wife held him by his garment, he slipped out of it and ran away. 6. Potphar's wife said that Joseph tried to force her and when she called for help he ran away. 7. Yes. He was put in the king's prison. 8. Each experience will be different. 9. Answers will vary.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Hobby Contest

"Hey, kids, look here!"

Rex, Homer and John, gathering nuts on the ridge back of John's house, looked up to see Nathan racing up the hill. He was waving a big sheet of paper.

"Hey, look here, guys!" he cried excitedly, almost pushing the piece of paper into John's eye. "A hobby contest—and the first prize is a trip to Chicago with the hobby editor of the newspaper."

"Say what? Here, let me see." Rex took the paper and looked it over. "Hm-m-m! Not bad. The newspaper is putting on the contest for boys ages ten to fourteen."

"Yippee, that let's us all in," Nathan cried eagerly. "I knew I was making that model airplane for something."

"Are you sure it's finished?" Rex asked. "It says here that they will not accept anything that is not complete."

"It needs the propellers yet, but that won't take long. And maybe I'll make another one—something special," Nathan replied.

"John, your toothpick models will come in right handy," Homer said. "Now, those book ends I started to carve are only half done. I'll sure have

to hurry."

"Let's go get to work right now," Rex suggested.

Day after day the boys worked hard. Then one rainy afternoon Nathan rounded up Homer and Rex and they all went over to John's house.

"You'll find him upstairs, boys," John's mother told them. "He's getting his model ready for the contest. It won't be long now, will it?"

"It sure won't," Nathan replied, taking the steps two at a time.

The boys found John surrounded by toothpick models. He was working on a huge model of the Eiffel Tower.

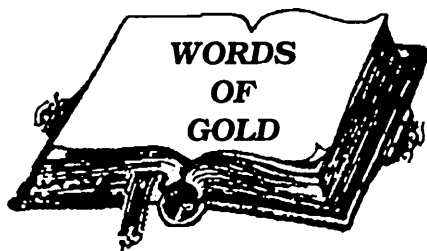
"Well, blow me away," Nathan said. "I thought you'd enter one of those bridges up there. They look pretty snazzy to me."

John grinned. "I've always wanted to make a model of the Eiffel Tower, and I thought I'd take a try at it for the contest."

"Well, it's a humdinger all right. How long have you been working on it?"

"Oh, about thirty hours, I guess. I figure it will take about five more to finish it," John replied.

"You ought to come with us now," Rex suggested. "All work and no play makes John a dull boy, you know."



## Joseph Helps Other Prisoners

### Genesis 39:20-23

**20** And Joseph's master...put him into the prison....

**21** But the Lord was with Joseph,...  
and gave him favour in the sight of the  
keeper of the prison.

**22** And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison;...

**23** ...And that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

**Genesis 40:2-5, 8-9, 12-16, 18-23**

**2** And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

**3** And he put them in...the prison,  
the place where Joseph was bound.

**4** And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

**5** And they dreamed a dream both  
of them....

**8** ....Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

**9** And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph,...

**12-13** And Joseph said...Within three days shall Pharaoh...restore thee unto thy place:...

**14** But think on me when it shall be well with thee,...and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

**15** For indeed...have I done nothing  
that they should put me into the

dungeon.

**16** When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream,...

**18-19** And Joseph answered and said,...Within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

**20** And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants:...

**21** And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again;...

**22** But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

**23** Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

**The Message: Instead of sulking while in prison, Joseph helped other prisoners.**

### Questions:

1. Where did Joseph's master put him?
2. How did the prison keeper treat Joseph?
3. Why do you think God blessed Joseph?
4. Can you describe the prison?
5. Who joined Joseph in the prison?
6. Who did Joseph help in the prison?
7. How did he help others?
8. Why could Joseph interpret dreams?
9. Did the chief of the butler remember Joseph?

### Verse to Memorize

**But the Lord was with Joseph,...and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.**

### Genesis 39:21.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Joseph stretched his hands toward heaven and worshipped God as he did every morning. The nasty smells of the dungeon and its prisoners filled his nostrils causing him to long for the fresh air of the fields where he had tended his father's cattle. But thinking of the past would not help solve today's problems. Although he had been his father's beloved son and Potiphar's favorite servant, he was now a prisoner through no fault of his own. "God," he prayed, "Help me make the best of this situation and be a blessing to those around me."

That morning, as he went through the dungeon checking on each prisoner and distributing the meager prison rations, he noticed the king's butler and baker were unusually sad. "What happened?" he asked.

"We both had strange dreams," they told him.

"Tell me your dream. God will help us know their meaning."

The butler said, "I stood beside a grapevine with Pharaoh's cup in my hand. Suddenly the vine's three branches budded, blossomed and produced grapes. I picked the grapes and squeezed their juice into Pharaoh's cup and gave it to him."

Joseph thought a moment, then said, "In three days Pharaoh will restore you as his chief butler. When you are again in the palace serving Pharaoh, don't forget me. Tell him I'm here for no fault of my own."

After hearing the butler's interpretation, the baker said hopefully, "Listen, now, to my dream. I was carrying three white baskets on my head. The top basket was filled with baked goods for Pharaoh. The birds swooped down and ate the food."

"Oh," said Joseph sadly. "Instead of being restored, you will be hung and the birds will pick away your flesh."

Three days later the baker was executed and the butler went back to his old job.

After the butler was restored, Joseph went about his work, hoping any day that Pharaoh would call. But days turned into weeks and weeks into months and months into years. Joseph continued worshipping God and helping all he could in the prison.

He kept the right attitude through much suffering. Even though he was hated by his brothers, treated as a slave, accused falsely and sent to prison for it, Joseph kept his faith in God and maintained a good, helpful attitude.

—Charlotte Huskey



## LOOK ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

Don't miss a chance to smile a smile,  
Don't pass up any laughter,  
And don't forget those anecdotes  
You'll love to tell years after...  
Look sideways as you walk along,  
Look up and down and out—  
For noticing life's trivia  
Is what good fun's about...  
You may be blinking back a tear,  
'Cause sometimes things go wrong—  
But if you learn to laugh through life—  
You'll always get along!



Aren't there some more nuts up on the ridge?"

"Let's go see," John said, getting up carefully lest he disturb his tower.

Up on the ridge John saw some nuts in the top of a tree and climbed up to shake them loose. But as he was coming down he missed one of the lower limbs and landed on the ground on his elbow.

"What a way to get down!" Nathan laughed. But when he saw the look of pain on John's face he ran to him.

"Feels like it's broken," John said, trying hard to keep back the tears. "I'd better go."

John's arm was broken. He wouldn't be able to finish his tower model in time for the contest. But he just laughed about it when the boys came to see him. "Guess one of my bridges will have to do," he said. "But I pinned my hopes on the tower."

"I think I can help John with that tower," Nathan said as the boys walked home.

"Help him! What do you mean?" Rex cried.

"I've been doing some toothpick modeling myself on the side, and I think I could finish John's tower for him so he could enter it. There's nothing in the rules against helping each other."

"You're a dope," Rex said. "You know as well as we do that if John's tower gets to the hobby contest we're all dead ducks. He'd be stepping on the train to Chicago instead of you. Let him enter one of his bridges."

"Well, I think—" Nathan began.

"Yeah, I know what you think. that because you're a Christian you should help John. Boy, you take your religion too seriously."

"I think it's important to do what the Bible says," Nathan said.

"Just where in the Bible does it say that you should help John finish

his tower?" Rex demanded.

"Well..."

"See. You don't know," Rex taunted.

"Yes, I do. It says that we are to do unto others as we would like for them to do unto us. If the model airplane I wanted to enter wasn't finished and I had broken my arm I'd be glad if someone would help me."

"Okay, if that's the way you feel," Rex grunted. "Run along and get your good deed done."

Under John's watchful eye Nathan completed the tower and it was entered into the contest.

On the day of the judging all four boys were there to see who had won. Sure enough, John's three and one-half foot Eiffel Tower won first prize.

"I don't get it," Rex growled to Homer as they walked home together. "How can Nathan be so...? He acted as happy that John won as if he had won."

Homer was silent for a minute. Then he said, "Maybe it's because he has something we don't. I wonder how we could get it? I'd like to be like him. I think he's happier than we are." —Selected

(Answers: 1. In the king's prison. 2. He favored Joseph and put him in charge of the prison. 3. I think God blessed Joseph because he had a good attitude. 4. The prison was a dungeon. 5. Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker. 6. The jailer, the butler and the baker. 7. He helped the jailer with the prison work and he interpreted the butler and baker's dreams but gave God the glory. In this way he testified for God. 8. Because God was with him. 9. Not at this time.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Miracle on 25th Street

Jim hated to ride the city bus but his dad had forbidden him to take the family car in this neighborhood, and had warned him to keep a constant lookout for muggers. He stepped off the bus at 25th and Elm. Glancing quickly around him, he headed south on 25th. The area was every bit as gruesome as his dad had said. Large, old paint buckets, garbage cans and crumpled laundry baskets overflowing with trash adorned the curbs all along the rough street that wound through three and four story low-rent apartment buildings. He hurried on, watching the house numbers, 1486, 1488, 1490. There it was, a massive concrete building, its corners chipped away by years of wear. Graffiti in red, black and green adorned the cement fence around the complex. "Apartment number 16-C, must be on the top floor," Jim mumbled to himself, as he swished past a bunch of boys sharing a cigarette.

On the second stairway landing, four small girls played a game of cards. One girl had three nickles, another two dimes. On the third level, two teenage boys, leaning over the balcony rail, called obscenities to girls on the balcony below. Jim looked straight ahead and acted like he knew where he was going; that is what his dad had told him to do. From the corner of his eye, he saw the number 16-C. Trembling, he prayed,

"Lord, give me courage." Then he knocked on the door.

The door swung open and Jim was face to face with a huge, wild-looking young man. "What brought you here?" he blurted.

"I'm Jim Estan," Jim said, "I visit the sick and read to them. I was told that someone here might enjoy a visitor."

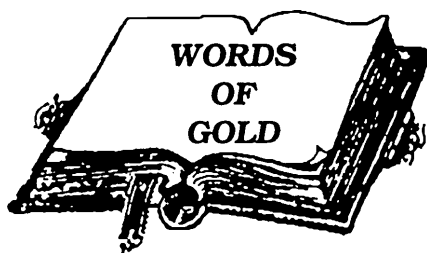
"Ma and me have no use fer folks like you," he said, cursing Jim. "And if ye don't head fer the street, I'll pitch you right over that railing to help ye on your way."

Jim turned immediately to obey, but as he stepped away, he heard a woman pleading, "Buck, Buck, let him in. Maybe he's got the book that tells about the blood."

Instantly Jim knew he must see the woman. Fearlessly he pushed himself past the big wild guy and into the dark filthy room. On a sagging couch lay a hollow-eyed, bony woman. The thin sheet covering her body moved up and down with each laborious breath. "Does your book tell about the blood?" she asked as Jim stepped close.

"It does," he said. "It tells about Jesus, who loved people so much He gave His blood to save them from sin."

"That's what I want to hear about!" she exclaimed. As she began coughing, Jim found a rickety chair, tested its strength and sat down. When she finally stopped coughing and had taken a drink of water from the glass sitting on the floor, she explained. "I have been a



## Joseph Becomes Egypt's Ruler

**Genesis 41:1, 8-9, 12, 14-16, 25, 29-30, 33, 35, 38-40**

**1** And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed [a strange dream]:...

**8** And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

**9** Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

**12** ...There was there with us [in prison] a young man, an Hebrew,... and he interpreted to us our dreams;...

**14** Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

**15** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it:...

**16** And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

**25** And Joseph said...God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

**29** Behold, there [shall] come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

**30** And there shall arise after them seven years of famine;...and the famine shall consume the land;

**33** Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

**35** And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up...food in the cities.

**38** And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?

**39** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph,... there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

**40** Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

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**The Message: Be patient in whatever situation you are in because God may be training you, as He did Joseph, for a great work.**

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### Questions:

1. Why did Pharaoh send for the magicians and wise men?
2. Could the magicians or wise men interpret Pharaoh's dreams?
3. Who interpreted the dreams?
4. Who told Pharaoh about Joseph?
5. Whom did Joseph say had the interpretation of dreams?
6. What did God show Pharaoh from the dreams?
7. What did Joseph advise Pharaoh to do?
8. What was Pharaoh's opinion of Joseph?
9. What did Pharaoh ask Joseph to do?

### Verse to Memorize

**...It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.**

**Genesis 41:16.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Joseph was thirty years old when he was chosen as ruler of Egypt. How many years had it been since he had dreamed that his brothers would bow to him? Genesis 37:2 says that Joseph was 17 years old when he told his father of his older brothers' bad conduct. Sometime after that Joseph dreamed his brothers' sheaves bowed to his and the sun, moon and stars bowed to him.

After those dreams, he was sold and taken into Egypt. That was God's plan to get Joseph into Egypt where he would be needed. Although Joseph was in the right place, he was not prepared to rule. He needed to know many things before being capable of ruling.

He was the most loved child and treated with special care at home. He needed to learn how others lived. Being a slave helped him to understand how it feels to be sold like an animal, to work hard, to be hungry, to be abused and accused and have no chance to defend himself. Being a slave in Potiphar's house taught Joseph to cheerfully submit, to please others, to be responsible, to manage money, to care for a large estate and to resist temptation. It took Joseph several years to learn all those lessons.

Then he was falsely accused and put into prison so he could learn more. In prison he learned how awful prison life was and how to understand prisoners. He discovered firsthand how to handle rough crimi-

nals. He found out why many were in prison and ways to help them. Here he also learned to forgive those who had abused or accused him and to have patience for those who make promises and do not keep them. In prison he practiced interpreting dreams.

At last, after twelve or thirteen years, Joseph was prepared to take over the leadership of Egypt's wealth. So God gave two strange dreams to Pharaoh. The butler remembered Joseph, and Joseph was called to interpret the dreams.

Pharaoh appointed Joseph to be ruler because God's spirit was with him. Messages were sent through the land instructing farmers to plant every inch of ground possible and Pharaoh would buy whatever they wished to sell. Egyptian masons and carpenters were hired to build storehouses in agricultural areas. Joseph built and stored food for seven years.

Then the famine began not only in Egypt but in surrounding countries. After years of near starvation, Joseph's family came to buy grain in Egypt. Joseph was near forty years old, but he recognized his ten brothers when they bowed before him. He remembered also the dream he'd had nearly twenty years ago.

—Charlotte Huskey

## A Child's Prayer

For life and health and strength,  
I thank Thee, Lord, so kind;  
I cannot count Thy blessings all,  
So many gifts I find.

The little birds have nests,  
Safe in the trees so tall,  
And I a home; but for Thyself  
I thank Thee most of all.

bad woman. I was born to cursing parents, cursed my way through life and have raised a cursing boy. No one knows how bad I've been nor how much I'm suffering, partly because of my wickedness. One morning I passed a church and went in. At first I just enjoyed the singing. But when the man started preaching, I began looking around. Then is when I saw all the saintly looking people and felt so ashamed that I hurried out. But I did hear the preacher say something about a blood that cleans from sin."

She was out of breath, so stopped talking. Then Jim said, "Would you like for me to read to you about that blood?"

"Oh, yes, yes, don't you see I'm dying," she almost screamed, "and I have so many sins. I'm afraid to die and face God's judgment. Is there any hope?"

"There sure is," Jim assured her. Then opening the Bible he had taken from his pocket, he read, "The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin.' This is true, for God said it, and God cannot lie."

"But what must I do?" she asked, sobbing.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

"I do believe," she said, "But I have been so bad."

"God says, 'Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved,' and 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'" Presently Jim remembered the wild man who had met him at the door, and recalled his Dad's warning to keep a sharp eye for muggers. Hearing a strange noise, he turned quickly and saw the big man crying while he was fleeing into the other room.

"Read more, read more," the sick woman begged. Jim read to her the story of Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

"What love He had for us sinners," she cried.

Then he read, "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you." "You see, my sins have been forgiven, and your's can be, too."

"But you are a good young man, you haven't lived bad like me," she protested.

"God is love," Jim read, "He sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him." And "herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment." "You need not fear the judgment," Jim said, "Jesus paid the price for your sins."

"Yes, yes," she cried, "I am sorry for my sins and believe God has forgiven them. How happy I am that you came to read with me. Will you please come again?"

"I will come tomorrow after school," Jim promised. She smiled. Jim thought he noticed a smile on Buck's face as he peeked from behind the bedroom door.

Jim flew down the stairs and to the bus stop, forgetting all about muggers and sluggers that surrounded him.

Every day after school Jim visited 1490 S. 25th Street. Sometimes Buck opened the door before he knocked. Sometimes he was waiting on the balcony.

Six weeks later at his mother's funeral, Buck said to Jim, "I want to do what you are doing. Jesus did so much for me and Ma that I want to spend the rest of my life helping others to know Him."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Because he was troubled by his dreams. 2. No. 3. Joseph. 4. The butler. 5. God. 6. That seven years of famine would follow seven years of abundant crops. 7. To appoint a man to store up food. 8. Pharaoh believed Joseph had God's spirit in him. 9. To be over his house and to rule the people.)

THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Betty's Savior!

The railroad ran right through the farm where Betty lived. This warm, summer day she was trying to keep her balance on the rails while walking the tracks with her bare feet. Punky, her dog, scampered along beside her. She giggled as he nipped at her heels.

The ten o'clock train was due to pass in a few minutes, and already the whistle of the big engine could be heard in the distance. Betty was having such a good time that she did not hear the whistle. The train whistled again as it came nearer, and its big bell began to clang loudly, warning everyone to get off the track at once. Still Betty seemed not to hear.

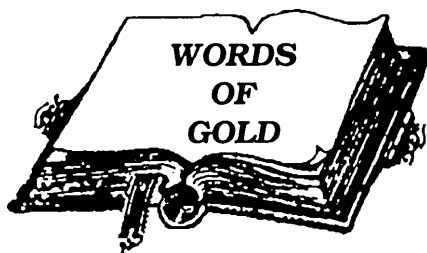
The engineer saw something on the track ahead of the train and gave another loud, long blast. When Punky scooted off

the track Betty looked up and saw the train bearing down upon her. Instead of jumping out of the way she froze with fear. She wanted to scream. No words came.

The engineer tried to stop the train but could not because the train was moving too fast. Betty tried to run but she could not move. She stood terror-stricken right in the path of the swiftly moving train!

Betty trembled. She was sure the big engine would kill her, but suddenly something—she knew not what—struck her, knocked her off the rails, and sent her tumbling down the bank. The train roared by.

Betty saw her faithful dog, Punky, flying down the bank after her. She lay in the ditch exhausted for a moment. Then she looked around to see what had hit her. No one was there. "Oh, it was you, Punky," she cried, reaching for her dog. "You knocked me off the track. Look, you're bleeding. The train must



## Heaven's Book

### Luke 10:1, 17-20

**1** ...The Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

**17** And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

**18-19** And he said unto them... 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...rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

### Revelation 3:5

**5** He that overcometh...I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,...

### Revelation 20:12-15

**12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books [of the Bible] were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

**13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

**14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

**15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

### Revelation 21:27

**27** And there shall in no wise enter into...[heaven] any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### Revelation 22:19

**19** And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy [the Bible], God shall take away his part out of the book of life,...

**The Message: Only those whose names are found in the Book of Life will be able to enter heaven.**

### Questions:

1. Why were the seventy disciples happy?
2. Jesus said they should rejoice for what reason?
3. What must a Christian do to keep his name in the Book of Life?
4. What will be opened when people stand before God?
5. By what will the people be judged?
6. What will happen to the person whose name is not in the Book of Life?
7. Who will enter into heaven?
8. What will happen to the person who takes away from the Bible?
9. Is your name written in the Book of Life?

### Verse to Memorize

**And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

**Revelation 20:15.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

When people are saved, God forgives their sins and writes their names in the Book of Life which He keeps in heaven. As long as that person overcomes sin, their names will stay in the Book of Life. If he or she does not overcome sin, God will blot their name out of the Book of Life. (Revelation 3:5.)

The seventy men whom Jesus sent out as His workers returned very happy because they had power over devils. It was not just their imagination that they had such power. They really could command the devils and the devils obeyed. Jesus admitted that He had given them such power. But He also told them that they should be happy not because of the power, but because their names were written in the Book of Life in heaven.

Power over devils would only be useful in this world. There is no need for such power in heaven, where there are no evil spirits. Having their names written in heaven would give them entrance into the presence of God, where they would be happy forever and ever.

Is your name written in the Book of Life? You may get it there by trusting in Jesus as your Savior. Tell Him you are sorry for the wrongs you have done. Believe He hears your prayer and confess that you are His child. His love and grace will fill your heart and He will write your name in His Book. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

(John 6:37.) And there shall in no wise enter into...[heaven] any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." Revelation 21:27. "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

It is very important that our names are written in the Book of Life. Only those whose names are in the Book of Life will enter into heaven. All others will be cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:15.) Jesus says, "...Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Corinthians 6:2. Come to Jesus today and He will write your name in the Book of Life.

—Charlotte Huskey

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## APPRECIATION

It's the little things in life that count,  
Which make it worth the while,  
The laughter of a little child,  
A loving mother's smile.

A welcome mate outside the door,  
A few friends in for tea,  
Two chairs beside a fireplace  
That wait for you and me.

One can't appraise the value  
Of the things we see each day  
We have to know and live them  
As we travel on life's way.

The things we work the hardest for  
We cherish all the more.  
We search afar for happiness  
When it's as near as our door.

—Selected

have hit you. Oh, thank you, thank you. You saved my life, today. Come on now, let's go home and get your cuts cleaned up."

Betty had loved Punky before, but she loved him far more now since he had rescued her from such a dreadful death!

Someone has come to rescue you, too, dear reader, from a worse peril. Like the great train coming down the track, the judgment of God is coming and will fall upon all who are in their sins. Now the Lord Jesus came into this world to save sinners. All who trust Him as their Savior are spared from judgment. He has borne that judgment for them; He takes them out of that place of condemnation and danger and puts them in a place of safety. There the judgment of God will not touch them. Jesus died that we might live.

Have you been saved yet? "The Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save." Isaiah 59:1.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. —Selected

*He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Revelation 3:5.*

## Getting In The Wrong Crowd

"Why," asked a Sunday school teacher, "do young folks sometimes get in with the wrong crowd?"

"Maybe," answered a boy, "it's because the right crowd isn't friendly enough."

**Could this possibly be said of your Sunday school or your class? Is there a boy or girl wishing for a friendly invitation to join your crowd?**

(Answers: 1. Because even the devils obeyed them. 2. Because their names were written in heaven. 3. He must overcome evil. 4. The Books and the Book of Life. 5. By what was written in the Books according to their works. 6. They will be cast into the lake of fire. 7. The people whose names are written in the Book of Life. 8. His name will be taken out of the Book of Life. 9. If you are saved your name is in the Book of Life.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Straight To Heaven

Patrick tore open the envelope and read the letter.

*"Come home, quickly! The doctor says Marie will not live."* —Mother

Patrick took the next boat up the Shannon to Carrick. He would walk the five kilometers on to his home village.

While Patrick was on the boat, Marie lay in bed, growing weaker each day and more and more fearful of what would happen to her after death.

"Mother," she said, "It's a dreadful thing to die and be soon in the fire of purgatory!"

"It surely is, my darling," Mother said, as she gazed with tearful eyes upon her failing child. "Oh, that I could die instead! But you have confessed to the priest."

"I have confessed every sin I could remember. What if I have forgotten one?"

"The sacrament of penance and the anointing with the holy oil at the last will take care of that. Trust the priest, Darling, and say the prayers to the Virgin he bade you. That will bring peace to your heart."

"Oh, it is so dark. I want to know where I am going. I want to know more than the priest would tell me. I want to be happy like Cathleen was when she died."

"Your cousin was a heretic. She had no sacrament, no holy oil, no masses,

she died in her sins."

"But she said so peacefully just before she died, 'Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.' I have no rod or staff to comfort me. I fear the fires of purgatory. Cathleen did not believe in purgatory."

"Hush now, Marie; go to sleep. Forget Cathleen and trust in the blessed Virgin."

"I'll try; but I can't help thinking there must be a way to go straight to heaven. I wish I could remember all Cathleen said about it."

"We can't go straight to heaven, we go the way the church directs."

"But it's such a hard way! I fear some may not get out of the fires of purgatory. What if I don't?"

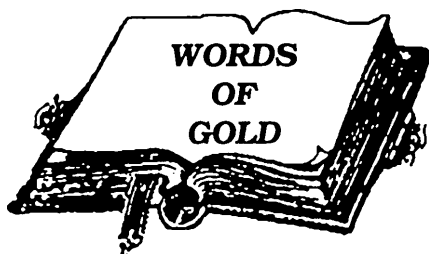
"I'll be paying for mass to be prayed for you. Don't distrust them, Darling. Just quit thinking about it all."

"Why here's Patrick now. He'll help you through these dark hours."

After the usual formal Irish greeting, Mother stepped out to report to her mother on Marie's condition and that Patrick had come.

Patrick sat down by his sister's bed with a heavy heart and spoke softly. "How are you? I hope my coming will make you better. I've come a long way."

"I, I, am afraid of what will happen to me after I die. I wish I could die happy



## How To Be Saved

**1. Repent is to feel so sorry about evil actions you want to never repeat them.**

**Acts 17:30**

**30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

**Acts 2:38**

**38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

**Acts 3:19**

**19** Repent ye therefore, and be converted [changed], that your sins may be blotted out.

**II Peter 3:9**

**9** The Lord is...longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

**2. Believe is to accept as true.**

**Hebrews 11:6**

**6** But without faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**Acts 10:43**

**43** ...Whosoever believest in him shall receive remission of sins.

**Acts 13:39**

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

**Acts 16:31**

**31** ...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

**Acts 19:4**

**4** ...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.

**Romans 1:16**

**16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

**I John 5:1**

**1** Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.

**3. Confess is to admit sin and tell that Jesus has forgiven your sins.**

**Romans 10:9**

**9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

**Romans 10:10**

**10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**I John 1:9**

**9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**I John 3:23**

**23** And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

**I John 4:15**

**15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**The Message: To be saved a person must repent, believe and confess.**

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

### Verse to Memorize

**...If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

**Romans 10:9.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

What does God's Word tell us to do to be saved? It says to repent, believe and confess. *Repenting* is feeling so sorry that you have displeased God that you want to never, never again do those things. When a person feels that sorry, he should *confess* those sins to God and ask forgiveness. He must then *believe* that Jesus died on the cross to remove those sins. Jesus arose from death and is at the right hand of God, seeking forgiveness for every repentant person.

After repenting and confessing, a person must then *believe* that God for Christ's sake has forgiven his sins. Next he must *confess* that Jesus has forgiven his sins. These are the three steps to salvation: *repenting, confessing and believing*. If you wish to be saved, *repent, believe and confess* that Jesus is your Savior and has forgiven your sins and you will be saved.

Do you wonder why Peter, on the day of Pentecost, told the people to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins? I think Peter knew most of these people believed they could be saved by obeying God's laws given to Moses. But obeying God's laws given to Moses could never save anyone. But after Jesus died God "commandeth all men every where to repent." And Jesus said, "This is my blood...which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matthew

26:28.) No doubt the people Peter was preaching to had helped to crucify Jesus. They needed to confess that now they believed He was their Savior. Being baptized in His name in public was a testimony of their faith in Him.

When Paul and Silas were in jail and the earthquake opened the prison doors, the jailer cried out, "What must I do to be saved?"

Paul answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." He believed, was saved and baptized that very night.

There is no way to be saved except through faith in Jesus. To be saved, a person must repent, believe Jesus is the Savior, and confess that he has been saved from sin.

—Charlotte Huskey

### Questions:

1. What should all men everywhere do?
2. How can a person get their sins blotted out?
3. How does God feel toward us?
4. To please God a person must \_\_\_\_\_.
5. How is a person justified?
6. What is the promise for those who believe on Jesus?
7. What happens to sin when it is confessed to Jesus?
8. To be saved we must \_\_\_\_\_ with our mouth.
9. To be saved we must \_\_\_\_\_ in our heart.

(Answers: 1. Repent and be saved. 2. By repenting and being converted. 3. He is long suffering, not willing that anyone perish. 4. Believe. 5. By believing. 6. They are promised salvation. 7. It is forgiven. 8. Confess. 9. Believe.)

like Cathleen. I can't believe her soul is in hell just because—"

"Because she believed in Jesus?" exclaimed Patrick. "No, Marie, no. That's the reason she died happy. Jesus comforted her with His love and pardon. Do you think she needed the priest's help?"

Marie stared at her brother. "Sure thing, brother, you've turned into a heretic, too!"

"Never mind; I don't like nicknames; but I have been reading the Bible. It's full of words to sinners that would melt your heart."

"How did you get one? Does the priest know?"

"I sure didn't stop to tell him. I just read and read. Some things are so good—they went quickly to my heart. I wouldn't stop reading it now if I were burned for it."

"What have you read about purgatory in the Bible?"

"Just as much as you see in that empty platter—nothing at all; and I've searched from one end to the other. Marie, it's not part of God's creation."

"Where is purgatory then?"

"Relax, there's none. You shall go straight to heaven at once, if you do only one thing."

"What is it, Patrick? I will do anything."

"Listen, I'll read you some of the beautiful words." The young Irishman drew his Bible from his pocket and read, "He was wounded for our transgressions [our sins], He was bruised for our iniquities:...' (Isaiah 53:5.) 'Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will abundantly pardon.' (Isaiah 55:7.) Now, Marie, is it abundant pardon if a person must suffer torments in purgatory to be purged from sin?"

"Don't we have to go through purgatory to be sanctified?"

"No. Jesus said, 'For where remission of these (sins) is, there is no more offering for sin.' (Hebrews 10:16-18.)

Jesus already suffered for our sins on the cross. We need not suffer, my dear. Mother need not pay for masses. When Jesus prayed for His people, He said not one word about going through purgatory. Marie, it is Christ's BLOOD that sanctifies us."

"But, now, what's the thing I'm to do. Patrick, you said if I'd do one thing."

"It's just this. You must believe these things. Do it now and you will have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 'For being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.' Oh, Marie, can you find it in your heart to trust what God says? It's faith you must get, and not masses. The sacrifice is made, the BLOOD is shed that must wash away all your sins; so what you should do is believe in Christ alone."

"Faith, faith—what is it?"

"It's just believing heartily that what He says is true even before you get what you've been promised. And then, Marie, if indeed you must leave us," he paused and choked back tears. "If you cannot stay longer here, you will pass without fear through the valley of death."

"Oh, Patrick, this is like taking thorns one by one from my deathbed; and I do think I'll be able to believe it all. But what will the priest say? Perhaps he will say I am a heretic, Patrick." She shuddered at the thought.

"He'll just be doing harm to himself. Never fear. Be true and hold fast to the Lord Jesus and His words, and you need not fear what men can do."

"Sure thing, Patrick—this way is a blessing to comfort us all, whether living or dying. I only wish this sweet story was told from Bantry Bay to Rathlin Sound."

"It's God's Word not mine," Patrick said, "And there's another verse that says, 'Happy is that people whose God is the Lord.'"

—Adapted by Charlotte Huskey

**(Look for "Answers" on page 3.)**

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## I Before E

"So you're to have a test in spelling tomorrow?" asked Grandpa with a teasing pull at Carla's black curl. "Well, if you make 100% on it, I'll give you a dollar."

Carla laughed. If she failed to make 100% on that spelling test, it would be the first in a long time. She got an "A" in spelling on her report card every month.

She ran for her spelling book and began studying. Wow! A whole dollar was a lot of money.

"What will you buy with a dollar?" Grandpa asked.

Carla kept on studying.

"Pay attention to your Grandpa," Mother whispered. "He won't be here long."

"Okay," Carla promised, but kept on studying.

Grandpa looked at Carla and made himself more comfortable in the big chair by the window. Presently he asked, "Whose puppy is this out here?"

"Carla," Mother whispered again. "Grandpa spoke to you."

Carla got up obediently and went to Grandpa's side.

"It's my puppy and he's really smart," she said.

"You must show me what tricks he can do," suggested Grandpa.

"I'll do that tomorrow after school," promised Carla as she ran back to her speller.

Just before bedtime Grandpa asked, "Want to hear a story, Carla?"

"Oh, Grandpa, I love your stories, but tonight I must study."

She meant to study the next morning, too, but she didn't get up when Mother called and then it was too late.

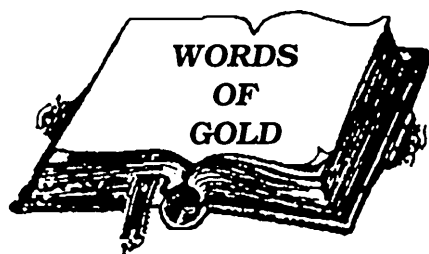
"Good-bye," said Grandpa. "I'll have that dollar ready for you. I hope you do what it takes to get it."

"I'll try," Carla answered, smiling.

As the teacher was giving the words that morning, Carla spelled each one easily. She wrote them in nice plain letters like her daddy had said so anybody could read them. He had told her he wished some of the businessmen he knew would write half as well as she did. Carla always laughed when he said that.

There were twenty words in the test. Fifteen had been given out, and Carla was sure she had written each one correctly.

"Believe," called out Miss Mitchell.



## Keeping The Heart Pure

### Matthew 5:8

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

**Matthew 15:1-3, 8, 10-11, 17-18, 20**

1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees,...saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

8 This people...honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart;...

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

**Matthew 12:34-35, 37**

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

### I Corinthians 13:4-8

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth:...

**The Message: If we keep charity in our hearts, our hearts will stay pure.**

### Questions:

1. What kind of people will see God?
2. What did the scribes and Pharisees ask Jesus?
3. Did Jesus think washing hands or keeping the heart pure was most important?
4. What kind of words will an evil heart speak?
5. What kind of words will a good heart speak?
6. What will cause a suffering person to speak kindly?
7. What will keep a person from being selfish?
8. What will never fail?
9. If we have charity will our heart be pure?

### Verse to Memorize

**Blessed are the pure in heart:  
for they shall see God.**

**Matthew 5:8.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Jesus said that those who have a pure heart will see God. What is a pure heart and how can a human have a pure heart? First we must understand what "pure" means. The Bible speaks of pure gold. Pure gold is gold that is not mixed with other metals. Pure water is water without dirt, bacteria or other impurities. A pure heart is a heart without sin. Pure conduct means to perform actions with nothing inappropriate or extraneous about them.

Years before Jesus died to take away sin, a man of God said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9.) Jesus said that only those with pure hearts will see God because He has power to remove sin from the heart. Thus, He makes it possible to have a pure heart. Although the heart may have been deceitful and desperately wicked, Jesus will make it new. The apostle Paul said in II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The old, deceitful, wicked heart is now new. Ezekiel said, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26. It is not possible for any person to make his own heart pure. We must trust Jesus to do it.

Jesus said, "Whatever is in the heart will show on the outside." When Jesus puts a new heart and a new spirit in a person, goodness shows on the outside. The conduct of that person will be Christ-like. Although the heart is pure, a person may at stressful times have inappropriate behavior. At such times our behavior may not reflect what is in our heart. We may do some things quickly or without thinking about what we are doing. We do need to repent of such actions and that will keep our heart pure.

A person who has an impure heart will be doing evil things, telling bad jokes, or using bad language. Jesus said, "...How can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matthew 12:34.

Having charity (God's love) is the perfect way to keep a pure heart. It will help you to keep control of your speech and actions. We shall see God someday if our heart is pure.

—Charlotte Huskey

### What is Love?

Love is an attitude,  
Love is a prayer,  
For a soul in sorrow,  
A heart in despair.

Love is good wishes  
For the gain of another,  
Love suffers long with  
The faults of a brother.

Love giveth water  
To a cup that's run dry.  
Love reaches as low,  
As it can reach high.

Seeks not her own  
At the expense of another.  
Love is God  
When it reaches our brother.

—Author Unknown

It was at this point that Carla became flustered. "B-e-l-i-e-v-e," she spelled the word silently in her mind. "Is that right? No. Let's see, 'B-e-l-i-e-v-e.' Now—yes, that is right." She began writing the word.

Then she heard Billy from across the aisle faintly saying, "I before E."

Of course, of course! Carla knew that old spelling rule in rhyme:

"I before E,

Except after C,

Or when sounded like A,

As in neighbor and weigh."

She wrote the word quickly.

Miss Mitchell had already called another word. Clara wrote it and the other three.

The test was over. The monitor took up the papers. Carla was sure she would get 100%. The bell rang for recess and the children filed out.

Carla couldn't play. She stood by herself and was glad when the bell rang to go back into the school building.

The day wore on. Finally Miss Mitchell handed back the spelling test papers. Carla quickly looked at hers: 100%. Her face flushed—hotter and hotter. She lay her head on the desk and began to cry. She just couldn't help it.

"Why, Carla, what is the matter?" asked Miss Mitchell.

"I made—I made—a 100%," gulped Carla.

"You usually do. I would have been surprised if you had missed a word."

"But—but I would—I would have—if I hadn't heard Billy."

Squatting beside Carla's desk, Miss Mitchell said kindly, "Tell me about it."

Carla explained, "I was writing the word wrong when I heard Billy

whispering to himself, 'I before E.' Then I spelled it right. I—I didn't really earn a 100%, did I?"

"Not really if you spelled the word right only because you heard Billy saying the rule," Miss Mitchell said slowly. "But I'll say this," she said, standing to her feet so all the room could hear, "Carla has earned a 100% in honesty. I'm so proud of her. She refused to keep a perfect grade that didn't belong to her." Miss Mitchell changed Carla's grade to 95%.

Carla swallowed hard. She would not get the dollar.

That evening, while Carla stood beside Grandpa in his chair, she told him why she did not get a 100% on the spelling test. Grandpa's arm tightened around her as she finished and Mother smiled in approval.

"Well, now, do you know what I'm going to do?" he said. "I have to leave this weekend, but I'm going to give this dollar to your mother. You'll be having another test soon. If you make 100% on your next spelling test, this dollar will be yours."

Carla threw her arms around Grandpa's neck.

She was going to study, but not so hard that she would have no time to be nice to Grandpa if he happened to be there.

—Adapted by Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Those who have a pure heart. 2. Why the disciples ate without washing their hands. 3. Keeping the heart pure. 4. Evil words. 5. Good words. 6. Charity. 7. Charity. 8. Charity. 9. Yes.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Tim's Last Thanksgiving

(A true story.)

With axes over their shoulders, Tim and Raymond were treading through the pine forest in the autumn dawn. Tim was short and humpbacked with long sinewy arms. His black tangled hair and untrimmed beard gave the appearance of a rough character. However he had soft blue eyes and a kind expression. "Ray, ye've got a lot to be thankful fer," Tim said.

"Me?"

"Ye," he answered, ignoring the scorn in Ray's voice. "I don't jest know what's in the years behind ye, nor what brought the like of ye to northern Minnesota three weeks ago, but ye're straight and strong and ye knows books. I'm sure ye've had a chance."

"And what I've done or been in the past is no one's business but mine," Ray answered grumpily. "I'm a free man in a free country." But of late he was wondering if his freedom was worth the price he'd paid for it.

"I feel ferye when the men's a poking fun at your correct speech and cleanness. It's a shame 'em fellows don't follow your example and clean up themselves."

"Thanks, Tim. It's good to know someone in Haskin's Lumber Camp feels for me. I never realized how vile and mean lumberjacks can be."

"Been kind of protected, I guess?"

"To be sure—a little too much."

The two men walked on in silence. Tim wondered why this tall, educated man had chosen hard work with the poor and illiterate. Raymond, although he called his dad's religious convictions old superstitions, never cursed or used bad language. He rebuked the men for fighting and telling dirty jokes and had earned himself the nickname, "Preacher."

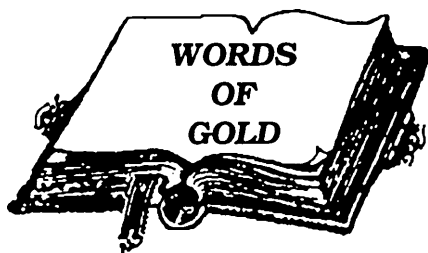
It was Thanksgiving Day. Raymond had dragged himself out of bed, drowsy from a restless night haunted by visions of his homelife.

He and Tim were assigned with a group to cut down a pine that towered over the forest. At the moment the monarch of the forest came crashing to the ground, above the noise rang out a cry of terror and pain. Someone had not judged the length of a branch which had swept him from his feet and pinned him to the earth.

It was Tim. His crippled body lay crumpled under a heavy branch. Raymond jumped to his side. "Help me, boys," he shouted. "Lift this tree off him."

Together the men lifted the tree and Raymond pulled Tim free. "Well, I guess it's all over for me, boys," Tim gasped.

A man ran for the stretcher that hung outside the office. They carried Tim to the cook shack and placed him on a rough cot beside the big stove. A lightweight young man was ordered to go for the doctor.



## A Psalm Of Thanksgiving

**Psalm 103:1-5, 8-18, 21-22**

**1** Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**2** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

**3** Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

**4** Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

**5** Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;...

**8** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

**9** He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

**10** He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

**11** For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

**12** As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

**13** Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

**14** For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

**15** As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he

flourisheth.

**16** For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

**17** But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,...

**18** To...those that remember his commandments to do them.

**21** Bless ye the Lord,...ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

**22** Bless the Lord,...bless the Lord, O my soul.

**The Message: Always be thankful and bless the Lord.**

### Questions:

1. Whom should all men bless?
2. What should we not forget?
3. Who forgives, heals and redeems?
4. Who satisfies our mouth with good things?
5. Does God get angry easily?
6. Has God dealt with us according to our sins?
7. How far has God removed our transgressions?
8. How long is the mercy of God toward those who do His commandments?
9. Whom should we bless?

### Verse to Memorize

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:**

**Psalm 103:2.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Years ago during a famine in Europe, a baker gave a loaf of bread to every child who came to the bakery. Most of the loaves were bread that had not sold in his shop the day before. However if there were not many loaves left from yesterday's sales, he would put out fresh ones.

At a certain time each morning the bread was put in a wooden barrel by the bakery door. How the children scrambled to get the largest loaf! Sometimes rough boys or girls snatched loaves out of other children's hands. At such times the baker would reprove them, but it seemed to do little good. The loser would then push a smaller child aside and get the next largest loaf possible.

As he watched the children day after day he noticed that one big girl never pushed or shoved. She stood patiently at the side until the other children each had a loaf. Then she would take whatever was left. Even though the loaf was sometimes very small she always kindly thanked the baker.

One day the baker decided to reward the girl for her good actions. Inside the dough of a very small, ill formed loaf he put some gold coins. After the other children had taken the loaves and gone, the girl lifted the tiny, ill shaped loaf from the bottom of the barrel. She smiled and said, "Thank you."

When the mother cut the loaf and the coins fell out she thought

they had fallen into the dough by accident. She sent the girl back to the baker with them. "No," the baker said, "the coins are for you because you were always polite and thankful."

God is very much like the baker. He blesses those who are grateful. He does not always give gold coins, but He does reward. He gives the thankful person many material blessings. He also gives them contentment, happiness and many friends. We cannot always count God's blessing in dollars and cents. Money cannot buy the blessings that God gives to His thankful children.

Here are some of the blessings God gives to His thankful children: He forgives our wickedness, not dealing with us according to our sins, but removes our transgressions (sins) as far as the east is from the west. He heals our diseases. He crowns us with lovingkindness and gives us good things to eat. His mercy to us is as high as the heavens. Isn't that a lot of mercy? Also, God understands we will soon die and our body will be turned into dust, but we'll live on in our grandchildren and He has promised to extend His mercy to them, if they obey His commandments. Shouldn't we be thankful for all these blessings?

Let us be thankful all through the year and receive the blessings of God. King David said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Can we not say the same?

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. The Lord. 2. The Lord's benefits. 3. The Lord. 4. The Lord. 5. No. 6. No. 7. As far as the east is from the west. 8. It is everlasting. 9. The Lord.)

"Why call the doc?" questioned a man. "Tim won't last—"

"Doc won't leave a Thanksgiving dinner to treat a lumberjack," grumbled another. "Besides, it's twenty miles. He won't be here until tomorrow."

The men stood in silence with heads bowed. Only Tim's heavy breathing and the distant clapping of the horse hooves could be heard.

Presently Tim said, "Ray, Ray can't ye tell me?"

Raymond bent over Tim. "Tell you what?"

"Tell me 'bout God. Will He be angry? Nobody ever told me. Can't you, Ray?"

All eyes were on Raymond.

"I can't," he whispered.

"You can't? You can read, haven't you read how's the proper way to meet God?"

Raymond's face was red. Then it turned white and serious. He rushed out the door and into the forest. "Oh, God," Raymond cried, "my friend's dying and I can't lead him to You. Forgive me, God, forgive me for listening to the skeptics and reading New Age junk. Forgive those hateful letters I've written to Dad. I'm glad Mother's not alive to know how far I've strayed from the truth she taught me.

"Oh, Lord, I thought being a Christian was hard. Now I know it's happiness compared to what I've suffered since rejecting it. Instead of finding freedom, I've gotten myself bound by sin and darkness.

"God, please remove the darkness and let Your light come again into my heart that I might give Your Word to my dying friend."

The men were still sitting around Tim that evening when Raymond came from the forest. He walked across the clearing with determined steps and entering the cook shack, went straight to Tim.

"I've been with God. Now I can help you," he said, kneeling beside Tim's cot.

"Quick, tell me," Tim whispered.

"God says He loves you. He loved you so much that He gave His only Son, that if you believe in Him you shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

"But I'm a sinner."

"But while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

"He died for me?"

"Yes, and 'if you confess your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive your sins...."

Tim prayed, "Oh, Jesus, I don't really know what's sin and what ain't, but I've done lots of things I thought weren't proper. I'm awfully sorry."

When Tim finished, Raymond began. Tears streamed down his uplifted face. Some men took off their caps and others knelt. "Dear Jesus," he said, "Thanks for forgiving my sins. Now my friend is dying. He needs the forgiveness and peace like You have just given to me." Raymond prayed for a long time.

While he prayed Tim grew quiet. Then he said, "It's all right. I'm going to Him. Now Ray, you tell everybody."

"I promise, I'll spend my life telling others."

"Thank ye. And thank ye, God," Tim spoke feebly. It was Tim's last Thanksgiving.

Raymond turned to face the men. "Tim's gone, boys. You heard my promise to Tim. I promised God I'd do this years ago and I'm going to from this day on. Will you all forgive me for the proud attitude I've shown toward you and let me begin by telling you?"

"Yes, we will," one man said. "We'll wish we had heard when we come to where Tim's been today."

"Tomorrow we'll do our respects to Tim and commit him to the earth. Tomorrow night I'll tell you about Jesus."

That night Raymond wrote a long letter to his father. He asked forgiveness and told him of his future plans.

Raymond's father, Mr. Lee came to help him at Hoskin's Lumber Camp. The work continued until seventy men were saved.

—Charlotte Huskey

**(Look for "Answers" on page 3.)**

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## God Didn't Forget

(A true story.)

Living through the Great Depression of the 1930's left a permanent mark on Lou Ellen Henry. Her family, like thousands of families all over the United States of America, were left without a steady income. Lou Ellen never forgot the winter of 1935 when it looked like God had forgotten them. By the third week of November there was not a bit of food for the seven children, their parents and an aunt who made her home with them.

Lou Ellen's father, Mr. Henry, had been employed by the local limestone mine. But soon after the beginning of the depression he was laid off with the rest of the workers. They had survived four years by raising a huge garden and Mr. Henry working odd jobs. He hauled hay, mixed cement, shoveled snow, split wood, washed windows and worked with road gangs. If he earned money it was one dollar a day. Often he accepted food or other commodities in return for a hard day's work. Hunting and fishing, which had

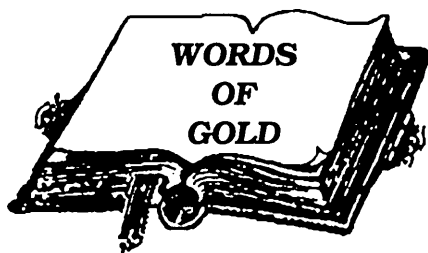
once been his leisure-time sports, were now necessary for survival.

The family usually canned food from the garden to keep for the winter. But the summer of 1935 little rain fell and the garden hardly produced enough for eating. By November their food supply was gone. One day near Thanksgiving Mother made pancakes for breakfast with the last bit of flour and shortening. She ground up the last few apples and made a sauce to serve with the pancakes. Father shouldered his gun and went out to hunt. Noel and William had gone early that morning to the neighbor's pond hoping to bring back fish for breakfast.

Aunt Mary groaned, "There is not a bite of food in this house. I think God has forgotten us."

"And there is no money, either," moaned Lou Ellen. "Why doesn't God take better care of His children?"

"We've had food every day," Mother rebuked. "He promised to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. I believe Jesus will provide. Let's gather around and pray."



## **Don't Worry About Tomorrow**

**Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34**

**19** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

**20** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

**21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

**25** Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

**26** Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

**27** Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

**28** And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

**29** And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

**30** Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and

to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

**31** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

**32** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

**33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**34** Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

**The Message: Lay up treasures in heaven and Jesus will supply all your needs.**

### **Questions:**

1. What will damage treasures on earth?
2. What can damage treasures in heaven?
3. Where should we put our treasures?
4. Where is a person's heart?
5. Should a man worry about food, clothes, etc.?
6. Who takes care of the fowls?
7. Who is worth more than the fowls?
8. What should we seek above all else?
9. Why should we not worry about tomorrow?

### **Verse to Memorize**

**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

**Matthew 6:33.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Jesus said we should not be collecting treasures of this world for they can easily be destroyed. If we store up food, worms or rats might get into the food and ruin it. If we collect cars, they might rust away and be of no use. And robbers could break in and steal our treasure.

Jesus said to lay up treasures in heaven where no harm can reach them. But how can a person send treasures to heaven? Money or things we have in our hands cannot be packaged and sent there. How then can it be done? Money given to print tracts, buy Bibles or support those spreading the gospel is adding treasures in heaven. People will be saved and go to heaven because of what you did. (God keeps account of those who helped.) Doing good for enemies or people who will not return the favor is another way of making treasures in heaven. Giving to the poor is another way. Being friends with Jesus by reading His Word and praying to Him causes our heavenly treasures to grow. I'm sure your class can think of many other ways to send treasures to heaven.

Another very important way to lay up heavenly treasures is to trust God. As a newborn baby trusts, so should we. A baby doesn't worry about its food or clothes. He or she eats and goes to sleep not even worrying about food for their next

meal. Every time we trust God our account in heaven is building.

Jesus said, "Take...no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." There is much evil to overcome every day. God has promised to give grace for each day, but not for two or three days at the same time. We can do what we must do today, but the thought of having to do it every day makes the load too heavy. Forget it. Tomorrow God will give us power to face tomorrow's problems.

Each morning we should seek God for power to keep pure that day. Ask Him to guide your thoughts, words and actions, that each would be pleasing to Him. If you ask, He has promised power to do it, and to add everything we need. We will not need to save up treasures for the future because God is taking care of us each day. People who do not trust in God are the only ones who need treasure on the earth. —Charlotte Huskey

### TODAY

With every rising of the sun

Think of your life as just begun.  
The past as canceled and buried deep.

All yesterdays? Just let them sleep.  
Concern yourself with but today  
Grasp it, and teach it to obey.  
Your will and plan, since time began

Has always been the friend of man.  
You and today, oh soul sublime  
And the great heritage of time.  
With God Himself to bind the twain,  
Go forth, brave heart! Attain!  
Attain!

—Selected

The children bowed in a circle around mother and she prayed. Before she had finished, William and Noel had returned, cold and discouraged, from the pond.

"William, bring the Bible," Mother said. She opened it and read Psalm 37:23-25, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord:...Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. I believe God will help us," she said. "Let us pray again and thank the Lord for all He has given us and for taking care of us."

While still on their knees praying, a loud knock on the door startled them. Mother arose from her knees and open the door cautiously.

A nicely dressed man stood there smiling. "Mrs. Henry?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I have a delivery for you. I understand you need it," he said. Then he handed her an envelope and walked away.

Mother closed the door and with trembling hands ripped opened the white envelope. "Fifty dollars" she shouted. "Oh, William, run! Run after the man. Find out who he is or who sent this, so we'll know who to thank."

William rushed out the door. Ellen followed him and watched as he ran down the hill toward the road. One by one the others went

out to look for the man. Mother stood like a statue beside the door, tears streaming down her cheeks.

"That's a lot of money," Noel gasped.

"Sure is," Aunt Mary agreed. "It'd take more than two months to earn \$50.00 with today's wages."

"That is, if Dad could find work," Ellen added.

Mother was still by the door when William returned. "Mom, there was no man in sight. I looked and looked, and waited thinking he might have gone into the woods for a moment but he never did appear."

"Must have been an angel sent from God," she said. "Well, children, get cleaned up, we're going to town."

With the \$50.00 they bought flour, oats, rice, beans, shortening, salt, sugar and other staple groceries which lasted all through that winter. In the spring of that same year, 1936, Mr. Henry was called back to work at the limestone mine.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Moths, rust and robbers. 2. Nothing. 3. In heaven. 4. His heart is where his treasure is. 5. No. 6. God. 7. We are. 8. The kingdom of God. 9. Because we do well to handle the problems of today.)



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Ann's Surprises

Ann Claybourn was listening to her father talking on the phone. "What? He's earned a lot of money? Maybe he'll help me get that car I've wanted so long," Ann said to herself. "I know he can afford it now."

To her surprise, her father readily consented and the following day they bought her new car.

"I'll keep it new and beautiful," Ann promised, "and drive very carefully."

Not long afterwards her father said, "I must go to a banker's association meeting and Mother is going with me. I talked with your Aunt Lana today and she'll be glad to have you. She said your Cousin Janice has been wanting you to visit her. Why don't you drive into the city and stay with her while we are gone?"

Ann started to refuse, for Janice's family were not Christians. And too—she hated to miss church. But on second thought she did not want to stay alone and she had not become close friends to any girl at church. So she said, "All right."

Janice's head bobbed merrily as she talked, "Sure glad you came, Ann. We'll have great times together."

Ann soon discovered the "great times" Janice planned were going to

dances, movies and night clubs. How could she tactfully tell Janice she didn't want to go?

All through the night and the next day while Janice was at work she wondered what she should say. That evening Janice told her about a movie they'd be seeing. Ann said, "I know you think I will be missing a lot of fun but I don't want to go. I know you don't understand, but if you would take Jesus into your heart you would."

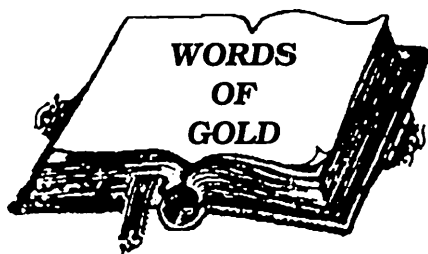
"Being a Christian may be all right for some, but I don't want it," replied Janice, as she twisted a blonde curl. "Listen, I'll make a bargain with you. If you'll go with me to Club Paramount tomorrow night I'll go with you to church on Sunday night."

It seemed like a fair offer and at first Ann thought it might get Janice interested in church. But how could she take Jesus with her into a night club? "Janice, do you think Jesus would go to a club for fun?"

"No."

"I can't go anywhere without Jesus. And you wouldn't think I was a good Christian if I went, would you?"

Janice looked at Ann and smiled. "Maybe you are right. I believe if a person is going to be religious he



## Giving Is Happiness

### Mark 12:41-44

**41** And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much.

**42** And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

**43** And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

**44** For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

### Luke 6:27, 30-35, 38

**27** But I say unto you...do good to them which hate you,

**30** Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

**31** And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

**32** For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

**33** And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

**34** And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank

have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

**35** But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

**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. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

**The Message: Treat others as you would like them to treat you.**

### Questions:

1. What was Jesus watching?
2. Whom did He see putting money into the treasury?
3. Whom did Jesus say put in the most?
4. How much did the widow put in?
5. Are we better than sinners if we only give to our friends?
6. Are we better than sinners if we loan, expecting to be repaid?
7. Will we be rewarded for lending without hoping for repay?
8. Who shall be the children of the Highest?
9. What is the reward for giving?

### Verse to Memorize

**Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over....  
Luke 6:38.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Now that Christmas is near, you must be hoping for that special gift. What do you want? A new bicycle? A stereo? A new dress? Some designer clothing? Perhaps a favorite stuffed toy? Whatever it is, I hope you get it if it's God's will.

I'm sure you have also been thinking about things you will give to your friends and family. You may be making something for a special gift or saving your money to buy something for someone you love. That is very good.

In the Bible lesson today Jesus tells us that giving is the way to happiness. He says that the more we give the more we will receive. If we give a box full of cookies, we will receive a box not only full but tightly packed and heaping up. If we give a cake, we will receive a larger one in return. Of course we won't always receive just what we gave away. We will, however, be blessed with more than we give.

The secret in giving and receiving, however, is in giving not only to those we know and love, but to give also to unthankful people and even to our enemies. Jesus said a Christian is no better than a sinner if he or she gives only to friends. We do better if we

give or loan and expect no return. It may seem almost impossible to give and loan like Jesus said, but God has promised to reward us if we do.

Loaning and expecting nothing in return is having a forgiving attitude. If we keep a forgiving attitude, we will forgive when people borrow and do not repay us. Most people will repay. It is the proper and right thing to do, so don't get all worked up thinking God is expecting too much. God does not want His children to hold anything against another person, no matter what they have done. He says, "Forgive and it shall be forgiven you." So forgive those who do not repay loans.

I know God will bless those who give. I have known people who have given and loaned without expecting returns, and God has blessed them with plenty of money. Proverbs 19:17 says, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will [the Lord] pay him again."

This Christmas, besides giving to those we love, let's choose an unthankful person, or someone you consider as an enemy and give to them. Perhaps someone has caused you a lot of trouble, maybe told a lie on you, or taken your best friend. Give a gift to that person and God will bless you. If you don't have courage to do that, give to someone too poor to return the favor.

Have a different, happy Christmas.  
—Charlotte Huskey

shouldn't do a half-way job of it. But I hope you'll excuse me this one night. My friends will be terribly disappointed if I don't go."

"That's okay," said Ann. "I saw a mission down the street where I'd like to go tomorrow night."

"But there's something else," continued Janice, "I told my friends you would be taking us in your new car."

"You can take it," said Ann, forgetting about the promise that she would take good care of her new car.

Janice was not home when Ann returned. Her Uncle Ed and Aunt Lana were so she visited awhile with them before going to bed.

At two o'clock in the morning Ann was awakened by her Aunt Lana sobbing, "Oh, Ann, Janice has been in a car wreck. She's in the hospital. We are going at once. Do you want to go?"

"Yes, yes," Ann said. She jumped out of bed and dressed. Immediately Ann remembered her promise to take good care of her car. All the way to the hospital, she wondered how badly Janice and her car were hurt.

Janice was conscious and talked to them, however her arm and three of her ribs had been broken—besides cuts and bruises on her head and body. A train had hit her car. "Not much hope for it," Ann thought, "but thank the Lord Janice was not killed." Two of her friends were killed instantly. Three others were in critical condition. The hospital seemed to be full of parents. They were crying, cursing and wanting to know who was driving and if they were drunk.

During the next few days Ann visited the hospital regularly. Not

once did she complain about her car. As they talked day after day Ann sensed that Janice realized sin had caused the wreck. She talked earnestly to Janice about the Savior.

After Janice came home, Ann stayed another week to talk more about Christ. Before Ann's parents came for her, Janice had given her heart to God.

On the way home, Mother had much to say about their trip.

That evening at the dinner table Father had another surprise for Ann. "At the meeting I met Dale Hartley, my old college chum. We've kept in contact through the years, and he is awesome! Well, I had a long talk with him and he too, has become a Christian. Considering the great change it has caused in his life, and what he's done in his community, I'm convinced that a religion like he and you have is better than the formal kind."

"Then you and Mother might be going with me to the little church on Eighth Street?"

"I think we will. And we'll be getting you another car as soon as the insurance money comes in," Father said.

—Adapted by Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. He was watching people putting money into the treasury. 2. He saw many rich and one poor widow. 3. The poor widow. 4. Two mites. 5. No. 6. No. 7. Yes, our reward will be great. 8. Those who are kind to the unthankful and the evil. 9. We will receive more than we gave.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Charlie's New Song

It was several years ago, yet the scene is all before me now and the events are as fresh in my memory as if they had happened yesterday. I sat by the fireside with my widowed mother, waiting for the homecoming of my only brother. He was a student in a medical college and was expected home that night for his usual Christmas visit. There were no railways in our town, so Charlie had to come on the bus. It would take him the greater part of the day to make the journey.

I was looking forward to his homecoming with great delight, and had a long list of "events" written down for the following days. Tomorrow included supper and a dance. Since the death of our father, my mother had allowed us to do very much what we liked. Of course, Charlie and I took full advantage of her liberality. I went into fun things in grand style.

The hours passed by, and still there was no Charlie. It was late in the afternoon. I fretted and feared that my plans for tomorrow evening might be upset. "What if he should not come? That would spoil the whole thing," I was saying to Mom for the tenth time.

Just then the horn sounded and amidst clouds of dust, the big red and

white bus rolled into the village. I could see Charlie among the crowd of passengers. I clapped my hands in glee as I saw him pick up his travel bags and start for our house. In a few minutes he stood in the old parlor where we had spent so many happy days together as children. He was taller and thinner, but the old happy smile dimpled his cheeks, and I never felt so proud of my brother as I did that evening.

I was so eager to inform him of all my plans that I accompanied him to his room and began at once to tell him who was invited and what was to be the program for the following day. He listened to my story patiently, but without showing the interest I had expected. When I finished, he gave a pleasant laugh, threw his arms around my neck, and, kissing me affectionately said:

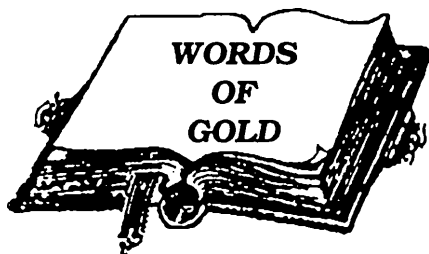
"Debbie dear, I hope you won't be offended if I tell you that these things are no longer any enjoyment for me. I have something incredibly better."

I looked at him in amazement. "You're joking," I said.

"No," he answered.

"Why, no one enjoys a dance more than you!"

He saw I was puzzled so, drawing me to his side, he said: "Don't be alarmed, Debbie. I've not turned



## The Savior Is Coming

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,...to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

**Luke 2:1, 4-7**

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

4 And Joseph...went...into...Bethlehem; (because he was of the...lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**John 4:25-26, 39, 41-42**

25 The woman saith unto [Jesus], I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ:...

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

41 And many more believed because of his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

**Acts 13:23**

23 ...God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus.

**II Timothy 1:10**

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**I John 4:14**

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

**The Message: Jesus, the son of Mary, is the Savior of the world.**

### Questions:

1. What did Isaiah prophesy?
2. What were some names given to the child?
3. What would He become and how long would His kingdom last?
4. Where was Mary when this special child was born?
5. Who did Jesus say He was?
6. Why did the Samaritans believe on Jesus?
7. What was abolished by Jesus' coming?
8. Who sent the Savior, Jesus, into the world?
9. Have you received the Savior into your heart?

### Verse to Memorize

**Now we believe,...for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.**

**John 4:42.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, Isaiah prophesied about Him. He said a special child would be born unto Israel. This child would reign forever. He would govern in such a way that people would call Him Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace.

To all who trust Jesus as their personal Savior, He is all these things. Often a saved person is so happy he feels like shouting, "This is wonderful!" When he is in need Jesus is the mighty God who supplies the need. In times of insecurity or loneliness, Jesus comforts like a caring father. When troubled, Jesus is the Prince of Peace that calms the storm. How awesome! And the greatest news is that this wonderful Saviour is the Christian's personal friend.

When Jesus was on the earth some doubted He was the Saviour. Perhaps they thought the Saviour would be born in a palace, inherit a throne and liberate the nation of Israel from their Roman oppressors. Jesus was born into a poor family, grew up like any common boy and was homeless during the greater part of His ministry. Does that sound like the life of a Saviour?

Most of the common people, however, did believe Jesus was the Saviour. His family believed He was a man of God. At the wedding in Cana His mother asked him to make the water into wine. Doesn't that show she believed in Him? The Canaanite woman, whose daughter was healed, called him "Lord." She believed. Jesus

said to the man who was born blind, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" The blind man answered, "Lord, I believe." It is impossible to name all those who believed that Jesus was the Saviour. Multitudes followed Him everywhere. The greater part were believers. Even foreigners like the Samaritans were convinced that Jesus was the Saviour.

On the day of Pentecost, three thousand people believed and were baptized. Not long afterwards, five thousand men were His disciples. These disciples told others and multitudes believed. Then persecution hit the believers at Jerusalem and they moved away. Everywhere they went they shared their faith and new believers sprang up. Paul, Barnabas and others went into foreign countries and preached Jesus. Groups of believers were raised up in many towns and cities. Jesus was saving people all over the known world.

Yes, what Isaiah said was true. The Child Jesus was born who is a Counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. Of His government and peace there is no end. It is still here today. I am thankful to be in the everlasting kingdom of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. That a child would be born. 2. Counsellor. The mighty God. The everlasting Father. The Prince of Peace. 3. He would be a governor and His kingdom would last forever. 4. In Bethlehem. 5. Jesus said He was the Savior. 6. Because of the woman's testimony and because of Jesus' own words. 7. Death. 8. The Father (God). 9. We hope the answer is yes.)

monk, but I have taken Christ as my Lord and Master. He is more to me now than all these follies used to be. But come on—Mother will be waiting. I'll tell you all about it later."

That night, by the fireside, Charlie told Mother and me he had been saved while listening to Brownlow North's preaching in Edinburgh and how he had longed to get back home to tell his old friends the story of redeeming love.

"What shall we do about tomorrow?" asked Mother. "There are about twenty invited."

Charlie laughed heartily, and said, "Let them come, by all means, Mother. I'll be happy to see them."

Quite a crowd gathered in our home the following night. After supper, someone asked Charlie to entertain them with a song. He was a splendid singer and usually sang for our company. After a moment's pause, Charlie rose, and in a voice of thrilling sweetness, sang:

*"I've found a Friend, oh such a Friend!  
He loved me ere I knew Him!  
He drew me with the cords of love  
And thus He bound me to Him.  
And 'round my heart still closely twine  
Those ties which naught can sever,  
For I am His, and He is mine,  
Forever and forever."*

A look of astonishment settled on the faces of our guests as the words fell on their ears. Every eye was fixed on Charlie. Tears were in the eyes of most of them. As Charlie reached the last stanza, his voice increased in power and in sweetness as he sang: *"I've found a Friend, oh, such a Friend!  
So kind, and true, and tender;  
So wise a Counsellor and Guide,  
So mighty a Defender!  
From Him who loves me now so well.  
What power my soul can sever?  
Shall life, or death, or earth, or hell?  
No—I am His forever."*

Some of the guests rose and left without saying a word, but the greater part remained. Then Charlie, in his hearty, winning manner told the simple story of his conversion, ending with, "You won't be angry with me for telling you, will you? The truth is, I couldn't keep it in. My heart is so full. I thought the least I could do was to tell you of my new found treasure."

Charlie beamed all the while he was speaking. At the end of his simple testimony of the saving power of Christ, he said, "Honestly, friends, I'm happier today than I've ever been. This salvation is the best thing I have ever found. I've learned a lot of things in medical school, but nothing compares to this. Why don't each of you accept this free gift of God? His beloved Son wants to be your Savior. You too, can have this happiness for time and eternity."

That night our dance was turned into a revival meeting. Five guests were saved. Charlie spoke in the school house on Sunday evening to a crowded congregation, and several others were won to Christ. A great gathering followed and among those who were saved and who sang Charlie's new song, were Mother and I.

Part of those saved have gone to heaven. Others of us are still on earth, singing of Jesus. Were Charlie by my side as I write, he would join me in saying to all who read my story what he said on that night long ago: "Accept the gift of God, His own beloved Son, to be your Savior." Then your song shall ever be:

"How marvelous, how wonderful,  
Is my Savior's love for me!"

—Selected

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# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Destination-Nazareth

The motors growl, then open up in a throaty roar as the Time Ship leaves earth's surface. It hovers about 50 feet off the ground and looking through the thick glass of the time-scope, you are amazed to find Earth's surface has changed in appearance. Where a moment ago there were paved streets, now there is only tumbled undergrowth.

Then, suddenly, you see the Atlantic coastline. A tiny ship is hugging the shore. The pilot adjusts the time-scope focus to pick up an almost illegible name painted on the vessel's prow—The Mayflower! You look at the time-meter; it reads 1620. "Why those are the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth rock!" you shout.

The pilot nods, smilingly. "They brought Christianity to the New World," he says "and now we're going to see the Old World from which Christianity came."

The ship accelerates, the time-meter shows dates which you recall (from having learned in school) were important ones in the history of Christianity—1524 A.D., 1095 A.D., 476 A.D., 330 A.D....

You try to remember the events that go with those dates: the Fall of Rome, the Reformation, the Crusades, Constantine The Great. Then the pilot speaks again: "Now we're going up about 100 miles above the earth for a second

or so. I want you to see the entire country we are to visit."

The ship shoots skyward then hovers again while you glue your eyes to the time-scope. As you watch, the pilot speaks: "See that wide sea below? That's the Mediterranean. It was given that name because it lies between Africa—down here—Europe, which you can see up ahead, and Asia, off to the right. Those were the only lands known to those who gave the Mediterranean its name."

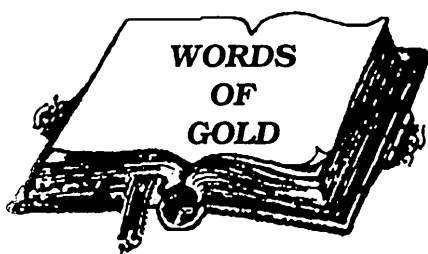
"Everywhere we go in this time zone," the pilot points out, "we'll see people from Rome. You see, by this time in history the Romans have conquered practically all the known world."

"Now, if you'll look carefully as we move down to the eastern end of the Mediterranean, you'll see a tiny strip of mountainous land. It's about 150 miles long and about 50 miles wide, and lies between the Mediterranean and the vast Arabian Desert."

"I know—that's Palestine," you say.

"Right." The pilot adjusts a lever so that the Time Ship begins to lose altitude. To the north a high mountain looms into the sky. That's the tallest mountain in this region," the pilot points out.

"I already know the name of the small sea south of the mountain. It's the Sea of Galilee, and the stream which runs out its southern end is the Jordan



## **The Savior Is Born**

### **Luke 2:8-18, 20**

**8** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

**10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

**13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

**14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**15** And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

**16** And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

**17** And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

**18** And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

**20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



**The Message: We are happy like the angels when Jesus is born into our hearts.**



### **Questions:**

1. Who was watching their flock by night?
2. What appeared to the men?
3. Were they afraid?
4. What did the angel bring?
5. Who was born?
6. How would they identify the new baby?
7. Where did the shepherds go after the angels left?
8. Did the shepherds tell others about Baby Jesus?
9. How did others feel about the shepherds' story?

### **Verse to Memorize**

**Him hath God exalted...to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance...and forgiveness of sins.**

**Acts 5:31.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Although the story of Jesus' birth has been told many times it is always interesting. How exciting it is to stay out on a hill all night—to see the moon rising slowly, hear the whispering of the wind, the squawking of night birds and an occasional bark of a dog or cry of a wild animal! How near one feels to God when lying down, looking up at the stars. The vast sky, the awesome universe, makes a person feel so small! Yet the Creator of it all is our close Friend and speaks with us.

Maybe the shepherds were discussing the greatness of God or the promise of a Saviour, when suddenly light glowed around them and an angel appeared. They trembled, yet were drawn by its mysterious power. They heard it say, "Unto you is born this day... a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

One shepherd must have said, "Wow! We've been waiting to hear this for hundreds of years. Let's go see if it is true."

Just as God announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds, He is still announcing it today. Every time a sinner feels his need to be saved, God is saying to him, "Wake up! Wake up! A Saviour was born to save your soul!" Every invitation to be saved is an invitation from God to visit Jesus. When we are tempted to do evil and feel a cau-

tion not to do it, that is an angel spirit saying, "Jesus was born to save you from falling into this trap of the devil." Listen carefully to your heart and I am sure you will hear an angel spirit inviting you to visit Jesus.

Will you be as anxious as the shepherds? They hurried in the night to find the Saviour. When a message comes to your heart, will you hurry to your Saviour and get help? If you do, you will find Him. God said, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me,... and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13.)

Hurry, every reader and find the Saviour. —Charlotte Huskey

**For unto you is born this  
day in the city of  
David a Saviour, which  
is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:11.**

(Answers: 1. Shepherds.  
2. An angel in glowing light.  
3. Yes. 4. Glad tidings of  
great joy. 5. A Saviour which  
is Christ the Lord. 6. By His  
clothes and His manger bed.  
7. They went to find Jesus.  
8. Yes. 9. They wondered  
about it.)

River. It flows into The Dead Sea down here to the south."

Moving slowly toward the Sea of Galilee, you descend until the ship hovers over a small village, slightly west of the sea's southern shore.

"We're over Nazareth now," says the pilot, as you check the time-meter. It reads 14 A.D. and you ask, "Jesus is living now, isn't He?"

The pilot nods. "Yes, down in that little village, in one of those mud and thatch houses, Jesus is probably working at the carpenter's trade. He hasn't begun His great work of teaching. But He's learning much and growing up."

The pilot adjusts the time-scope to pick up a spot near a well where a man is speaking excitedly to a group of people.

"That man's a Zealot," the pilot tells you, "maybe I can pick up what he's saying on the Supersonic." Adjusting ear phones and twirling precisely dated dials, he listens for a moment. "He's telling the people at the well that the Romans will be driven out of the land. He says that a Messiah will soon come—One who will lead the Jews to great military victories."

You are surprised, of course. "Jesus didn't lead any military conquest."

"You're right, the Zealot is wrong. But that's what most of the Jews believed. Now take a look at that tall man; over toward the left." Your pilot points to a man dressed in a flowing white robe.

"That man's a Sadducee. He's a member of a Jewish party which largely controls the priesthood and the Temple. I suppose one would say that he's a priest, but the Sadducees are politicians, too. They are opposed by a group of people called Pharisees, who think the Sadducees don't observe certain Jewish religious laws."

"There's one of the Pharisees now," he adds, pointing out a man walking along some distance behind the Sadducee. "He's also a scribe, which means he has spent his life memoriz-

ing and teaching the hundreds of Jewish religious laws. He teaches in a place called a synagogue."

"A synagogue is sort of a church, isn't it?" you ask.

"Yes," says your pilot, "It is not only church, but the school as well. It was in the synagogue here at Nazareth that Jesus learned His daily lessons."

"Now let's get back to the very beginning," your pilot says, as he twists the time-meter dial until the needle stands at "O." Checking the time-scope, you suddenly see a long line of people making their way out of Nazareth south-eastward toward the Jordan. Some are riding on donkeys, but most of them are walking and not one of them seems very happy. "Where is everyone going, and what's wrong?" you ask all in one breath.

"Those people are going back to the cities that were the original headquarters of their tribes," the pilot explains. "You see, that trip marks the beginning of a new system of Roman taxation in Palestine. It explains, too, why Jesus was born in Bethlehem instead of Nazareth, where He grew up. Bethlehem was the headquarters for the tribe of Judah, to which Mary and Joseph belonged."

"But you can read about all that in the second chapter of Luke," the pilot continues, as he hands you his pocket Testament. "You see it's getting late and I'll have to hurry if I get us back to 1999 in time for dinner."

You lean back and start reading as the Time Ship begins the flight home. As you read, the story grows more and more interesting. Not until your pilot shouts "We're back in 1999!" do you take another look at the time-scope. Sure enough, there below is your chapel and your home. And somehow both seem to mean far more to you than ever before. Quietly you resolve to learn much more about your Christian faith. —Reprinted from 1974 Beautiful Way

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# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Borrowed Yo-Yo!

"Bye. See you at two," called Kenneth as he turned the corner. "Bring your yo-yo, will you?"

"Okay," promised Bill.

"I'll ask to use Ralph's," he said to himself. "Wait until the guys see it!"

Bill hurried into the house. "Ralph!" he called.

"Ralph's not coming for lunch," Mother told him. "He's eating lunch with Clyde. He has to see all his friends."

Bill was home on a weekend furlough.

"I wish he was here," said Bill. "I want to ask to take his yo-yo this afternoon."

"Well, I expect he'll be taking Clyde back to Denton's about one."

It was straight-up one o'clock when Bill reached Denton's. "Is Ralph here?" he asked Mr. Denton.

"No, he just left."

"He's going to scout around and see some of the fellows," Clyde said, who overheard Bill's question. "I don't know where he's going, unless it would be over to Red's or Terry's."

Bill couldn't go to either place and meet the boys by two. He pedaled home as fast as he could go,

thinking he would get permission from Mother to use Ralph's yo-yo. The house was empty.

Bill picked up the richly carved yo-yo Ralph had left on the piano. He looked at it a long time, then said, "I guess he won't care," and slipped it into his pocket.

Most of the boys had already gathered when he reached Aaron's home and soon they were off to the park—each boy looping on his yo-yo as they walked.

"Wow! Where did you learn to do all those tricks?" Aaron asked.

"Ralph learned them from the Philippino who made this yo-yo." Bill said, showing Aaron the yo-yo.

"Hey, guys, look at Bill's yo-yo."

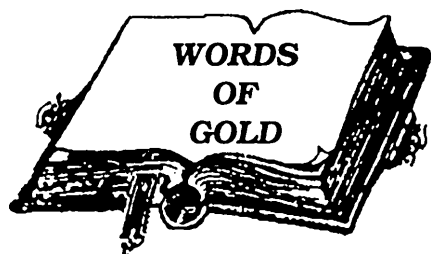
"It's Ralph's," Bill told them. "He got it in the Philippines."

"It's a dandy all right."

"Watch the tricks Ralph taught me," Bill said. "They're easy." After Bill's display of "free-wheel," "walk the dog," and "spank the baby," the boys wanted Bill to teach them so they spent the afternoon learning yo-yo tricks.

"Boy, I wish I had a brother to teach me things," said Aaron.

Bill's face sobered. "They're great," he said. Then he began feeling ashamed of taking his brother's



## Visitor's For Jesus

### Matthew 2:1-13

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

.....  
**The Message: Even men of faraway lands came to rejoice over Jesus' birth and hail Him, King of Kings.**  
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### Questions:

1. Who was king in Judea when Jesus was born?
2. Who came to see this king?
3. For whom were they looking?
4. How did Herod find out where Jesus was born?
5. What did Herod instruct the wise men to do?
6. What object lead the wise men to Jesus?
7. What gifts were given to Jesus?
8. How did God warn the wise men not to return to Herod?
9. Where did Joseph take Jesus after the wise men left?

### Verse to Memorize

**But thou, Bethlehem Ephra-  
tah, though thou be little  
among the thousands of  
Judah, yet out of thee shall he  
come forth...**

**Micah 5:2.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Wise men from far eastern countries came to see baby Jesus. From their study of stars and ancient books, they believed a special king had been born in Judea. Not knowing just where to locate this new king, the wise men went to King Herod's palace. Herod knew nothing about a new king, but being fearful that a new king might take his throne, he quickly employed the educated men of his city to discover where the new king was to be born.

"Go to Bethlehem," Herod said to the wise men, "find the new king and bring me word of his whereabouts so I, too, can come and worship him."

When the wise men traveled from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, a star moved before them until it came over the place where Jesus was. The wise men bowed before Jesus and worshipped. Then they gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Although people of the east never visited a king without presenting a gift, those gifts may have been prophetic messages of Jesus. Frankincense would show that He is God. Gold shows Jesus was human and needed things gold would buy. Myrrh was for the needs of His death.

Frankincense, which is resin from a tree, gives off a sweet scent when warmed or burned. The gum was collected by peeling back the bark of the frankincense tree and cutting into the trunk. This resin was needed in making a perfume to be used in worship under Moses' law.

Myrrh is a pale yellow gum from a shrub which grows in Somalia, Ethio-

pia and Arabia. It is used as a spice and a medicine, and in making the holy oil for the tabernacle and temple. Myrrh was mixed with the drink offered to Jesus on the cross as a painkiller. Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus later embalmed Jesus' body with myrrh and aloes.

Gold, a precious metal, was used for buying and selling. Joseph may have used this gift while they were living in Egypt.

The wise men sacrificed a lot to see Jesus. They also brought precious gifts which showed their love and faith in Him. We, also, should sacrifice to worship Jesus and give to Him things that are precious to us, such as devotion, love and time.

—Charlotte Huskey

### A Blessing—Not A Curse

A sole survivor of a shipwreck was cast upon an uninhabited island. After awhile he managed to build a rude hut. In this he placed the few precious possessions he had managed to save from the sinking ship. Every day he prayed to God for deliverance and every day he anxiously scanned the horizon to catch sight of any passing ship or plane.

One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find that his little hut was in flames. All that he possessed was gone! He was in so much despair, that he began to wonder if he should ever pray again.

The very next day, a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

And so the burning hut was the means of his rescue. What he thought was a curse, proved to be a blessing. —Selected

precious yo-yo. It almost took away the fun he'd been having teaching the boys. He dreaded knowing Ralph would be disappointed that he'd taken the yo-yo without getting permission. Ralph always wanted Bill to do right and, well, now he hadn't.

"What's the matter, Bill?" asked Aaron, as they walked home. "You're awfully quiet."

"Just in a hurry to get home," Bill answered. "Come on, let's show those guys how to run." He was hoping he could put the yo-yo up before Ralph came home. Taking off his coat and throwing it over his shoulder, he said "I'll race you home."

Bill ran all the way home. He burst into the house and felt in his coat pocket for the treasured yo-yo. The yo-yo was gone! Then he felt in both pockets and in his pants' pockets. Oh, no! It couldn't be! But it was. He could remember putting it in his coat pocket. Maybe when he had slung it over his shoulder...maybe then it had fallen out. He jumped on his bike and set out, going back over the way he had come home. He looked carefully. He rode over the area again, but there was no yo-yo.

"Lost something?" asked a familiar voice. It was Bob Newman, the pastor of the church.

"Oh, Bob, I'm in a fix! I've lost my brother's yo-yo and I've got to find it. Ralph thinks the world of it. It was given to him by a Philippino whom he helped get saved. And what's worse, I took it without asking."

"Oh?"

"I don't usually pray in the park, but I really want to today. I guess I don't deserve to have God help me find the yo-yo, but maybe He will anyway."

"What's going on? What's the huddle about?" asked Tim, one of

the guys who had been with them in the park.

"We're praying," answered Mr. Newman.

"Could it be over a lost yo-yo?" asked Tim.

"Do—you know where it is?" asked Bill eagerly.

"Here it is," he said, handing it to Bill. "It fell when you threw your coat over your back. I put it in my pocket, thinking maybe I'd tease you about it."

"This is awesome," Bill said. "I'm sure glad you saw it drop. Thanks a lot, Tim."

As Bill rode home he remembered the scripture, "Before they call, I will answer and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." "Thank You, God. Thank You for hearing me before I asked," he said.

"Here comes the scamp," Ralph said, "You've got my yo-yo, right?"

Bill handed him the yo-yo. "I am a scamp, all right," he said soberly. "You don't know the half of it. Besides taking the yo-yo, I also lost it. I'll never take anything without permission again. Honest!"

Bill thought by the tender look on Ralph's face that Ralph believed he never would.

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(Answers: 1. Herod. 2. Three wise men from the east. 3. For baby Jesus. 4. He asked the chief priests and scribes. 5. Herod said, "Go find the child and bring me word so I too can worship Him. 6. A star. 7. Gold, frankincense and myrrh. 8. In a dream. 9. Into Egypt.)