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## **Early Training**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stewart looked down lovingly at their beautiful newborn baby girl. It was Valentine's Day in the year 1878. They named their tiny blue-eyed daughter Etta Faith Stewart.

These good Scotch parents may have wondered, as many do, what lay in the future for this sweet, innocent baby. It seemed almost providential that she became known as "Faith." From early childhood she had a mind to please God. This obedience and total surrender to the will of God gave her great faith in His power. The proud parents had no way to know the great miracles God would some day perform through this tiny baby they held in their arms. How could they even dream that she would cross continents to rescue children both in India and Cuba?

Faith's parents were taught the Presbyterian doctrine from childhood. They lived as good, nominal Christians and taught their children to do the same. Faith was an obedient child and accepted these teachings. But when she was twelve years old the family moved. There was no place of worship in the new community except a Methodist church, so Faith began to attend services there.

The Methodists often had meetings that would last for days or weeks. Faith was glad when a series of special revival services was announced. She attended faithfully, listening night after night to the old-time messages. The preacher spoke often of conviction and repentance for sin. Faith loved God but knew in her heart that she did not have the experience the preacher described. When God convicted her heart she gladly responded and repented of her sins. God forgave her. She knew that now she was saved.

Faith's mother was a semi-invalid for many years, unable to care for the duties of the home. When Faith was eight years old she had to do much of the housework and by the age of twelve she did practically all of it herself. She was never strong, yet she managed the heavy burden of washing, ironing and cooking for the family.

One day her mother called her to her bedside. "Faith," she said, "I want you to go out into the kitchen, take all the dishes out of the cupboard, take out the papers, wipe the shelf with a damp cloth, put in clean papers and then put the dishes back."

Obediently Faith went into the kitchen and took all the dishes out of the cupboard. But the paper underneath looked so clean she merely dusted it off and put the dishes back in place. This way she had the job



## In The Beginning Genesis 1:1-13

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- **3** And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- **5** And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
- **8** And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
- **9** And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
- 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.
- 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
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**13** And the evening and the morning were the third day.

The Message: God tells us plainly that He created the earth and the universe. We must believe His Word. Questions:

- 1. Who created the heaven and earth?
- 2. What did the earth look like when God first created it?
- 3. What did God do with the light?
- 4. What did He call the light?
- 5. What did He call the darkness?
- 6. On what day did God remove earth's covering of water and let dry land appear?
- 7. What did God call the firmament?
- 8. What did God call the dry land?

Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation

9. On what day did God create grass and fruit trees?

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The first chapter of Genesis tells us plainly that God is the Creator of all things. All the matter necessary for His later working, He miraculously created, that is, made out of nothing. There was not any pre-existent matter; God created all.

God revealed this to Moses and he wrote it as the first principle of truth in the Bible. But Genesis is not the only place this fact is stated. Jesus, Himself, referred to "the creation which God created." (Mark 13:19.) John, Jesus' beloved disciple, wrote: "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:1-3. Hebrews 1:10 says, "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands."

Paul said in II Corinthians 13:1, "...In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." God, by speaking through Moses, Jesus, John and the writer of Hebrews, carefully established the fact that He created the heaven and the earth. He gave us a firm foundation because this truth is basic to our belief of the entire Bible.

Probably every one has heard of the Theory of Evolution. This is an idea that everything we see about us, the whole universe, just happened by chance. Some explain that a Big Bang billions of years ago started our universe. The matter, which came from this unexplained explosion, just happened to cool into stars. Our sun, one of those stars, just happened to have planets around it. One of these planets, Earth, just happened to be the right distance from the sun and to have

just the right mixture of water and other elements.

Then, they say, as Earth cooled, chemicals in an ancient sea just happened to come together in the right way, and these dead chemicals came alive. As ages passed, the first living cells just happened to take on plant and animal characteristics. As more ages passed these tiny cells just happened to cluster together to become larger living creatures.

As even more time passed, living creatures just happened to become more and more complex. Somehow some living creatures just happened to turn into other living creatures—fish became amphibians and reptiles. Some of these just happened to turn into birds and mammals. And eventually one line of living creatures supposedly turned into human beings.

This theory is presented as the "scientific" view of origins. School textbooks, many teachers as well as newspapers and magazines and even encyclopedias often present this theory as if it is fact. The biology textbook currently in use at the Guthrie High School is entitled BIOLOGY by Peter H. Raven & George B. Johnson, 5th edition, 1999. In the preface under the heading "Guiding Themes" it states: "Evolution is the core of the science of biology, and from the first words we wrote, has always been a central theme of *Biology*."

The caption under a picture of lightning declares: "The origin of life. The fortuitous mix of physical events and chemical elements at the right place and time created the first living cells on earth."

Yet none of this can be proven. Dr. Edwin Conklin, biologist, Princeton University, said, "The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the unabridged dictionary resulting from an explosion in a printing shop."

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

References: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards; A Scientific Analysis of Genesis by Edward F. Blick done quickly.

Realizing she was finished much too soon, her mother questioned her asking if she did everything exactly as she was told. Faith had to admit that she had merely dusted the paper instead of replacing it because it looked so clean. Her mother told her to go back in the kitchen and do exactly as she had been instructed. So, at an early age, Faith learned the lesson of complete honesty and obedience.

Faith always had a deep interest in children and their welfare even at an early age. One day at school her teacher asked what she wanted to be when she grew up. "I want to be the mother of twenty children," she answered seriously. The answer was more accurate than anyone could guess. Eventually Faith Stewart became the "mother" of two hundred children in India and about that many more in Cuba!

About two years after Faith was saved an evangelist held a special series of meetings at the chapel. Quoting Romans 12:1, the evangelist explained that after we are cleansed from sin, we owe it to God to present ourselves to Him to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This then sets us apart from the world and gives us power over sin. Faith knew that God had truly saved her. As the minister assured the listeners that God would give the gracious experience to all who would surrender their lives to Him. her young heart responded readily to the call. At the invitation she got up from her seat and walked up the aisle to the altar. There she humbly knelt with others.

The chapel was crowded so there were many standing outside. They stood quietly looking in on the service and watching as many seekers lined the altar. Faith's father stood outside among the other men. Suddenly he saw his own daughter walk up the

aisle and kneel at the altar! His heart and mind were filled with resentment. The Presbyterian Church had no such teaching as this. It sounded fanatical and dangerous. He would not permit his daughter to be involved in such fanaticism!

Leaving the group standing outside the window Mr. Stewart went through the open door and walked right up the aisle in front of the entire congregation. He laid his hand on Faith's shoulder and commanded her to get up and go straight home. She immediately got up and obediently followed him home.

But the longing for more of God was not satisfied. She prayed secretly in her room for the blessing she could not seek for publicly. The desire grew deeper and she prayed earnestly, with faith in her heart, until God answered and sent definite peace. Thus God sent His Holy Spirit and set His seal upon her life though she was still so young.

Faith's brother did not believe that anyone could live free from sin. He was sure he could break down her determination to live holy and Christlike. So he decided to watch for a chance to annoy her until she became angry. He would prove that she could not live without sin.

The opportunity soon came. Faith had an appointment that required catching an early train. The weather was bitterly cold because it was the middle of winter. This, he decided, was his chance to put her to a hard test!

(To be continued next week.)

4. Day. 5. Might. 6. On the third day. 7. Heaven. 8. Earth. 9. The third day.)

(Answers: 1. God. 2. It had no form, was dark and empty. 3. He divided it from the darkness. 4. Day. 5. Night. 6. On the third



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## A Most Memorable Year

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Faith's brother decided to prove she could not keep from sinning when the test was too hard. He knew it was important that she catch the early train. Yet he purposely dragged his feet and lagged behind.

They had gotten up in plenty of time and she reminded him that she would be late if they did not hurry. But it made no difference. Finally, at the last minute, the heated bricks were placed in the sleigh and the blankets brought out. At last they were on their way to the railway station!

But just as they came in sight of the station they saw the train already pulling out. They were too late! Faith's brother just knew what she would do. He was sure she would promptly tell him in plain language what she thought of him for making her miss the train. But there was no angry outburst. He waited, surprised, but still she said nothing. Finally she turned to him and said, "I feel so sorry for you. Now you will have to get up early tomorrow morning so we can get to the train in time."

But the next morning Faith was not able to make the trip. By the time they had driven back home through the biting cold, Faith was so stiff she had to be helped into the house. The next day she was sick. She grew progressively worse until she developed pneumonia from the exposure. Her brother never tested her sanctification again!

When Faith was sixteen she felt the Lord was calling her to become a missionary. Her burden was so strong she would often tell her parents about it. Her mother was still so frail she spent most of her time in bed. As she watched Faith do the housework she would remind her, "Faith, if you are going to be a missionary, you must learn not to sweep all around the rug. You should pick it up, shake it well and put it back down on the clean floor. Missionaries need to be thorough in their work for God."

Faith honored and respected her mother. She never forgot the lessons she taught her from her bedside.

After all the many tasks were done for the day, Faith spent her time reading her Bible. She began to understand better how to please the Lord, and, as she learned she readily measured her life to the Bible's teachings. One day she read how Jesus came to John to be baptized. She wanted to follow His example. In order to obey her convictions on this point she joined the Baptist Church in her community.



# God, The Great Creator Genesis 1:14-25

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

**18** And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

**20** And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

**22** And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill

the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

## The Message: God saw that all He created was good.

#### Questions:

- 1. What would divide the day from the night?
- 2. How many great lights did God make?
- 3. What do we call the greater light that rules the day?
- 4. What lesser light rules the night?
- 5. What other lights did He make?
- 6. What day were the sun, moon and stars made?
- 7. What did God make on the fifth day?
- 8. What did God command when He blessed the fish and fowls?
- 9. What did God command to bring forth the cattle, creeping things and beasts?

#### **Verse to Memorize**

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:11.



Our lesson tells us how the sun, moon and stars were created. The sun, the greater light, was made to shine in the daytime—just as it does now. All our solar system was set in perfect order from the beginning. The moon as well as the sun travels in such perfect orbits that seasons, days, months and years can be predicted precisely.

Our well ordered universe could not have developed from chaos. Anything, which starts with chaos, ends in more chaos, not precise order. If a great explosion rips through a building it becomes a heap of rubble, not a better-constructed building. How can scientists ignore such obvious facts? It is because they insist on explaining everything without God.

Yet it is the very order of the universe that enables scientists to discover and describe the natural laws that govern it. Our universe is a cosmos. The word "cosmos" comes from a Greek word meaning "orderly universe." Scientists have found that the entire universe behaves in an orderly way, with all things following their own sets of laws.

As they have studied these laws, scientists find that if these laws were just slightly different, life could not exist. Our existence depends on a great number of precise rules that govern nature. For example, only the precise amount of gravity on the Earth allows people and animals to walk about freely and, yet, not fly off into space. There was no margin for error in the establishment of these laws. The more that is learned about the universe, the more awesome and strange it appears. Yet everything is ordered; everything is ruled by natural laws whose only possible

source is God!

Our lesson tells us that God created different kinds of sea creatures to live in the water. He created the birds of many kinds to fly in the sky as well as cattle, creeping things, and beasts to live on land. Each was created after its own kind. All the animals on Earth now have come from these original animals which God created. A fish was created to be just that. It will never be a dog, a cat, much less a man.

In verse 20 of today's lesson, God says, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly." Thus, according to the purpose of God, the waters are abundant with all manner of life, from the mighty whale to the tiniest sea animal. This, too, is God's merciful provision for the necessities of man. Many hundreds of thousands of the earth's inhabitants live for a great part of the year on fish only.

Studying even the structure of a single feather reveals a world of wonders. We cannot even imagine that it could just happen. Each feather is a marvel of engineering design. Barbs extend from each side of a center shaft. Smaller barbules grow out of both sides of the barbs, and these have tiny, microscopic barbicels. These barbicels are tiny hooks and some birds have over a million barbicels on a single feather! The hooks fit into the next feather's barbules, weaving the whole together. If the barbs are pulled apart, the bird hooks them back together by running its beak through the feather, much as we would zip a zipper! This whole complex design is necessary to enable the wing to flare and hold air as it flies.

Even a casual study of nature reveals such wisdom, order and beauty of design we cannot doubt that they are the handiwork of God! To leave Him out leads us to all kinds of absurd conclusions. How can anyone believe the entire universe is a product of chance? Only by ignoring God, Who is Himself the source of all wisdom and knowledge.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards

A young man from Cornell College, Iowa came to the town of Morning Sun about this time, where the Stewart family lived. He was looking for young people who would be interested in attending that college. Faith's older brother had graduated from high school so they directed the young man to the Stewart home. The stranger was a Christian, and he also needed a place to stay while he was in the town. The Stewart's gladly offered him a room.

This young man could not help but notice Faith as she diligently cared for the home. He admired her loyalty to the church services. The evening before he left he asked if he might talk alone with Faith. He was given permission so Faith timidly sat across the room from him listening to what he had to say. He could see that she was pure and timid. Once that evening he spoke to her kindly, saying, "You do not need to be afraid of me, Faith."

It was not long after this that the Stewart family moved to Cornell, Iowa so the son could attend the University there. Here Faith, though still a quiet and timid girl found love and happiness. The brief acquaintance with the young man who visited their home developed into a deep friendship and mutual admiration. He was a true gentleman, worthy of the girl he so admired. She, modest and trusting, was finally persuaded to accept his special affection for her and become his life companion sometime in the future. They became engaged to be married.

The young man knew he had chosen wisely. He saw Faith daily ministering to her sick mother and faithfully caring for the home. He felt

any young man would be blessed to have such a companion by his side. Faith, though very young, returned his love from the very depths of her heart. She was happy and contented as she continued to care for the duties of her home. She was willing to wait through the years while he completed his education, knowing he was preparing for the life work that would support their future home.

Somehow the fact that he was a Methodist while she had joined the Baptist church made no difference to them. They were both Christians and they loved each other. They were sure a life of happiness lay ahead of them. The future had never seemed brighter!

So, Faith's sixteenth year was unforgettable. So many big things happened during that year, some bringing happiness and others grief. Her dear invalid mother, who always comforted and guided her, died. Now all the household responsibilities fell squarely on Faith's young shoulders. It was about this time that she began to teach Bible School and to take part in the midweek prayer services. She continued active in these and other church activities until her twenty-first year. She received a definite call to the mission field during her sixteenth year and met the only man she would ever love. It truly was a memorable year for Faith!

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: I. Lights. 2. Two. 3. The sun. 4. The moon. 5. The fish stars. 6. The fourth. 7. The fish and fowl. 8. "Be fruitful and multiply." 9. The earth.)





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## The Church Of God

(Continued from last week.)

Faith had never been a very strong girl. The year she became twenty-one, she became very ill. Pneumonia developed quickly and settled in her lungs with tuberculosis resulting. Soon she was so sick her loved ones wondered what they could do just to save her life. Marriage was out of the question. The wedding date had to be put off indefinitely until she was well again.

The family hired a middle-aged woman as a companion to live with Faith and care for her. Then they decided to send her to Denver, Colorado. They hoped the pure air would benefit her diseased lungs and perhaps save her life. Every day Faith and her companion made the trip to the city park. In spite of long hours spent sitting or half-reclining in canvas chairs in the sunshine, she grew rapidly worse. A council of physicians studying her condition came to the decision that there was no hope for her recovery.

Faith's one wish was to go home once more. But home was too far away—such a trip was out of the question. They were sure she could never stand the trip across the Rocky Mountains to her home state and

loved ones in her weakened condition. All she could do now was to wait patiently for the end. At this time her right lung was no more than a shell and there were three holes in the left one.

To pass the time, every day she and her companion would fix a lunch. take a pillow and canvas chairs and lie in the sunshine most of the day at the park. They noticed a small mission building as they rode past it day after day on their way to the park. One day as they stood in front of this building waiting for their bus to take them home, a group of people were holding a street service before going inside for the regular meeting. Special revival services were going on, and a young Christian woman came and urged them to come inside and enjoy the singing. They hesitated a moment, then went inside to hear the singing of the hymns. Faith had never heard such singing. It seemed they were singing from their very hearts!

Faith and her companion sat near the rear of the building. Suddenly she began to hemorrhage. Quickly some of the men left the building and brought in bedding; others pulled two pews together, adding pads and pillows. Faith lay down on this improvised bed, too weak and sick to even move.



#### **God Created Man**

Genesis 1:26, 2:7, 19-20, 18, 21-24, 1:31, 2:1

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

**20** And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

**21** And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof:

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a

woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

**31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

The Message: It is clear that man, as God made him, was distinctly different from the animals already created.

#### **Questions:**

- 1. Who said, "Let us make man?"
- 2. Over what was man to have dominion?
- 3. Of what did God make man?
- 4. How did man become a living soul?
- 5. Who named all the creatures?
- 6. Why did God make an help meet for Adam?
- 7. What did God do to Adam before taking a rib from him?
- 8. What did God do with the rib from Adam?
- 9. Why did Adam call her woman?

#### Verse to Memorize

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:...

Psalm 139:14.



Maybe you have seen pictures of cavemen with short, bent bodies and dull beast-like features. These pictures supposedly depict our ancestors. Drawings of these "Neanderthal men" have appeared in magazines as well as in high school and college textbooks. Encyclopedias present the theory of evolution as if it were fact. All this infers that scientists have "proven" that these are the ancestors of modern human beings.

How did this idea become so popular? A number of fossil bones have been found in different parts of Europe. Scientists decided some of them are as much as 100,000 years old. When the first few bones were found in 1856, evolutionists were anxious to prove their theory of human development.

Working from surprisingly few fragments they misinterpreted what they found and drew caveman pictures, showing what the supposed ancestors of modern humans looked like. They said their finds "proved" the "fact" of human evolution.

The Encyclopedia Britannica (15th edition) says this in its article on Neanderthal man:

"The popular conception that those people were slouched in posture and walked with a shuffling, bent-kneed gait seems to have been due in large part to faulty reconstruction of the skull base and to misinterpretation of certain features of the limb bones of one of the Neanderthal skeletons discovered early in the 20th century."

Today most all paleontologists agree that the Neanderthals were true human beings who lived in Europe, not a "missing link" at all. The skulls show that they had as much or more brain capacity than we do. But even though scientists know better, many people still think that cavemen, whose pictures they saw in school, really existed.

In 1912 a skull found in Piltdown, England excited evolutionists. The skull was humanlike, but the jaw was like an ape. Near the skull were other fossils and even tools! This must surely be proof of human evolution!

Scientists, to demonstrate the "fact" of human evolution, used the Piltdown man for forty years. Then, in the 1950's Piltdown was shown to be a hoax! Someone had taken a human skull and an ape jaw, stained them to make them look old, and even used a file to make them fit together.

Java man also fooled the scientific community. This "man" was constructed from a part of a skull and a leg bone found, a distance apart, in a gravel deposit on the Island of Java. Later the man who found the remains decided that the skull was human, but the leg bone was from a large gibbon ape.

Eugene DuBois, the discoverer, also found two truly human skulls in the same strata. The Java man could hardly be the ancestor of a human who lived at the same time! But DuBois kept this discovery a secret for nearly thirty years. Before his death, he declared the Java man was nothing more than a giant gibbon! Many still think the Java man "proves" the theory of human evolution!

Such misinterpretations prove that when someone finds a few bones or bone fragments and an artist 'reconstructs' them to depict a link between human and animal, we don't have to believe it! Every other claim to discover some link to man's animal past has later been proven wrong. It is wise not to accept such "proofs" even when such claims are widely accepted by scientists as facts and reported in newspapers and magazines as if it were true!

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards

Sister May Addams, the pastor, came to her and prayed earnestly, asking God to strengthen Faith and make it possible for her to stay on through the evening service. God did answer prayer and gave her strength. She was able to stay through the rest of the day.

Between services other ministers and saints gathered around Faith and talked with her about God's power to heal her body. They read God's promises to her, proving by the Bible that it was God's will to heal her body. Faith honestly believed the Word of God and knew He had power to heal her. When she was asked, "Do you want to obey God's Word and be healed?" she quickly answered, "I am willing!"

Those who gathered around were strangers to Faith but she could feel the love of God through their loving concern for her. These humble servants of God anointed and laid hands on her in obedience to the scripture James 5:14-15, which says: "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: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;..."

All of this was new to Faith. She knew so little at this time about trusting God for her health but she sensed that God had definitely touched her. She felt stronger and was able to sit up on the edge of the bed. Those around her insisted she stay for the evening service so she agreed to do so.

Faith's companion did not agree with the teaching of divine healing. Instead of accepting the truth she became very angry. She had no intention of staying for the evening service. "If you are going to worship with these people, I refuse to stay with you or be responsible for you any longer!" she raged. Saying this she left Faith alone with her new found friends and returned home to their room in the city.

But God had answered the saints' prayers. Faith was able to stay through the entire day. After services she went home with one of the Christian women instead of returning to her room. The meeting lasted three more days and Faith was able to attend all the remaining services. How eagerly she listened to the truth!

Every day Faith grew stronger. She could feel health returning as she improved steadily. By the time the meeting ended she knew that God had healed her. More importantly, she had found the true people of God who had left the world and its ways to follow Jesus. They brought truth and light to her soul that she had never heard before in her life.

This is how Sis. Faith Stewart first came in contact with the Church of God. She began a new life of service, enjoying the fellowship of God's true people.

Meanwhile Faith's companion packed her belongings and left for home. She had stood by Faith through the dark hours of despair and suffering. Now, she had witnessed a miracle and saw the power of God bring healing when the doctors said there was no hope for her. Instead of being glad and thankful, giving honor to God, she became bitter and opposed the truth. She had no intention of staying among these people. If Faith stayed, she would stay alone. Her companion deserted her because she obeyed the Word of God and was healed.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: I. God. 2. Over the fish, fowl, cattle, creeping things and the whole earth. 3. Dirt. 4. God breathed the breath of life into him. 5. Adam. 6. Because God said it was not good for him to be alone. 7. Put him into a deep sleep. 8. From it He made a woman. 9. Because she was taken woman. 9. Use and out of man.)





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## **New Friends**

(Continued from last week.)

Faith's companion returned home leaving her among people who were, just a short time earlier, complete strangers to her. Yet, they seemed like old friends and even family. They showed her great love and care. Seeing her situation, the pastor wrote to her uncle who lived in Woodburn, Oregon. This uncle, Bro. J. L. Green, was a pioneer minister of the Church of God. He was the first to preach the truth in its purity and simplicity in that area.

In that day it was not popular to live by all the truth of the Bible. Even professing Christians often persecuted the saints because they taught that we are born into the Kingdom of God and we need not join any man-made organization. This very simple Bible truth was in direct opposition to the rules set up by men in the various sectarian churches.

Bro. Green knew that Faith needed a protective environment in which to regain her health and get better established in the truth. He sent her and the pastor, May Addams, tickets with an invitation for the two young women to come at once.

Living in this Christian home, surrounded by loving Christian friends, and receiving encouragement and knowledgeday by day, Faith grew stronger in body and better established in the great Bible truths so new and vital to her soul. There was a miraculous change in her body but the change in her spiritual life was no less miraculous.

Faith studied her Bible day by day with new insight into its precious truths. This brought a joy and peace that she had never known before. This home was a haven for her and she took good advantage of the opportunity to learn more about God and how to please and serve Him. She learned that when God forgives the sins of a penitent sinner, that person is born into the Church of God by the spiritual birth. She learned more perfectly that when we humble ourselves and present our bodies on an altar of complete consecration God accepts us and sets us apart for Himself. He then fills us with the Holy Spirit and the love of God, which makes us able to live clean and holy every day of our life.

Steadily Faith's health improved until she was completely strong and well. The time came when she felt she owed it to her family to return home. It was hard to leave her new friends. They had, themselves, become like family to her. She had been away from home two full years when she finally made the trip back from Oregon to lowa. Faith's father was glad to have her home again. He knew God alone had saved her life and he was very



## Forbidden Fruit

Genesis 3:6,8-13,16-20

- 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
- **8** And they 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,...
- 11 And he said....Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
- **12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.
- woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
- 16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.
- 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of

the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying. Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

- 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
- 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.
- **20** And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

The Message: Adam's sin caused tragic changes in the earth, in man, and the whole course of nature.

## Questions:

- 1. Why did the woman want to eat the fruit?
- 2. Who walked in the garden in the cool of the day?
- 3. Why did Adam and his wife hide?
- 4. Who did Adam blame for his sin?
- 5. Who did his wife blame?
- 6. How did the woman's life change after she disobeyed?
- 7. In what way did the ground change?
- 8. How did Adam earn his bread after he sinned?
- 9. What did Adam name his wife and why?

#### Verse to Memorize

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

I Corinthians 15:22.



Adam and Eve may have passed by that tree in the middle of the garden many times, choosing not to eat its fruit. Perhaps they made the right choice for years, the Bible does not say. But one day Satan found Eve near the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She was alone. By lies and flattery he confused and fooled her, and she ate the forbidden fruit. Then Adam decided to disobey God. He could have refused but instead he also ate the fruit.

God planted this one special tree in the Garden of Eden and then commanded Adam not to eat its fruit. It might seem that the tree was planted just to trap Adam. That was not the reason it was there. Adam and Eve had a very clear choice to make. If Adam was to be like God, he must choose between right and wrong. They could obey God and do what was right or they could disobey God and do what was wrong.

So long as Adam and Eve did what was right, death had no power over them. But the moment they disobeyed, their bodies began to grow old and die, just as our bodies do today. And at that moment Adam and Eve "knew good and evil" just as we do. They constantly faced the temptation to do things that were not right. Adam and Eve had sinned.

Sin brought other devastating changes. No longer could God talk face to face with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. Sin had made an impassable gulf between God and His creation. By Adam's disobedience sin entered into the world. Sin brought death. Death then passed upon all men. (Romans 5:12.)

Every human being who has ever lived has also sinned and chosen to do things he or she knows are wrong. That is why God sent His son, Jesus, to the world to die on the cross. He died to pay for our sins and to offer forgiveness to us. He died too so that we might be truly good. By trusting in Him we find power to make right choices every day.

The Theory of Evolution would have us believe that our ancestors were animals and that we are no different from them. Like animals we do have a physical body. God fashioned man's body from the dust of the ground, but his spirit came from the very "breath" of God. This made him like God in spiritual powers. He was given the powers to think and feel, to communicate with others, to discern and discriminate, and, to a certain extent, to determine his own character.

But beyond this, that breath of life made man a living soul. Unlike animals we do not stop existing when our bodies die. Our soul is eternal, meaning it will never die. When our body dies our soul will live forever in one of two places. It is our choice. If we choose to do evil we will live forever in the torments of hell. But if we accept Jesus as our Savior, His blood atones for our sins. We are made pure before God and will live forever with Him in heaven!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards

thankful to see her healthy and happy.

But Faith was not the same as when she left her father. The truth had made a drastic change. One day she said, "Father, I cannot join one of the denominational churches as I once did. I now know that according to the Bible we are spiritually born into the Church, the body of Christ, when our sins are forgiven. Merely joining a church cannot save a person's soul. The Bible does not teach that we should join a church set up by man. This is a plan made by men to take men into the church. I would have to act against my honest convictions of what the will of God is to do this."

"What has come over you, Faith?" her father asked in surprise. "Is the church of your parents not good enough for you? This group you have been with is fanatical. They have led you away from your own childhood teaching. This separates you from your parents!"

"Father, let me explain, please." Faith pleaded. "When we are born into a family here on earth, do we not automatically belong to that family? Do we have to join it after we are born into it? Are we voted in as members in any certain family? Or does the fact of our physical birth make us a member? Becoming a member of the spiritual family is the same as becoming a member of our natural family."

Her father was not convinced. "You have become a fanatic in this new teaching you have accepted," he replied bitterly.

Not long after this an epidemic of extreme sore throat broke out in the community. Many children and adults were sick with it. Among these was Faith herself. Seeing how she was suffering, her father insisted that she call the family doctor.

This was a hard test for Faith. God healed her when four doctors gave her up to die. She resolved then to always trust God with her body, knowing He could heal anything. This caused another conflict with her father. It seemed like new trials and tests were coming from every side that required a definite stand for God. Her family had been church-going people all her life but she could no longer agree with them.

As kindly as she could, Faith did her best to explain that when Christ was on earth, He went about healing all the sick that were brought to Him, and that "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) She told her father that Jesus faithfully promised to supply all our needs, and He is the great Physician to all who will believe.

"That," her father retorted, "was back in the early history when science had not been able to help men so much, and they didn't have the knowledge to take care of the ills of mankind. But now," he continued, "God, in His mercy, has provided other means and expects us to use them."

"I too believe that God has provided, through His mercy, science for those who do not know His Word and even for those who are weak in faith, but I also believe that He expects His true children to believe and trust Him. Psalms 103:3 says, 'Who forgiveth all thine iniquities (sins); who healeth all thy diseases.' Father, I must trust God for my healing and leave the case in His hands. If He can heal tuberculosis when four physicians have given up, can't He heal this lighter affliction?"

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. It looked good and she thought it would make her wise. 2. God. 3. They knew they had sinned and were afraid. 4. His wife. 5. The serpent. 6. She had trouble bearing children and her husband ruled over her. 7. It grew thorns and thistles. 8. By working hard. 9. Eve. Because was the mother of all.)





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## **Leaving All For Jesus**

(Continued from last week.)

"There is only one solution," Faith's father stormed. "You must make your choice as soon as possible! If you will not call a doctor when you need one as other people in this community do; if you refuse to dress in more fashionable clothes instead of the plain, unattractive things you have been wearing; and if you will not give up the fanatical teachings you have learned and accepted from those peculiar people, you must leave home. If you refuse to change these things you are not welcome under this roof!"

Faith sat in stunned silence. The demand was so harsh—so unexpected! She thought of her childhood, of her good mother lying day by day on her bed of suffering. Yet she was always there to teach, counsel, help and encourage her. How she wished for that counsel and encouragement now! But that would never be; she died when Faith was only sixteen. She could not look to her mother to beg mercy for her from her father.

Then, as she looked around she realized how dear home was to her! Every piece of furniture was a part of her childhood days, like old friends. Each seemed to bind her heart to the comfort and security of home and to beg her to stay. Now she was under an

awful ultimatum. She must leave, not for a day or a season, but for a lifetime the love, shelter, and all that home could mean. The only alternative was to give up her wonderful experience with the Lord. To stay she would be forced to give up the very convictions of her heart.

She was far away from the dear friends who so faithfully instructed her in the truth. They might have offered her some word of comfort and strength to help her in this awful decision. She was being asked to sacrifice the very truths that brought her back as it were, from the grave. These truths had made the pathway to heaven bright; they were a part of her very life. She alone must make the decision.

"What shall I do? What would Jesus do?" Faith agonized.

Calling on God to help her put down the longing to hold on to the dear things of home, she made her choice. She dare not forsake the truth. Although she was sick in body and heart, she had great confidence in the love of God. She knew He still would always be with her to protect, lead and comfort. She got up and began to gather her clothes and the few possessions she would be able to take with her.

The experience was especially painful because it was the second



## God Is Omnipotent!

#### Romans 1:18-21

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- **21** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

#### Jeremiah 32:17

17 Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

#### Colossians 2:2-3

- 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;
- **3** In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

#### Hebrews 11:3

**3** Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which

are seen were not made of things which do appear.

#### John 5:46-47

- **46** For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.
- **47** But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

#### Luke 16:31

**31** And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

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The Message: Our faith in God is greatly increased as we see Him as the Creator of the entire universe!

## Questions:

- 1. How can men know about God?
- 2. How do we know the invisible things about God?
- 3. What happened to men who knew God but did not glorify Him nor thank Him?
- 4. How did Jeremiah know that nothing was too hard for God?
- 5. In Acts 4:24, when the saints prayed, what did they say the Lord God had made?
- 6. In Christ all the treasures of \_\_\_\_\_are hid.
- 7. How do we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God?
- 8. Who would not be persuaded even if one rose from the dead?

## Verse to Memorize

Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

Jeremiah 32:17.



God created man in His own likeness so He could talk with man and reveal Himself to him. In nature, too, He carefully left an imprint of His very character. Just as a skilled workman is often known by his work, the variety, order, beauty, and harmony that are found in nature all portray God. The systems built into living creatures are wonders of design. They show the touch of an intelligent Maker, God.

God reveals Himself so vividly in all of His creation that men are left without excuse for ignoring Him. Because they see the wonders of all His creation and vet refuse to acknowledge Him, God's wrath is upon them. Their foolish hearts become darkened because they rejected the truth revealed to them. This explains how "scientists" can still hold to such futile theories as the Theory of Evolution when all nature points to a Divine Creator. They have personally reiected God and refuse to acknowledge Him in His handiwork.

But what a difference when we see God in everything! When Jeremiah considered God's great power in creating the heavens and the Earth, he had to exclaim, "Nothing is too hard for Thee!"

One definition of science is "knowledge, as of facts or principles." Paul tells us in Colossians 2:3 that wisdom and knowledge

are hidden in Christ. Those who would be wise and knowledgeable must go to Him. These treasures are not hidden from us, but for us, in Christ. But unless we press after the full knowledge of them, they will be hidden to us.

This is the case of those who refuse to acknowledge God. Romans 1:21 says they "... became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Those who refuse to accept God as the Creator grasp at any theory that eliminates God. Paul says they have their "... understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." Ephesians 4:18. Paul warned Timothy to avoid such false science. I Timothy 6:20.

God revealed to Moses how He created the heavens and earth. Moses wrote it down so this truth would be handed down through all generations. In nature God verified that He was the Creator, leaving His divine imprint in the many wonders of the universe.

Jesus aptly predicted, "...If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:31. The greatest miracle will have no effect on those who are determined not to believe. Behind the Theory of Evolution is Satan's intent and determination to destroy our faith. If he can cause people to disregard God as their Creator, then it will be simple for them to disregard Him as their Redeemer. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation by Dennis R. Petersen

great sacrifice Faith was forced to make for the truth. The young man to whom she was engaged waited faithfully for her to recover from the disease that threatened her life. Now she was well. He had finished his education and, as a professor of mathematics and oratory, he was ready to claim his bride and establish their home.

Faith kept in touch with him by letters while she was in Denver. When the Lord healed her she wrote him all about the wonderful experience of feeling God's divine healing touch to her body. She shared with him the wonderful truths she had learned. After all, these truths came from the same Bible they both loved and believed.

Her fiance was an ambitious young man who held high principles for his life. He was determined to make good in life. Any young girl might be proud to have such a man to walk by her side through life. While Faith was a Baptist and he a Methodist, there had been no discord between them. But when Faith explained to him that there was only one true church into which every saved person is born, he could not accept it. In fact he was so offended by the truth that he firmly declared he was not willing to leave the form and ritual of his own church. not now nor in the future. And, although she was the girl he had hoped one day would be his wife, he would not change his belief even for her. To be his wife she must give up her strange notions.

It was a painful decision for Faith. She felt keenly the loss of the one she loved. It was a great sacrifice to give up her dreams of a home and family of her own. She was in her early twenties with the natural desire for love and security. As she looked ahead she saw only uncertainty. But she could not, would not, turn her back on the truth. That decision shut out of her life

forever the only man she ever loved.

Looking back many, many years later, Faith commented on the saying, "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." With a gentle smile she remarked, "Yes, many people have asked me if I never had a sweetheart, and if I ever saw anyone I could have loved. I can truly say that my life has been fuller and richer for the love that came into it in my earlier years. Also, I feel it has enabled me to sympathize with those about me in my work through the many years as I could not have done had I not gone through the sorrow and loss that came in my girlhood through love of a good man."

It seemed she was all alone in the world. Every loved tie in her life had been torn from her, one by one. Home, loved ones and sweetheart had turned their backs on her because of her decision to follow Jesus and live by all the truth He revealed to her.

Many have had to pay a high price to stand true to the Lord. Faith realized this more fully as she sadly gathered her few belongings. The truth, she knew, was more precious than anything the world had to offer. Walking out the door she left her home and loved ones behind.

Faith had nowhere to go, no one to turn to. Slowly she walked to the railway station in Cornell, carrying her suitcase.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. He has shewed Himself to them. 2. By the things He has made. 3. Their foolish heart was darkened. 4. Because He had made power. 5. The heaven, earth, sea and everything in them. 6. Wisdom and everything in them. 6. Wisdom and knowledge. 7. Through faith. 8. Those who would not believe Moses or the prophets.)





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## Marvelously Healed Again!

(Continued from last week.)

With nowhere to go and no one to turn to, Faith walked slowly toward the railway station. She had only the few possessions she could carry in her suitease. Her stand for the truth cost her dearly. Driven from her own home and rejected even by the one she intended to marry, she found herself alone and homeless.

Faith set her suitcase down and got a newspaper. Spreading it out she carefully scanned the local advertisements for help wanted. She knew she must find a way to support herself. At last she found an ad for work in the kitchen of a local hotel. When she applied for the job she was accepted. She knew the Lord was with her and would supply all her needs.

There was no place to worship in Cornell where she could hear the full gospel. She longed to be with the saints where she could learn the truth more perfectly. She saved all she could to buy a ticket to Denver, Colorado where she first met the saints and where God had so wonderfully healed her. Meanwhile, she spent the long evenings alone.

Finally she had saved the amount needed for a ticket. How happy she

was to be in Denver once more among friends who understood her. For four years she worked in the mission there, waiting for God to open another door. She was more convinced than ever that God had chosen her to work in some mission field. He would lead her. Meanwhile she enjoyed working with those who had led her to the truth.

Faith would often ride a bicycle out along the country roads when she had some leisure time. One day while out riding, she accidentally fell. Her anklebone was bruised but it seemed to be a minor injury. She paid no attention to it.

But before long the bruise became dark and her whole leg swelled up. It got worse rapidly and became so swollen and painful she was forced to stay in bed for weeks. Her friends insisted she have her ankle examined to find out what was wrong. At last she consented.

After examining the injury one doctor said the bone would have to be scraped because infection had set in. Two others insisted that the leg be amputated because she had tuberculosis of the bone. Faith refused all treatment and was taken back home.

The ministers and saints were faithful to come to anoint and pray for Faith. In spite of all they could do, she



## The Great Flood

#### Genesis 6:5-22

- **5** And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- 6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
- 7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
- **8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.
- **9** These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.
- **10** And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
- 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
- 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.
- 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
- 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.
- 15 And this is the fashion which

thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

**20** Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. The Message: The wickedness of men was so great that it grieved God that He ever created man. He decided to destroy this wicked generation by a flood.

(Look for "Questions" on page 3.)

## Verse to Memorize

...God saw that the wickedness of man was great,...the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth;...

Genesis 6:5,7.



Most of us have heard the story of Noah and the ark so many times we can repeat it by heart. But do we accept it as fact, not just a story? Is there any concrete evidence that such a flood did actually occur?

In his book, A Scientific Analysis of Genesis, Dr. Edward Blick, a noted science professor states that he has studied the evidence which seems to indicate that Noah's ark is still on Mount Ararat. Genesis 8:4 tells us that "the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat."

Mount Ararat is located in the northern part of Turkey, near the Russian border. It towers to the height of 16,916 feet and is basically a treeless mountain. In the past one hundred and fifty years, there have been quite a number of reports from different people who claim to have seen the Ark somewhere in the fourteen thousand to sixteen thousand foot range.

An explorer named Fernand Navarra and his expedition hazarded their lives to climb the snow-covered mountain. Near the summit, where strong wind had blown away the snow, he could see the form of a massive ship's hull encased in ice. After some searching, the men found a cave formed in the ice from volcanic steam. Through this cave they found some of the wood exposed.

They were able to saw off a fivefoot long piece of the beam. The wood was hand tooled and covered with a dark sticky substance. At the Madrid Institute of Forestry in Spain, scientists estimated its age at about five thousand years.

Various tribes of people all around the world have a tradition or folklore that deals with a flood, a family, and animals. Hebrew, Japanese, Egyptian, Hawaiian, or Eskimo, people when relating these traditions are all essentially repeating the story of Noah and the Ark. The fact that so many of these tribes and peoples relate this same story indicates there is historical truth behind it.

The descendants of Noah, as they spread around the world to repopulate it, no doubt carried this story with them, passing it on from generation to generation. For that reason, as the population spread around our globe as we have it today, we find that in almost every part of the world, the story is there. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: A Scientific Analysis of Genesis by Edward F. Blick, Ph.D.

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- 1. Why was God sorry He made man?
- 2. Who found grace in the eyes of the Lord?
- 3. How many sons did he have and what were their names?
- 4. How were Noah, his family and the animals to be saved?
- 5. How many windows and doors were there to be?
- 6. How many stories high was the ark?
- 7. What was God going to bring on the earth to destroy it?
- 8. What people were to come into the ark?
- 9. How many of each animal was brought into the ark?

steadily got worse. Finally they gave up hope that she would live. Then groups of friends would take turns sitting by her bedside. It seemed all they could do was to make her last days as pleasant as possible. Then gangrene set in. It seemed her time was short.

One night those who watched by her bedside were sure this was Faith's last night on earth. They extended their love and pity, did all they could for her, and waited. Finally one of them leaned over and asked compassionately, "Is there anything we can do for you, Faith?"

"Yes," she answered weakly, "anoint me and pray for me."

They all knew that during her illness she had been anointed time and again—twenty-seven times, to be exact! Of course they would not deny her request, though it seemed futile. Once more they anointed her and prayed. It seemed their faith could scarcely take in what they were praying for. But Faith had never given up, even in the awful suffering. And, as they prayed once more, she felt the power of God, His healing power, touch her body. Quietly she said, "I am healed. Let everyone go to bed and I will sleep and rest."

Scarcely daring to believe her statement, they were reluctant to leave her. Finally all of them went to bed except one friend who insisted on lying down in Faith's room until morning. That night she slept soundly and rested all night. When she woke up she looked and felt perfectly normal. She got up, dressed and went into the kitchen where her hostess was fixing breakfast. She had just picked up a skillet of fried meat from the stove when she looked up and saw Faith standing in the doorway. She was so surprised she dropped the skillet, meat and all!

Then suddenly, after three days of being perfectly healed, God allowed Satan to try her faith. Her foot swelled again and the awful pain came back. It was almost impossible for her to go to church when friends came to take her. But she went, claiming her healing.

That night she returned home in terrible pain. The suggestion came to her, "Take off your stocking and look at the place on your ankle and see if it is not as bad as it ever was." But Faith had been healed before and knew Satan always tries to make us doubt God's healing power. She knew the devil had power to send the symptoms of the sickness back but not the actual sickness unless she weakened and accepted the doubt and yielded to his suggestions. God would be grieved if she believed the enemy more than His divine healing touch.

Faith was very careful to not yield to Satan's suggestion. Instead of examining her ankle, she just slipped into bed, taking her stocking off under the covers. "I know in spite of this that God has healed me!" she declared. "I will take my stand on the promises of God. I know that he that 'trusteth in Him shall not be confounded." Then she promptly fell asleep, leaving herself in God's hands.

From that day on her ankle was perfectly normal. God was honored and Satan rebuked. Everyone who knew about her healing rejoiced over the goodness of God.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. The wickedness of man was great. 2. Nosh. 3. Three; Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 4. In an ark that Nosh would build. 5. One window, one door. 6. Three. 7. A flood of waters. 8. Nosh, his wife; his three sons and their wives. his three sons and their wives. 9. Two; a male and a female.)





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## **Working And Waiting**

(Continued from last week.)

From childhood Faith Stewart felt clearly that God had His hand on her for some special work. During her early years she had no clear leading as to just where He wanted her to go nor what line of work He wanted her to do. But the deep conviction of God's call upon her life caused her to consecrate herself wholly to His service while still very young. She left her future entirely in His hands.

Faith often prayed that the Lord would hinder her from making any plans for her life that could interfere with His own plan for her in the least way. She begged God to lead her in such a way that she would not be hindered from doing His will when the time came that He made that will known to her. She was willing to make any sacrifice to obey God and He was faithful to lead her.

Certainly the most difficult work in the ministry is to go out in a new field and raise up a congregation. Faith worked in the mission in Colorado for four years. She was in her late twenties when she was called to Los Angeles, California to help a congregation there. She worked faithfully until she was able to raise up a growing and prosperous work for the Lord. While she was pastoring in Los Angeles, an evangelist came to hold a special meeting. After

the meeting he expressed to Faith that he would like to pastor that congregation.

So Faith turned the work in Los Angeles over to the evangelist and moved on to Long Beach, California. She had to have some means of supporting herself but her first interest was in working for the Lord. She thought about teaching music, as she was qualified to do so, but she feared this would hinder her spiritual work. Finally she took a job as a sales lady and shared a home with an older couple.

Saving her money, Faith was able to buy chairs to set in the front of the house so they could have worship services there. But the sales job kept her from working for the Lord as she felt she should. She began to watch the ads in the newspaper and one day found an ad for a laundress for two days a week. She decided to apply for the job.

Only very rich people lived in the area. Faith found the lovely home and went around to the side entrance for servants. She rang the doorbell and told them she had come to apply for the job of laundress. The lady of the house came to interview her. After introducing herself, Faith said, "I saw your advertisement for a worker and I have come to inquire about it."

"But I want a laundress," the lady answered, "and you are not a laundress."



## We Serve A Mighty God!

#### Psalms 104:24

**24** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

#### Nehemiah 9:6

6 Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

#### Job 5:9-10

- **9** Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:
- 10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields.

#### **Psalms 8:3-4**

- **3** When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained:
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

#### Psalms 40:5

**5** Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

#### Psalms 107:31

**31** Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

#### Exodus 15:11

11 Who is like unto thee, O Lord,

among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

#### Job 9:10

10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

#### Job 26:14

14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

#### Psalms 136:4

**4** To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

The Message: Praise and wonder should fill our hearts when we consider all of God's works!

#### **Questions:**

- 1. What is full of God's riches?
- 2. What all has the Lord made?
- 3. In Nehemiah 9:6, who worships the Lord?
- 4. According to Job how many are the great, unsearchable and marvelous things the Lord does?
- 5. What question came to David's mind when he considered the great works of God?
- 6. What should men do for God's goodness and wonderful works to them?
- 7. Who does great things without number?
- 8. How much of God's great ways do we understand?
- 9. What endures forever?

#### Verse to Memorize

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Psalms 104:24.



Imagine driving with your family in Yellowstone National Park. You drive slowly, looking at the mountains and pointing out the different animals you see. Then your dad pulls over to the side of the road because he sees one of the park's major attractions: the bears!

They come near your car, and your dad pushes the control button and raises your window. The curious bears come right up to your car. One puts his forepaws on the side of the car, presses his nose against the window and peers right in at you!

Later, as you drive on, you talk excitedly about the bears. Of course, you don't say much about your car. You are used to cars and expect them to operate as they do.

The fact is, however, both the bear and your car are wonders. The car you ride in has a complicated engine that mixes gasoline and air. A spark that flashes at just the right time explodes the gas and air mixture, and the energy of that explosion is transferred through the transmission to turn your car's wheels.

No one looking carefully at your car and the complicated systems we take for granted would ever imagine that it had "just happened." There is too much evidence of planning and design. The elements of each system work together in ways that are far too complicated to have happened by chance.

If we look closely at bears or other animals, we find something very similar. There are a variety of systems built into living creatures, too. These living systems have elements that are far too complicated to have happened by chance. Like our car, whose design shows the touch of an intelligent maker,

so the systems built into living creatures are also wonders of design. They too show the touch of an intelligent maker, God.

Consider the woodpecker. It is totally different from other birds. Every part of his body is especially fitted for drilling into wood.

His short legs and powerful claws are absolutely essential for holding on tightly to vertical tree trunks. They are very different from the spindly legs of other birds. The two toes pointing backward and two forwards hook securely into tree trunks. Its tail feathers are short and stiff, so the woodpecker can actually brace himself against the tree.

The beak of the woodpecker is also very unique. Banging away as much as a hundred times a minute, the woodpecker's beak has to be much harder than the beaks of other birds. Even more special is the way his beak is connected to his skull. In other birds the skull and bill are fused together. But the woodpecker has a resilient spongy tissue in between the beak and the skull. This built-in shock absorber is far better than anything developed by man. Woodpeckers can pound on hard wood for five or six hours a day. Some great spotted woodpeckers have actually pounded their way into "woodpecker proof" concrete boxes!

The woodpecker has an amazing tongue. It is often longer than the bird. It is not attached to the back of the mouth, as are other birds' tongues, but circles around inside the skull to attach to the top of the woodpecker's head! Without a long tongue to probe insect tunnels, the woodpecker could not survive.

Woodpeckers truly show the touch of an intelligent maker, God. An honest observation of nature will always cause us to acknowledge the power and wisdom of God!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

References: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards; Unlocking The Mysteries Of Creation by Dennis R. Petersen Faith persisted, "Just try me for a week and if you are not satisfied you won't need to pay me."

The lady agreed to this arrangement. At the end of the first day she came in to inspect the ironed clothing. Faith's work was satisfactory, even to this rich woman. She had learned well under the strict supervision of her invalid mother.

So Faith, though knowing she had been called to some special mission, settled down to work in the laundry room of this rich woman while she waited for God to guide her further. Her pay was two dollars a day plus her carfare.

This gave her the spare time she needed to call in the homes of her neighbors. She worked faithfully to raise up a new congregation for the truth. The Lord again blessed her efforts and the congregation began to grow.

In her visits, Faith often found people in deep need. One day she spoke to one of the servants on her job about a suffering family and their awful poverty. The lady of the house happened to overhear her.

"Are they very poor?" she asked.

"They are destitute and have no way to help themselves," Faith answered.

"Here is a check for fifty dollars," the lady offered. "Take this and buy what they really need."

Faith gladly accepted the check and used it to help the needy family. After this the lady would often give her a check for ten dollars to help in the work.

One day Faith was busy with the laundry when the lady called for her to come to the dining room at noon. She and her daughter were eating lunch and insisted she eat with them. From that day she was always sent to the lovely dining room for the noon day meal.

After some time the lady came to her and said, "I have found out that you are a laundress and more than a laundress. Here is one hundred dollars for you. You should be free to do the work that you are fitted for. When you have need come to me for more."

Of course Faith could not do this. She trusted God to supply her needs and did not beg for donations. Through her prayers and faithful labors, God blessed the little group and they prospered spiritually.

One day she decided to visit a certain congregation that had the sign "Church of God" over the door. Somehow she did not feel the right spirit in the services but, out of courtesy, she stayed. Then two people began to speak in a strange language.

The leader of the group said, "What a pity we have no interpreter. We have been praying for a long time that these brethren might have this gift and now we have no one to interpret. Is there anyone here that can interpret for us?"

Finally a young man got up and said, "I am Chinese and I am not a Christian. I know what these people are saying. I can and I cannot interpret, for they are speaking pure Chinese."

When asked what he meant, he explained. "I can understand the language but, although I am not a Christian, I cannot repeat what these men said. Satan has deceived these men and they are blaspheming God and do not know it!"

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. The earth. 2. Heaven, earth, the seas and everything in them. 3. The host of heaven. 4. Without number. 5. "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" 6. Praise the Lord. 7. God. 8. Only a little portion. 9. God's mercy.)





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## God's Definite Call

(Continued from last week.)

While Faith Stewart worked to build up a congregation in Long Beach, California, the longing to go to the mission field became so keen that no amount of labor and sacrifice seemed to satisfy. We will let her tell us, in her own words, how the Lord revealed His will to her.

"In the year of 1903 it was made clear to me by the Spirit of God that my work lay in a foreign field. For some months following that revelation I was very happy in the thought of some day helping to carry the gospel message to a people who were without any knowledge of Christ and His power to save the souls of men from sin.

"However, as I received but little encouragement from God's children, I began to doubt my call. As a result of this, the sweet rest that had filled my soul was somewhat disturbed. Following this was a short season in which I felt myself shrinking and drawing back. I truly had a deep longing in my heart to fill perfectly my place in the body of Christ, and to let God's full purpose for me be worked out in my life. But I felt the weight of the responsibility that would be mine if I took up a work in a foreign land,

and felt entirely unable for it. This, so keenly feeling my lack of ability, together with the fact that others gave almost no encouragement, made it indeed hard.

"Nevertheless, feeling sure the hand of God was upon me, I felt I must get the matter so definitely settled that I would not be moved from my call, or purpose to fill my place in life, by any opposition or discouragement that might come my way. I therefore decided to make this matter a subject of special prayer. Having made this decision, I purposed to spend the following Sunday in fasting and waiting on the Lord, thus seeking definitely for a clearer understanding of His will concerning me, and also for the needed grace to carry out fully His plans.

"During that day the dear Lord was very near and seemed to hourly deepen the conviction in my soul that I had not been mistaken in this matter but that the divine call of God to foreign missionary work was on my heart. I must obey if I expected to keep His sweet approval on my life. As this conviction deepened, the struggle within my bosom became harder.

"At last I left the room where I had been in prayer and started walking to the seaside, a distance of about half a mile from there. I thought I might, by getting out with nature, be able to



## The Animals Teach Us

#### Job 12:7-10

- 7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:
- **8** Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
- **9** Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?
- 10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

## Job 35:11

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

#### Proverbs 6:6-9

- **6** Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
- **7** Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
- **8** Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.
- **9** How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

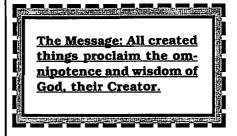
#### Proverbs 30:24-31

- **24** There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise:
- **25** The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer:
- **26** The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks:

- **27** The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;
- 28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.
- 29 There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going: 30 Alion which is strongest among

**30** Alion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any:

**31** A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up.



## **Questions:**

- 1. What can teach us more about God, the Creator?
- 2. How will it help us to consider the ant's ways?
- 3. What does a sluggard love to do?
- 4. What four things are little yet very wise?
- 5. When do the ants prepare their meat?
- 6. Where do conies make their houses?
- 7. What go out in bands, as if they had a king to direct them?
- 8. What live in king's palaces?
- 9. What four things are "comely in going?"

#### Verse to Memorize

Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

Job 35:11.



In all creation we can admire the wisdom and power of the Creator. Ants are tiny and very weak, yet they are hard workers, industrious in gathering proper food. God gave them such wisdom that they prepare their winter food supply in the summer when food is plentiful.

There are many different kinds of ants, and there are many amazing patterns in ant behavior. One of the strangest patterns is found among South America's "army" and Africa's "driver" ants.

These ants march in columns, attacking and eating any living thing in their path. In some parts of the world it is dangerous to tie up an animal because if a column of army ants comes by, it will bite the animal to death, and eat it.

You may remember in the story of Samuel Morris that his cruel captors planned a slow death for him by means of the dreaded driver ants. If God had not miraculously delivered him he was to be buried up to his neck. His mouth would be propped open and smeared with a sweet mixture to attract the ants from a nearby anthill. The driver ants would then devour his flesh bit by bit. Then, after the ants had cleaned his bones of every piece of flesh, his white skeleton would be hung up for everyone to see.

The army ants march in a long column, with soldier ants at the head. Worker ants follow, many carrying the larvae of the next generation. These larvae give off a certain message. As long as the message-scent is given off, the army keeps on marching.

But when it is time for the larvae to hatch into ants, the army halts. The

soldiers and workers find a place between tree roots or stones and literally create a living nest from their own bodies.

This living nest of clinging ants has rooms where the birthing infants can be placed. It has passageways along which others can travel and a chamber for the queen. The queen begins to swell and within a week, she starts to lay eggs. In a few days there are some 25,000 eggs in the living nest. At the same time, the birthing ants in the other rooms emerge, to become the workers who will carry the just laid eggs!

The army, with its 25,000 new recruits, many carrying the eggs of its next generation, marches off again, ready to attack, kill and eat. Even the largest of animals run from army ants! The individual ant may be small. But enlisted in an army, the marching ant is one of the most feared of jungle creatures!

Science fiction stories and movies have told of vicious giant ants or other insects that took over the world. This is not possible for an interesting reason. While there are millions of kinds of insects, all have one common trait that limits their size. Insects have no lungs. Instead, they have breathing tubes that run the length of their bodies. These tubes draw oxygen from the air. While some insects have ways to pull air into the tubes, the longer the tube the less effective they are in providing the oxygen all living animals need.

Simply put, the way insects breathe means that they cannot grow to giant size and live! Larger insects would never be able to absorb the amount of oxygen they would need to keep them alive. It is easy to see the hand of God in this. He did not create Earth to be mastered by insects, but to be a home for humankind. In His wisdom He designed insects with a built-in limitation that guarantees they will never supplant human beings as masters of His world.

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards

shake off some of my feelings. But I was soon aware of the fact that this could not easily be done. Although a struggle was going on within, my deepest desire truly was to know the mind of Christ in this matter. So as I sat alone at the water's edge, I cried out from the deep of my soul that God would come to my aid and help me once for all to settle the great question of my life's work.

"Up to that time I had not had the slightest idea as to which field the Lord was calling me. Nor was my mind settled as to the exact line of work I should take up. By the time I reached the seaside, darkness had closed in, shutting out the day. As I sat thus in the darkness and quietness of late evening, my heart cried out that all confusion would be cleared away. I must have such a clear revelation of my future responsibilities and of God's will for me that I would have something to stand on in the future.

"As I sat thus in earnest prayer. suddenly out over the waters, and directly in front of me, appeared a great mass of little brown facesfaces that clearly spoke of deepest sorrow and suffering. From beneath each little face were two little arms stretched out to me. I threw up my hands and covered my face to shut out this picture, but that was not possible. What stood before me was a clear vision from God and human power could not shut it out. But rather as I gazed upon the scene before me, it was burned indelibly into my very soul.

"The pleading look in each pair of eyes, the sorrow portrayed in each little face, and the little brown arms so piteously outstretched towards me, spoke volumes to my heart. I knew that somewhere in God's great harvest-field was a mass of helpless little ones pleading for someone to save

them. And in that solemn hour God by His Spirit made me to know that He was calling me to go forth to rescue them, and bring them into the fold of Christ that He might be their loving Shepherd too.

"Sitting thus, gazing at the Godgiven vision before me and wondering where the call came from, I cried out from the deep of my soul, 'Oh God, where are these little ones?' Then just above the little faces, in clear blazing letters, appeared these words: 'India's helpless little ones are calling you.' This swept away every doubt as to the certainty of my call, and also the line of work God had especially called me for. It was then that I cried out from a melted heart, 'Amen, Lord, here am I; send me.'

"I returned to my room that night with a heavily burdened but peaceful heart, and a clear consciousness that God had put this special work on my heart. I knew I was called to rescue and care for some of India's depressed little daughters.

"Accordingly I offered myself to the Church for that field. Again I met with nothing but discouragement. The only children's work we had in India was an orphanage located at Lahore, in the northern part of India. Knowing my call was to children's work, I fully expected to be sent there to help in that work. However, to my great disappointment, that institution closed down very soon after this."

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. The animals (beasts) and the birds (fowls). 2. It will make us wise. 3. Sleep. 4. The ant, the conies, the locusts and the spider. 5. In the summer. 6. In the rocks. 7. Locusts (grasshoppers). 8. Spiders. 9. The lion, the greyhound, the he gost and a king.)





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## **Years Of Waiting**

(Continued from last week.)

God answered Faith's prayers for guidance concerning His will for her. Through the vision at the seaside He told her He wanted her to rescue the precious children in India. Her call from that hour was definitely settled. Her whole life centered on fulfilling this mission.

Faith watched expectantly for doors to open that would make the way for her to go to India. The vision was so emphatic and the call so urgent, it seemed she must go at once. But nine long years passed after that night alone with God at the seaside before she actually set sail for India. She spent those years seeking, serving and waiting on God to make a way. The vision of little faces and outstretched arms over the sea was always on her heart and mind. She did everything possible to prepare for her calling.

Her first hope was to work in the orphanage in India. When it closed down, Faith was greatly disappointed. The brethren to whom she had confided her call told her, "Can't you see that you are mistaken? The only children's work we had in India is now closed." They told her she was not prepared for such a work. They had no money to open a work for

children and besides she was too frail in health to survive the hardship of a foreign mission field.

Faith knew the brethren were sincere but they were speaking only from the human standpoint. God's call had been made so clear to her that she could not doubt it. From that time on she kept herself in readiness to go to India for any kind of work. She knew God could and would work out His plan for her in His own time. He had called; He must make the way.

From Long Beach, California, Faith went to Anderson, Indiana where she was asked to pastor the congregation. One day she became very sick and steadily got worse. Pneumonia set in and soon all hope for her life was again given up. Friends faithfully attended to her, trying to relieve her suffering. They told her she was sick unto death but God's call for her to go to India was so vivid Faith knew she would not die. The Lord gave her the scripture found in Psalms 91:15-16 that says, "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

"That is God's promise to me," Faith said weakly. "He will heal me and raise me up again." In a short time she was completely well.



## We Need Each Other

#### **Romans 14:19**

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

#### I Corinthians 1:10

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

## Philippians 2:2-4

- **2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

## John 13:34-35

- **34** Anew commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

## John 15:12-14

- 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love hath no man than

this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

## Romans 15:1-3

- 1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
- 2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.
- **3** For even Christ pleased not himself:...

#### Galatians 6:2

**2** Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

The Message: We should be willing to deny ourselves to help others. Jesus is our example.

## Questions:

- 1. What things should we follow after?
- 2. What should not be among us?
- 3. How can we be perfectly joined together?
- 4. How should we esteem each other?
- 5. What was the new commandment Jesus gave?
- 6. How will men know we are Jesus' disciples?
- 7. What is the greatest love one can have for his friends?
- 8. Who should bear the infirmities of the weak?
- 9. Whose burdens should we bear?

#### **Verse to Memorize**

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1.



Jesus died for all of us. The same blood redeems all that accept His sacrifice. By this we are all born into one spiritual family. We are children of the same God and Father and are going to the same heaven. We have the same wants, the same enemies, and the same joys.

There is no friendship so strong and pure as that which results from having the same attachment to the Lord Jesus. Because of this, Christians in the New Testament, are represented as being "perfectly joined together." We are all parts of the same body and members of the same family. On the ground of this union we are told to love one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to study the things that make for peace, and things by which we may benefit one another.

We need each other! The Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. We draw strength, knowledge and courage from each other as we worship together. God designed that we should each be a member of His body, dependent on each other and all dependent on Him.

God shows this truth even in nature. Many times in the plant and animal world we find two different living creatures which live in strange relationships with each other. In many cases one, or both, could not even exist without the other!

Some insects seem to enjoy munching on wood. Wood is mostly hardened cellulose. Humans cannot digest cellulose in any form. Termites actually live almost exclusively on wood. Yet the fact is that termites cannot digest cellulose either!

How can termites, which eat wood, live on a food they cannot digest? In their intestines they have tiny organisms called flagellates. These tiny animals can live only in the absence of free oxygen. If they are left in the open air, they quickly die. What these organisms can do, however, is digest wood! So when the termite eats his meal, it is the tiny animals living inside his body that digest it for him.

What happens if the two are separated? In an experiment, termites were exposed to extra oxygen to kill their flagellates. Then the termites were fed their usual lunch of wood. The termites ate the wood—but could not digest it. When the same termites were reinfected with the flagellates, they were again able to digest cellulose.

This is one of the many examples in nature of a symbiotic, or mutual, relationship. The termite could not live without the flagellate because it would be unable to digest the wood it eats and would starve to death. The flagellate, out of the intestine of the termite, would be poisoned by oxygen and die. Together, each lives. Separated, each will die!

Such relationships are very difficult for the Theory of Evolution to explain. Clearly the termite could not have existed before the flagellate developed. And the flagellate could not have developed in the open air, away from the dark safety of the termite's intestine.

As we look at the world God created we discover that many different kinds of mutual and symbiotic relationships are found in nature. Each is a quiet witness to the fact that God, not chance, is the best explanation for the world in which you and I live.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards

Not long after this a call came from Houston, Texas for someone to come and plant the truth in that city. Faith obediently answered the call. One day while pastoring there, a woman stood in front of her home waiting for the bus. Her little girl, who was playing while they waited, fell and cut an artery in her wrist. The blood spurted out with each heartbeat. Desperate to find help, the mother snatched the little girl up and rushed to Faith's door and asked her to call a doctor.

"I do not know the name of any doctor in this town, because I have not lived here long. But do you believe that God can heal this arm?" Faith asked.

The question was unexpected. The woman hesitated for a moment, then answered, "I do believe He can!"

While Faith prayed earnestly the bleeding stopped. The great Physician had healed the wound. From that time on the woman attended services regularly. Soon she accepted the truth and was saved. Her husband had been away from home for several months, living in sin. When he returned home he found that God had made a great change in his family. Soon he too turned to God and was saved.

Again Faith became restless. She felt an urgency to fulfill her call but there was no way open. She wondered what more she could do. The burden was so heavy she decided to fast and pray until God answered by opening the door for her to go to India.

During this fast she got a letter from the secretary of the Missionary Board in Anderson, Indiana. Hewrote, "There is something here very difficult for me to understand. The finances here are low, and we are in dire need of funds for other things. But a check of one hundred dollars

has been sent to the office with the request that it be used to get Faith Stewart to the mission field. The writer says that although he is not believer in God, he believes in Faith Stewart. Also, he asked that his name is not to be disclosed, nor the fact that he has sent the money to a Christian. Do you know anything about this?" Faith wrote back telling him the man lived right next door to her. She had spent three days in fasting and prayer and God answered prayer through her infidel neighbor. Later this neighbor accepted the truth and was saved.

The very next Sunday Faith received a call from Anderson, Indiana asking her if she could be ready by the following Saturday to come through Anderson on her way to India! It seemed a load was lifted from her heart. At last she was going to India to fulfill her mission for God.

Faith announced the wonderful news to the faithful group who worshipped in Houston. They bought the extra clothing for her that she would need and also took up an offering. Enough was given to buy her ticket on the ship to India but there was nothing left over to pay for food on the road.

On her way to Anderson she would pass right through Cornell, where her father still lived. She quickly notified him and asked if she might come home just long enough to say goodbye. His answer came back, "NO!"

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. The things that make peace. 2. Divisions. 3. In the same mind and judgment. 4. As better than ourselves. 5. To love one another. 6. If we love one another. 6. If we love one short in ay down his life (die) for him. 8. The strong. 9. One another's.)





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# Leaving For India

(Continued from last week.)

Faith boarded the train headed for Anderson, Indiana. Her joy knew no bounds. Finally her prayers had been answered. She was actually on her way to India! But as the train rumbled into Cornell, her old hometown, sadness overwhelmed her. She was so near she could actually see the corner of the roof on the barn at her old homeplace. Her heart ached to see her dear father one more time but he refused to see her or allow her to visit home one more time.

Her eyes were fixed in the direction of the old home all the while they were stopped at Cornell. Memories of her childhood and loved ones flooded her mind. Then, after some time, the train slowly began moving. She was leaving Cornell, perhaps for the last time, and had been denied even a glimpse of her dear father.

During the years of waiting, God was working in India, preparing for the work Faith was to do. Some of the brethren in India learned about the terrible traffic in young girls that was being carried on. They heard about hundreds of innocent little ones who were sold into dens of vice and the most dreadful immoral slavery. Other

precious little ones were being dedicated into Hindu Temples to be victims of the most awful life of sin. Their hearts were deeply stirred. They knew something must be done!

By the time Faith arrived at Anderson, a letter had come from A. D. Kahn, a native preacher in India. He asked that a missionary be sent to rescue the little temple girls of his country. Those serving on the Missionary Board at that time knew nothing of Faith's particular call to work with children in India. After so many denials, she had guit mentioning it to anyone but the Lord. The Board knew she was the only one ready to go immediately so they asked if she would consider going to India to take up that special line of work. Of course Faith's response was an enthusiastic "YES!" She was fully persuaded that this was directly ordered of God.

Joyfully Faith accepted the offer. God had chosen this way to show not only that He had called her to India but also to verify the specific work she was to do. "What a mighty God we serve!"

Even after the Board gave their full consent to her going to India, they yet had their doubts. "You only weigh ninety-eight pounds now and probably have just three months to



#### God's Word

#### Exodus 19:3,6-7

- 3 And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saving....
- ...These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel
- And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him.

#### Exodus 20:1-4,7-8,12-17

- 1 And God spake all these words, saying,
- 2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image....
- 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;...
- 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 12 Honour thy father and thy mother:...
- 13 Thou shalt not kill.
- 14 Thou shalt not commit adulterv.
- 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 17 Thou shalt not covet...

#### **Exodus 31:18**

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

#### **Exodus** 32:16

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

#### Isaiah 59:21

21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

The Message: The Ten Commandments were given directly to all Israel by God's audible and terrible voice. The people were so frightened they begged that God would speak to them only through

#### Questions:

Moses.

- 1. Who did the Lord call to out of the mountain?
- 2. What did Moses tell the elders?
- Out of what land did the Lord. bring the Israelites?
- 4. What is the first commandment God gave?
- 5. What were they commanded to not make?
- 6. What day was to be kept holy?
- 7. What were the commandments written on?
- 8. How were they written?

#### Verse to Memorize

And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

Exodus 32:16.



The Bible says very clearly that God created our universe, our earth and all living creatures. It describes the special act by which God created human beings in His own image. We believe that God created all things partly because the evidence of science shows it is the best explanation for what exists. But the main reason we believe in creation is because we trust what the Bible tells us.

The Bible is God's Word to human beings. It is revelation. In the Bible we are told things about God and His actions that we could not discover in any other way. The source of this revelation about God is God Himselfl Again and again the human writers of the Bible speak in God's name. "Thus saith the Lord," is found hundreds of times in the Old Testament. Only in the Bible does the Creator speak to human beings.

In the Bible alone we read about how God created, simply speaking to bring the stars and earth and animal life into existence. In the Bible alone we discover that human beings were made in God's image and likeness. In the Bible alone we find the explanation of why only humans can appreciate beauty, invent new things, and tell the difference between right and wrong. And only in the Bible do we learn about sin and about God's plan to bring us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

The Bible's claim to be revelation is important to us when we think about origins. That claim means that, while the Theory of Evolution was made up by mere human beings, God Himself has communicated what the Bible says to us.

Some people view the Bible as nothing more than a human writing. They think that the Bible is merely a report of

what different men have thought about God. If this were true, the Bible would contain only good, religious ideas. And no one would have to respect the guesses of its writers about creation or even about sin and salvation.

What kinds of evidence should we look for to show that the Bible is God's Word? First, it would need to be historically accurate. God doesn't make mistakes. Also, there should be something about the Bible that is clearly supernatural.

At one time scholars said Moses could not have written the first five books of the Bible. They argued that there was no written language in Moses' time. Archaeologists have worked for many years in the lands mentioned in the Bible. Through their findings we now know that Moses could have written these books in any of several different well-developed written languages used in his time.

Scholars also doubted the accuracy of Daniel's accounts of the names of rulers and other details of his time. But archaeological discoveries have shown that Daniel was right in naming the rulers of his time, and the critics were wrong. In fact, Daniel had information that a person writing hundreds of years later could not have had! Nelson Glueck, a famous Jewish archaeologist, wrote, "no archaeological discovery has ever controverted (proved wrong) a biblical reference." He calls the Bible's history "incredibly accurate."

Archaeological discoveries have shown that the customs of 2,000 years before Jesus fit the Bible's account of Abraham. The Genesis account of Joseph in Pharaoh's court uses just the right technical terms and refers to practices followed in Egypt's royal court 1,800 years before Jesus. Again and again archaeological finds have proved the accuracy of the Old and New Testament historical accounts.

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards

last in a land like India," they warned her.

"I would rather live three months in the will of God in India than ten years in the homeland," Faith answered firmly.

There was no special way set up to send missionaries out or means to support them when they reached their foreign mission. The donations that came in were divided among all the needs as carefully as possible. Calling Faith to her, the secretary pulled out a small drawer and poured out all the money in it. With what she already had there was just enough to buy her ticket to New York. There was nothing to meet her extra expenses.

When she reached New York she went to the Grand Avenue Mission. All the arrangements for her sailing had been made. Her ship, the Mauretania, was to sail at 1:00 a.m. the very next morning. That evening there was a prayer meeting held upstairs. As Faith was coming down the stairs to go to the entrance, a young man who had just received his first pay for working one month, rushed to her saying, "I want to give you something." He handed her a five-dollar gold piece. This was the only money she had to take with her to go to a foreign land alone. But she was content.

On that same evening before her departure, a sister minister told her, "Sister Stewart, I am truly glad someone is going to take up that needy work, but I am certainly glad it is not me. I would not want to be the one to go out there alone as you are, to pass through the things you must certainly pass through to open up a work like that!"

Faith had great confidence in the one who said this. She wondered if

she really was undertaking too much. Her heart became greatly troubled. The devil tried to fill her with fears, telling her she would never be able to bear what she must face.

Faith did not like this heavy burden just when it was time to start her long journey. She must have a fresh assurance! Quietly she slipped out of the room and went into a large closet for a few moments of prayer alone before going. Just as she fell on her knees, the Lord spoke to her troubled heart. "Fear thou not;" He assured her, "for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10.

"Oh bless the dear Lord!" Faith exclaimed in writing of the experience. "I was not going alone, neither would I have to labor alone. Just as He thus spoke to me, all fears were swept away and a deep calm filled my soul. I knew that I was going at His command, and now in a very definite way He had assured me of His presence going with me. The power and glory of the Divine Being filled me as I said the last farewells and left the shores of the homeland."

At last Faith Stewart sailed for India in October of 1913. It had been many years since she first felt the call to serve across the seas. She was now thirty-four years old.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Moses. 2. The words which the Lord commanded him. 3. Egypt. 4. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 5. Graven images. 6. The Sabbath. 7. Two tables of stone. 8. By the finger of God.)





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#### A Storm At Sea

(Continued from last week.)

From New York the Mauretania, the ship carrying Faith Stewart toward India, sailed to Liverpool, England. The trip, which took about a week, was pleasant and uneventful, as the weather was good.

The Missionary Board had asked Faith to stop over in England and visit the mission there. They felt she could be an encouragement to the workers. Here she saw many needs that greatly burdened her. She saw work to do and felt she could help lift the load. So, in Berkinhead, England, Faith worked day after day to build the work there as she had done many times in the United States. After three months she began to feel restless and eager to be on her way to her new work in India.

Telling her new friends in England goodbye, Faith set sail, again headed for India. All went well for the first three or four weeks at sea. She was never seasick so she could enjoy the wonder and beauty of the vast expanse of ocean and sky each day.

She was looking forward to reaching India as they drew nearer day by day. Then one evening as night settled down everyone retired as usual, little expecting danger. Suddenly, out of

the stillness of night the passengers heard a warning call for everyone to get up immediately. They were in a terrible storm. Dark clouds covered the sky, blotting out the light of moon and stars. The ship seemed suddenly to be shut in an awful deep and dreadful cave of black and surging waters.

Lightning began to dart across the angry skies while thunder rolled and rumbled in the dense darkness. Rain fell in torrents; winds swept the water into mighty waves. The ship seemed like a plaything as the storm tossed it to and fro. Riding the crest of a giant wave the ship was suddenly plunged into the depths. Water began to pour into the portholes and fill the rooms inside.

When the alarm first sounded, Faith woke up and put her feet on the floor. Water covered the floor! She could tell the water was rising rapidly and was soon up to the springs of her bed. Hurriedly she tied a robe around her and stood up. Just then the stewardess of that section came into her room greatly agitated. Seeing Faith standing calmly in her room she cried out. "Oh, I don't know what to do. There are so many calls for help I cannot answer them all. Will you help me?"



#### Jesus, God's Son

#### Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

#### Matthew 1:18

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

#### Jeremiah 23:5

**5** Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

#### Matthew 1:1

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

#### Micah 5:2

2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

#### Matthew 2:1

1 ...Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king,...

#### Isaiah 35:5-6

- **5** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
- 6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

#### 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.

#### Isaiah 53:12

12 ...And he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

#### Matthew 27:38

**38** Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

#### Zechariah 12:10

10 ...And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced,...

#### John 19:34

**34** But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

The Message: Bible prophecies about Jesus and the miracles that He performed show that He truly was the Son of God.

#### Questions:

- 1. Who would give a sign concerning the birth of Jesus?
- 2. According to prophecy, who would bear a son?
- 3. Who fulfilled this prophecy?
- 4. Jesus was also known as the son of
- 5. According to prophecy, where was Jesus to be born?
- 6. Who was king when Jesus was born?
- 7. Who healed every sickness and every disease?
- 8. With whom was Jesus crucified?
- 9. Why did the soldiers pierce Jesus' side?

#### Verse to Memorize

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet,... Matthew 21:4.



The fulfilled prophecies in the Bible show us that what the Bible says is really from God. We can trust the Bible. We can be sure it is God's Word. Many prophecies in the Bible are about Jesus. These prophecies do more than show that the Bible is the Word of God. They also show that Jesus, who fulfilled the prophecies, truly is the Son of God.

The Old Testament promised that God would send a leader to deliver His people. The promised leader would be someone that God appointed to save His people.

Long before Jesus was born, the Jewish people realized that many prophecies were about this leader. The New Testament shows us that Jesus Christ fulfilled those prophecies!

Here are some Old Testament verses with the New Testament record of their fulfillment.

Jesus was to be betrayed by a friend (Psalm 41:9; John 13:18; Matthew 10:4), who was paid thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12: Matthew 26:15). This money was to be thrown down in God's house and then used to buy the field of a potter (Zechariah 11:13; Matthew 27:5-7). Jesus was to be silent when falsely accused (Isaiah 53:7: Matthew 26:59-63: 27:12-19). Jesus was to be mistreated (Isaiah 53:3; Matthew 27:26), spit on (Isaiah 50:6: Matthew 26:67) and mocked (Psalm 22:7-8: Matthew 27:31). Dving, Jesus was to pray for His persecutors (Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34). People would gamble for His clothes (Psalm 22:18; John 19:23-24).

Long before Jesus was born these

and other Old Testament passages were recognized as prophecy about the promised Messiah.

Then Jesus was born. And not just one or two of the Bible prophecies fit His birth, life and death. All the prophecies about His first coming fit perfectly!

How likely is it that a person could "just happen" to fulfill all these predictions so perfectly? In Science Speaks, Dr. Peter Stoner uses probability theory to test how likely it is that just eight of the many prophecies about Jesus could happen by chance. His results, checked by the American Scientific Affiliation, show that the chance any man might have lived from when the prophecy was made to the present time, and fulfilled all eight is just 1 100,000,000,000,000,000. Dr. Stoner illustrates by saying that if we took that number of silver dollars and spread them over Texas, they would cover the whole state two feet deep! Dr. Stoner then explains:

"Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the marked one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and have them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote in their own wisdom."

Bible prophecy about Jesus could not have "just happened" to be fulfilled. God must have spoken through the prophets. And Jesus must be the Son of God, as the Bible says He is.

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards

So Faith left her room to help others any way she could. Fear had its grip on most everyone on the ship. The lifeboats were lowered. At first everyone thought the ship had sprung a leak and was slowly sinking. As they boarded, everyone had been assigned to a certain lifeboat before they set sail. Families were not allowed to be together in one boat as there was always danger that the boat would never make it to shore. Families were divided so there would be some survivors if one boat were lost.

No one was allowed on deck for fear of the awful waves sweeping them away in the darkness and fury of the storm. Families began to realize that they must separate and what it could mean. Some became hysterical with fear. Women fainted and had to be helped. Others had to be controlled from doing something rash in their awful fear and anguish.

All through these trying hours, Faith Stewart moved calmly among the people, helping all she could. She knew God still had His guiding hand over her life, even in the storm. He had called her to India, and she had no doubt that He would bring her safely to port in His own time. This gave her courage and strength to help her fellow men in their time of distress and need.

Among the passengers was a bold, worldly woman who made a habit of staying up late with two of the men at the bar. They would drink till late at night. Twice the porter warned them to go to their rooms and go to bed. But they still sat at the bar becoming more intoxicated and helpless all the time.

Then the storm hit without warning. The woman was still awake because she had never gone to bed. Suddenly she realized the great dan-

ger. As instructions were being given on how to leave the ship in the lifeboats, great fear seized her. She saw she was practically face to face with death and would soon stand before God in her awful condition.

There seemed to be no time or place to repent in this scene of chaos and horror. Before the storm she had not seemed to need a friend. Now she had no one to turn to as everyone else was gripped with fear and anguish also. She heard the terrified cries of those who feared to be sent out on the angry sea in the little lifeboats. She saw others fainting. One single thought prevailed in her distraught mind. The end had no doubt come. She was living in sin. She was not ready to die. There was no time to repent. She was lost, lost!

In that awful hour her reason left her completely. She became insane. From that time she was kept under guard. Later she was placed in an insane asylum in some foreign country, as ship companies cannot care for an unattended insane passenger.

What an awful end! What a warning it should be to everyone. Matthew 24:44 says, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

There was never a need to use the lifeboats. The ship slowly plowed on its way until the waters became quiet and calm. The storm was over.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answere: 1. The Lord. 2. A virgin. 3. Mary. 4. David. 5. In Bethlehem. 6. Herod. 7. Jesus. 8. Two thieves. 9. It was prophesied that they would.)





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#### At Last, India!

(Continued from last week.)

It was February of the year 1914 when Faith arrived at her destination of Calcutta, India, It had been four months since she left the United States. It seemed like a wonderful dream that at last she was permitted to enter the mission field to which she had been called. After years of prayers, fasting, tears, trials and longing she was anxious to finally be about her appointed work.

The wife of a native minister met her at the docks. Accompanying her was a young woman named Sonat Mundul. She was a Christian, the daughter of a high caste Indian. Faith went to the home of this family for the weekend. There she found true fellowship. They in turn were glad that she had come to help their needy land. They knew she came to perform a labor of love.

Faith then traveled on to Cuttack. She would work here many years for the Lord. Sonat Mundul accompanied her. She too had felt the call to help the girls of India. But because of the deep prejudice against women in india, this native girl could not do the work alone. She gladly came to the side of the new missionary, sharing her sacrifices and victories for many years.

Throughout the history of India, customs and prejudices have made the lives of Indian girls miserable. Child marriage was the most common and cruel practice. At that time little girls, frequently as young as eight years old were married to husbands who might be thirty, forty or even sixty years old. They were sent from the love and security of their parents' home to a strange home. Often the mother-in-law or husband was cruel to the little child-bride.

Enforced widowhood was another cruel custom. If her husband died while she was still practically a child and left no children, or rather, any sons, she became a veritable slave. She could never marry and have a home of her own. If she lived to be sixteen years old her head would be shaved. She would never be allowed to wear pretty clothes or ornaments and was allowed only one meal a day.

Faith especially dedicated her work to save the little temple girls. These young girls were dedicated while they were extremely young, even in their infancy, to serve in the Hindu temples. They became the common property of the priests and slaves to their evil passions.

Often Faith saw women go weeping down the road with either an infant or a child to dedicate it to this



#### Life After Death

#### Daniel 12:2

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

#### Matthew 25:46

**46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

#### Luke 20:36-38

- **36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.
- 37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
- **38** For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

#### John 3:15-16

- 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

#### John 6:47

**47** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

#### II Corinthians 5:1

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dis-

solved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

#### I Timothy 4:8

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

#### **Titus 1:2**

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

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The Message: There is eternal life after our natural death. Some will go to everlasting punishment but the righteous will have eternal life.

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#### **Questions:**

- Daniel speaks of those "who sleep in the dust"—who is he talking about?
- 2. Who will have life eternal?
- 3. Where will the wicked go?
- 4. What did Moses shew when he called God the God of Abraham?
- 5. God is not a God of the dead but of the .
- 6. Who shall not perish?
- 7. What will we receive if we believe on Him?
- 8. What is more profitable than bodily exercise?
- 9. Who cannot lie?

#### Verse to Memorize

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16.



According to the Theory of Evolution you have no future. You are just an intelligent animal, in a race of animals that developed by chance. Other animals die and are gone, and, so the Theory of Evolution teaches, you will die and be gone, too. Death is your destiny—and your end. This gives us no hope for the future.

But we know that God created the universe and that He made man in His own image, eternal like Himself. Since God is the explanation for beginnings, He has a plan for the end as well!

In the last few chapters we've seen that the Bible is a book that didn't just happen. God, who created the universe, gave us the Bible through human writers who spoke and wrote His Word. Archaeology shows us the Bible is historically accurate. Prophecy and miracles prove the Bible's supernatural origin. We know that we can trust the Bible and believe what it says.

The Bible tells that one day God will act to end this universe and to destroy our earth. The Bible says, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (II Peter 3:10.)

In the end God, who created this universe, will destroy it. So the universe had a definite beginning, and it will have a definite end.

But the story does not end with the destruction of this universe. The Bible says God will create a new universe! In II Peter 3:13 the Bible goes on, "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." This

description of a new creation where human beings will be with God and live forever is what most people mean when they talk about "heaven."

Just as there is heaven, there is hell, too. Human beings are too important just to stop existing. The Bible tells us that God wants us to spend eternity with Him. He wants us to be with Him so much that God's Son became a human being and died to pay for each person's sin. Those who realize that Jesus is Lord, and who follow Him as the Savior, can have their sins forgiven and can look forward to everlasting life.

But many ignore God's Son. They will not obey Him as Savior and give up their sin. God has done everything He can do to forgive human beings and bring them to heaven, yet some people just refuse to turn to God.

The Bible tells us about the tragic future of these people, too. Revelation describes a "lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." (Revelation 21:8.) Jesus also talked about hell fire. (Matthew 5:22.) So each individual will exist forever. Some will be with God. But some will be separated from God in a place of terrible punishment.

This is the tragic error of the Theory of Evolution. Evolution teaches that there is no need for God: everything can be explained without Him. If the devil can make us believe that God really did not create all things as the Bible says, then he can make us believe that Jesus did not really come to save us from our sins. If he can make us believe that people just die and that is the end, why worry about sin?

But God is, and people are not animals but are His creations. Death is not the end. We will exist forever and forever. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." He will come into our heart and life if we will confess our sins and accept Him as our Savior. He will then give us power over sin and show us how to live for Him. We will know then that we are ready to meet Him and live with Him in heaven for eternity.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Reference: It Couldn't Just Happen by Lawrence O. Richards

sad life. These mothers were not cruel but they had been taught that this is the very highest sacrifice. Being anxious to please the gods for fear of their displeasure and revenge, these sad mothers had the highest motives in sacrificing their tender little ones.

On September 1, 1914, the doors of "The Shelter" in Cuttack, India were opened. This was a small home that Faith rented. She was glad to have Sonat Mundul as her capable helper. Together they began a diligent search for the little victims of such abuse.

The first child they rescued was a tiny girl, just ten days old, who had already been dedicated to the priests. She had soft brown eyes and was a beautiful baby. Using a rocking chair brought from the homeland, the new foster mothers placed a pillow on the seat and used it as a cradle by day and a bed at night. Tenderly they watched over this little one, thankful to know she had escaped a life of pain and sorrow, and sin.

Faith says, "Although the work was hard and slow in the beginning, still we were conscious that God was working with us as one by one we gathered them in." She realized that they could accomplish very little unless they had the Government working with them. They prayed earnestly that God would give favor. It was four vears later that she received a letter asking if it would be possible for her to work in the capacity of Honorary Inspectress of Police in the cities of Puri, Cuttack and Balasore. This would give her full authority to save the little ones from the dens of sin.

This was obviously the hand of God moving in answer to prayer. She gladly accepted. At last the doors to these dens were unlocked and Faith had the privilege and authority to enter in and rescue the precious little

ones. From that time, the work moved forward more rapidly.

The first one they rescued from a brothel was little Rangbati. She was sold by her mother to the keeper of the brothel for two dollars and fifty cents and a piece of cloth when she was only two years and four months old. After locating this child, Faith appealed to the Commissioner of the Division for assistance in rescuing her. Then in company with the Government Water Inspector, she visited the brothel, looking around here and there while he worked in another room. Suddenly he led her where a child was sleeping on the floor. She was a dear little Indian girl pitiful in her baby innocence as she quietly slept there.

Faith stooped down as if she was looking at the child. Just then the nurse left the room with the Inspector. This was her chance! Quickly she lifted the little one in her arms and ran for the vehicle, which in India was a closed car. Ladies were not allowed to travel in an open car in India for fear that men would see their faces. Just then, the Inspector came hurrying out to drive her to the station where she would board a train for Cuttack.

As she climbed into the car the nurse ran to the door screaming loudly after them. They ignored her cries and sped on their way to catch the train. In this way dear little Rangbati was saved from a life of horror and shame and brought into the shelter of a Christian home and all that it means.

(To be continued next next week.)

(Answers: 1. The dead. 2. The righteous. 3. Into everlasting punishment (hell). 4. That the dead are raised. 5. Living. 6. Whoever believes on Him. 7. Everlasting life. 8. Godliness. 9. God.)





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# Little Hands, Little Faces

(Continued from last week.)

The little hands no longer stretched out to Faith Stewart from over the sea. They were now so close! There were so many dear little children, with their sad eyes always pleading, it seemed, to be rescued. The modest building that first housed the "Home" soon became too small. A larger one was needed. There was a steady inflow of children of all ages. Some came from the places of awful bondage, others came because of famine. They came to the "Home" sad, starving, sick or needy and filled the place.

Faith knew where to go for help and guidance. Through earnest prayer and waiting on God, money gradually came in to build a more suitable home. They were able to buy enough land to build a large two-story building with a wide veranda (porch) stretching along the entire length in front of it. It was well planned to meet the needs of caring for little children.

A spacious lawn surrounded the building. Faith and the helpers were extremely thankful for the good home God had provided. Funds continued to come in so a nursery building was put up to care for infants. Later a school building and a beautiful chapel for worship were built on the grounds.

After more years passed a weaving shed was built for the older girls. Here they were taught to weave. The Government bought all the cloth they wove on their looms that was not used at the Home. They also wove baskets and other needed articles, and in time, the older girls became self-supporting.

The building was finished and they were well settled and moving along nicely in the new location. Two brothers from the States were making a tour of the mission field, looking at different institutions as they traveled through the countries. While visiting India they came to see Faith, bringing along a notebook of suggestions hoping to be of help to her in her work.

After touring the grounds, inspecting the buildings and seeing the operation, they told her, "On our way to India we have visited many homes for children, taking down notes to share with you."

"I will be very glad to have any help or ideas you may have obtained to aid me in the work and will appreciate your giving them to me," Faith told them.

"No," they replied, "we shall not need to do so. This Home is the best planned for little children that we have found in our travels! We feel that we could add nothing to it."



# The Trial Of Jesus Matthew 27:11-16, 19-26

- 11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.
- 12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.
- **13** Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?
- **14** And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.
- 15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.
- **16** And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.
- 19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.
- **20** But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.
- 21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.
- **22** Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.
- 23 And the governor said, Why,

what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying. Let him be crucified.

- 24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.
- **25** Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.
- **26** Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

The Message: Would you stand up boldly and defend Jesus? Are you doing that now by the life you live?

#### **Questions:**

- 1. When the chief priests accused Jesus, what did He answer?
- 2. Who was Barabbas?
- 3. Who warned Pilate to have nothing to do with convicting Jesus?
- 4. Which prisoner did the people want released, Jesus or Barabbas?
- 5. What did they all say to do to Jesus?
- 6. What did Pilate do to show he did not want to be responsible for Jesus' death?
- 7. Who said, "His blood be on us, and on our children?"
- 8. What did Pilate do with Barabbas?
- 9. What did Pilate do with Jesus?

#### Verse to Memorize

...What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?...

Matthew 27:22.



#### The Advocate

Bennie was a farmer boy in the state of Vermont. When a call came for volunteer soldiers to fight in the Civil War, Bennie enlisted along with Jemmie, a neighbor's son.

Then one morning Bennie's father received a telegram saying his son was found asleep at his post while on picket duty the night before. "The court-martial has sentenced him to be shot in twenty-four hours as the offense occurred at a critical time," it stated.

Blossom, Bennie's little sister, listened, too shocked to speak. Hearing a tap at the kitchen door she quickly opened it. A neighbor handed her a letter. "It is from him," was all she said.

It was like a message from the dead!
Bennie wrote:

"Dear Father: When this reaches you I shall be in eternity. You know I promised Jemmie's mother I would look after her boy, and when he fell sick, I did all I could for him. He was not strong and I was all tired out when we went into camp, and then it was Jemmie's turn to be sentry. I had to take his place—he was too weak; but I was too tired, Father. I could not have kept awake if a gun had been pointed at my head; but I did not know it until—well, until it was too late."

"I can't bear to think of mother and Blossom. Comfort them, Father! Tell them I die as a brave boy should and that, when the war is over, they will not be ashamed of me, as they must be now."

Late that night little Blossom stole silently out the back door. She must reach President Lincoln and beg for her brother's life! She had brought Bennie's letter with her. Taking the night train she reached New York very early the next morning. The conductor, knowing her purpose, hurried her on to Washington. Every minute now might be the means of saving her brother's life. In a very short time Blossom was standing, unannounced, in front of the President.

President Lincoln asked, "Well, my child, what do you want this morning?"

"Bennie's life, please, sir," faltered Blossom.

"Bennie? Who is Bennie?"

"My brother, sir. They are going to shoot him for sleeping at his post."

"Oh, yes;" and Mr. Lincoln ran his eye over the papers before him. "I remember. It was a fatal sleep. You see, child, it was a time of special danger. Thousands of lives might have been lost."

"So my father said, sir," replied Blossom, gravely, "but poor Bennie was so tired, sir, and Jemmie so weak. He did the work of two, and it was Jemmie's night, not his; but Jemmie was too tired, and Bennie never thought about himself, that he was tired, too."

"What is this you say, child? Come here, I do not understand," he said.

Blossom went to him and handed Mr. Lincoln Bennie's letter.

He read it carefully; then, taking up his pen, wrote a few hasty lines and rang his bell. "Send this dispatch at once," he ordered. Two days later Blossom returned home with Bennie by her side.

—Selected

Bennie's sentence was quick and cruel but he was convicted for his own offense. Jesus committed no offense, yet He was condemned to die. Blossom was Bennie's advocate, she pled for his life and it was granted her. There was no one to speak for Jesus; even His disciples forsook Him.

Today you are at a trial. You are the judge. Jesus is standing before you. The question is "What shall I do with Jesus who is the Christ?" Will you accept Jesus or reject Him? It is up to you to decide. I do hope you will accept Him as your Savior and be saved today.

Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Then as they stood looking out over the mission area, spacious lawn and the buildings, one of the men asked, "Where did the money come in for all this outlay?"

"I know one thing," the other man said, "it did not come from the Mission Board, for we have not sent it."

"It has all been supplied by God and faith in His promises," Faith told them. She was thankful to hear this commendation from those who had been so reluctant to send her to the field. God had led her to her work with the children of India. He had sent the means to build a Home for them. It was He who had given such success that even these men recognized His blessings. She glorified the Lord for His love and faithfulness.

At one time Faith made a trip to Puri with the Government Water Inspector hoping to rescue at least one child. They made their way into the building where they suspected young girls were being held. The Inspector went about his business while Faith looked around. Not very far away she saw five little girls. The youngest was a baby of only about nine months old. This infant had been married to a god when she was only three months old! The oldest girl was about ten or eleven years old.

Speaking to their nurse, Faith asked, "Are these children registered?"

"No," the nurse answered, "I cannot get away to get it done."

"Don't you know that the law requires that you register these girls?"

"Yes, but I have no one to care for them."

"I will stay on while you are gone."

The woman hesitated to leave a foreigner in charge and seeing this, Faith drew back her jacket and showed her the Government Star of Inspectress. Seeing her badge, the woman got her things together to

leave. As soon, then, as the nurse was out of sight Faith picked up two of the children after giving the baby to the oldest girl to carry. Then she called to the other little girl to follow and hurried with them to the closed car.

The poor little girls were no doubt terrified by this strange white woman who snatched them away from the only home they knew. For all they knew she might be taking them into greater trouble and sorrow. They only knew that they must do as they were told and obey as little slaves. So they quietly did as Faith commanded, climbing into the strange car. Now they were well hidden from sight.

Faith sat in the car surrounded by the little hands, the little faces filled with terror and fear. The vision had indeed become reality! These precious little girls leaned heavily against her. She felt their great need of love and protection and her heart swelled with gratitude that she could rescue at least these little ones from the horrors of a hell on earth.

Soon they arrived at the Home where they would find food, shelter and loving care. Now they were free to enjoy a happy, normal childhood. Faith prayed that in time the memories of past horrors would be erased from their childish minds.

Such rescues were not easy. When Faith was successful it brought anger and hatred from the officers and priests of the temples as well as the keepers of these little children. Her life was constantly in danger.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Nothing. 2. A notable prisoner. 3. His wife. 4. Barabbas. 5. "Let Him be crucified." 6. He washed his hands in front of the people. 7. All the people. 8. Released him. 9. Scourged Him and delivered Him to be crucified.)





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# **Answered Prayer**

(Continued from last week.)

Children often came to the Home because they were left alone by the death of their parents. Relatives or friends could not take them in. They were, themselves, hungry and facing starvation. One day two little girls, perhaps two or three years old, made their way to the Home. Their tiny faces looked old from suffering. Their bodies were so emaciated from hunger their arms and legs looked like only skin and bones. A dull expression of misery was stamped on their faces.

Everyone was touched with pity by the sight of these little girls. Tenderly they were led into the Home and given a good meal. After only four months of loving care they could not be recognized as the same children.

God, in His great love and mercy had called Faith many years before to rescue them and many others. She obeyed His call. Others joined her to show loving pity to the needy children. Now these little girls were privileged to live sweet innocent lives just as those do who have homes and families to protect them. In the Home they soon learned how much God loved them. They learned to pray and trust Him to supply all their needs.

One Saturday morning there was more excitement than usual in the Children's Home. The children who were big enough to have duties hurried to get their chores finished. As soon as the work was done they planned to go to the riverside. They would pack a lunch and have a good time that afternoon in the open air. But it was understood that the work must be well done before they could go.

Just as they were finishing, the sky got dark. Great storm clouds gathered. Soon it started raining! The children were extremely disappointed. All their plans for such a special afternoon seemed ruined.

The children gathered to discuss their problem. They reminded each other that God was their Father. He knew their plans and how disappointed they were. They knew from experience that He answered prayer for those who ask and believe. Soon they decided on a plan and immediately put it in action.

Going to their separate bedrooms, the children began to pray. Every few minutes some child would slip out on the veranda to look at the sky to see if it was clearing. Sure enough, before long the rain suddenly stopped! The sky was still dark and threatening but that didn't hinder the children's faith. God, their Father, had answered their prayers and stopped the rain. They could trust Him to finish what He had started.



# Jesus' Death

#### Mark 15:15, 17-19

15 And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head,

**18** And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!

19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

#### Luke 23:27, 33-34

27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

**33** And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

**34** Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

# Matthew 27:39, 41-42, 45, 50-52, 54

39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

**41** Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

**42** He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

45 Now from the sixth hour there

was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

**50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

**51** And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent:

**52** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose.

**54** Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

The Message: Jesus willingly suffered cruel mocking and death on the cross to save us from sin and its torment.

#### **Questions:**

- 1. Did wicked men really take Jesus' life? (Read the Verse to Memorize.)
- 2. Why did Pilate release Barabbas and deliver Jesus to be crucified?
- 3. Did all the people want Jesus to be crucified?
- 4. What did Jesus say while He hung on the cross?
- 5. What did the mockers say to Jesus while He was on the cross?
- 6. What happened between the sixth and ninth hour?
- 7. After Jesus died, what unusual things happened?
- 8. What did the centurion and those with him say about Jesus?

#### Verse to Memorize

...I lay down my life,... No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself.... John 10:17-18.



# The Birdcage (Why Jesus Died)

There once was a man named George Thomas, a pastor in a small New England town. One Easter Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old birdcage, and set it by the pulpit. Several eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak. "I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright."

I stopped the lad and asked, "What you got there son?"

"Just some old birds," came the reply.

"What are you gonna do with them?" I asked.

"Take 'em home and have fun with 'em," he answered. "I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time."

"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?"

"Oh, I got some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll take 'em to them."

The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?"

"Huh??!!! Why, you don't want them birds, Mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing—they ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" the pastor asked again.

The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "Ten dollars?"

The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten-dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone. The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free.

Well, that explained the empty birdcage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story. One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!"

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked. Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!"

"And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, You don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, You'll take them and they'll just hate You. They'll spit on You, curse You and kill You!! You don't want those people!!"

"How much?" He asked again.

Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All Your tears, and all Your blood."

Jesus said, "DONE!" Then He paid the price.

The pastor picked up the cage and walked from the pulpit. —Selected

Insisting that it would not rain, the children got ready to go to the river as planned. Faith and the other workers honored their faith and they all started out. There was a missionary visiting the Home from another part of India. As she walked out she picked up her umbrella. The children insisted that she would not need it but she took it along anyway.

They walked to the riverside and enjoyed a perfect afternoon. There were just enough clouds scattered through the sky to block the glaring heat of the sun. They enjoyed eating their lunch in the open air, then played until almost dark. Not a drop of rain fell the entire happy afternoon.

Then they trouped back toward the Home. Then, just as they got inside the rain poured down. It was as if it had been held back by an unseen hand! It rained all that night. The children were convinced that God had planned an afternoon of rain but held took in answer to their prayers.

Each year the Home would prepare a Christmas dinner for their poor destitute neighbors. This was always an exercise of faith. The money to provide extra food must come in over and above that necessary to keep the Home operating.

One year the crowd was larger than usual. The supply of food dwindled and still more people came. Finally all that was left was enough food for the young girls who had worked hard serving others. Then yet another group of hungry people came to be fed. Anxiously the girls turned to Faith and said, "Mama, shall we give them our food and eat rice for our dinner?"

"No!" Faith answered sympathetically. "Perhaps we can make them a meal of something else that we have. Go and look in the kettles."

"But Mama," they protested, "we have taken out all the food and have scraped the kettles for the last bit. The pots are empty!"

However, they obediently went back into the kitchen to check the empty pots. Suddenly one girl cried out, "It was scraped to the bottom, and we put the spoon in again to see and look—food, plenty of good food for these people! God has sent food and put it in the kettle for us to give to these people."

They rushed back to serve the food God had miraculously provided. Even among the people there was great excitement with much rejoicing and thanksgiving. God had shown His goodness by working this miracle right among them! As the young girls joyfully served the people they chatted together about the greatness of God and His great love for them. He had provided food for the people when they could not.

Later Faith told them the Bible story of the barrel of meal spoken of in the Bible. When it was shared there was always a bit more to meet the next need. The meal did not run out until the famine was over. She explained that nothing is impossible for God. The story was etched into the girl's memory because God, in His great love, had also been with them that day. He saw how much they wanted to feed all the needy people who came. In His own way He sent food when their own supply had failed!

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. No, He lay His own life down for the sake of others. 2. To please the people. 3. No, a great company followed Him. 4. "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." 5. "He saved others, Himself He cannot save. Come down and we will believe." 6. Darkness was over all the land. 7. The veil of the temple was torn apart, there was an earthquake, graves were opened and many saints arose. 8. "Truly this was the Son of God.")





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# **Helping Others**

(Continued from last week.)

In the course of her work Faith met a British official. He knew that she was an American woman struggling alone to help India. He knew that hers was a work of faith in God but offered no support to the work or encouragement to Faith. It seemed particularly foolish to him that Faith prayed for the sick, trusting God to heal them, instead of seeking medical help. But Faith went on with her work undisturbed by his disapproval. She knew she was where God wanted her to be and He was the only One she was trying to please.

One day this official and his wife drove up to the door of the Home in their fine family car. Faith wondered what their visit meant, a little fearful of what they might want. But she had no reason to be concerned. The official had studied the records of various schools under his jurisdiction and found that the school of the Home had the most favorable record of all. And even more significant, the report showed that the general health of the students was best of all schools!

Some time later this official's wife became very sick. In spite of all they could do for her she got worse. Finally the family doctor told her husband, "Sir, your wife is suffering with cancer. We have done all we can for her but now we have come to the end. We have no hope to offer you for her life."

Sorrow and grief at this news overcame the official. Science had failed; there seemed to be no hope or help anywhere. He felt desperate in his helplessness. Then he thought of Faith. She and even the little children in her care believed in praying for the sick. He had probably heard of some of the wonderful answers to these prayers.

Up to now this plainly dressed, humble woman of God and her ministry had meant less than nothing to this British official. But when his suffering wife heard that Faith prayed for the sick and God heard her prayers, she insisted that her husband call Faith to pray for her. Quickly he sent word for Faith to come.

Faith was as willing to minister to the rich as to the poor. She was soon on her way to the home of the official. When he saw her he asked, "Do you know that I have not been a friend to you?"

"Yes," she answered simply, "I knew this."

"And you are still willing to come and pray for my sick wife?" he won-dered.

"I am glad to be of any service that' is possible," Faith assured him.

Going to the dying woman, Faith laid hands on her as the Bible teaches and prayed the simple prayer of faith.



# He Is Risen; He Is Not Here

#### Mark 16:1-12

- 1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
- 2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
- **3** And they said among themselves. Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?
- 4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.
- 5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
- 6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
- 7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.
- 8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.
- 9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
- 10 And she went and told them that

had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

- 11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.
- 12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

#### I Corinthians 15:20-21

- 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
- 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

The Message: Because Jesus arose, we will arise at the resurrection day!

#### Questions:

- 1. Who brought sweet spices to anoint the body of Jesus?
- 2. What time was it when they came to the sepulchre?
- 3. What was the problem they discussed among themselves?
- 4. What did they see in the sepulchre?
- 5. What did the man clothed in a white garment tell them?
- 6. Did he give them a message to deliver? To whom?
- 7. To whom did Jesus first appear?
- 8. What had Jesus done for Mary Magdalene?
- 9. Did the disciples believe that Jesus was alive?

#### Verse to Memorize

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. I Corinthians 15:55-56.



Dear Boys and Girls:

The same sun that arose upon the earth that you saw today arose upon Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago on that first Easter morning. Those were sad days. The disciples were very afraid. They did not understand about Jesus, who had done so many wonderful miracles, being put upon the cross to die.

The soldiers, who were left there to guard Jesus' tomb, did not understand what had happened. As they stood around, suddenly there was a great earthquake! The ground shook so violently beneath their feet that they could not stand up. Then when they saw the angel descend from heaven and roll the stone away, they were so frightened that the Bible says they fell down as dead men.

That same morning, when the sun first broke through the darkness, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, were on their way to the tomb. Their hearts were broken. Their Master and dear One had been so cruelly mistreated. They had stood by while He died on the cross. They heard the wicked men laughing at Him and the leaders of the religious people making fun and rejoicing because they thought they were rid of Jesus now. This made their tears flow afresh and a new dart went through their hearts.

Now they wanted to do something for Him. The Sabbath was over. They could go and anoint Jesus' body for a proper burial.

They wondered who would roll away the stone, but as they looked,

they saw it was already rolled away! Entering the tomb, they saw an angel clothed in long white garments sitting on the right side. They were terribly frightened, but quickly the angel spoke. "Be not afraid, you are seeking Jesus, which was crucified; He is risen: He is not here; look at the place where they have laid Him."

The women looked and saw only the napkins that they used to wrap His body in, lying in the tomb. Then the angel continued, "Go and tell His disciples and Peter that He will see them in Galilee."

How happy they were now. Jesus had risen! Jesus was alive! Their souls sang a happy song as they quickly turned and left the tomb. Yet they were puzzled about it all. How could Jesus be alive when they saw Him die? But they did as they were told and went to tell the good news to the disciples.

Yet Mary Magdalene lingered close to the tomb weeping. She thought that perhaps someone had stolen His body. Then Jesus appeared to her. He said, "Mary." She knew it was Jesus. Now she was happy, knowing that He truly was alive. (John 20:11-18.) Later all of the disciples and about five hundred brethren saw Jesus.

Boys and girls, because Jesus arose, we will arise at the resurrection day. Just our bodies will be put in the grave. Our souls will await the judgment day in Hades or Sheol. That is where the great gulf is fixed that Jesus tells about when speaking of the rich man who died and saw Lazarus in "Abraham's bosom." (Luke 16:19-31.) There the righteous will rest in peace but the wicked will wait in torment where that rich man is today, until the judgment day. As death finds you, so does the judgment. —Aunt Marie April 14, 1974

God honored that prayer and worked through those hands that Faith had dedicated only to work for Him in loving service to others. That day the wife of the British official was healed of cancer! To the official's surprise and great joy she was raised up from her sickbed and made normal and whole. The cancer that had been eating her very life away was destroyed by the power of God. She was able to once more assume her duties and help her husband in his work.

One morning just before daybreak there was a frantic knock at the door of the Home. When the sleepy helpers finally opened the door, a little girl about nine or ten years old darted frantically through the door and begged them to shut it at once. The workers questioned her to find out why she was so frightened but she only begged for a place to stay. She said she had heard of a home where Jesus was taught and she had come to live in the Home and learn about Him. In spite of all their questions, that was all they could get from her.

Although she wore the dress of a better class Indian home, Bedu, as she was called, was happy to have shelter in the Home. She was satisfied and willing to live on the level of the poor outcasts of the lower class Indian girls. Later, during a revival meeting Bedu went to the altar and was really saved.

After this she confessed to them her life story. It was the old story all over again so often heard in India. She had been given in marriage to a grown man at the pitiful age of four years. Her life was pitifully hard and cruel under the rule of her husband and mother-in-law. At the age of nine or ten years Bedu's life became unbearable. She was desperate to find a way out of her misery.

She could find no way until somehow in the mercy of God she heard there was a refuge somewhere in the city for girls of India. She heard that it was a place where they told about Jesus the Savior and where love and protection was offered to those in need. She made careful inquiry as to where the place was located. Then she watched carefully day after day for a chance to escape.

Planning carefully just how she would go, she was ready when the opportunity came to get away. Getting up very early Bedu covered her face in the usual custom of India. Then, running silently through the streets just before daybreak, she made her way to the Home. She was desperate and fearful as she pounded on the door with her small fist. When the door finally opened she could only dash through it, pleading for safety and protection. She was so afraid that someone had seen her leave. Perhaps they were looking for her at that very moment!

For weeks after that a knock on the door would bring terror to Bedu. She would run and hide under a bed or anywhere to get out of sight until the person had gone away. But God saw her sad plight and in mercy looked down and watched over her. No one was ever able to find her and claim her. She lived in the Home and grew up to be a fine Christian girl. How happy she was that she found Jesus for herself!

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome. 2. Very early in the morning. 3. Who would roll away the stone from the sepulchre. 4. A young maninalong white garment. 5. "Ye seek Jesus. He is risen; he is not here." 6. Yes. To Peter and the disciples. 7. Mary Magdalene: 8. Cast seven devils out of her. 9. No.)





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## A Little Leper

(Continued from last week.)

God continued to bless Faith's efforts to help the needy children of India. One day a little girl named Ramah was brought to the Home for shelter. Ramah had evidently known much sorrow in her short life. She seldom smiled and was so quiet and sober that the other children seemed to feel sad with her. Gradually, however, she began to join in with the games and laughter of the other children and, in time, seemed like any other normal child.

But after about two years a change came over Ramah. She seemed to withdraw from the other children. Her face wore the same sad expression as when she first came. The children noticed the change and mentioned it to Faith. They insisted that she should find out what was wrong.

And Faith did try. She went out of her way to speak to her about the sadness but Ramah would give no clue as to the problem. Faith became more insistent. She told her that she knew something was wrong. Her sadness was affecting the other children. For everyone's happiness she must open her heart to them and let them help her out of her trouble.

Finally Ramah told her, "When I

came to the Home I was sad because my father and mother were both dead. They died of leprosy and I was afraid I would get it and have to go away from the Home. Then everything seemed to be all right. I almost forgot about that awful fear that used to come over me. But not long ago I noticed a white spot on my arm and knew it must be leprosy. Oh, Mama, you can't realize how badly I felt when I saw that white spot! I was afraid that you would send me away from this Home. So I have been trying to keep away from the other girls, not because I want to, but because I do not want them to touch me and get this awful disease!"

"But it is the law in India that all lepers must be segregated," Faith said firmly. "We must go at once to see about this for the sake of the other children."

All the children were sad when they learned Ramah's tragic secret. As soon as possible she was taken to a doctor to check the spot. He declared it to be a real case of leprosy. However, there was no vacancy at the leper colony right then. All they could do was send Ramah back to the Home with the strict instruction to keep her separate from the other children. As soon as there was a place ready for her in the colony they would send for her.



# Jesus Heals Eleven Lepers

#### Mark 1:40-42

- **40** And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
- **41** And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will: be thou clean.
- **42** And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him. and he was cleansed.

#### Luke 17:11-19

- 11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
- 13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
- 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shewyourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
- 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,
- 16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
- 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

- **18** There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
- 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

#### Leviticus 13:46

46 All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.

The Message: Jesus shows loving compassion to everyone who comes to Him. We should always be thankful for His great mercy to us.

#### Questions:

- 1. What was wrong with the man who begged Jesus to make him clean?
- 2. What feelings did Jesus have toward the leper?
- 3. What happened as soon as Jesus said, "I will; be thou clean?"
- 4. How many lepers met Jesus as He went into the village?
- 5. What did they say to Jesus?
- 6. What happened as they went to show themselves to the priests?
- 7. Which of the ten came back to thank Jesus?
- 8. Where did lepers have to live?

#### Verse to Memorize

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Colossians 3:15.



Leprosy was a horrible disease. The leper was considered to be a "walking tomb," or a "parable of death." He had to wear mourning clothes, leave his hair in disorder, keep his beard covered and cry "Unclean! Unclean!" so everyone could avoid him. As long as the disease lasted, he was to live in isolation away from other people. There was a gradual decay of the body, first of the skin, then the bone, then the flesh. The unfortunate victim might live in this pitiful condition for some time. The disease was generally hereditary.

In our story, little Ramah had watched both her mother and father slowly eaten up by this hideous disease. She knew it was very likely that she too was doomed to such a life and slow death. If she got leprosy she would have to leave the Home, her friends and Faith, who was like a mother to her. This was enough to take away her happiness!

What a beautiful attitude Jesus portrayed! This poor man was cast out of his home and city. People would not come anywhere near him for fear of getting this dread sickness. Yet Jesus had even reached out and actually touched him! That warm human touch of love and compassion brought hope and healing to his heart as Jesus' omnipotent words brought health and cleansing to his body. He is our example. Let us seek Him to have a humble, loving, fearless, compassionate attitude like His.

The second part of the lesson is a record of Jesus healing not one, but

ten lepers. The ten men were together. Living alone outside the protection of the city walls and its inhabitants was dangerous, besides being very lonely. Wild animals looking for a good meal were ever ready to attack. For their own protection and comfort lepers lived together and helped one another.

As Jesus was nearing the village, the ten men saw Him. Somewhere they had heard about Jesus' compassion and power. Perhaps they had heard it from the other leper that Jesus had healed. Together they cried out, "Master, have mercy on us!" Again Jesus responded to the cry for help.

"Go show yourselves to the priests," He called to them. Immediately the ten men started for the priests. In their hearts they must have believed that Jesus had made them well. The law required the priests to look at them and pronounce them well before they could return to live again in the city. As they were going, each realized that his leprosy was gone!

Nine of them hurried on to find the priests. They could hardly wait to get his approval so they could return to their homes, families and friends. Now they could live normal lives!

But one could go no further. He was so overwhelmed by Jesus' love, compassion and power in healing him he just had to go back and thank Him immediately. This man was a Samaritan. Yet this "stranger," as Jesus called him, was the only one grateful enough to return and thank Jesus.

Ramah too was overjoyed at being healed. She could scarcely wait to get back to the Home to tell the others what God had done for her. Now she could be with the other children and join in their play. A bright smile lit her face. Her heart was filled with love for her heavenly Father who loved her so.

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

So they took the sad little girl back to the Home and made the necessary arrangements for her. Faith took her to her own private room. With a piece of chalk she drew a white line on the floor straight through the center of the room. Two beds were placed in the room, one on each side of the white line. Then she told her. "I will not leave you alone, Ramah, See here is a line across the room. I will sleep on one side of this line and you will sleep on the other but we will never cross over this line. We will see each other and be in the same room but we will not get close." Then she added comfortingly, "Everyone in the mission will be praying for you."

Each evening Faith and Ramah would go for a walk out in the fresh air. Ramah looked forward to this special time with her beloved "Mama." But the leprosy was not healed. They knew word could come any time that there was a vacancy at the leper colony.

One day Ramah told Faith, "If you will pray for me I will be healed and not have to go to the leper colony."

"But we are praying for you," Faith answered.

"Yes, but I want you to pray the prayer of faith," Ramah said earnestly.

Faith felt a gentle rebuke from these words of the innocent child. She went to the other workers and told them Ramah's words. Again they all went to prayer for her but this time they were more in earnest. With greater zeal and faith they presented the little girl's plea to her heavenly Father. In a short time the spot began to fade! Ramah's joy was boundless as she watched it disappearing.

Then one day the message came. There was a vacancy at the leper's colony and they had a place fixed for Ramah. She must be brought in at once to the clinic. After another thor-

ough examination she was to be taken to the colony.

Ramah was inconsolable. "But I am healed. I do not need to go now," she protested.

"But we must obey the laws of the land. These doctors do not know about our praying." Faith said, trying to comfort her.

Ramah looked pleadingly at Faith and asked, "But don't you believe that I am healed?"

"Yes," Faith assured her, "but we must let these doctors convince themselves in their own way. We are sending you to them but see—we are not sending the clothes they require for you to stay. We believe that you will be sent home!"

These words comforted Ramah. She and the workers set out to the city where they were to have the final test. Meanwhile the whole family at the Home was praying and God heard their plea. By the time Ramah got to the clinic every sign of the terrible disease was gone! The doctor was astonished and made a very thorough test. But he could not find one sign of leprosy!

God gave Ramah the desire of her little heart and healed her. She was overjoyed and could scarcely wait to get back to the Home to tell the others what God did for her. Now she could be with the other children and join in their play. A bright smile lit her face. Her heart was filled with love for her heavenly Father Who loved her so.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. He was a leper. 2. He was moved with compassion. 3. He was healed immediately. 4. Ten. 5. "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 6. They were healed. 7. A Samaritan. 8. Alone, outside of the camp (city).)





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#### Meat For The Children

(Continued from last week.)

There was an occasion when Faith had an opportunity to witness to those of high social class. One of the officials planned a great social function to be given in his home. Faith was one of those invited to attend and she felt it would be good to do so. Now, wherever she went, she was known for her simplicity of dress and for the neat simple style in which she combed her hair. Nor did she change for this occasion. Of course this caused her to stand out in sharp contrast to the other guests.

Another missionary was also invited and she tried to help Faith fit in with the activities. When all the other guests began playing cards, this missionary offered to show her how to play cards too. Faith graciously refused. Soon liquor was served. Faith also refused this. As soon as possible she excused herself and prepared to go home. She hated to embarrass her host by the stand she took but she would not compromise what was right just to fit in with a higher social group. However, instead of being offended by her abstinence, her host respected her stand. He quickly called for his chauffeur to drive her home in his own private car.

Faith's heart was not in social prestige. It was set on rescuing the helpless girls of India. She was connected with the Missionary Board that had their headquarters in Anderson, Indiana but she had no salary. When an offering came in for the work in India they sent it on to her. The work was definitely carried on by faith.

Depending entirely on God to support the work, Faith wrote, "Our experiences were so great and the many answers to prayer so marvelous that I could write volumes and not tell it all. During those days we frequently had to say as did the psalmist of old, The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof I am glad."

One time during the First World War it was very difficult to buy meat. After awhile the girls in the Home got very hungry for it. They realized they were in hard times because of the war so they said nothing to Faith or the other workers about their desire. Instead a group of the older ones from ten to fourteen years old got together and went far out from the house under the shade trees. There they had a good prayer meeting. They told their heavenly Father all about their desire to have meat for their meals. At first they asked the



#### Consider The Ravens

Luke 12:24, 27-31

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to-day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 ...Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

**31** But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

#### Numbers 11:21-23, 31-32

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the Lord said unto Moses, Is the Lord's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word

shall come to pass unto thee or not. **31** And there went forth a wind from the Lord, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.

**32** And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

The Message: Our heavenly Father loves to provide good things for us.

#### Questions:

- 1. Who provides food for the ravens?
- 2. What are more beautiful than Solomon even with his gorgeous robes?
- 3. Who "clothes" the grass with beauty?
- 4. What does God promise if we seek His kingdom?
- 5. How many footmen were among the Israelites Moses led?
- 6. How much flesh (meat) had God promised to send?
- 7. What kind of meat did God send?
- 8. How were they brought to the camp of the Israelites?

#### Verse to Memorize

The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

Psalms 105:40.



"Do you believe in miracles?" Edward turned toward John in perplexity.

John looked up from his work. "Why the question?" he asked. "Do you?"

With a sigh, Edward dropped his hammer. "I wish I knew," he answered. "I'd hate to doubt those Bible stories but—well—take that one about Elijah being fed by the ravens. I never saw a bird with sense enough to bring food to a man."

"Would you like to meet a man who saw a miracle as great as that of Elijah's being fed by the ravens?"

"Would I?" Edward gasped. "Where is he?"

John smiled. "Not very far away," he answered.

Edward wondered whom John could be talking about. He was surprised when he took him to Mr. Lawton's house. They took the offered chairs then John told Mr. Lawton, "I told Edward you had seen a miracle as great as the feeding of Elijah by the ravens," he explained, "and he would like to hear about it."

"Certainly," Mr. Lawton said. "It was a long time ago, and I don't know that it was really any greater miracle than the crops we have every year which feed the multitudes. God performs a miracle every day before our very eyes, but we are too blind to see."

"That's what I told Edward," said John kindly, "but he wanted to hear of a specific instance."

"Of course, of course!" Mr. Lawton agreed. "Well this happened many years ago in Kansas. The grasshoppers had taken almost everything. The fields were reduced to sticks, and even the

men's coats, if left out overnight, were eaten beyond repair. Everyone was discouraged, some to the point of desperation. Finally it was decided that the entire community would have to move on, hoping they could find a place where food could be obtained. The women and children, being weaker than many of the men, were scarcely able to travel, and plans were laid to start soon and move as rapidly as possible.

"I shall never forget the looks of that place, or the depressed spirits of the people. There wasn't a blade of grass or a green leaf in sight. Food was so scarce it was portioned out and no one allowed to eat anywhere near enough to satisfy the natural appetite. The animals were suffering from hunger, and the prospects were anything but promising. It was hard to tell how many would survive to reach new territory, if any good place could be found."

After a moment's retrospection, he continued: "When it was almost night of the day before we were to start, the whole community was aroused by a man rushing down the road, yelling at the top of his lungs, flinging his cap in the air and acting like a mad man. Every one wondered what calamity was about to overtake them. At last he came near enough so we could distinguish his words. He was crying, 'A buffalo! A buffalo!' The men followed his lead to a spot outside the village where, sure enough, a buffalo had strayed. A single shot killed him, and it did not take long to have the savory meat cooking. There is no question in my mind but what that buffalo saved our lives as truly as the ravens saved Elijah, and I consider it as great a miracle." —The Youth's Comrade

We must not forget that God is our Father. We see how He faithfully provides for the birds. To Him you are much more valuable than they are. Be like the little birds and trust your Maker. Then your life will be as cheerful as theirs. Worry steals our joy and silences our praise. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Lord to either send money or meat.

Then one of the girls spoke up. "But girls, if God sends money, Mama will not know it is for meat when there are so many other needs. She will surely buy something else with it!" So they went in prayer again. This time they asked the Lord not to send money but to send meat. By the time they finished praying they were confident that He would grant them their request.

Faith knew nothing about the girl's prayer meeting. She did notice that for two days the girls stayed right up close to the house. She would urge them to go out under the trees where it was cooler but it did no good. About noon on the second day after the girls prayed a man came to the house with a large basket of meat on his head. With it was a note telling Faith that the meat was for the children.

The girls were on the back veranda listening to what the man said. When he left they rushed in overjoyed by the answer to their prayer. They told Faith of their prayer meeting and how they had waited for the promised answer. She rejoiced with them. Together they tearfully expressed their gratitude and adoration to their heavenly Father.

The next day Faith went to visit Mrs. White, the lady who sent the meat. She told her how she had been used of God to answer the children's prayer. Relating the story of the girl's prayer meeting, she explained how they had waited in faith and expectancy for two days, scarcely leaving the house. Hearing this Mrs. White burst into tears. "Miss Stewart, I am so ashamed of myself!" she said.

Mrs. White then told Faith that the family owned two sheep and cared for them as pets. Just two days before she sent the meat God spoke clearly to her telling her to have a certain one of these sheep butchered. He further directed her to send the meat over the Girl's Home. These sheep were such pets Mrs. White refused to have one killed. But the very next morning when she went out to open the door of the little house where the sheep were kept, she found the very one God had called for on the floor. It was dead!

She was convinced that God had taken the animal because she had withheld it and refused to obey Him. So at once she and her husband called a butcher. They asked him to kill the other sheep and prepare the meat so it could be sent to the Girl's Home. God again proved His faithfulness in answering the children's earnest prayer. Even children can love and serve the Lord. They can get their prayers through and God will give them what they ask.

Those who visited the Home were impressed. The plan of the Home as well as Faith's system of work and schooling was admirable. It won the respect of everyone who knew about it. At last even the government recognized Faith's valuable work of rescuing so many little Indian girls. In honor of her success in making these girls fit for a finer and nobler life she was presented with a Kaiser I. Hind Medal. She also received a letter from a member of the Council congratulating her for her admirable and courageous work.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. God. 2. The lilies. 3. God. 4. To supply all our needs. 5. Six hundred thousand. 6. Enough to eat for a whole month. 7. Quail. 8. A wind blew them in.)





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# Home Again!

(Continued from last week.)

It had been nine long, busy years since Faith first came to India to begin her work of rescuing little girls. Time and again the Board at home had suggested she return to the United States for a furlough but she had always declined. At their continued insistence she felt she must comply. With great reluctance she began to prepare for her long absence from her beloved little ones. Each of them looked to her as to a mother and even called her Mama.

Finally the day came when, leaving others in charge, she said goodbye to the last little one. She boarded the ship and sailed toward home. Her feelings were mingled as she drew nearer and nearer her homeland. One question troubled her: Would her father receive her? Would she be permitted to look on his face again?

A short while before sailing Faith had taken a little boy into the Home who had been left homeless. This presented many thoughts to her mind. The girls in the Home were growing. A problem came with that growing up. In India girls had very few opportunities. Somehow the older girls must find a means of supporting themselves so that the Home could continue to take in other little ones. Also.

the girls must be fitted for a life of usefulness. Then there was the one big question that haunted Faith's mind—where to find suitable husbands for these girls when they became old enough to marry.

To give the noble, educated, Christian girls in marriage to heathen men was unthinkable. Women in Hindu homes had no voice in anything. They must, without question, strictly obey their husbands in everything. If one of the mission girls desired to marry a Hindu, she would have to sacrifice every Christian principle in the very beginning and submit to a heathen marriage ceremony. Then after marriage she would be forced to bow down in worship before their idols and to submit to all of their heathen customs. It would be impossible to even do this in outward form without sacrificing their consciences and losing their own soul.

Faith wrote a report outlining the problem. In it she wrote: "In Christian lands, our young women meet with people and form their own friendships that lead to matrimony. This is not true in India. The girls are kept in seclusion in their own homes and do not go out in public. If they attend school, from the time they are eight years of age, they must attend a school for girls only. All conditions are such that bar them from forming acquain-



#### Our Comforter

John 14:23-26, 16:7

- 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
- **24** He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.
- 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.
- 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

#### Luke 11:9, 11.13

- **9** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

#### Acts 1:4-5. 8

- 4 ...Wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
- **5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
- 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

# The Message: Jesus returned to His Father in heaven, But now He and God can live in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

## Questions:

1. What will we do if we love Jesus?

- 2. Who will then come and abide in us?
- 3. Who is the Comforter?
- 4. What does the Comforter do?
- 5. Why was it expedient (best) for Jesus to go away?
- 6. How willing is God to give us His Holy Spirit?
- 7. Ye shall be baptized with the
- 8. What would they receive after the Holy Ghost came upon them?
- 9. What is the duty of every person who is baptized with the Holy Spirit?

#### Verse to Memorize

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:5.



The disciples were devastated when Jesus died on the cross. They had been with Him day after day for the past few years. But now He was dead! Those three days Jesus lay in the tomb were indeed dark, dismal, hopeless days for the disciples.

Then, bright and early the first day of the week, the women came saying that the tomb was empty—Jesus was not there! The angel at the tomb sent them to tell Peter and the other disciples to go to Galilee where Jesus would meet them. Then Mary Magdalene further surprised them by saying she had not only seen Jesus but He had spoken to her.

For forty days after His resurrection Jesus often talked with His disciples about the kingdom of God. It was hard for them to understand that this kingdom was not an earthly one—Jesus must leave them and return to heaven. There He would be at God's right hand, making intercession for them. But best of all, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with them. He instructed them to wait in Jerusalem until they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven the Jews celebrated the feast of the harvest, called Pentecost. Strangers from all over the world filled Jerusalem. People of many different languages gathered at the temple to thank God for their good harvests.

Instead of going to the temple to observe the feast, Jesus' followers were gathered in an upper room. One hundred and twenty of them watched and prayed while waiting for the promised Comforter to come. Then suddenly they heard a sound like a mighty rushing wind. They saw little tongues of fire on the head of each person. This was the baptism of the Holy Ghost!

At once they began to praise God. They had a new boldness and courage with a desire to tell everyone that Jesus really was Christ, the Savior of the world. Every trace of fear was gone—they wanted everyone to know they were Jesus' followers.

The one hundred twenty left the upper room and went into the street below. They had to tell others about their wonderful Savior! Crowds of foreigners stopped to listen. Then they realized each of them was hearing the message in their own language. They marveled, knowing the disciples were men of Galilee who could only speak their native language. This was just the beginning of the many signs and wonders that were done by the power of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem.

Jesus is just as anxious to give us the Holy Spirit. When we repent and are saved, all our committed sins are washed away by the precious blood of Jesus. They are forgiven and forever forgotten. But there is still a sinful nature within us that we inherited from Adam. It takes the baptism of the Holy Spirit to completely destroy this evil, inherited nature. As our lesson says, God and Jesus come by the Holy Spirit and actually live in our hearts giving us power to deny ourselves and conquer sin.

And, best of all, this gift of the Holy Spirit is for everyone. He will come into the heart of anyone who has been saved from their sins, young or old and all in between. Then we, too, have power over all evil and boldness to witness for Jesus.

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

tance with the opposite sex. The parents or guardians plan for their marriage.

"So those who live in such institutions as the Home are under the guardianship of the missionary in charge. That missionary is entirely responsible to plan for the marriage of those in her care."

"There is," Faith's report continued, "only one solution for this tremendous problem. We must have a home for boys where we can rear and train Christian husbands for the girls."

Faith proposed opening a home some little distance from the Girl's Home as there was plenty of land to do so. There they could take in small orphan boys, surround them with strong Christian influence and give them an elementary education. They would be taught good trades that would fit them to become independent. These boys would be good husbands for the girls of the Home. Their homes would form a Christian community to reach out and help others."

"It will place the girls in a position where they can have something to live for," Faith continued in her report. "Their lives will broaden out and be a blessing to humanity. Who can measure the good it will be to a community, if in a few short years, we could have as the fruit of these two schools more than one hundred Christian homes? What a power of good this would be! One hundred homes shining out for God in the very midst of heathen darkness. This is the plan on which the Roman Catholics and others have worked, and they have the results to show today. We too can have results if we work to the same plan. But unless we open a boy's home and rear Christian husbands for these girls, we shall, in the end, lose much of what God has designed to accomplish through His work."

Faith realized what a great un-

dertaking this would be. She estimated that it would take thirty thousand dollars to erect the buildings and put the work in operation. Convinced that this was God's will, she was willing to make any sacrifice to accomplish it. But only God could open the way and send in the money. The report ended with Faith's challenge, "As God has ordained that His children should be workers together with Him, I take the liberty of bringing this great need before the friends of such a cause in Christian America."

So although she was brought home for a rest, Faith's purpose was to raise the amount needed to open the Boys' Home as soon as she returned to India. She appealed earnestly to all that read the report to assist in rescuing the children of India.

Finally the ship reached its destination. Faith set foot in America again after an absence of nine long years. As soon as possible she went to the Board of Missions. Those who knew her looked at her in surprise. After nine years in a country so hot that others failed in health, she returned weighing one hundred and thirty-four pounds instead of ninety-eight as when she left. Apparently she was in perfect health. They listened to her enthusiastic report of the past and her plans for the future. Obviously this woman who was so frail when she left, trusting completely in God, had not trusted Him in vain!

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Keep His words. 2. God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. 3. The Holy Ghost (Spirit). 4. He teaches us and brings Jesus' words to our remembrance. 5. So the Comforter would come. 6. More willing than a good parent is to give good gifts to His child. 7. Holy Ghost. 8. Power. 9. To be witnesses for Jesus.)





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# Broader Visions And Greater Faith

(Continued from last week.)

The missionary Board members listened to Faith's enthusiastic report of the past accomplishments in India and her plans for the future. It was obvious that she had not trusted God in vain. He had blessed both her and His work abundantly!

One of them said, "If we had known that you were in this fine physical condition, we would not have been so persistent on your returning at this time."

Best of all, a telegram and letter were waiting for her. In them she read that she would be allowed to come home. This was the news she hoped for. As soon as possible she went to her old home place. There her father welcomed her warmly and God opened the door for a true and lasting reconciliation with him. Before Faith returned to India her father was saved and baptized. He took his full stand for the truth at the age of seventy-five years!

It was a busy year in the States. Faith immediately told the Board of the absolute necessity of a Boys' Home in India. But they had no money for such a project nor enough vision or faith to believe it could be done. They

turned down her earnest plea. But Faith knew how to be denied. She vividly remembered the long years of waiting through many refusals and sad delays. Again she waited, and then with hope and persistence she laid her plea before them once more. This time she was told that it was an utter impossibility.

Faith knew where to turn when men failed her. She knew that with God nothing is impossible so she took her plea to a higher source and presented her case continually before heaven's throne. Though others could not see the dire need, Faith held firmly to her purpose. That purpose was to erect and establish a home and school for Indian boys.

Time went by quickly because of her busy schedule. She traveled over many states to tell the good news of the work in India and to stir up interest in missions in general. Now the year was drawing to a close. She would soon be returning to India. So with the burden still heavy on her heart she faced the Mission Board once more. She was not obligated to the Board as she never received a salary from them but she desired their approval of her work.

The secretary would send some little offering as he could as well as any donations designated for Faith's



# **Our Guide**

#### John 16:13

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

# Acts 13:2-4; 16:6-7, 9-10, 12, 13-15

- **2** As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- **3** And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- **4** So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia;...
- 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.
- **7** After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.
- 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.
- 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.
- 12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we

were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

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

**15** And...she was baptized, and her household,...

# The Message: The Holy Spirit will guide you as a wise father leads his child by the hand.

#### Questions:

- 1. What will the Spirit of truth do for us?
- 2. Who called Paul and Barnabas to a special work?
- 3. What did they do before they sent them away?
- 4. Who forbade them to preach in Asia?
- 5. They thought they would go to Bithynia, but Who did not allow it?
- 6. What appeared to Paul in the night?
- 7. What did the man of Macedonia ask?
- 8. Why did they go to the river side on the Sabbath?
- 9. Who was baptized with all her household?

#### Verse to Memorize

And the Lord shall guide thee continually,...

Isaiah 58:11.



In 1804 President Thomas Jefferson commissioned an expedition to explore the Pacific Northwest. Two army officers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led this expedition that started from a camp outside Saint Louis and led to the Pacific Ocean and back. President Jefferson, like many others, believed there was a connection of rivers extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. He wanted Lewis and Clark to find the passageway. Such a route would make expansion from the east to the west much easier and safer.

Lewis and Clark never found such a waterway but they gathered a wealth of information about the people, plants and animals of the western United States and made peaceful contact with the native Americans along the way. Without the support and help of the Indians the expedition could not have survived the difficult trip.

Sacajawea symbolized this support. Carrying her infant son on her back she helped the expedition as an interpreter and peacemaker. Her presence assured the natives that the expedition was not a hostile war party. She proved instrumental in negotiating for horses and supplies along the way. When the expedition encountered a tribe of Shoshone led by her brother, Sacajawea obtained food, horses and guides, which allowed the explorers to continue.

Through her resourcefulness and perseverance in guiding this expedition, Sacajawea became the most famous American Indian woman in our history. She no doubt saved the entire party on a number of occasions. When they were close to starvation, using her native skills, she dug up roots with a

stick and was able to feed them. She is even credited with saving the precious journals of Lewis & Clark when the canoe capsized, throwing them into the water.

Our "expedition" is much more important than that of Lewis and Clark—it determines where we will spend eternity. We are going through life only once, we can never call back the years and retrace our steps. As long as we are in the world we are in enemy territory. We need Someone to show us the way or we can never reach heaven.

Jesus said it was good that He go back to His Father because then He would send the Holy Spirit to be our guide. (John 16:7.) The better we are acquainted with the Holy Spirit the more we realize what an excellent Guide our heavenly Father has given us. He knows how weak and dependent we are and knows the safest route to heaven. Following His directions we can escape the traps and snares Satan has set up to destroy us. He has fought many battles against the devil and never lost one.

Of course it is most important to talk with our Guide. We must be able to understand His instructions in order to follow them. The Word of God is the language of the Holy Spirit. In fact it was by His inspiration that the Bible was written. When we hide God's Word in our hearts the Holy Spirit is faithful to bring it to our memory when we need it.

Through prayer the Holy Spirit uses our lips to talk with God. Prayer is a wonderful weapon against the devil and an excellent means of determining which way God is leading. Romans 8:26 assures us that we don't know what we should pray for, as we ought. But there is a solution! Again it is our Guide, the Holy Spirit, Who actually prays for us.

Best of all, our Guide, the Holy Spirit, has promised to always be with us. He will never leave us in this life but will take us safely to heaven where we will be with Him forever.

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

work. She well remembered when eight little girls were taken into the Home. The Board wrote asking that she take in no more as it would be too many to support. But Faith was in the position to see the hand of God in her work and the awful need of the little girls she was rescuing. "If the Church of God is too small to support more," she wrote the Board courageously, "then God is able to do it." Anyone could see that God had abundantly supplied the needs and prospered Faith's work.

So Faith appealed to the Board once more. This time she made a new proposition. "If I can raise money for the establishing of a Boys' Home and get all my support from the outside not asking any help from the saints here, will you then consent to my going ahead and doing this work?"

The Board did give their consent to this proposal, stressing that the money must come from strangers. She was to ask none from the saints.

Faith had no idea how she could go out to strange people in the few days remaining and raise the money needed for the Home. It seemed impossible but she was trusting in God to make a way.

About that time a telegram came from New York asking her to come immediately. The pastor of the Church there had already planned many engagements for her to speak. There were so many it was necessary to have noon meetings with businessmen and afternoon meetings as well as evening meetings for others to crowd them all in.

At one noon meeting with businessmen a man stepped up and asked, "About what will it take to support a boy for a year?" Faith told him the approximate amount. He immediately pulled that amount from his wallet and laid it on the table for her.

A second man stood up with tears in his eyes and said, "My wife and I just had two children and they were twin boys. We lost both of them with a severe sickness when they were young. I would like to give enough to support two boys for five years."

And so the figures mounted until there was enough money raised for forty boys for anywhere from one to two and five years. Beside this, offerings were taken. Soon the necessary money was collected to start building the Home for the boys. Those on the Board who gave their permission were surprised to hear that the impossible had already happened! It seemed to them that there was no limit to the plans and accomplishments of this frail woman who had been told that she would probably not last more than six months in India.

When the year was up Faith left the States to return to India. She was anxious to return to her "little ones" and her work of rescuing more. God had fulfilled her purpose when it seemed impossible. Her heart was lifted up in praise because He had done even more than she asked. In addition to funds for the Boys' Home, He supplied two helpers for her. Just before her departure two young girls volunteered to go back to India with her. She looked forward to added assistance in her great field of labor. These girls proved to be good true workers. They were her helpers as long as she was in India.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Guide you into all truth. 2. The Holy Ghost. 3. Fasted, prayed and laid hands on them. 4. The Holy Ghost. 5. The Holy Ghost. 6. A vision. 7. Come and help us. 8. To pray. 9. Lydia.)





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# Reaching Others

(Continued from last week.)

Faith Stewart's work for God in India extended beyond rescuing orphans. One day a British gentleman came to the Home and asked for help. His wife, whom he loved dearly, was expecting a baby but the doctors told her she could never give birth to a child. According to the doctors the only way to save his wife's life was to take the unborn child. Otherwise both would die.

Sympathy and concern filled Faith's heart as she listened to the troubled husband's story. "I would not feel competent to give advice on such a serious case, but we can take this matter to God," she assured him.

The husband was eager for prayer. He told Faith that he and his wife had discussed their difficult situation. They did not feel that they could be responsible for taking the life of the little one. Together they decided to put the case in God's hands. They would trust Him to undertake in the very best way.

Some time passed. Then one day a message came asking Faith to go to the home of this gentleman. Reaching the home she found a woman doctor present, but only to observe. No doctor would accept the case because it was hopeless.

Hours passed by with the wife in deep suffering, but no deliverance. The sad husband walked the floor agonizing over his wife's pain but utterly helpless to assist her. Finally the doctor suggested that since there was no change in the patient's condition that she would hurry to her home to eat and rest a bit. She promised to return soon.

Left alone with this serious situation, Faith lifted her heart in prayer to the mighty God she trusted. Only a miracle could save the lives of the mother and child. She pleaded earnestly to God to spare them both.

And God did just that! Before the doctor returned, a little child was born, perfectly normal. Both mother and child were in good condition. Such miracles showing the mighty power of God to save, to keep and to heal caused Faith's name and influence to spread far and wide. God used her in many ways to extend His kingdom in India.

One morning, some time after this, while looking over the incoming mail, they found a check for one thousand dollars. The amount was so unusual that they read the figures over and over to make sure they did not make a mistake. But the check was genuine, and the two American girls who had come to India on the return trip home were joyful. At once they began to plan several much needed improvements.



#### The Lame Man

#### Acts 3:1-13, 16, 4:22

- 1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.
- 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
- **3** Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
- 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
- **5** And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
- 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.
- 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- 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:
- 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.
- 11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly

wondering.

- 12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?
- 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.
- 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.
- 22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

# The Message: Peter and John had something better than silver and gold to give the lame beggar.

### **Questions:**

- 1. Where were Peter and John going?
- 2. Who did they see?
- 3. What did the lame man ask for?
- 4. What was Peter's answer to the man?
- 5. What did God do for this man?
- 6. Why were the people surprised to see him leaping and walking?
- 7. How did Peter say the man was healed?
- 8. Will faith in the name of Jesus bring healing today?
- 9. How old was the man who was healed?

#### Verse to Memorize

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.

Acts 3:6.



One day Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, which was 3 p.m. Just outside the gate of the temple called Beautiful they saw a man sitting on the ground. This man had never walked a step. He had been lame from birth, which was over forty years before. Every day kind friends would carry him to this gate of the temple. There he would beg from those going into the temple to worship. Many felt sorry for him and gave him money. This was the only way he had of supporting himself; he was unable to do anything for himself but to ask alms of those that entered into the temple or came out.

As Peter and John approached, the crippled beggar called out to them, hoping they would give him some money. The two stopped and turned to look at the beggar. They could see how crippled he was. Both felt themselves suddenly drawn to him by the Holy Spirit. "Look at us!" Peter told him.

The cripple looked up, expecting to receive a coin. But Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have I give to you." Then he commanded, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

Then Peter reached down and took the man by the right hand and lifted him up. Immediately strength came into his feet and ankles that had always been useless. The man leaped up, stood for a moment trying to take it all in. Then he began walking, leaping and praising God for sheer joy.

He went right into the temple with Peter and John. He was so happy and thankful to be able to walk he couldn't keep his feet still. He shouted the praises of God. The people soon gathered to see what was causing all the commotion. They recognized this happy man—he was the cripple who always begged at the gate of the temple! They were amazed to see him walking and leaping and shouting for joy.

The grateful man grabbed Peter and John and held them. He was so thankful for what they did for him he hardly knew how to express it. As the people gathered closer in wonder at what they saw, Peter began to preach to them. "Men of Israel," he said, "why do you marvel at what has happened to this lame man? Why do you look at us so strangely—as though we had healed this man by our own power or holiness?"

Peter told the people that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had glorified His Son Jesus whom the Jewish people had refused to believe. "You denied Jesus when Pilate wanted to let Him go," Peter said boldly. "You killed the Prince of life, but God has raised Him from the dead. We are His witnesses. Through faith in the name of Jesus this man who was crippled now walks. You can see that he is perfectly well.

"And now, if you will repent of your sins, they will be blotted out. God will forgive you and free you from guilt." Five thousand people who listened believed in Jesus and were saved that day!

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

But Faith stopped them, saying, "God does not send money for a mission field just for nothing. There is a special need for this amount, or it would never have been sent. We dare not spend one dollar of it until God speaks. We will lay it aside until we hear definitely from God as to its use."

That very afternoon, a great hurricane struck about four o'clock. It swept through causing a great wave of destruction across that section of India. Those watching from the Home saw the roof of the school building lifted from its moorings and carried away in the sweeping gales of winds that tore through the grounds. Other property was damaged, but the building where they gathered for shelter was untouched! God's power and goodness was made more evident to them as they felt His loving hand of protection over them. Much damage was done to the mission property by the destructive fury of the winds but not one of them was injured!

As soon as the storm subsided, they assessed the damage. Major repairs were needed to the buildings so workers were hired to replace the roof and make other necessary repairs. Finally things were back in working order. When the last bill for repairs came in, the last dollar of the one thousand-dollar donation was spent. Ahead of time God had sent just enough to cover the unexpected bills, to the very penny. How wonderful to trust One who knows our needs and never makes a mistake!

An outcast woman was hired to help with the cleaning. She was called the "sweeper woman." As she went about her work she heard the girls singing at their worship hour. The music drew her but she could only listen. Being an outcast, she was not supposed to mingle with others.

Soon she was hurrying with her work so she could slip into the very back of the room and listen to the sweet voices of the girls. Through these songs the light and beauty of the precious Gospel slowly penetrated her darkened mind. The whole story of salvation opened before her and she repented and turned to Christ for salvation. Then what blessed peace came into her troubled soul!

But her husband was a heathen. When he learned that she had accepted this strange new religion he was angry! He threatened that if she did not give up this new belief, he would cast a spell on her.

The poor woman told Faith and the workers but they told her she had nothing to fear. They were quite sure her husband had no power to cast a spell on her. So she was calmed and things went well for a time. Then one day the children came running in great excitement, saying that the sweeper woman had fallen down and could not get up. Sure enough, they found her lying helpless. No doubt her wicked husband had put her under a spell.

Making her as comfortable as possible they began to pray for her healing. Five days later she could walk about and talk, though with some difficulty. When two brethren from the States saw her going about the grounds with her arms still paralyzed they felt sorry for her. They laid hands on her and prayed. God healed her arms and she was free from the awful spell cast on her.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Into the temple. 2. A man who had been lame from birth. 3. Alms (money). 4. "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." 5. He healed him. 6. They knew he had never walked. 7. Through faith in the name of Jesus. 8. Yes. 9. More than 40 years old.)





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# Spreading The Gospel

(Continued from last week.)

One day while sitting on the veranda, Faith saw a group of ten Indian students walking slowly down the road. When they came to the entrance of the Home, they all turned and entered the grounds. She very graciously invited them to be seated. After they all sat down they stated that they had come to ask her some questions.

"What do you want to know?" Faith asked.

"We are students who have come to Calcutta for the first time," they told her. "We had never heard about these strange religions until we came to Cuttack. We came to one temple, and we saw on it the name 'Episcopal,' on another we saw the word 'Baptist,' and so on, and here we see another called the 'Church of God.' We've been hearing about this God since we came here, but we want to ask a question.

"We are all Hindu as to religious belief, but we all have the very same teaching, there is no difference among the Hindu teachers of doctrine. These Christians say that they believe in the same God, yet they build separate temples with different names on them, and different beliefs are taught in them.

"Now, if you all believe in this one

God and all are Christians, why do you have such separate groups, and why do you not stay together as one? Or, which church among you is right?"

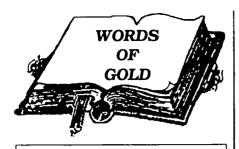
"Well," Faith answered, "if you were to visit any one of these church groups and ask that question, each one would answer immediately and say, 'We are the ones who are true, and this is the right Church.' If you would ask me that question, I would also say that. I shall, therefore, not answer you at all. I have a small book here which will answer all your questions if you will faithfully read it through. Mark every scripture you find which mentions the Church and what it says about it, and it will tell you the truth and what there is to know about it."

Then she presented ten New Testaments to the ten students who very graciously received them and went on their way.

Soon after this incident, six of the students returned saying they had read the little books through. She asked them, "Did you notice any Church mentioned in its pages?"

"Yes, there is but one name," they answered, "and that is called the Church of God. We believe it must be the true Church because no other is mentioned and the teachings are true."

About the time of this visit of the students the workers of the Home began to prepare for special services



# The Living God Inside You!

#### I Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

#### I Corinthians 6:20

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

#### II Corinthians 6:16

16 ...For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

#### I Peter 2:5

**5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

#### Romans 8:10-11

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

#### Galatians 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

#### I John 3:24

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.



The Message: God Himself, the Living God, lives in every heart that has been cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

# Questions:

- 1. We that are saved are whose temple?
- 2. What will happen to anyone who defiles the temple of God?
- 3. Why are we not our own?
- 4. Why should we glorify God in our bodies and spirits?
- 5. Who promised to live in us and walk in us?
- 6. What kind of stones are we in God's spiritual house?
- 7. What are some of the spiritual sacrifices we offer God?
- 8. Who dwells (lives) in God and God in Him?
- 9. How do we know that He lives in us?

#### Verse to Memorize

...For ye are the temple of the living God;...

II Corinthians 6:16.



"There is a riot in the prison; the convicts are killing each other," the Governor of the prison told Gladys Aylward, his voice trembling. "The convicts are murderers, bandits and thieves. The soldiers are frightened. There are not enough of them."

"I'm sorry to hear that," said Gladys.
"But what do you expect me to do about it?"

The Governor took a step forward. "You must go in and stop the fighting!"

"I must go in...!" Gladys' mouth dropped open; her eyes rounded in utter amazement. "Me! Me go in there! Are you mad? If I went in they'd kill me!"

The Governor stared at her intently. "But how can they kill you? You tell everybody that you have come here to China because you have the Living God inside you."

Gladys felt a cold shiver run down her back. "The—Living God?" she stammered.

"You preach it everywhere—in the streets and villages. If you preach the truth, if your God protects you from harm, then you can stop this riot."

Gladys stared at him. Her mind raced 'round in bewilderment, searching for some fact that would explain her beliefs to this simple, deluded man. Yet she knew that she had been preaching that her Christian God protected her from harm. If she failed to prove this now, her message would seem empty and meaningless. Struggling between sheer terror and her faith in God, she finally was able to say, "All right, open the door. I'll go in."

"The key!" snapped the Governor. One of his orderlies came forward with a huge iron key. The iron-barred door swung open and Gladys was pushed inside. She heard the door close behind her and the key turn. She was locked in prison!

Stepping into the courtyard she came to an abrupt halt rooted in horror. A fiendish battle was going on. She noticed the main group of men was watching one convict who brandished a large, bloodstained chopper. As she stared, he suddenly rushed at them and they scattered wildly. For fully half a minute she stood there motionless, no one noticing her. Suddenly the man with the chopper chased a man right towards Gladys. A few feet away the man ducked away and the madman stopped only a few feet from her!

Gladys could only beg God to take control. Then, hardly realizing what she was doing, she took two firm steps toward him. "Give me that chopper," she demanded. "Give it to me at once!"

The man turned to look at her. For three long seconds the wild dark pupils staring from bloodshot eyes glared at her. He took two paces forward—then he meekly held out the axe! Gladys snatched the weapon from his hand and held it rigidly down by her side. She was conscious that there was blood on the blade.

—The Small Woman, by Alan Burgess Gladys Aylward went to China to tell the people about her God, the Living God. She knew He had forgiven all her sins and now lived in her heart. These poor people needed to know that they too could have such a Savior. Gladys never imagined she would be asked to face a prison riot but she knew she served a mighty God. She was willing to risk her life to prove it.

God is no respecter of persons. When your sins are washed away and your heart made clean. He comes to live in your heart too. It is important that you know this, believe it and act on it. You must let God have control of your life every day. Then when you face an extreme test you will face it confidently knowing the Living God is in you and will fight your battle.

-Sis. Nelda Sorrell

in the hopes of winning others to Christ. An Indian minister named Moses promised to come and help in these special meetings. An American brother had come to India almost a year before this time and had gone on to Calcutta to work there. He had also promised to come and assist.

But about three days before the meetings were to start a terrible thing happened to Faith. Suddenly she lost the use of her right arm and leg. Both were paralyzed, no doubt due to overwork and the many burdens and problems. This was an awful disappointment to her. There was nothing they could do but pray and hold on for her healing. Just before the meeting, word came from the Indian brother that his wife was very ill and that he could not possibly come. Soon another message came saying that the American brother also could not be there.

The first night had been well advertised, and the two girls who assisted Faith came telling her what numbers were coming in. The attendance was much better than ever before. They asked her what could be done.

Calmly Faith told them, "Help me change my clothes and we will get some men to carry me over in the chair. I will preach sitting in the chair."

Night after night the special series of meetings went right on with Faith preaching from her chair. The six students were still in Cuttack and attended the meetings, hearing the Gospel message for the first time in their lives. All six took their stand and became Christians. Faith felt that if they alone had been the fruits of such hard labor on her part, it was well worthwhile!

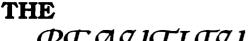
Besides the special meetings the workers were reaching out to other villages. One young native was converted, and his high caste relatives disowned him and cast him out. He had no way to even exist. The only thing he could do was to teach in a school somewhere. Faith saw this as an opening for the Gospel to be spread. By paying him a very small sum (barely enough to exist on) he was able to teach in a village school. Here he could teach Christ to the children, which he did faithfully. As time went on, another teacher was placed in another village and then a third until there were three teachers giving out the Gospel.

About six months after this a second stroke of paralysis struck Faith, leaving both legs and one arm useless. She was in this condition for about a year and a half. After this time, God undertook. She improved rapidly until all signs of the paralysis disappeared. She was completely healed!

Soon Faith was as busy as ever, teaching, governing, preaching and superintending the mission. It is hard to realize how different a heathen's realization of what it means to live a Christian life is from those who had good Christian parents. They have no godly lives to follow as examples. To these precious souls, the past is only a void of darkness. The task, therefore, at times seems almost stupendous. Much labor, waiting, praying and patient training is necessary for every new convert, young or old, before they can become established.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. God's. 2. God will destroy him. 3. We are bought with a price. 4. They belong to Him. 5. God. 6. Lively stones. 7. Prayer, thanksgiving, praise, etc. 8. Whoever keeps God's commandments. 9. By the Holy Spirit who He has given us.)





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# **Totally Blind!**

(Continued from last week.)

In May of 1923, Faith first noticed her vision was blurring when she tried to read, but thought little about it. This blurring continued and got so bad she decided she needed glasses for reading. She would have to go about two hundred and fifty miles to be fitted for glasses. This would take her away from the work for several days. They were short of workers at the time so she put it off until the beginning of September. In August Faith gave up reading, for fear of damaging her evesight further.

At the beginning of September she finally took time away from her work and went to one of the best European opticians in Calcutta. After spending over an hour trying to fit her eves, the optician told her that he did not understand them. Since he could not help her she went to another optician. After some time he seemed to find what she needed. The glasses had to be made up, so she gave the order and went home to Cuttack. thinking she would have no more trouble once she got the glasses. She had also been suffering much with pain in her eyes, but believed that this also would stop when her eyes were relieved from strain by the use of glasses. One week later she got her glasses. Eagerly she put them on and tried to read but she could see no better with them than without them! She was greatly disappointed.

From that time on, her sight failed very fast, and the suffering grew more intense. By the beginning of October, she was almost blind. At this time, an American brother visited and encouraged her to go again to Calcutta to see if she could get glasses that would fit. He also sent a cable to America for prayer in her behalf. One of the girls who worked with her accompanied her to see the optician who had made up the glasses at first. As soon as he examined her eves that day, she could see that he was much troubled. Finally he told her that he would not attempt to fit them again unless she would first have them examined by a specialist. He then sent her to Dr. Mukerjeo, saying he was the best in the city. She was not in the office of this eye specialist five minutes when he told her that her eyes were past ever being fitted with glasses. Then after a very thorough examination he finally told her that nothing could ever be done to help her eyes.

This news was a severe shock to Faith but she knew there was no case too hard for God to heal. He had been her healer for over twenty-five years.



#### Peter And John In Prison

Acts 4:3, 5-8, 10, 13, 15-16, 22, 18-19, 21

- 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold (prison) unto the next day: for it was now eventide.
- **5** And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes.
- 6 ...And as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
- 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
- 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
- 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
- 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
- 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,
- 16 Saying. What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.
- **22** For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

- 18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
- 19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.
- 21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.



#### Questions:

- Where did Peter and John spend the night after healing the lame man?
- 2. What did the rulers ask?
- 3. Who filled Peter and gave him boldness to answer?
- 4. By whose name was the lame man healed?
- 5. What did the rulers notice about Peter and John?
- 6. Who were ignorant and unlearned men?
- 7. How old was the lame man that was healed?
- 8. What did the rulers command Peter and John?

#### Verse to Memorize

And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

Acts 5:41.



The priests and rulers were furious when they heard Peter and John preaching that Jesus had been resurrected from the dead. They arrested them and took them to prison where they spent the night. The next morning they stood before the same priests and rulers who had tried Jesus. Their crime, like that of Jesus, was doing good.

John Bunyan spent twelve years in prison in England. Though he, too, was 'ignorant and unlearned' he used his time in prison to write his famous book *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Madame Guyon, one of the greatest Christian leaders of all time, lived in the 1600's. She was often persecuted for teaching that everyone should live holy and that each should know God personally. When she died she left behind about sixty volumes of her writings. Her most helpful books and sweetest poems were written in prison.

Corrie ten Boom and Betsie, her sister, were arrested for helping Jews escape death. When they arrived at the Barracks to which they had been assigned it was in the wee hours of morning. There were three women already asleep in the bed assigned to them but they made room for them the best they could. Each day things grew harder. There was too much misery, too much suffering. Every day something else failed to make sense, something else grew too heavy. They could only pray, "Will You carry this too, Lord Jesus?"

But as the rest of the world grew stranger, one thing became increasingly clear. And that was the reason why they were there. They did not know why others had to suffer such misery. As for them, from morning until light-out, whenever they were not in ranks for roll call, their Bible was the center of an ever-widening circle of help and hope. Like waifs clustered around a blazing fire, they gathered about it, holding out their hearts to its warmth and light. The blacker the night around them grew the brighter and truer and more beautiful burned the Word of God.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." (Romans 8:35, 37.) Corrie looked around as Betsie read. She saw the light leap from face to face. More than conquerors-it was not a wish; it was a fact! They were experiencing it minute by minute. Although they were poor, hated, hungry, yet they were more than conquerors. The observable, external prison life grew more horrible every day. The other, the life they lived with God grew daily better and brighter. Corrie let God make these experiences a blessing to her own life. Years later many people were blessed as she related how God had helped them even though their enemies intended to destroy them.

Sometimes Corrie would slip the Bible from its little sack. Its power had become so mysterious to her that her hands shook as she touched it. She had always believed the Bible, but reading it now had nothing to do with belief. It was a description of the way things actually were—of hell and heaven, of how men act and how God acts. She had read a thousand times the story of Jesus' arrest-how soldiers had slapped Him, laughed at Him, flogged Him. Now such happenings were real; with real faces and -Sis. Nelda Sorrell voices.

"I believe God wants to heal us and if we are fully His and trust without wavering, He will heal unless He can get more glory out of our affliction," she stated firmly. "And if this is so then we should be willing for Him to have His own way."

The last time Faith made any attempt to read God's Word, her eyes fell on Psalm 26:1 "Judge me, oh Jehovah, for I have walked in mine integrity; I have trusted also in Jehovah without wavering." She had never been impressed by this verse before, but it came like a message to her soul that day. Prayerfully she replied, "Yes, oh Lord, I have trusted without wavering for these many years, and I will trust without wavering through this."

Her complete trust in God brought peace to her heart. She was enabled to rest and wait on God to work. By the end of October, she could scarcely tell light from dark and then only in bright sunlight. The specialist said that the disease was eating the back of the eyeballs. That was what destroyed the sight and also caused the terrible suffering. At times she had to stay in a room with every window darkened to ease the pain; not one ray of light could be in the room.

On January 2 the last ray went out. She could no longer see even a shade of difference between night and day. She knew then that unless God worked a miracle, she would never again see light. In that distressing hour, she felt the dear Lord fold her in His strong arms. He carried her through in a wonderful way. From the time that her eyes first got bad, the Lord showed her and others that she would go blind. But He assured her that it was for His glory, so she gladly said, "Amen," to His will. Most of the time, she believed she would be healed. At other times she believed that it might be through her blindness that He would get the most glory.

Two cables were sent to America and different days of special prayer were observed yet there was not the least change in her sight. She knew she must pray through to be able to face the possibility that it was God's plan that she be permanently blind. After earnest prayer God gave her the grace to accept His will with gladness. She decided from the beginning to neither be helpless or unhappy.

One time, during the day when the test was most severe, Christ took a special way to encourage Faith. After services one Sunday morning a man whom she had met several times came to speak to her. He had not seen her for a long time and knew nothing of her affliction until he came to service that day. He told Faith that the Lord woke him up and told him to come to the meeting and tell her that he had a message sent by God for her. The message was this: that she was passing through very deep waters and could not possibly understand why, but that He, the Lord, was very near her, and His thoughts of her were very deep. She must hold steady through the severe trial and some day she would understand. This message inspired Faith and gave her great spiritual strength.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. In prison. 2. "By what power have you done this?" 3. The Holy Ghost. 4. Jesus Christ. 5. Their boldness. 6. Peter and John. 7. More than forty years old. 8. Not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.)





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#### **Healed of Blindness!**

(Continued from last week.)

Faith had been totally blind for about three months and for several months before this her vision was very dim. God sent a messenger to encourage her to hold steady in the trial. Although she knew God was able to heal her she wondered at times if it was His will for her to remain blind for His own glory. Through it all God enabled her to maintain her peace, joy and confidence in Him as she submitted wholly to His will.

It is scriptural to anoint a cloth and send it to be applied with prayer when the person being prayed for is too far away to be reached personally. This was done in the early church of the New Testament. (Acts 19:12.) One day an anointed handkerchief came from America. It was a surprise, as Faith had not sent for it. The Lord had impressed some of His children there to send it. This gave her faith to believe that it was the Lord's will to heal her and that at last that time had come.

About five o'clock in the afternoon, a group of brothers and sisters gathered in Faith's room. They applied the handkerchief and prayed. This was March 31. As they prayed,

the power of the living Christ went through her eyes. Soon she could tell where the open door and windows were. A few moments later she could see different objects. From that moment, her vision cleared rapidly. Two hours later, she looked up and saw the starlit heavens. Oh, the sight was wonderful! Before noon the next day, she read a portion of God's Word, the first for many months.

In telling of this experience Faith said, "God could just as easily have given perfect vision instantly, but it would have been too much for the human; I could not have endured it. As it was, it almost overwhelmed my soul. Oh, the wondrous beauties of nature, the light of human faces, and the joy of again reading His Word. Oh, it has all been wonderful! The glory fills my soul day by day as I meditate on His love and His power. How can we help but love Him? How can we help but trust Him?"

Many were blessed by this healing. Over in the land of Egypt a faithful missionary and his wife were laboring for God among the people there. They heard about Faith's sad condition and were burdened for her healing. They set a day for fasting and prayer, praying several hours until they felt there was no need to pray longer. They were sure God had answered prayer. They were so certain



## The Blind See

## Numbers 22:23-28, 31

23 And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way....

24 But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall:...

**26** And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place,...

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

## John 9:1, 6-8, 10-11

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

6 ...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, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) 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?

**10** Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

The Message: God can make the seeing eyes blind and He can make the blind eyes see!

#### **Questions:**

- 1. What did the ass see?
- 2. What was in his hand?
- 3. How was Balaam's foot crushed?
- 4. What did the ass do when she saw the angel standing in a narrow place?
- 5. How did Balaam finally see the angel?
- 6. How long had the man been blind?
- 7. What did Jesus put on his eyes?
- 8. Where did He send him?
- 9. What happened after he had washed?

#### Verse to Memorize

...With God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27.



Just ahead was the Yugoslav border. For the first time in his life Bro. Andrew was about to enter a Communist country on his own. He stopped the little VW on the outskirts of a tiny Austrian village and thought about his predicament.

The Yugoslav government in 1957 permitted visitors to bring in only articles for their personal use. Printed material especially was liable to be confiscated at the border as it was regarded as foreign propaganda. Now here he was with car and luggage literally bulging with tracts, Bibles and portions of Bibles. How was he to get them past the border guard? And so, for the first of many times, he said the Prayer of God's Smuggler:

"Lord, in my luggage I have Scripture that I want to take to Your children across this border. When You were on earth, You made blind eyes see. Now, I pray, make seeing eyes blind. Do not let the guards see those things You do not want them to see."

And so, armed with this prayer, he started the motor and drove up to the barrier. The two guards appeared both startled and pleased to see him. From the way they stared at his passport, it might have been the first Dutch one they had ever seen. There were just a few formalities to attend to, they assured him in German, and he could be on his way.

One of the guards began poking around in his camping gear. In the corners and folds of his sleeping bag and tent were boxes of tracts. He again breathed the prayer, "Lord, make those seeing eyes blind!"

"Do you have anything to declare?"
"Well, I have my money and a wrist-

watch and a camera...."

The other guard was looking inside the VW. He asked Andrew to take out a suitcase. Andrew knew that there were tracts scattered through his clothing.

"Of course, sir," he said, pulling the front seat forward and dragging the suitcase out. He placed it on the ground and opened the lid. The guard lifted the shirts that lay on top. Beneath them, and now in plain sight, was a pile of tracts in two different Yugoslavian languages. How was God going to handle this situation?

"It seems dry for this time of year," Andrew said to the other guard and without looking at the fellow who was inspecting the suitcase, he fell into a conversation about the weather. He told him about his own homeland. Finally, when he could stand the suspense no longer, he looked behind him. The first guard wasn't even glancing at the suitcase. He was listening to the conversation. When Andrew turned around he caught himself and looked up.

"Well then, do you have anything else to declare?"

"Only 'small' things," he said. The tracts were small after all.

"We won't bother with them," said the guard. He nodded to him that he could close the suitcase, and with a little salute handed him back his passport.

-Taken from God's Smuggler, by Brother Andrew

God is omnipotent, meaning there is nothing He cannot do. He healed Faith Stewart's eyes. In our lesson He healed the man who had been blind from birth. The Bible tells us of other specific cases of blind eyes being opened.

But sometimes God kept men from seeing what was right before their eyes. An angel stood to block his way but Balaam could not see him.

It is wonderful to know that God can do anything. We grow strong in faith by trusting God to work out every little problem that we face (casting <u>all</u> our care on Him). Then whenever we face a true crisis we know that He can and will work it out just right.—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

about the matter that they wrote a letter telling her of the day that they had set aside and the very hour that the assurance had come to them that all was well. They asked her to write and inform them of the good news. She was healed on that very day!

First, God in His mercy had burdened friends in America to send the handkerchief, then the hearts in India to set the time for prayer. Then He spoke to the faithful missionary and his wife in Egypt whom He could trust with having part in this great miracle. As they fasted and prayed a circle of united prayer went up and healing was the result. God can and will span the continent if need be that His children may have a part in the blessings He imparts in answer to prayer. The very day the two faithful missionaries in Egypt fasted and prayed, the missionaries in India united in prayer and the work was done!

An infidel man who was visiting India heard about Faith's blindness. He remarked that if God in whom she trusted and believed would now heal her eyes he would believe. But if He did not heal her he would know that there was no divine loving God. The time drew nearer and nearer for his return to his own land. But just before that day came, God sent His divine healing power and Faith was healed. One of the first things she did was to travel to the city where he was to witness that there truly is a God and that He is still on His throne!

News traveled over India that a wonderful healing had taken place. The God of the missionary had healed her of her great affliction and she was able to see and read as well as ever before. A heathen family of high caste Indians heard of the marvelous healing. It was of special interest to them because their little daughter was blind. They longed to have her prayed

for but they feared they would have to give her up for life to the Home. This was a very real fear because it was a custom in India to dedicate the daughters to idols in order to receive favors from the gods.

The parents talked the matter over in their home. Finally they decided that they would make the sacrifice so that the child might see and be able to enjoy life. So they brought their little one to the Home and told of their fear and hope. They were assured that in a Christian Home children were not taken from the parents because it was God's will that little children should be with parents that loved them.

Then the little girl was anointed and prayed for as the Bible teaches in James 5:14-15. God manifested his power that day by healing the child. In a few days she was able to see and pick up toys and objects as well as anyone her age. God in His loving mercy healed this pagan child!

Someone has said, "Whom God calls He also qualifies." And so it was. When God called Faith Stewart to the field, He also qualified and equipped her for the great work she was to do. As a child she had such poor health and eyesight that she was not able to obtain the education that many young people attain to. But through the many years of preparation, she made such good use of what she had that no person meeting her could ever discern a lack.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. An angel. 2. A sword. 3. The ass threw herself against the wall. 4. She fell down under Balaam. 5. The Lord opened his eyes. 6. From birth. 7. Clay made with spittle. 8. To the pool of Siloam. 9. He received his sight.)





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## The Last Years In India

(Continued from last week.)

During World War I there was much suffering on the mission fields. Nations were suspicious of each other and this often brought hardships on those who went to work in the different countries. Faith Stewart never had a salary. She depended on personal mail to support her work and since this was not allowed to come through, the Home began to suffer. Every means of management and economy possible was used to stretch the limited resources. Clothing wore thin and supplies dwindled. Afterwards they often wondered how they managed through those long hard months.

One day when they had eaten the small Indian cakes as thin as a wafer made for their breakfast and drank a little tea there was nothing more in the house for food. They prayed earnestly for God to send something for their next meal. God had been sending means from America but this was cut off. They were sure that He could send them help from the very land where they lived.

Later that very morning, the vegetable man came walking down the street with a huge basket on his head. The basket was filled with all kinds of fresh vegetables. He came to the veranda of the Home and, without asking anyone, began to set the vegetables out. Faith tried to stop him, telling him they had no money to pay for the vegetables. But the man insisted on emptying his basket. Finally Faith went inside to get someone who could make the man understand. After the person talked with the vegetable man they turned to Faith and explained, "The man was selling vegetables down the street, and he came to the home of an Indian gentleman who bought the whole basket and has sent them to the Home for a gift!"

That day they had a good dinner of fresh vegetables. God showed He could send them help from right there in India as well as from America. The man who sent the vegetables was of another religious belief and not in sympathy with the Gospel message, yet God used him to answer prayer.

Children in India, like all children, love sweets. One day some kind friend left some candy for the children and workers. It was divided among the children. What was left over was laid on a table for the workers when they should come for it. However, when someone went to get the candy, the plate was empty!

All the children were called in to be questioned one by one, but no one



#### Water

#### James 5:17-18

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

**18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

### I Kings 18:41-45

- **41** And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.
- **42** So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,
- 43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.
- 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain....

#### Matthew 5:44-45; 10:42

**44** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you:

**45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

**42** And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

# The Message: Our just and merciful God rewards every good deed.

#### **Questions:**

- 1. Who prayed earnestly that it would not rain?
- 2. For how long was there no rain?
- 3. What did Elijah do at the top of Carmel?
- 4. What did he tell his servant to do?
- 5. How many times did Elijah send him?
- 6. How large was the cloud?
- 7. What are we to do to our enemies?
- 8. Upon whom does God send sunshine and rain?

#### Verse to Memorize

And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42.



It was one of the hottest days of the dry season. We had not seen rain in almost a month. The crops were dying. Cows had stopped giving milk. The creeks and streams were long gone back into the earth. It was a dry season that would bankrupt several farmers before it was through.

It was on this day that I learned the true lesson of sharing and witnessed a miracle. I was in the kitchen making lunch when I saw my six-year old son, Billy, walking toward the woods. He wasn't walking with the usual carefree abandon of a youth but with a serious purpose. I could only see his back. He was obviously walking with a great effort...trying to be as still as possible.

Minutes after he disappeared into the woods, he came running out again, toward the house. I went back to making sandwiches, thinking that whatever task he had been doing was completed. Moments later, however, he was once again walking in that slow purposeful stride toward the woods. This activity went on for an hour: walk carefully to the woods, run back to the house.

Finally I couldn't take it any longer and I crept out of the house and followed him (being very careful not to be seen...as he was obviously doing important work and didn't need his Mommy checking up on him). He was cupping both hands in front of him as he walked; being very careful not to spill the water he held in them...maybe two or three tablespoons were held in his tiny hands. I sneaked close as he went into the woods. Branches and thorns slapped his little face but he did not try to avoid them. He had a much higher purpose.

As I leaned in to spy on him, I saw the most amazing site. Several large deer loomed in front of him. Billy walked right up to them. I almost screamed for him to get away. A huge buck with elaborate antlers was dangerously close. But the buck did not threaten him...he didn't even move as Billy knelt down. And I saw a tiny fawn lying on the ground, obviously suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion. It lifted its head with great effort to lap up the water cupped in my beautiful boy's hand

When the water was gone, Billy jumped up to run back to the house and I hid behind a tree. I followed him back to the house, to a spigot that we had shut off the water to. Billy opened it all the way up and a small trickle began to creep out. He knelt there, letting the drip, drip slowly fill up his makeshift cup, as the sun beat down on his little back.

And it came clear to me. The trouble he had gotten into for playing with the hose the week before. The lecture he had received about the importance of not wasting water. The reason he didn't ask me to help him. It took almost twenty minutes for the drops to fill his hands. When he stood up and began the trek back, I was there in front of him. His little eyes just filled with tears. "I'm not wasting," was all he said.

As he began his walk, I joined him...with a small pot of water from the kitchen. I let him tend to the fawn. I stayed away. It was his job. I stood on the edge of the woods watching the most beautiful heart I have ever known working so hard to save another life. As the tears that rolled down my face began to hit the ground, they were suddenly joined by other drops...and more drops...and more. I looked up at the sky. It was as if God, Himself, was weeping. The rain that came that day saved our farm...just like the actions of one little boy saved the life of a tiny fawn. -Selected would admit taking it. There was nothing to do but let the Lord work it out. You might think this was a lot of trouble over just a little thing but principles must be taught and acted on if good character is developed. This happened during the war when everything was so scarce. Yet they had never gone hungry. God had always provided for each day as it came.

So it seemed strange when just then no money came in nor any provision for the children's meals. Only a tiny bit of rice, enough to make a small dish for the youngest children, came in. The older children had only the rice water to drink, and they were hungry. All day the second day, there was nothing but the small allowance of rice for the babies, and the rest went without. On the third day, Faith Stewart wept bitterly as she saw the need. She gathered the children all around her and talked the matter over with them.

"But, Mama," one of the girls cried,
"Why is it that God never sends
enough for all and only sends a little
for the babies?"

"I do not know," she answered,
"unless there is sin in the camp and
God is waiting for it to be cleaned out.
I am quite sure that not one of the
babies came in and stole the candy.
But we must pray earnestly because
this is serious. We must have food!"

Suddenly from the back of the group of girls, a beautiful little eight year-old girl with lovely dark hair and a sweet face stood up. She slowly made her way through the other girls then fell at Faith's feet crying bitterly.

"It is me," she cried. "It is my sin, and all my sisters are suffering hunger because of what I have done."

"Did you take the candy? Did you eat it all?" Faith questioned.

"Yes, it was I who took it, but I only ate one piece. I gave a piece to some of the other girls," she answered.

"Every girl who ate a piece of that candy please hold up your hands," Faith instructed.

Several girls bravely raised their hands. After this act of confession they all went down on their knees crying, confessing and praying for forgiveness.

It is so hot in India that the mailman comes very early, before the heat of the day. So at six-thirty the next morning the mailman brought, among other things, a letter containing a money order. Everyone rejoiced that God had heard their prayers and answered so quickly. At last there was money for food! When they took time to examine the stamp on the envelope they could see that the letter had been in the post-office, just three blocks away, for three days. God allowed them to suffer hunger three days until the sin was cleared up, then the money was released. They never forgot that experience!

Faith spent fifteen years in India. There was much to show for her prayers, sacrifice and labor. One hundred and forty girls were being cared for in the Home. The Boys' Home had become a reality and fifty boys were being raised for God. Besides the effort for the children, a good congregation was established. God had abundantly blessed her efforts!

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Elijah. 2. Three years and six months. 3. He prayed. 4. To go look toward the sea. 5. Seven. 6. Like a man's hand. 7. Love them. 8. On the evil and the good.)



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# A New Work For God

(Continued from last week.)

It was not Faith's choice to leave India. Her work there was dearer to her heart than ever—she lived for her precious children and those who had accepted Christ as their Savior. Then, just when things seemed to be going so well, she was asked to leave. A new overseer was sent to supervise the work. He did not agree with Faith's "old fashioned" views of plain, modest dress and completely trusting the Lord for healing.

Some would have contested the decision but Faith did not try to seek justice and defend herself. As ever, her sole trust was in God. In prayer she begged for grace to forget the injustice. "There is one thing I am resolved to do," she said bravely, "I will not let this grief ruin my life. As long as I live, by the help of God, I will strive to be useful in the work of the Lord. I will pray God to help me forget India and the dear ones I left behind. All, all must be laid in the past so that I can labor for souls wherever I find myself. God will meet the need."

So Faith was sent back to the States. She began visiting congregations wherever she was invited, speaking and encouraging the saints. She pastored a congregation in Chicago building it into a prosperous work for the Lord. From there she accepted the

pastorate over a congregation in Indianapolis that was very needy. It too flourished under her spiritual guidance.

One night while she was in Indianapolis she suddenly woke up. It was as if someone had awakened her. Although it was two o'clock in the morning she felt deeply impressed to visit a certain member of the congregation. She got up and got dressed, then called a taxi that took her to this home. When they reached that address the house was dark. Faith hesitated. Could she be mistaken? But then she again felt the definite call. She told the taxi driver to wait for her while she went to the back of the house.

Going around the house she saw a dim light in the kitchen. She motioned the driver to go on and then opened the kitchen door and went in. There was the woman she had been impressed to call on. She was sitting in a chair but had had a heart attack that was so bad she could not notify her family. She was helpless but had been praying for God to send her help. Faith knew that God woke her up and sent her to the house at that hour to pray for the woman.

After being in America for three years a terrible homesickness swept over her for the foreign fields. She knew that she would never be satisfied again to stay at home while there were



# **Proving The Will Of God**

### Judges 6:36-40

**36** And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

**37** Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.

**38** And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

**39** And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

**40** And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

#### II Kings 20:8-11

- 8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord the third day?
- **9** And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? **10** And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go

down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

#### Luke 2:11-12

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.

# The Message: God wants us to

know what His will is so we can follow Him confidently.

#### Questions:

- 1. What had God told Gideon He would do?
- 2. What was Gideon going to put in the floor?
- 3. What sign did he ask of God?
- 4. How much water did he get out of the fleece?
- 5. What was the second sign he asked?
- 6. Why did Hezekiah want a sign?
- 7. What sign did he ask for?
- 8. Who did the angels say was born that day?
- 9. What sign did the angels give the shepherds as proof?

#### Verse to Memorize

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:17.



The Lord wants you to know His will concerning your life. He will guide us in all the decisions of our life through the Holy Spirit. Brother Andrew tells his experience of learning to trust God and following His guidance. Called to be a missionary, he applied for admission to a school for training.

Mr. Dinnen, the director, explained, "The real purpose of this training is to teach our students that they can trust God to do what He has said He would do." Their graduates were expected to go to the place that God directed them without any financial backing. They must trust only God to meet every need.

"They cannot be effective if they are afraid, or if they doubt that God really means what He says in His Word. So here we teach not so much ideas as trusting," he continued. Then after explaining that his tuition could be paid in three installments, Mr. Dinnen stressed, "We insist that the installments be paid on time."

Andrew listened enthusiastically. This was going to be his first experiment in trusting God to supply all his needs. He had just enough to pay the first semester's fee. After that he really looked forward to seeing how God was going to supply the money.

When he worked in a chocolate factory Andrew remembered how he trusted his boss to pay him in full and on time. Surely, he reasoned, God takes care of His workers better than the best employer does.

During the first weeks of training Andrew was troubled because he often heard the other students talking about not having enough money. When they prayed for a need they would receive only a portion of what they asked for. "Is this the way the Lord pays His workers?" he wondered.

One night he felt he must have an answer. After a long walk he turned through the gate at the school. Over the gate were the words, "Have Faith In God."

Andrew felt the impact of the words and realized that it wasn't financial security he longed for. He wanted to know God as a Person. If he was going to give his life as a servant of the King, he had to know that King in the sense that He communicated and cared and loved and led—that was the kind of King he would follow into any battle!

That night he knelt in prayer and made a covenant with God. "Lord," he said, "I need to know if I can trust You in practical things. I thank You for letting me earn the fees for the first semester. I ask You now to supply the rest of them. If I have to be as much as a day late in paying, I shall know that I am supposed to go back to the chocolate factory."

God honored that prayer. Before time to pay the second term's fee a check came containing exactly enough. Before that term was over, he received money to keep him there a third. And so it went throughout the second year too.

Andrew wanted to be sure it was God alone who was providing for him. He never mentioned the school fees to anyone, yet the gifts always came at just the right time so he could pay them in full and on time. The people who helped him did not know each other, nor could they know his exact needs. Yet the gifts contained just what was needed to cover the school costs.

In the years ahead Andrew faced many dangerous situations as he spread the gospel. But he knew God personally. He did not hesitate to follow wherever He led him.

-Taken from God's Smuggler

so many in other lands waiting to hear the Gospel. In the late spring of that year, she resigned her pastorate in Indianapolis and packed up all her clothes and possessions. She was not sure where she was going but her first stop was at the national campgrounds. Once more she was waiting on the Lord for direction.

One day while she was on the campgrounds, she spoke to one of the Mission Board and voiced her conviction that the Lord had a work for her to do in a foreign land. She laid her burden before him explaining that she had tried faithfully for three years and found that she could not remain in the homeland contented with the easy life she found in the States. She yearned for the rigors of the mission fields. It was true that she was fifty-two years old. But she was in good health.

At this camp meeting in June 1930 she felt a call to work in Cuba. She knew the step was too great to be taken without clear and definite leading from God. So one night she closed herself in alone with God until 2 p.m. the following day. About 8 a.m. a burden came on her to put out a "fleece" so she could know that it was God directing her.

At that hour she was practically without money. She had been looking to the Lord to supply her needs and expected Him to do so. Being on the campground, it would not be unusual for someone who heard she was going to Cuba as a missionary to give her something. So she felt burdened to put a financial test out before the Lord as a "fleece." At this critical time she knew she must have such clear direction there could not be any confusion concerning the matter.

So she prayed and asked God to send her some money from some source clear away from the campground. It must not be less than \$10.00. Anything received on the campgrounds would not be an answer to this prayer. Then she prayed even more fervently. So much was at stake!

About 6:30 p.m, that very day God sent a definite answer. She was sitting in Young People's service when a boy entered with a Special Delivery letter—for her! Her hand trembled as she reached for it because she felt sure it was the answer to her "fleece." She felt she was in the very presence of God and He was directly answering her prayers.

The letter had been sent from Chicago, Illinois, just after noon. It read something like this, "My dear Faith, I was burdened for you during the night, and since early morning the weight has hourly grown heavier. It is on the financial line that I feel burdened. I have scarcely been able to work this morning for thinking of you. I do hope there is nothing wrong. I am rushing this check off to you and hope it will be of use to you at this time."

Enclosed was \$20.00. She had her full answer. God sent this clear answer to prayer as an assurance that she was not mistaken in the divine call He had placed on her heart. From that day she moved forward in full preparation for this new field of work for God.

(To be continued next week.)

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