

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE BOOK THAT WOULD NOT BURN

How Betty loved her Daddy! Somehow, even though she had seven brothers and sisters, she felt that her daddy loved her best of all. Perhaps that was because she was the eldest in the family and so, of course, daddy had had longer to love her than all the rest.

Daddy was a minister, and among his most precious possessions was a Bible that a very dear friend had given many years ago. He always used this Bible when he was studying or preaching, and, of course, in family worship.

One day when Betty and her daddy were alone in his study, he suddenly became very solemn.

"Betty," he said quietly, "none of us knows what is going to happen in the future, but if anything should go wrong—or if anything should happen to me—"

"Don't say that, Daddy," said Betty, with a worried look on her face. "Nothing must ever happen to you."

"Of course, we hope not," he replied with a smile. "But just in case something should happen to me, I want you to have my Bible. It is to be yours, always."

"Oh, thank you, Daddy," cried

Betty. "I shall value it above everything else all my life."

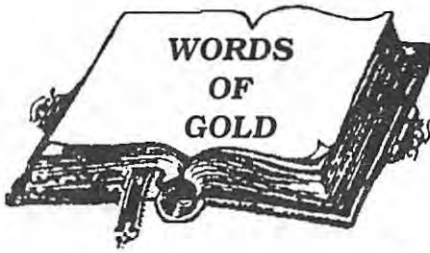
From that day on, even though daddy continued to use his Bible as he always had, Betty watched over it with special care. Every now and then she would go into the study and dust the Book tenderly, then open it to read some message for herself. She felt that it was her book already, and that it would be a precious memory of her father forever.

Not long afterward her daddy became ill. Month after month went by, and he became steadily worse. Then one day he said goodbye to everybody and died.

Betty was heartbroken, and her only consolation was the thought that daddy had given her his most precious possession. She left it there on his study table, where it lay surrounded by all the other books in the library, like a king amid his courtiers. Every day she would tiptoe into the room and touch it reverently, silently turning its sacred pages. Tears would come to her eyes as she remembered that this was his book.

Then one day something terrible happened.

Betty was visiting in the home of a girl friend across the road. While they were talking together, they heard the fire alarm, and one said to the other, "There must be a fire



## **LIBERATED THROUGH LOSS**

**Matthew 19:21, 29**

**21** Jesus said unto him (the rich young ruler), If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

**29** And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

**Mark 8:35-36**

**35** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

**36** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

**Philippians 3:7-14**

**7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

**8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

**9** And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

**10** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

**11** If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

**12** Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

**13** Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

**14** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**The Message: God can turn great losses into our greatest good!**

### **Questions:**

1. What did Jesus tell the rich young ruler to do if he wanted to be perfect?
2. If he gave it to the poor what would he have in Heaven?
3. Everyone who forsakes all for Jesus will inherit \_\_\_\_\_ life.
4. How can we save our life?
5. If we try to gain the whole world, what will we lose?
6. Why was Paul willing to lose everything and count it as nothing?
7. Paul said he was pressing toward the prize of what high calling?

### **Verse to Memorize**

...I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...  
Philippians 3:8

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The old man stood on a spot of ground where his little home used to be. He was grief-stricken. Why, oh, why, had this happened to him? He tried to do right. Was God angry with him?

Just yesterday the flash flood came so fast and the water built up so quickly it just swept his meager possessions away. It is true he didn't have much. But it had taken a lifetime to get them. He thought and thought but he did not get an answer to his dilemma.

Then, as he looked dejectedly down at the ground which had been swept clean by the flood he saw something sparkling. Poking at it with the toe of his old shoe he noticed other sparkles here and there.

Upon closer examination he found that the bits of sparkle were actually gold! He was actually standing on great riches, but it took his awful loss to reveal it. If everything else had not been swept away he probably would never have discovered the gold.

It is easy to get caught up in the busy activities of life and forget the things that really matter. God in His mercy often sends storms that sweep away the vain, temporary treasures that we may find Him and eternal life. Paul suffered the loss of everything he had worked for. But he said he could not count it a loss because He had found Christ, the true treasure! He lost his prestige among the strict Pharisees but God sent him to witness for him before kings. Paul's name and life is known throughout the world

while the worldly dignitaries of his time are all but forgotten.

How do we as Christians handle the storms of life that come? No matter who we are, saint or sinner, trouble will come and it will hurt. But it all depends on how we face our troubles. Do we give up in deep despair or do we still, even while grieving our losses, remain confident of God's wisdom, love, and power and move on with hope into tomorrow?

Thomas Edison, the great inventor, was sixty-seven years old when he suffered the loss of a lifetime of work. A great fire destroyed his factory! Yet the very next morning while walking among the smoldering rubble of the buildings that had housed so many of his projects, Edison said, "There is great value in disaster—all our mistakes are burned up! Thank God we can start anew."

Abraham realized God was calling him to leave his birthplace and follow wherever He led. First he gave up his home and family ties, convinced that God would always be a Father to him and provide all his needs. He gave up his inheritance to Lot, his selfish nephew, to keep peace. He was even willing to give up Isaac when God told him to offer him on Mt. Moriah. But through all the loss God brought him great gain. He became the "father of the faithful," an example of the happiness and prosperity God reserves for those who are willing to give up everything to follow Him. His life is still an inspiration to all who hear it.

So no matter what hits our lives, let us be like our dear brother Paul. Forgetting the past, let us press forward! When God liberates us from our past by great loss it is only so that He may lead us to a wealthier place, a deeper acquaintance with Him and, in the end eternal life!

—Uncle Dale

somewhere: I wonder whose house it is this time?"

They went to the window to look out, and suddenly Betty screamed, "It's our house! Oh, look at the flames!"

They ran outside and tried to cross the road, but already a large crowd had gathered, and two fire engines were busy pumping water on the flames, while helmeted firemen were smashing windows and trying to carry out what furniture they could.

Betty struggled to break through the crowd, but the neighbors held her back. She appealed to a policeman.

"There's something in there I've got to save!" she cried.

"Ah, missy," he said, "you can't go in there. It's just a roaring furnace. You'd be burned to a cinder."

"But I've got to go!" cried Betty. "I've got to go! Let me go!"

"No, dear, I couldn't let you go in there," said the kindly policeman. "I'm sorry, but it's impossible. See, even the firemen are leaving now."

Betty turned away heartbroken. It was of no use. Of course it was of no use. She could see that. But, oh, her Bible! If only she had stayed at home!

Surrounded by the crowd, yet feeling more alone than she had ever felt in all her life, she thought of Jesus.

"O Lord," she cried, wringing her hands, "save my Bible, Daddy's Bible. Don't let it burn. Please don't let it get burned!"

She prayed, while the angry flames roared through the building, turning the home she loved so dearly into a heap of ugly ashes. Two hours after the fire had started there was nothing left but two gaunt chimneys and some blackened, smoldering timbers. Living room, bedrooms, dining room, kitchen, study, all had vanished.

It was some time after this before even members of the family were allowed to wander through the ruins, but Betty was among the first. She hurried to where the study had been. She knew the place well, and it was still clearly marked by remnants of half-burned books which had belonged to her father's library.

What a terrible sight! What would Daddy have said!

She came to some charred pieces of wood which she recognized had once been a desk and his chair. With more tenderness than ever, she moved them and peered beneath.

She gasped. What was that? Could it be? Could it possibly be?

Yes, it was. Her Bible. Daddy's Bible!

With a cry of joy she picked it up and turned its pages with an eagerness she had never felt before.

There was not a mark of fire upon it, not the shadow of a burn upon the cover or the inside!

I know it is true. Betty herself told me about it. And she told me something else. She said that that Book of hers, so marvelously preserved in the fire, became the center of the new home that the family finally built. All the children turned to it as never before. They listened to its message as they never had in all their lives. All of them gave their hearts to God. And even today, though they have all grown up and scattered over the world, they still come back home as often as they can to gaze once more upon the Bible that was saved from the fire, the wonderful Book that would not burn.

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**Answers:** 1. Sell all he had. 2. Treasure. 3. Everlasting. 4. By losing it for Jesus' sake. 5. Our soul. 6. So that he might win Christ. 7. The high calling of God.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## HOLY ANN THE IRISH SAINT

This will begin a series of stories about Ann Preston, an ignorant Irish woman who could neither read nor write. But she did know how to pray. She received many miraculous answers to her prayers.

Ann knew God as her "Father" and when she talked with Him in prayer she asked for definite, specific things. She asked for water from an entirely dry well. The next morning she picked up her buckets, went confidently to the well and came back with buckets full of clear sparkling water!

Reading about this and other answers to Ann's prayers will prove that God honors prayer offered from a life fully dedicated to Him. Ann relied on God for everything and He never failed her. May we each be challenged by her example to know God for ourselves. He is longing "...to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him..." II Chronicles 16:9.

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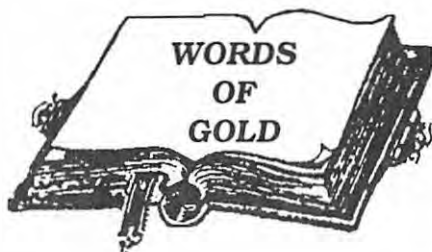
Ann was born into a poor Irish family in the early 19th century. Her home was one of those typical Irish shanties with its thatched roof. She was not blessed with godly parents to teach her about God and His great love for her. Neither her father nor mother

made any attempt to serve Him, so Ann had no training in religious matters.

Ann's education began and ended in little more than a week. During that time the teacher tried to teach her the first letters of the alphabet but without success—she just couldn't seem to learn them. Finally, after many vain attempts, the teacher's patience was exhausted to the point of despair. Tapping her on the head he said, "Poor Ann! She can never learn anything." And with this she was sent home in disgrace.

But Ann was not lazy. She went to live with a family where she worked as a house-maid. She did not want to be a burden to her poor parents—she would earn her own food. On this job she worked hard all week long caring for the family. Then, on Sundays, she had to herd the cows so her master could attend church.

About this time a woman became interested in Ann. She decided to do what she could to teach her about God. First she decided to teach her the Lord's Prayer, but she was shocked at her ignorance. She would say to Ann, "Now, repeat it after me, 'Our Father which art in heaven.'" Ann at once followed in parrot-like fashion, "Now, repeat it after me, Our Father which art in heaven." Time and again this friend tried to impress the words



## HARVEST TIME

**Judges 1:1-7**

1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother. Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites: and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adonibezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adonibezek fled: and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Adonibezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

**Matthew 7:12**

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you,

do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

**Galatians 6:7-10**

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

**The Message: Let's sow today what we want to reap tomorrow!**

### Questions:

1. What did the children of Israel ask the Lord?
2. Who did the Lord say should go?
3. Who did Judah ask to go with him?
4. How many men did they slay in Bezek?
5. What did they do to Adonibezek?
6. How many kings had Adonibezek treated the same way?
7. What should you do to others?
8. Who is not mocked?
9. As you have opportunity, what should you do?

### Verse to Memorize

Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.  
Galatians 6:7

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Isn't it amazing that God has a law of sowing and reaping. If you sow corn you will reap corn, not peas or carrots. Also the law says that you will reap more than what you sow.

In today's Bible reading above, Adonibezek was captured and treated the same way he had done to others. He knew he was tasting the bitter fruit of the same kind of cruel treatment he'd given his enemies.

But the reaping business also applies when the seeds of good are sown. I know of a person who had been very sick and he was recovering. He was overwhelmed at the number of cards and plants he received. But then he had always been kind and thoughtful to others. Now it was returning to him.

The same applies to giving. The Bible says "give and it shall be given to you" Someone said, "You can't out give the Lord." This doesn't only mean in money but also in kind deeds. Lord, help us to treat others the way we would want to be treated! Always live with the awareness that we will surely reap what we sow.

Nodoubt you have heard messages about the duty of giving to the Lord's work and the blessing you will receive. But as you watch others take money up to the offering box at church you may think, "I'm only getting an allowance of \$5.00 a week. When I make a lot of money I will start putting money in, too."

But don't you know that God will bless you for giving? Do you remember the story about the time Jesus was sitting in the temple watching the

people put money in the treasury? Among them was a poor widow who came and put in only two mites. Yet Jesus called special attention to her gift, though it was so small. Others were giving large amounts of money but they had plenty more. This widow put in all the money she had.

I read once of a woman whose husband died. She had no way of making a living so things got worse and worse for her. She didn't know what the future held. Then the Lord dealt with her about giving. She told Him, "Oh yes, that sounds well and good but I have nothing to give!" One day things were so bad she had only two slices of bread left in the house to eat.

Then she heard a knock on the door. Opening it she saw a man who was evidently in distress. He told her, "Ma'am, I am out of work and have been all over town trying to find a job. I am heading home now but I have nothing to take home for supper. Do you have anything that I can take to my wife to eat?"

The Lord told the woman, "Share your bread."

It was a real struggle for her to do this but she obeyed. Before the day was over a neighbor came and said, "I baked some bread and want to share a loaf with you."

The woman felt so blessed that she shared part of the loaf with others. It was not long then before she got a job to support herself. But she had learned a valuable lesson. From that time on she was careful to always give to the Lord.

Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38) Now that kind of sowing and reaping pays off. We have tried it and it works!

—Uncle Dale

on Ann's memory but without any success. It seemed she just could not learn the words! The good friend finally gave up in despair.

Ann worked in this home for four years. Then God opened a job for her with a Christian woman named Mrs. McKay who witnessed to everyone who came into her home. She always had family prayer and Ann was invited to join them in worship. This was a new experience for Ann! Her dull mind comprehended very little of what was being said because she was totally ignorant about religious matters. When she was asked to bring the New Testament she went and brought back a newspaper. The Bible had never been used in any home that Ann had ever lived in so naturally she didn't know what it was.

Mrs. McKay was very anxious to win Ann to the Lord but she used wisdom in dealing with her. For some time she said nothing to Ann about attending church with her. She finally ventured to invite her to come to a meeting. After a little pressure, Ann agreed to go.

It was all so new to Ann! She looked on in amazement as she saw some weeping and others praising God. Then she decided these people had to be just putting on. She watched to see whether the crying was real, or whether they were wetting their faces. She hardly knew what to think of all this!

After dinner that day the mistress rang the bell. Obediently Ann came into the parlor to see what she wanted. She was surprised when Mrs. McKay invited her to sit down. Then Mrs. McKay asked, "Well, Ann, how did you like the meeting?" Ann tried to evade the question. Finally she answered, "I don't know," although if she dared she would have told Mrs. McKay that she thought they were all just putting on.

"Well," said Mrs. McKay, "won't you go again?"

Ann replied stubbornly, "I don't think so."

Mrs. McKay would not let her off so easily. She asked why she didn't want to go again. Finally Ann told her that she felt utterly out of place in the meeting because she had nothing to say. While others were speaking and praying and weeping all she could do was sit and look on.

Mrs. McKay tried to help her. She suggested that she had plenty to say because she had many reasons to praise God. "Who gives you food to eat and clothes to wear?" Mrs. McKay prompted.

Ann wanted to blurt out, "I guess I work hard enough for them!" but she kept her thoughts to herself.

Mrs. McKay got very little satisfaction that day, but she did not give up. The next Sunday she persuaded Ann to go and hear a Mr. Armstrong Halliday preach. The meeting was held in a private home. On this notable Sunday the parlor was crowded. Ann was very glad to find space in another room where the minister could not see her.

Out of the entire sermon Ann remembered nothing that was said except for the text which the minister read. It was not one that would strike the average sinner. The words were, "Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door pray to thy Father who seeth in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. "Who shall go fight against the Canaanites? 2. Judah. 3. Simeon. 4. Ten thousand men. 5. Cut off his thumbs and his big toes. 6. Seventy. 7. Whatever you want them to do to you. 8. God. 9. Good to all men.



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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE GREAT CHANGE

(Continued from last week)

Ann Preston was an ignorant Irish girl. She had never learned to read and knew nothing at all about God or His word, the Bible. Ann worked hard as a house-maid to earn her living. Her employer, Mrs. McKay, a devout Christian, invited Ann to attend church with her. Of all the minister said, nothing struck Ann's mind except the text he used: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matthew 6:6

Between eight and nine o'clock that evening after the day's work was finished, Ann made her way up to the attic. It was just a bare room. The only furniture there was a large wooden chair. Ann hardly knew why she did it, but she voluntarily knelt for the first time in her life and began to cry out without any idea of what was the matter. She lost all control of herself, and her mistress heard the noise down three flights of stairs. Turning to her daughter she said, "Ann is taking the minister's advice!"

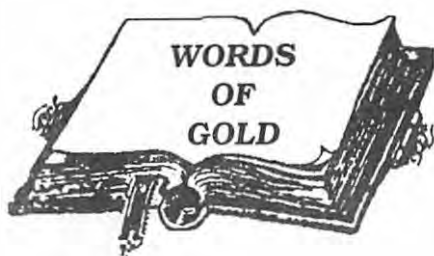
After a while she went up and asked Ann what was the matter. Ann

looked up and answered, "I don't know, ma'am." But just then she seemed to have a sudden revelation of her trouble, and she added, "Oh, yes, I do. I see all the sins that ever I did from the time I was five years old all written on the chair in front of me, every one." And then, as she looked down, she cried out, "Oh, ma'am, worse than all, I see hell open ready to swallow me." Then, like the sinner Jesus told about, she began to hit her chest in agony. Without knowing that she was repeating Scripture, she cried out, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Once more she became desperate, as she cried over and over again for mercy.

Mrs. McKay tried to hush her up, saying, "Don't let my husband hear you." She suggested that Ann should go to her own room and pray, and said, "I will go to mine and pray for you."

But Ann was too much in earnest for this. She said, "I don't care, ma'am, if all the world hears me; I must cry for mercy."

After a little while she did go to her room, but conviction did not leave. She continued to pray until twelve o'clock, when she jumped up and said, "Is there no mercy, Lord, for me?" But as she said the words her heart was assured that God had heard her cry. For the rest of her life



## FINISH THE RACE

### I Corinthians 9: 24-27

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown: but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly: so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

### II Timothy 4:1-8

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears:

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

### Hebrews 12:1

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

**The Message: I want to finish my race with victory and hear God say, "Well done!"**

### Questions:

1. How many win the prize for first place in a race?
2. Every man that strives to win is \_\_\_\_\_ in all things.
3. What did Paul bring under subjection?
4. Paul charged Timothy to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word.
5. He said the time would come when they would not endure sound \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What would they turn to after they turned from the truth?
7. Paul told Timothy to do the work of an \_\_\_\_\_.
8. What kind of crown was laid up for Paul since he had finished his course?
9. Who else will get this crown?

### Verse to Memorize

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

II Timothy 4:7

# Let's



## Talk . . .

It was October the 20th at 7 PM in Mexico City. Most of the spectators had already left. The last of the Olympic runners was stumbling across the finish line. Then they heard the wail of sirens. As all eyes turned toward the gate a lone runner from Tasmania staggered into the Stadium. He was the last contestant to finish the 26 mile race. He had been injured in a bad fall and blood was oozing through his crude bandage. Everyone rose and applauded as he hobbled across the finish line.

Someone asked him why he had not quit when he was injured. He replied simply, "My country sent me here, not just to start the race. but to finish it."

I have been to the Monark camp meeting and seen many get saved. They have such a glorious testimony. It seems they are off to a good start and determined to make it through to Heaven.

But how about when they go home and it is time for prayer meeting, will they still be on fire for God? The devil will do all he can to hinder them. It may seem too cold outside or he may tell them that they don't feel too good anyhow. That's when the running seems to get hard.

But consider what others have gone through. When Paul said, "I am now ready to be offered," he knew that he would soon pay with his life. Not long after this his head was cut off because he stood faithful to God.

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The persecution of the Christians during the reign of Marcus Aurelius

was very bitter. The Emperor himself decreed the punishment of forty of the men who had refused to bow down to his image.

"Strip to the skin!" he commanded. They did so.

"Now, go and stand on that frozen lake," he commanded, "until you are prepared to abandon your Nazarene-God!"

And forty naked men marched out into that howling storm on a winter's night. As they took their places on the ice they lifted up their voices and sang: "Christ, forty wrestlers have come out to wrestle for Thee; to win for Thee the victory; to win from Thee the crown."

After a while those standing by and watching noticed a disturbance among the men. One man had edged away, broken into a run, entered the temple and prostrated himself before the image of the Emperor.

The Captain of the Guard, who had witnessed the bravery of the men and whose heart had been touched by their teaching, tore off his helmet, threw down his spear, and disrobing himself, took up the cry as he took the place of the man who had weakened.

The compensation was not slow in coming, for as the dawn broke there were forty corpses on the ice.

At least a thousand of God's saints served as living torches to illuminate the darkness of Nero's gardens, wrapped in garments steeped in pitch. "Every finger was a candle."

—October 10 *Springs in the Valley*

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There is a crown for every one of us and a great reward. To gain it we must be faithful to the end. It may get where you can no longer run. But if you can't run, walk! And if you can't walk get down and crawl! We must finish the race and win the crown. Heaven will be worth it all!

—Uncle Dale

she would tell how, as she looked up she saw the Savior on the cruel cross. Somehow God revealed to her right then that His blood atoned for her sins. "I felt something burning in my heart," Ann said later. "I couldn't wait for the time to come that I could go home and tell my father and mother what the Lord had done for me!"

She went over to the table and picked up a Testament which the young ladies used. Then she prayed her first simple prayer as a child of God. "O Lord," she said, "You that have taken away this awful burden, intolerable to bear, couldn't you enable me to read one of these little things?" As she prayed she put her finger on the verse which says, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again, but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give shall never thirst."

In answer to this simple prayer God enabled Ann to read for the first time in her life! She did not get the whole verse, but this was the beginning of God's mercy in opening up His word to this ignorant Irish girl.

The next day Ann managed to get home to tell her father and mother of her new found joy. On the way the devil began to talk to her. "You don't feel the burning in your heart now," he sneered. "You had better not say anything about it till you are sure."

But Ann knew what God had done for her. Joyfully she told her parents all that had happened. She was disappointed when they did not share her joy. Their only response was, "Oh, you are like your old grandfather; you are going out of your head!"

That very day Ann received a letter from her older sister Mary, who worked in another town. It was as if the Lord timed it to encourage

His new child. Taking the letter to her mistress, Ann asked her to read it to her. Years later Ann could not remember anything her sister said in the letter except one statement. She had written, "I am sure you have good news to tell me, Ann. I know by the answer that I have got in prayer."

When the letter was written two days before, Ann had no thought of giving her heart to God. But by the time the letter reached her she had undergone the great change—she was now a child of God! This is a good example of the wonderful power of prayer!

In her early Christian experience Ann was greatly affected by her feelings and what ever circumstances she found herself in. Of course she was not well acquainted with the Word of God and the only spiritual help she received was at the meetings where she listened to the experiences of others. This was a help to her, but it could not take the place of thorough instruction in the truth.

For instance, one evening she cleared the ashes from the fireplace. Instead of leaving them by the grate until the morning as she usually did, she took them out and set the box on a brick floor. In the morning the box and part of the lid had burned up. At once Ann decided that this was evidence that she was saved and that God cared for her because if she had not taken the box out that evening the house would have been burned down!

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. Only one. 2. Temperate. 3. His body. 4. Preach. 5. Doctrine. 6. Fables. 7. Evangelist. 8. A crown of righteousness. 9. All who love His appearing.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## STUMBLING UPWARDS

(Continued from last week)

A great change came in Ann Preston's life after she prayed through and God forgave her sins. She had much to learn about God's will for her life but she was eager to learn. One evening she set a box of hot ashes on a brick floor. Customarily she would have left them on a wooden floor until the morning. The next morning she saw that the box and part of the lid had burned up. If she had not set the box on the brick floor the house would have been burned down! At once Ann took this as evidence that she was saved and that God cared for her.

There were evidently two ways of looking at the same thing. When her boss, Mr. McKay heard about the incident he immediately fired her. To him this was evidence that she was unsafe to have working in his home and that she was not to be trusted!

Not long after this, Mr. Halliday, the minister who preached the sermon that caused Ann to turn to the Lord came to see her. Evidently he had watched her and saw she was a good worker. He told her that one of the best homes in his circuit needed a girl, and if she was ready to go he would introduce her to the family.

At once Ann replied, "I will go anywhere, sir, where I can be free to serve the Lord."

So he took her to a neighboring town and introduced her to the family of Dr. Reid. She had no way of knowing it then but she would spend many eventful years working for them. Ann was pleased when Dr. Reid agreed to pay her the generous wage of two dollars a month!

In her own quaint way, Ann used to say, "The minister married me to Mrs. Reid," for he made Mrs. Reid promise that she would keep Ann as long as she would stay, and made Ann promise that she would stay as long as she would keep her. Many times Ann became dissatisfied and sorely tried with the difficulties of her job. She would pack her little bundle ready to leave, but when she remembered her promise she knew she must stay with this family.

One time Ann remembered getting so terribly tried that she decided she would commit suicide! She chose a strange way of going about this. Her master, Dr. Reid, had bought a very vicious cow, and scarcely anyone dared to go near it. It was always necessary for the man who tended it to accompany Ann while she milked. They kept it about a mile out of town.

So Ann decided that she would slip off and do the milking without



## BUT WHAT IF YOU FAIL?

**Mark 14:29-31; 54; 66-72**

**29** But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

**30** And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

**31** But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

**54** And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

**66** And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

**67** And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

**68** But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

**69** And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

**70** And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

**71** But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

And the second time the cock crew, and Peter called to mind the

word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

**Luke 22:60-62**

**60** And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.

**61** And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

**62** And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

**The Message: If at first I don't succeed—with God's help I will try again!**

### Questions:

1. Who said he would never be offended at Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say he would do before the cock crowed twice?
3. Who followed Jesus afar off?
4. With whom did he sit to warm himself?
5. Who accused Peter of being with Jesus?
6. What did the second maid say to those standing around?
7. What did Peter do when they said they could tell by his speech he was a Galilean?
8. Who turned and looked at Peter?
9. What did he do when he remembered that Jesus said he would betray Him?

### Verse to Memorize

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

# Let's



## Talk . . .

What should you do if you get saved and seem to be doing well; then all of a sudden something happens and you fail? Too many just give up. What if you did this when you were learning to walk?

Through our failures we learn what not to do. If we have done wrong we ask forgiveness and make restitution if necessary. Then we get up and go on—a much wiser person!

### A Personal Testimony

In one of my elementary classes, we had taken a test and many students had failed it, including me. We were to study the test and take it again the next day. For some reason, I didn't study like I should have and test time came. It was a semester test and the grade was important and would definitely affect my report card.

I was tempted in advance and just in case I couldn't remember the answers, I put the old test under my desk in the storage compartment. I knew it would be wrong to cheat. I had learned that in worship at home and in Sunday school, but I also knew my parents wouldn't be very happy with a low report card grade.

My mind went blank as the tests were handed out and I couldn't remember any of the answers. I knew the answers were all available, but I knew that it would be cheating.

Finally, as the testing time was almost over, I sneaked a peek. It seemed so easy and in a short time I had all of the answers and was ready to turn my paper in. I was struggling

in my heart with right and wrong. It was such an important grade.

I made 100% on that test, but the good grade didn't feel good at all. Soon afterwards, Bro. Mart Samons was holding a revival in Loranger. At altar call time they sang number 409, *Eternity*. I headed for the altar.

As I prayed and asked the Lord to forgive me, I knew what I had to do. The next day I went to my teacher, who was a very stern man, and trembling and in tears confessed what I had done and asked his forgiveness. He was surprised and said he would check to see if it changed my overall grade.

Even if I had made a failing semester grade, I felt so light and free again in my soul. I was never tempted again to cheat. By the way, he left the good grade.

Many times when we finally make our restitutions, the Lord works on the other side and makes the end results turn out much better than we expected.

After I gave in to cheating on the test, the devil reminded me that all my classmates and even that stern teacher knew I was a Christian, and confessing such an act would be a reproach. That thought, coupled with the fact my semester grade was in the balance could have kept me from making that restitution.

I shudder to think of what that could have cost me. My most valuable possession as a child and for sure as an adult has been feeling peace with God in my heart. I could have sacrificed that here—and more fearfully—for eternity.

Oh children, resist temptations, but if you do stumble, get up, go back and straighten it out with whoever was involved, and God will forgive as though it was never done. Eternity hinges on our honesty with God and our fellowman.

—Sis. Irma Sallee

anyone to protect her. She expected that the cow would do the rest! But to her astonishment, the savage brute stood perfectly quiet while she milked her. Ann started home uninjured with her pail of milk.

Meanwhile Mrs. Reid had discovered her absence and given the alarm. She was surprised when she saw Ann coming toward the house carrying the milk. When asked who held the cow she simply answered, "Nobody." The event encouraged Ann in the thought that God really cared for her. The next morning she faced her chores with fresh courage. When they told her to go and milk that day she refused to go alone.

After Ann had worked for Dr. Reid and his family for about five years, he decided to move to Canada. He at once began to collect all his back debts. There were no banks in those days so he had to keep all the money in the house. Ann was very nervous about being left alone since many people knew this.

Dr. and Mrs. Reid were away one night attending the watch-night service at the coming in of the New Year. Ann was left alone with the baby. To get to the house anyone would have to come through two large gates. One of these was iron and the other was made of very heavy wood. These gates were always kept locked. The back yard was surrounded by a very high stone wall so the house was well protected.

At midnight Ann heard the iron gate shake. This was Dr. Reid's usual signal that he was home. She was just about to go out and unlock the gate when she remembered that the service could not possibly be over, and so she sat still. In a few minutes she heard the noise again and she saw a man climb over the iron gate! Then, climbing a stack of turf, he

managed to get over into the garden. This is where the potatoes were kept. The man filled his sack full of them before disappearing again into the darkness.

Ann was relieved when her master and his wife came home. She told them all that had happened and how scared she was, but Mrs. Reid made light of her fears. In spite of this, Ann insisted that this was a warning. Dr. Reid was so impressed that he at once had the windows fixed with iron bars, and a large iron bolt put on the back door leading into the yard.

It was just two weeks after this that the doctor was away out in the country attending a patient. Mrs. Reid and Ann were sitting up waiting for him to come home. Then Ann heard the gate rattle. Since this was Dr. Reid's usual signal, she was just about to go out with the key. Suddenly she felt restrained. She told Mrs. Reid, "O ma'am that is the very same noise I heard two weeks ago!"

Her mistress asked, "Is the kitchen door locked?"

Ann replied, "No," and with that she turned the key and pushed the long iron bolt across the door. She had hardly taken her hands off when the latch was lifted by someone outside! Finding the door locked, the intruder evidently thought it would be a simple matter to just burst the lock off. So stepping back he threw his full weight against the door. But, thanks to the large bolt Dr. Reid had just installed, the door did not budge.

(To be continued)

<b>Answers:</b> 1. Peter. 2. Deny Him three times. 3. Peter. 4. The servants. 5. A maid. 6. "This is one of them." 7. He began to curse and swear. 8. Jesus. 9. He went out and wept bitterly.
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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE LONG JOURNEY

(Continued from last week)

It was late at night and Ann and her mistress were waiting for Dr. Reid to come home. Ann heard a noise that sounded like the doctor's signal to open the gate. She started out to unlock the gate when she became afraid. Instead she told her mistress that it was the same noise she heard when the robber came two weeks before.

Now Mrs. Reid was frightened. She asked if the kitchen door was locked and it wasn't. Ann had scarcely turned the lock and bolted the door when she saw that someone was trying to open the door!

Finding the door locked, the intruder evidently thought it would be a simple matter to just burst the lock off. So stepping back he threw his full weight against the door. But, thanks to the large bolt Dr. Reid had just installed, the door did not budge.

The intruder was so determined to break in he tried again and again.

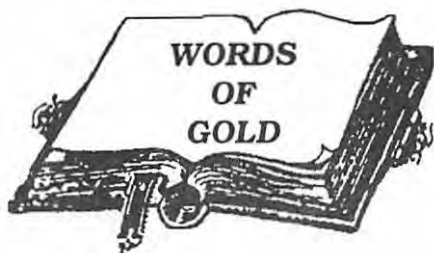
The two women inside naturally were terrified! Ann began to pray, but Mrs. Reid decided that she should go and call for help. Ann was afraid to venture out at the front door, but when it came to a choice of doing that or staying there alone, she decided that she would run for help.

The first place where she called the man would not come so she went on to the army barracks. There she found only one soldier. He was on duty so he could not leave. Finally she knocked on the door of a home where they had not yet gone to bed. A big, burly fellow came out. When he heard her predicament he agreed to go with her. He grabbed his revolver and hurried toward Dr. Reid's house following Ann.

They got to the house just in time to meet Dr. Reid coming home. When Dr. Reid gave his usual signal to open the gate the robber jumped over the wall, thinking the doctor was alone. He was surprised to find there were two men outside the gate instead of one. He quickly turned and ran into the darkness but not before the doctor recognized him as a man he had occasionally hired to do odd jobs around the house.

In May all the preparations had been made. The family would soon be sailing for their new home in Canada. Mrs. Reid asked Ann if she would go along with them. She answered simply, "Yes, for I can't break my promise to Mr. Halliday."

So Ann went home to tell her parents goodbye. Her father loved her so much his first response was, "Ann, I can't let you go." But Ann insisted that she must, as she had already promised. Besides that she told him



## CAN YOU HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD?

### I Samuel 3:1-10; 15-17; 19

1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep:

4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not: lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son: lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee?

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18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. . .

19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him. . .

**The Message: God speaks to us  
through His Word. But we must  
be listening!**

### Questions:

1. What child ministered to the Lord?
2. Who could not see?
3. What was Samuel doing when the Lord called him?
4. What did Samuel do when he heard the Lord's voice?
5. What did Eli tell him?
6. How many times did the Lord call Samuel before he realized who it was?
7. What did Samuel answer the Lord?
8. What did Samuel fear to tell Eli?
9. Who was with Samuel as he grew?

### Verse to Memorize

Who hath ears to hear,  
let him hear.  
Matthew 13:9

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Among some of my best childhood memories is one of my mother reading Bible stories to us. Many of them made a deep impression on me. When I was older I would read them again myself.

I especially liked the story of Samuel which we have in this lesson. I couldn't help thinking that Samuel must have been very lonesome. He was far from home and his family. The tabernacle didn't seem like an ideal place for a young boy at all. He only had the prophet Eli for company and he was old and blind!

Evidently Samuel slept alone in his own little room. Since Eli was blind he was probably used to running quickly to see what he wanted whenever he heard him call.

One night Samuel had already gone to bed when he heard a voice call him. Naturally he thought it was Eli so he dutifully ran to see what he wanted. To his surprise, Eli told him, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down!"

That was strange! Samuel knew someone had distinctly called his name. But he did as Eli said and went back to bed. Again he heard someone call his name. This time he was sure it was Eli. He ran in and said, "Here I am. You did call me!"

Again Eli denied calling him and sent him back to bed. After this happened three times Eli realized it must be the Lord calling Samuel. This time he told Samuel what to do if the Lord called again.

Of course Samuel obeyed. Then the Lord told what judgments He was

going to send because of Eli's wicked sons.

I would read this story and think, "I sure wish God would talk to me like that!" I would have different problems and think, "If God would only speak to me out loud I would know just what to do. I wish I could ask Him what to do right now!"

When I was older I learned that I have the opportunity to do just that! Right in the middle of my everyday activities and decisions, I can take my problems to God. Maybe it isn't in an audible voice but God will direct me. I take His Word and study it carefully and prayerfully. The Holy Spirit will then instruct me and let me know God's will.

God is no respecter of persons. You can talk to Him as if He is right there—just like you talk to another person. You can say, "Now, Lord, here is this problem. I need You to show me what You want me to do." As we have read in our stories, God is able to tell you just what you should do.

He wants to be that real and personal to you! Maybe you are with some of your friends and pretty soon one of them suggests, "Hey, it would be fun to do something different!"

Maybe it isn't really wrong but you just don't feel good about it. Then is a good time to stop and just ask God, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Sometimes you already know what you should do but you just want to go your own way. Then the Lord cannot direct you because you are not listening to know His will.

It is better to listen carefully and do what the Lord directs the first time. There have been times I haven't. Then the Lord told me that I had to apologize. When I obeyed I felt so good and clean!

But I learned to listen carefully to the voice of God. It is a wonderful experience to have God speak to you!

—Uncle Dale

they had already bought her ticket.

Ann stayed at home all night and then asked her parents to go a little way with her. After walking some distance down the road Ann turned around to speak to her father. But he had suddenly disappeared. He just could not stand the pain of saying goodbye to her. Her mother went with her to the town where Ann's sister was living. Together her sister and mother pleaded with Ann to stay at home, but Ann paid no attention to their entreaties.

Her mother finally broke down completely, and wept as she said, "O Ann, I just can't let you go." In a very heartless and unfeeling way Ann turned and said, "I will go. Sure what's the difference? You won't live more than seven or eight years anyway." These cruel words come back to Ann many times in the years that followed.

She walked on alone. Her mother and sister stood watching her as long as they could see her. The look on her mother's face haunted Ann for many days.

Ann and those with her boarded the ship headed for Canada. In those days it took seven weeks to sail from Ireland to Canada. Nor did they have the conveniences of our modern ships. It was not an enjoyable leisure trip!

There were seven in the Reid family. Besides this, two relatives and their families came along and Ann had to take care of all of them. There were no cooks on the ship or stewards to supply their needs. They carried their own supplies and cooked their own food.

When all three families became seasick Ann had an even greater load. She was the only one that kept well throughout the entire trip. "Sure, I had no time to get seasick," she later explained.

The long journey had its usual incidents, and Ann's duties furnished

plenty of opportunity for unusual annoyances. She had to cook on the ship's ranges, and when her back was turned her pots were often set aside. On such occasions she had trouble controlling her hot temper.

Ann came to be called "the praying-man's biddy," because Dr. Reid would have family worship three times a day. Most of the other travelers were very wicked and did not appreciate his prayers.

Mrs. Reid only went up on deck once during the whole voyage. While she was on deck the ship gave a sudden lurch. A poor man who was high up fixing the rigging lost his hold. He fell, mangled and dead, onto the deck almost at her feet. The nervous shock from this, combined with the seasickness, kept her in her berth during the rest of the voyage. This all made harder work for Ann.

They met with several severe storms and twice during the journey the sea was so rough that the passengers were not allowed on deck. During these frightful times Dr. Reid, the despised praying-man, was in great demand. Even Ann herself thought that the end had come during a particularly fierce storm. She and the rest of the passengers expected that the ship would go down any minute. She definitely committed herself to the Lord and others could be heard praying too. However, as soon as the danger was over and the waves calmed down most of the passengers returned to their old life of gambling, drinking and swearing.

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. Samuel. 2. Eli. 3. He had lain down to sleep. 4. He ran to Eli. 5. That he had not called, and to go back and lie down. 6. Three. 7. "Speak, for thy servant heareth." 8. The vision (what the Lord had told him). 9. The Lord.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## FROM DEFEAT TO VICTORY

(Continued from last week)

In our day the beautiful ocean liners make the voyage from Ireland to New York in a fraction of the time that it took Ann and the Reid family. It was a hard trip with no leisure time since Ann had the care of three families. There were no banquets and lavish meals served—Ann had to prepare everything they ate. One can hardly imagine how glad they all were to see land after seven weeks on the water!

They entered the port of New York and sailed up the Hudson River. The beautiful scenery there was very refreshing after the ocean journey. From Albany they took the overland route and reached Toronto, then known as Little York. They stayed here for a few months and then moved to Thornhill. Dr. Reid decided this was the place he would live and work.

Through all these changing circumstances Ann's temper often caused her to do things she regretted afterwards. There was a good place of worship near her new home but she had little interest in attending.

After about five years in Canada Mrs. Reid died suddenly: This put all the responsibility of the home

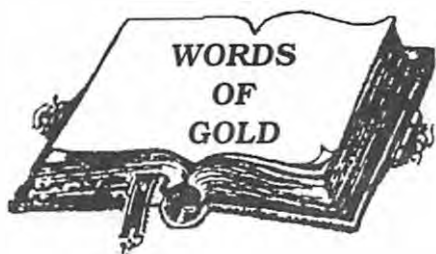
and children directly on Ann. With the increased work load Ann often had terrible outbreaks of her temper though she still professed to be a Christian.

It is true the children were annoying. Sometimes when Ann had finished scrubbing her floors they would track right in with their muddy shoes, in spite of her protests. This seemed more than she could stand, and what followed was anything but an exhibition of Christian graces!

Dr. Reid did not always help Ann in spiritual things. In fact, he sometimes tried her sorely. Ann was expected to look after the horse and buggy, and she had to attend to the blankets. The doctor was very particular that these should be brought out at the last minute from the stove so that they would be nice and warm for his journey.

One day he saw Ann coming back to the house. She had already taken the blankets to the buggy and he was not ready to leave for awhile. Evidently annoyed, he pulled Ann's hair as she went past him. Instantly Ann's temper blazed up and she snatched up a big stick of wood that lay in the pathway. She threw it at him with all her might. Fortunately it missed its mark.

Evidently neither of them was very much edified by what followed.



## ARE YOU STRUGGLING?

**Hebrews 12:1-13**

**1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

**2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

**4** Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

**5** And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children. My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

**6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

**7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

**8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye . . . not sons.

**9** Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

**10** For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

**11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

**12** Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

**13** And make straight paths for your feet . . .

**The Message: God's whippings are sent in love and for our good.**

### Questions:

1. We are surrounded by a great cloud of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What should we lay aside?
3. How should we run the race that is before us?
4. To Whom should we look?
5. Where is He set down?
6. We should not despise the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.
7. Who does the Lord chasten?
8. If God does not chasten us it is because we are not His \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What kind of paths should we make for our feet?

### Verse to Memorize

For whom the Lord loveth  
he chasteneth . . .

Hebrews 12:6

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Have you ever wondered why God doesn't just make the devil let you alone so you can be happy and enjoy your Christian life? You may wonder why God doesn't just answer prayer the first time you pray so you wouldn't have to pray time after time. Problems may come that seem just too hard for you and you question why you must go through such a difficult place.

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A man once kept the flask-shaped cocoon of an emperor moth in his home for nearly a year. The cocoon of this moth is made so that the moth must squeeze through a very tiny opening at the top. Yet after the moth has emerged the cocoon is still intact, without a tear. Considering the size of the imprisoned moth, it seems a wonder that the moth can ever squeeze through such a small hole.

The man happened to be watching when the moth began its first efforts to escape from its long confinement. All morning, from time to time, he watched it patiently striving and struggling to get out. But it never seemed able to get beyond a certain point.

At last his patience was exhausted. He decided that it was very likely that the cocoon was drier and less elastic than if it had been left outside all winter as nature meant it to be. He decided he should help the moth so with the point of his scissors he snipped the opening a tiny bit to make the exit just a little easier.

Almost immediately the moth crawled out of its cocoon dragging a

huge swollen body and little shriveled wings. The man watched anxiously to see the marvelous process of expansion when the wings would silently and swiftly develop right before his eyes. All the exquisite spots and markings of vivid colors were there in miniature but he waited to see these assume their true size. He wanted to see the moth appear in all its perfect beauty but it never happened!

This man's false tenderness had been the ruin of the moth. It never was anything but an ugly stunted creature. Through its brief life it could only crawl about, dragging its shriveled wings, when it should have been flying through the air on rainbow wings.

The experience was a lesson to this man. When he saw people struggling with sorrow, suffering, and distress his impulse was to cut the discipline short and give them immediate relief. Then, remembering the moth, he realized he was only a short-sighted man! He knew he could never understand the strength and beauty God was working out in these lives.

Our Father's love is too true to be weak. Because He loves His children, He chastises them so they may be holy as He is. With this glorious end in view, He does not stop until the suffering has accomplished His divine purpose. Jesus was made perfect through sufferings. So all the sons of God are trained up to obedience and brought to glory through much tribulation.

—Adapted from a Tract;  
*Streams in the Desert*, January 9

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So our prayer should be, "Lord, don't make things easier for me; just make me stronger so I can face life's battles and whip the enemy each time." Then each victory will make you stronger to face the next one!

I want to go through my battles and struggles so my wings will be fully developed! —Uncle Dale

because neither would speak to the other for the next two weeks. During family prayer Ann even put her fingers in her ears to keep out the sound of her master's voice!

But in spite of these outbursts of anger, Ann did not give up the struggle to do right. She describes her life at this period as truly awful, sinning and repenting, sinning and repenting. She knew nothing of abiding rest. However, through her struggles a kind hand was guiding her on to a place where she should not only enjoy greater blessing, but bear sweeter fruit.

Ann's ungovernable temper brought her the greatest grief. She wept over it, confessed it, fought with it, but all too frequently the whole process had to be repeated in the face of some great outbreak under specially trying circumstances. There came a change, however, and a time when she was delivered from its slavery.

It happened this way: A young man who stayed all night at the home led the family worship before retiring. He read Psalm 34. The 16th verse was strongly impressed upon Ann's mind: "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth."

She asked the young man to mark that verse for her. Then in her room she knelt down and prayed for understanding. She opened the Bible to the place the young man had marked but the devil was right there to contend with her. His first suggestion was, "You can't read it."

To this Ann replied, "Well, the Lord will give it to me!" And in a wonderful way she was enabled to read that verse over and over again. This was a miracle because until this time, with one exception, Ann had never been able to read a word or make sense of the alphabet. But from

this time on she could read from the Bible in a simple way. Until toward the close of life she was unable to read any other book. A newspaper was like a foreign language to her.

So, reading the verse while still on her knees, she said, "Lord, what is evil?"

The answer came, "Anger, wrath, malice," etc.

Ann was so affected by the verse of scripture that she cried and prayed all night long as she saw her inward sinfulness. Toward morning she cried out in sheer desperation, "O Lord, how will I know when I get deliverance?"

The answer came, "Well, Jacob wrestled until he prevailed."

In her simplicity, Ann asked, "What does 'prevailed' mean?" and to her there reply came, "Getting just what you come for and all you want."

Again she questioned, "And what will it do for me when I get it?"

The reply came back, "It will enable you to rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in everything to give thanks. You will live above the troubles of this world and the things that now upset you."

But then the devil brought back to her mind the former outbreaks of temper. The suggestion came, "Yes, just wait until you are scrubbing the floor and the children come in with their dirty feet, then you will see!"

But God's word had convinced Ann that these outbreaks were displeasing to God and that there was deliverance from them. She was determined to have deliverance at any cost!

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. Witnesses. 2. The weights and sin. 3. With patience. 4. To Jesus. 5. At the right hand of the throne of God. 6. Chastening. 7. Those He loves. 8. Sons. 9. Straight.



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE SECOND GREAT CHANGE

(Continued from last week)

Ann Preston was convinced by God's word that her outbreaks of temper displeased Him. During prayer the Lord revealed to her that He had a second work of grace that would deliver her from this evil. Tired of the constant struggle, she was determined to have the victory and power God had for her at any cost! "I may die, but I'll have it!" Ann Preston said with determination.

She got off her knees and went downstairs to do her work. In the parlor she met the young man who read the verse that reached her heart. He asked her what she had been crying for all night. She answered earnestly, "I want to be sanctified throughout—body, soul and spirit."

He simply said, "Well, Ann, how were you justified?"

She replied, "Why, just by believing what God said."

"Well," he said, "complete victory comes in the same way."

Again Ann went to prayer and pleaded the promise. "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." She cried, "Lord, I have been knocking all night. Open unto me! Open unto me!"

And there is little doubt but that the answer came there and then. For two hours it seemed to her as though she had entered Heaven. This time the family was aroused with her shouts of praise instead of her cries and groans. She said the very trees seemed to be clapping their hands and praising God. With her heart overflowing, she cried, "Father, didn't you intend that man should praise you more than these?"

She at once began to tell her experience to everyone around. She went to her old class leader and told him about her new-found joy. He instructed her to rejoice evermore, and pray without ceasing in order to keep it. This brought in a shade of doubt, as she wondered how she could pray without ceasing. She thought of the absorbing affairs of life and the things that would occupy her mind, and wondered how such a thing was possible. But her mind was speedily set at rest by the Scripture saying, "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

Her joy was so great that she could not eat, and for eight days she was without food. Friends tried to persuade her to break her fast and to go give her testimony. It was some time before she felt that she could return to the ordinary duties.

For seven years and a half after this it just seemed as though she were



## KIND WORDS

### Genesis 50:14-21

14 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin: for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face: and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

### II Chronicles 10:3-7

3 . . . Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou some-

what the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

**The Message: Kind words are always the right words!**

### Questions:

1. Where did Joseph and his brothers go after they had buried their father?
2. Why did Joseph's brothers think he would hate them?
3. Who did they send to ask Joseph for forgiveness?
4. What did Joseph do when he heard their words?
5. What did his brothers do when they came before Joseph?
6. How did Joseph comfort his brothers?
7. Who came with all Israel to speak to Rehoboam?
8. What did they say they would do if he would ease their heavy load?
9. What did the old men advise Rehoboam?

### Verse to Memorize

A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!  
Proverbs 15:23

# Let's



## Talk . . .

An unusual obituary in the newspaper caught my eye a few days ago. It said, "The funeral service for an 'Affable Fix-it Man' will be today." The obituary did not describe the man as famous or tell what great things he had accomplished. It was the story of a 79 year old appliance repairman who was known for his integrity, his character and his unquenchable happiness.

The president of the company where this man worked said, "Half of his job was to go to the customer's house and fix the appliance, but the other half was to fix the people. Many of the people would call for him by name. He was always very jovial and friendly with always a kind word for everyone."

This can be a lesson to all of us. No matter what our job is, the most important work we can do is to help and encourage everyone we meet. There are many people in trouble. Many don't know where to turn and can't seem to find a way out of their dilemma. All around them looks hopeless.

With the peace of God in our hearts and the sunshine of His love beaming in our lives we have what they need! The Lord can use us to channel His hope into their gloom. We can give them a smile and encouraging words that will change their outlook. God can give them hope and cheer through our kind words!

After their father's funeral Joseph's brothers feared Joseph. They

still remembered their cruelty to him. But Joseph saw God's hand in everything that touched his life. He could now see that it was God who sent him to Egypt to preserve food so his family and others could survive the long famine. "Don't be afraid," Joseph told them kindly. "I will nourish you and your little ones." His brothers were comforted and greatly relieved when they heard his kind words.

When King Solomon died his son, Rehoboam, became king. The people came asking him to have mercy on them. If he would make their load lighter they would gladly serve him. When Rehoboam asked the wise old men for advice they told him to speak kindly to the people and listen to their complaints.

Instead of taking their advice Rehoboam turned to his young friends for their opinion. These foolish young men advised the king to speak harshly to the people and threaten them with even harder burdens. Rehoboam took the young men's advice and it cost him most of his kingdom. Ten of the twelve tribes of Israel broke away and chose their own king. Because this foolish king refused to use kind words the kingdom was divided!

Kind words come from a heart full of love and genuine concern for others. When we give our hearts to Jesus He fills it with love, joy and peace. His presence brings heavenly sunlight into our lives that we can share with others. There is a song that says, "Who but the Christian is happy and free, filled with the glory of God?"

Remember you will represent Christ today! What an honor it would be to be known as a "happy person who has a smile and a kind word for everyone!" We are an example, good or bad. Why not be a good one?

—Uncle Dale

living in heavenly places. At the first dawn of consciousness in the morning she would praise the Lord and clap her hands for joy. There was very little difficulty in maintaining her Christian life with such a joyous experience!

One morning, however, she awoke, and instead of the usual sense of joy and the burst of praise, she felt and said nothing. At once the devil whispered, "You have lost the blessing."

Soon she fell asleep again and dreamed that she was talking to another woman with a similar experience. In her dream Ann urged her to walk by faith, quoting the text, "But the just shall live by faith," and urged her just to trust God.

With that she woke up and realized the message was for her. By faith she obtained perfect peace of mind and victory that did not depend on her feelings.

Jacob wrestled all night with an angel and would not let him go until the angel blessed him. That is when he was given the new name "Israel" which meant that as a prince he had power with God and with men.

After Ann prayed through and got victory over her awful temper she was like a new person. Some time after this great change, some Catholic boys scribbled these words on her door, "Holy Ann lives here. Go in and have a word of prayer."

The boys were making fun of Ann but the name was so fitting that it gradually became so common that even friends began to call her by the name, "Holy Ann." When she saw there was no way to keep from being called by that name, Ann went to her place of prayer. She prayed, "Oh, Father, they are calling me Holy Ann. Make me holy, so that the children will not be telling lies." After awhile even most of her friends knew her only by this name and did not know her proper name, Ann Preston.

The new name certainly did not cause Ann to become puffed up. Its effect was to cause her, with the whole purpose of her life, to desire to fulfill the command of God, "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

From this time on Ann was like a new person. Wherever she went she became a faithful witness for God and an inspiration to all who knew her. This poor, ignorant woman had stepped from a life of struggling, marked too often by defeat, into a life of power and blessing. She stepped into a life of wonderful intimacy with God and prevailing prayer.

It was not long before this became generally recognized. Other weaker Christians asked her advice and begged for her to pray for them. It was very plain to see that when she prayed she could "ask and receive." She had become a special subject of the thoughtful care of her Heavenly Father.

There was one incident that she often told which beautifully illustrates this. In jumping over a fence, Ann twisted her foot and injured the ankle. It got worse and worse until finally she was not able to walk. Dr. Reid said she would have to have the bone scraped before it would heal.

Ann submitted to this painful operation without any anesthetic saying the Lord sustained her through it. It was a long, long time before the wound healed up, and for over a year Ann was not able to walk. During this time while she could not be so busy she learned many precious lessons.

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. Back to Egypt. 2. Because of the evil they had done him. 3. A messenger. 4. He wept. 5. Fell down before him. 6. With kind words. 7. Jeroboam. 8. Serve him. 9. To be kind and speak good words to them.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## HOW GOD ANSWERED PRAYER

(Continued from last week)

Ann twisted her foot and badly injured her ankle when she tried to jump over a fence. It was over a year before she could walk. She had become very weak through the great strain upon her system. One day the doctor told her she must have fresh eggs and milk. It did not occur to him that he was giving an impossible prescription. It was in the dead of winter, and not a fresh egg was to be had anywhere in the village.

But Ann was learning that the things that are impossible with man are possible with God. She took her need to God in prayer. She was sitting in her chair shortly after this, between the kitchen door and the back stairway. Someone had left the door open. To her surprise a hen came in and dropped down at Ann's feet. Something said to her, "Lift it up and put it on the first step of the stair."

Immediately Ann recognized that her Father was about to meet her need. The hen went upstairs, and in her simple way Ann asked that it might not be permitted to cackle. She did not want Dr. Reid's daughters to know a chicken was in the house. (There was a woman, named Peggy Casey who let her hens live in the house with her. The boys laughed

at her and Ann did not want to be compared to her!)

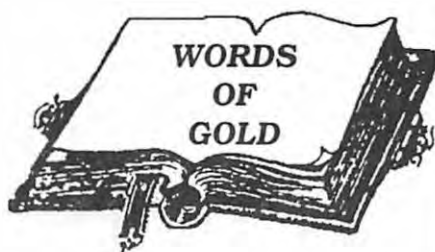
After a few minutes the hen came down very quietly and Ann reached to the door and let her out. Then another great difficulty faced her. She had not put any weight on her foot for a long time. It was impossible for her to walk, and while she was confident that the doctor's prescription had been filled at the top of the stairs, she did not know how she was to obtain it.

She prayed, and felt that the answer came, "Go up for it." But in her simple way she said, "Father, how can I? It is impossible."

Some time before this she had learned a little refrain which she had taken as one of the motto verses of her life. It ran like this:

*"Faith, mighty faith,  
the promise sees,  
And looks to God alone,  
Laughs at impossibilities  
And cries, 'It shall be done.'"*

When she spoke of impossibilities the inward voice said, "Well, say your verse." She hesitated for some time, but at last faith conquered and she repeated the simple words. Then she received her instructions as to how she was to act. She worked her chair toward the door, and then, sitting on the first step, she raised herself with her hands, step after step, until she had reached the top. The hen had laid the egg in an old box just at the



## JUST A COINCIDENCE?

### Acts 12:1-12

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

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

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

4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him. . .

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

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

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

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

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

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came

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

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary . . . where many were gathered together praying.

**The Message: Prayer moves God. That can move the world! The church prayed and God sent His angel to deliver Peter!**

### Questions:

1. Who killed James the brother of John?
2. Why did he capture Peter?
3. Where did he put him?
4. What was the church doing while Peter was there?
5. What was Peter doing when the angel came to him?
6. What did the angel do to Peter?
7. What happened to the chains?
8. Peter couldn't believe what was happening to him. He thought he saw a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What were the people doing who had gathered at Mary's house?

### Verse to Memorize

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

Acts 12:5

# Let's



## Talk . . .

A missionary was on his way to a village in Africa. When he came to the river he was dismayed to see that it was overflowing its banks. The river which was normally very narrow was now raging and turbulent. It would be impossible for him to wade across. The rushing water had washed out all the bridges—yet it was urgent that he get across!

So, falling to his knees, the missionary begged the God of Heaven to please provide a way across the river. Then he heard a loud crash! When he looked he saw that the noise came from a very large tree next to the water. Its roots had been undermined by the rushing water. It fell across the river, making a perfect bridge! The missionary, rejoicing at God's answer to prayer, went across to keep his appointment.

Some unbelievers might say, "Now that just happened at the right place at the right time. It was a mere coincidence." But I am convinced that God does answer prayer like this.

I have been quite severely crippled for several years. There have been a number of times that I have asked the Lord for help and suddenly someone 'just happened' to come along right when I needed them!

One incident that I remember happened at the service station in town. I had gotten some gas so I got my billfold and pulled out a \$20 bill. Somehow it slipped out of my hand. Instantly the wind caught it and blew it right out onto the driveway! I knew that at any second another gust of wind could blow it to no telling where.

I knew I could never walk fast enough to catch it so I just quickly begged the Lord to help me.

At that moment a pickup pulled away from the pumps. The driver didn't see the \$20 bill but he did see my frantic gestures. He rolled down his window to ask what my problem was. I pointed and said, "That is my \$20 bill!" He jumped out and grabbed it just as another gust of wind was about to carry it away.

Great things can happen when we use the power of prayer!

—Uncle Dale

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### WHEN I STOPPED TO PRAY

When four-year-old Charles Odam, a neighbor's son, strayed from home, everyone in our heavily wooded, rural area pitched in to look for him. After checking out a big, deep spring I climbed the mountainside, calling the boy and listening. No answer.

At the top of the mountain, green moss grew in a thick carpet on the woodland floor and late afternoon sunlight glimmered through the trees. I dropped to my knees and prayed to God for His help. Raising my head, I noticed a faint trail I had never seen before—just a trace used by forest animals; an enticing trail for a little boy! But it ended where someone had cut logs. No sign of Charles there.

The sun was going down. It was time to go back. Just then I heard a wild animal's cry, a little "mia ow" like a bobcat's kitten. Again it came. I peered through some bushes. There was Charles! He'd cried till he could only make that funny little sound.

He locked his arms around my neck and I carried him all the way home. On the way I thought about the hidden trail. What if I hadn't bowed my head to pray?

—Nadine Moody

*HIS MYSTERIOUS WAYS*

head of the stair, and she was able to reach it without getting off the top step.

But how was she to get down with the egg in her hand? In her simple way—for she used to pray about all these little things in a very familiar manner—she asked for directions, and the word came, "Put it in your pocket."

She then managed to descend in the same fashion, and was just safely back in her chair when Paddy, the servant, walked in. Ann prayed, "Now, Father, don't let him ask me where I got it."

Paddy took the egg and fixed it for her as if there was nothing unusual about her having one. Yet he had been all through the village trying to find eggs for Ann without any success!

For three weeks the hen returned every day without making the slightest noise. Then one morning, while the hen was upstairs, the doctor said she did not need any more milk and eggs. Just after this one of the young ladies came in and startled the hen. It came down the stairs cackling loudly.

The young woman was so surprised she said, "What, Ann, have you got hens upstairs like old Peggy Casey?" Then she shooed the hen out into the yard. It never returned.

When Ann was able walk and go outside again she tried to single out the hen. She wanted to show it special kindness since it had been so faithful to meet her need. But she could not tell which hen it was. In her customary way she appealed to her Father to show her which one it was. Instead she heard the voice speaking to her inward consciousness, and telling her, "My glory will I not give to another."

For a long time Ann hesitated to speak of this incident. She was sure no one would believe her. But God

reproved her for not telling others about His goodness to her. She heard Him say, "I fed you just as really as I fed Elijah through the ravens, and yet you are ashamed to make it known."

Some time after this Ann was away from home visiting some friends. When she got up courage to tell them how God had provided eggs for her the lady did not believe her. Ann said quietly, "Well, my Father will make you believe it before I go."

Ann did not have enough money to get home and did not know how much she needed. One morning as she knelt in prayer she asked her Father how much it would cost. Later when she asked the lady she told her exactly the same amount.

Then the woman asked, "Do you think you will get it, Ann?"

She answered, "I am sure the Lord will send it to me."

A little later while Ann was away from the house a man came asking for the "shouting girl."

The lady told him she wasn't there and then added in an amused way, "Do you know, she was praying this morning for money to take her back home, and she says she is sure her Father will send it."

"Well," said the man, "and so am I, for I have it here in my pocket." He then told her how he had been impressed to give her the amount, and to bring it to her.

The woman could not wait to tell Ann. When she did, Ann answered, "I knew my Father would send it to me. You wouldn't believe about the egg. My Father has done this to make you believe."

(To be continued)

<b>Answers:</b> 1. Herod. 2. To please the Jews. 3. In prison. 4. Praying continuously. 5. Sleeping. 6. Hit him on the side. 7. They fell off. 8. Vision. 9. Praying.
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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## MORE ANSWERS TO PRAYER

(Continued from last week)

Ann Preston was a new person when she learned to pray to her "Father." She would often pray for hours as she poured out her heart to God in praise and petitions. She was so truly transformed through faith in Christ that her violent temper disappeared. Her great delight was to talk to her "Father" in prayer and attend church services so she could share her joy and experiences with others.

Her prayer didn't stop when she left her room, however. Ann was constantly speaking to her "Father" about each and every seemingly insignificant thing. "Father, where did I put that laundry?" "Father, what am I going to do about supper tonight?" "Father, help me through today . . ."

When the Catholic boys of the neighborhood noticed that Ann prayed constantly they nicknamed her "Holy Ann." After reading this, Ann prayed to her "Father" that she truly would be holy so they would not be telling a lie.

Soon her family and the neighbors began noticing something else about Holy Ann. Whenever she prayed for something, it came true! And so, they began to approach this

mysterious neighbor of theirs with their requests.

Ann loved to help others. Every spring she used to make two barrels of soft soap—one for their own use, and always one for the poor. On one occasion she had made the one barrelful and was at the last kettleful of the second, when something seemed to go wrong. The soap would not thicken.

The children came out to see how she was getting along, and of course, childlike, they wanted to know what was wrong with the soap. In her familiar way Ann said, "My Father says it only needs a bone."

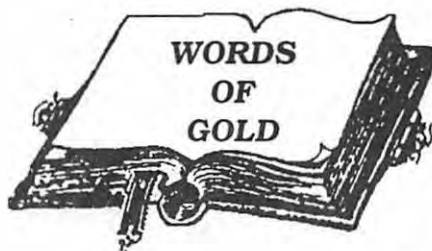
They asked, "Well, haven't you got one?"

She said, "No, but my Father bids me wait till morning."

"But suppose it should rain in the night? The water would spoil it more."

But Ann quietly said, "My Father said wait till the morning, and I will wait, and cover it up now."

By three o'clock the next morning Ann was up and out to see her soap. There by the side of the kettle lay a large marrow bone. All the meat had been taken off of it but it had not been boiled. With her quiet "Thank you," Ann lifted up her heart in praise. Then she picked up the axe, broke the bone and put it in the soap. In a



## RESPONSIBILITY

**Luke 19:12-13: 15-26**

12 He said therefore. A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom. and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants. and delivered them ten pounds. and said unto them. Occupy till I come.

15 And it came to pass. that when he was returned. having received the kingdom. then he commanded these servants to be called unto him. to whom he had given the money. that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first. saying. Lord. thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him. Well. thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little. have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came. saying. Lord. thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said likewise to him. Be thou also over five cities.

20 And another came. saying. Lord. behold. here is thy pound. which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee. because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down. and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him. Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee. thou wicked servant. Thou knewest

that I was an austere man. taking up that I laid not down. and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank. that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

24 And he said unto them that stood by. Take from him the pound. and give it to him that hath ten pounds.

25 (And they said unto him. Lord. he hath ten pounds.)

26 For I say unto you. That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not. even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

**The Message: God gives each of us at least one talent. We have the responsibility to use it to His glory.**

### Questions:

1. Where did the nobleman go?
2. Why did he take this trip?
3. How many servants did he call?
4. What did he give them?
5. How much had the first servant gained?
6. He made the second servant ruler over how many cities?
7. What did the last servant do with his pound?
8. What did the nobleman say he should have done with the pound?
9. To whom did they give his pound?

### Verse to Memorize

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.  
Lamentations 3:27

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Charles was not yet acquainted with the city so he decided to ride the bus and just look around a bit. He got on the bus and paid his fare but he didn't bother to count the change until he found a seat and sat down. It was then that he noticed that the driver had given him a quarter too much.

He thought about it, knowing that he would have to give it back. But then he thought, "Why bother? I'll just forget it—the bus fare is too high anyway and the bus company will never miss such a little bit!"

His mind went back and forth as he was riding along. When it finally came time for him to get off he got up and started for the door. Then, on impulse, he stopped and turned to the driver saying, "You gave me too much change." Then he handed him the quarter.

The driver smiled and thanked him. Then he asked, "Aren't you the new pastor of the church here in town?"

Charles answered, "Yes, I am."

The driver said, "I'm looking for a good church to attend so this morning I decided to see how honest you are. I gave you too much change on purpose. I am looking forward to coming to church and being with you!"

After Charles got off the bus he had to lean against a telephone pole awhile. It made him feel weak all over to think how close he had come to keeping the quarter and failing God! "What if I had not realized my responsibility to be strictly honest? It could have meant that this man

would never accept the Lord into his life and he and others would be lost!" He shuddered at the thought.

We all have responsibilities and it is up to us how we handle them. It is easy to get careless and feel that it really doesn't matter if we choose to do right or wrong. It is typical for children to want to try their own way. Unless they have given their heart to God and have His guidance, they will rebel against parents and others who try to protect them from the awful traps of sin. It is the devil's purpose to ruin young lives. Then they will never develop into the full power and usefulness God intended for them.

You are never too young to give your heart to God. You do not need to wait until you are an adult to begin working for Him. If you truly love God you will immediately obey everything He tells you to do. Even when you are very young God can use you to show others how to live to always please Him.

Samuel was a mere child when his parents left him alone to serve old Eli in the house of the Lord. When Jesus was still very young He knew that He should be doing His Father's business. Joseph was a boy who loved God and was obedient to his own father. Daniel and his three friends determined to serve God even if it cost them their lives. All of these were normal children yet they possessed a faith that enabled them to stand head and shoulders above others their age. They had strong faith in God and accepted their responsibility to stand true to Him. God used them in such wonderful ways they are still an inspiration to us.

While you are young you have lots of energy, strength and stamina. Don't waste these precious years and blessings. Learn to accept responsibility now. Invest all your talents in service to God!

—Uncle Dale

short time she had a batch of perfect soap.

Later that morning the children were anxious to see what had happened to the soap. They really expected that Ann's prayer would be answered and when they looked at the soap they could see that it was. When they questioned her, she explained that she got the bone that she needed. "It was here by the kettle when I came out," she told them.

One of the children said, "Oh, I guess a dog dropped the bone there."

Like a flash Ann retorted, "I don't care if the devil brought it; my Father sent it."

At one time Ann found out that a group of gospel workers were hungry and in need.

She asked some friends with whom she was staying if they ever took them any food. They told her that they had on several occasions, but added, "We haven't very much to give."

Ann asked the woman if she would take them some eggs. She answered that the hens were not laying then. Ann said, "Well, but if I ask my Father for them, will you give them to the officers?"

The woman replied, "Yes, I will."

Ann went to prayer and shortly afterwards she went out to the barn and gathered over a dozen eggs. The woman was amazed. Years afterwards this woman sent word to Ann when she needed prayer.

Of course, in many of these incidents one may find a natural explanation. God frequently uses natural things in order to answer the prayers of His children. Some unbelievers may say that the things all happened by chance. But it is certainly a most convenient chance that always appears to meet the needs of those who cry to God in prayer!

Ann told an incident that happened while she was still on crutches. A special meeting started at church and Ann wanted to be in every service but it was most difficult to get there. She was always eager to help and do everything possible to lead others to know her "Father."

One morning when Ann got up she was dismayed to see that it had snowed heavily during the night. Her first response was to turn to God in prayer. She said, "O Father now I can't go to the meeting tonight. Won't you please send someone to make a path for me?"

At that time there was no man around to shovel a path and the house was nearly a quarter of a mile back from the road. On several other occasions in answer to her prayers, someone had come along who shoveled the snow for her.

After prayer Ann heard the girls laughing. "Come and see what is making the path for Ann," they told the others. When Ann looked out she saw five horses going up the lane one after the other as straight as a line. They ran up and down in colt fashion at least four times. Soon there was a perfectly beaten track all through the deep snow. As soon as they got out on the road they would go different ways. But each time they walked up the lane it was in one straight track.

Ann enjoyed the meeting that night even more than usual. Her face beamed with joy as she told the others how God had opened her way through the snow.

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. To a far country. 2. To receive a kingdom. 3. Ten. 4. Talents. 5. Ten pounds. 6. Five cities. 7. He laid it up in a napkin. 8. Put it in a bank so it would earn interest (usury). 9. To the servant who had ten pounds.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE STORY OF THE WELL

(Continued from last week)

One of the most remarkable answers to prayer in Ann's experience was when she was able to draw water out of a dry well. It had been a long dry summer. It was usual for the family well to be dry for two or three months during the summer. This meant that the boys had to haul water in barrels from the well that was about half a mile away.

This was very hard work. They had to draw enough water for all the household needs and for the animals as well.

One evening Ann was sitting in the kitchen with the boys around her. She began to tell them some of the remarkable ways that her Heavenly Father had answered her prayers. When she finished telling about one incident Henry said, "Ann, why don't you ask your Father to send water in that well? Then we boys would not have to work so hard. I was down in the well looking at it today and it is just as dry as this floor!"

Henry said this in a half-joking, half-earnest way, as though to challenge her faith. He did not dream that Ann would take it so seriously. When she got up into her little room that night she knelt in prayer and said, "Now, Father, you heard what Henry said tonight. If I get up in class meet-

ing and say, 'My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus,' the boys won't believe I am what I profess to be if you don't send the water in the well."

She then continued to plead that there would be water in the well. Finally, rising from her knees, she said, "Now, Father, if I am what I profess to be, there will be water in the well in the morning."

When she came down the next morning Henry was out preparing to go for the water as usual. To his surprise and great amusement he saw Ann take up the two pails and start for the well.

He watched her from the kitchen window as she hooked the pail to the windlass and began to lower it. If she had done it the night before it would have gone with a bang to the bottom. But instead he heard a splash and the pail kept going deeper. Then Ann began to pull the bucket back up. Henry could see it was hard for her to raise.

At last Ann put the pail up on the well-stand. It was full of water! She lowered the second pail into the well. Again Henry heard the splash as the pail hit the water. Letting it sink until it was full of water, Ann pulled this pail up with some difficulty. Then with both pails full of clear, sparkling water, she walked up to the house.



## PRAYER

**Luke 18:1-8; 15-17**

1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint:

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city: and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

**Matthew 6:9-13; 7:7**

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

**The Message: You are never too young to pray. God loves to have little children come to Him in prayer!**

### Questions:

1. What did Jesus teach in His parable?

2. Who did not fear God nor regard man?

3. Who asked him to avenge her?

4. Why did the judge finally avenge her?

5. Who did they bring to Jesus?

6. Who rebuked those who brought them?

7. Who wanted the little children to come?

8. How must we receive the kingdom of God?

9. Jesus said, "Ask, and \_\_\_\_\_; seek and \_\_\_\_\_; knock, and \_\_\_\_\_."

### Verse to Memorize

Pray without ceasing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

# Let's



# Talk . . .

## THE PRAYER OF A CHILD

There was a little Chinese girl who loved God and often talked to Him in prayer. She lived with her grandfather who was Mohammedan. Whenever he would catch the little girl praying in the Name of Jesus he would beat her.

One day the grandfather saw a band of robbers coming towards the city. He knew they were coming to his home. He was desperate! He knew of no way to protect himself from these vicious men who had invaded his home before.

Suddenly he thought of his little granddaughter. Hadn't she said God would answer prayer? Hurrying home he found her. He shook her roughly to let her know what great danger they were in. Then he cried, "If ever you prayed in your life, pray now! Those robbers are coming back. I have seen them from the city wall. They will soon be here. You say God answers prayer. Go into that room and pray. Pray that they may not come to our house!"

With that he pushed the child into an empty room and closed the door. All alone, the little girl, who was about eight years old, knelt down. Confidently she knelt to tell God about their trouble. Her mother was in the next room and heard her as she poured out her heart to the Lord.

"Heavenly Father," she said, "I am so happy, so thankful because my grandfather has told me to pray.

Always before he beat me or kicked me if I prayed and was so angry. But now he has told me to pray. Heavenly Father, now's Your chance. Please show my grandfather that You do answer prayer. Please don't let the bandits come to our house." And her prayer was in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Meanwhile the soldiers entered the city and sure enough, they headed right for the grandfather's house. His door was standing open. He knew there was no use of shutting it. As the bandits' leader turned his horse's head to go into the grandfather's courtyard the little girl was in the house praying—"Don't let them come to our house, Heavenly Father. Now's Your chance. Please show my grandfather that You answer prayer!"

Amazingly, the horse would not go in. It backed and kicked; it shied this way, and that way, and nothing would make it go in. The officer beat it, and dug his spurs into it, but all to no purpose! Finally the bandit realized there must be something very strange in the courtyard. Overcome by fear, he told his men, "Why, this courtyard is full of demons! We cannot see them, but the horse can. Not one of you goes in there!" And he turned his horse and led his men to another part of the town.

The next day the grandfather went to the "Mission House" where his little granddaughter had learned how to pray. The missionary saw tears in his eyes when he met him. Finally he spoke. "To think," he said, "that all the while that little granddaughter of mine was right, and I was wrong. Teach me about the God who answers prayer like that! Teach me to pray."

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She set the pails down in front of Harry and said triumphantly, "Well, what do you say now?"

To her surprise he simply answered, "Well, why didn't you do that long ago and save us all that work?"

Years after this a friend visited the well. They were told that from the time Ann prayed for water the well had never been known to be dry again, summer or winter!

Some might think it was almost irreverent to speak to God with such intimacy and familiarity as Ann did. Some would say that you shouldn't bring the thousand and one little matters of everyday life into the sphere of prayer. It was quite a common thing for Ann to go around at her daily tasks talking as familiarly to the Heavenly Father about every little thing as she would talk to any other person that might be in the home. She sought His guidance in every little detail of her life.

Yet those who lived with her witnessed that she received special answers to her simple prayers. Even the children would run to Ann when they ran into difficulty while they played.

On one occasion one of the boys had lost a spade. He was dreading the punishment he would get from his father when he found out the spade was missing. He went to Ann and appealed to her to ask her Father about it. She at once closed her eyes and said in her simple way, "Father, where is it?"

We cannot explain how she understood, or in what form these answers made themselves known to her but she immediately made a beeline for the back of the garden. There the spade was, hidden in the grass!

This was not by any means an isolated case. The children would come to her when their toys were lost. Invariably after Ann had prayed she

would go at once to where the missing article was laying.

There was only one occasion when Ann did fail to get her answer about something that was lost. A young minister was visiting the home and was out on the lawn playing croquet with the girls. Ann did not think it was right for the minister to be spending his time in that way. In her blunt way she asked if he could keep his mind stayed upon God while he was doing this.

He replied, "Oh, yes, for a little while."

During the game one of the girls lost something that she prized greatly. However, she was quite unconcerned and said, "Oh, never mind. Ann will soon find it for me."

Later she came in and said, "Ann, get it for me now, quick."

Ann, in her usual way, went to her Father, but no answer came. She went out to look for it, but could not find it, and it was never found.

Years later she went to live in a home where there were young boys. They enjoyed hiding things that Ann would need and then watch to see how she would find them. They would wait for the time when Ann missed the article. Of course she did not know they had hidden it. She would go up to her room or walk up to a corner with her eyes closed, and in her simple way she would say, "Father, where is it?"

After standing a moment or two in silence she would turn around and go directly to the spot where the thing was hidden!

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. That men should always pray. 2. The judge. 3. A widow. 4. Because she was troubling him. 5. Infants. 6. The disciples. 7. Jesus. 8. As a little child. 9. Ye shall receive; ye shall find; it shall be opened unto you.



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## SEEKING GOD FOR EVERYTHING

(Continued from last week)

Ann Preston was constantly aware that God was right there with her. Throughout the day she talked to Him all day as she went about her work. Then, when a special need came up she naturally told her Father all about it and asked His help. Over and over again she would ask God's help in locating a lost article. After a few quiet moments she would go directly to it!

One time the boys where she lived hid the cat and then asked Ann where it was. She had no idea what they had done but in her simple way she looked up in prayer. Then she walked straight over to the stove and opened the oven door and out jumped the cat!

One morning Ann got up and, as usual, asked her Father to give her a verse for the day. He gave her Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God..." This verse came to her while they were having family prayer. After quoting the verse to the family, Ann said, "And we will see this verse work before night, too! God will prove it." All day Ann watched, but nothing unusual happened.

That night when the girls returned from meeting Ann asked if they had had a good service. One of them answered, "Why, how could we when I lost all the money I had to live on next week on the way there?" They told Ann that they lost the money on the way to service and had looked for it all evening with a lantern.

Before they went to bed they again met for family prayer. Ann reminded her Father of the promise He gave her that morning of working everything out for good. Then she boldly asked Him to keep the money safe for her wherever it was.

Early the next morning God woke her up saying, "Get up and go get the money that you gave Me to keep for you last night."

Then came the other voice: "Nonsense! Your leg is too bad for you to get up and go." So she did not obey at once and was just falling back to sleep when the Voice spoke again telling her to get up.

This time she obeyed. She went out and walked down the path, not looking for it especially. But all at once her Father told her to stop. Then she saw a bill lying by the side of a hill almost hidden in the snow!

Since she couldn't read she picked up the bill and took it across the road where her friend, Mrs. Hughes, lived. Rapping at the door,



## **ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER**

**Romans 8:28-31**

**28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

**1 Peter 4:12-16**

**12** Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

**13** But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings: that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

**14** If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

**15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

**16** Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

**II Corinthians 12:9-10**

**9** And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

**The Message: When things look bad God can put them all together for good.**

### **Questions:**

1. What will work together for our good if we love God?
2. If \_\_\_\_\_ be for us who can be against us?
3. We should not think it strange when we have what kind of trial?
4. Instead we should do what?
5. Whose sufferings are we sharing?
6. When we are reproached for the name of Christ, how should we feel?
7. Whose grace is sufficient for us?
8. What is made perfect in our weakness?
9. Why did Paul glory in his infirmities?

### **Verse to Memorize**

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.  
Romans 8:28

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Randy watched his mother as she laid out the ingredients for the cake she was getting ready to bake. He watched her as she put some flour in a container, added some sugar, baking powder and vanilla then she broke an egg into the mixture. Next she laid out some other things that smelled good to Randy.

Just as she got all her ingredients together Randy's mother had to leave the room for a few minutes. Randy liked the cakes his mother baked—he decided he'd taste some of the things she was getting ready to put in the cake. Vanilla smelled so good but when he tasted it he thought, "WOW! What a taste—how could she use that awful tasting stuff? It will be sure to ruin the cake!" The flour wasn't much better. Randy thought it tasted about like the powder she used on the baby. Now the sugar—he could handle that!

About that time his mother came back into the kitchen. She put the flour and sugar in a bowl and didn't even hesitate before adding the nasty tasting vanilla. When all the ingredients were in the bowl she mixed them up together real good, poured it in a cake pan, then put it in the oven. Before long Randy could tell by the delicious smell that Mother knew what she was doing—the cake was delicious!

This is the way it is in our young Christian lives. Some things, taken by themselves are on the bitter side. You may wonder why your little sister or brother has to be such a brat sometimes and why you have to care

for them and let them have their way. That certainly is not fun!

It may seem that your Mom and Dad are constantly telling you that you can't do the things that look like they would be so much fun. You may wonder why they say you need to discipline yourself and that you can't expect to have everything you want when you want it. It may seem cruel to have them say, "No!" when you get your heart set on something.

But the circumstances in your life are like the ingredients of the cake. Separately each one may seem bitter and hard to take. But if we love God and entrust our lives into His hands He will work it all together for great good. Peter tells us that we shouldn't think it is strange when we have fiery trials. God knows just how hot the trial has to be to bring us to perfection. It takes time in the hot oven to blend the flavors of all the cake's ingredients and make it tasty!

It is good to know that God knows exactly what we need to go through. As He teaches us and we let Him work with us it will make us better individuals and Christians. But there are some who say, "I will go my own way. I won't take this bitter trial—I don't like someone telling me what to do!" Their own way may seem better at first but if you watch their lives later on you will see them getting in trouble. Some young people wind up in reform school or may even be put in prison. Broken homes, divorces, children who run away from home can all be the result of choosing your own way instead of allowing God to work it all together for your good.

The life of a Christian is such a happy one if we just let God put the ingredients He chooses in our life! We may not understand at the moment, but Romans 8:28 assures us that it will all work together for good. Memorize this verse and make it a part of your life!

—Uncle Dale

she said, "Get up and see if this is a bill." The lady took the bill and looked at it in amazement, and said, "This is a five dollar bill!"

Ann answered, "Come and let us praise the Lord for answering prayer."

After prayer Ann went back home. Going in to the house she threw the bill down in front of the girls and said, "There is your money."

The girls looked at it in surprise. They had looked for it so long they were sure they'd never see it again.

Ann learned to read in a very strange and supernatural way. You may remember how her teacher gave up after trying in vain to teach Ann the letters of the alphabet. Then when she gave her heart to God she asked Him to help her read one verse from the Bible that had been a special comfort and strength to her. God did that for her. Still later when she fully yielded her life to the Lord and was filled with His Spirit, she was enabled to read another special verse that had been a help to her. So, without any human help this process of instruction continued until Ann could read her entire Bible. The most remarkable thing was that Ann was never able to read any other book!

One time a person gave her a newspaper to read. She looked at it carefully, trying to figure out some of the smaller words but she couldn't. Finally she put her finger on one word and said, "That seems to be 'lord,' but I don't think it is my Lord, as my heart doesn't burn while I see it."

She was right. The word was in an article telling about Lord Robert, an officer in the South African War!

As hard as she tried Ann found it impossible to memorize verses. Yet the Holy Spirit was faithful to bring just the right verse to her when she needed it. It was quite common for

the Christian people visiting her to request Ann to ask her Father for a verse for them. And in a wonderful way, after lifting up her eyes and her heart to Heaven, Ann would give them what God gave her. Evidently the passages given were most suited to their special need because over and over again the Lord used this method to guide, comfort or correct those who asked her help.

Some people thought that Ann had a wonderful memory because she was constantly quoting Scriptures. But the fact was that the Scriptures were such a part of her everyday language that she naturally expressed herself in Bible language. In fact one of Ann's sorest trials was her lack of memory. To the end of her life she always declared that she had no natural memory. If she needed a verse or Scripture about a certain thing she would walk over to a corner of the room. There she would lift her heart in prayer and ask her Father for a suitable Scripture. Soon it would be given her and she would tell it with wonderful power and anointing. It was obvious that the Lord had given it to her.

When Ann was first saved she had a great desire to memorize Scripture verses. One day she tried for an hour to get a verse but she found it impossible to remember it. The next day she went to a friend's house to baby-sit. Ann prayed that the child would sleep the whole time so that she might try again to learn her verse. She got a New Testament and went over and over the same verse again, but without success.

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. All things. 2. God. 3. Fiery trial. 4. Rejoice. 5. Christ's. 6. Happy. 7. God's. 8. God's strength. 9. So that the power of Christ would be on him.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## DIVINE GUIDANCE

(Continued from last week)

Ann Preston declared that she had no natural memory. When she wanted a verse or Scripture to give light on any subject she would walk over to a corner of the room and lift her heart up to God in prayer, asking her Father for something suitable. The Word would be revealed to her and it was always just what was needed.

There was a time that Ann had a great desire to memorize Scripture verses. One day she tried for an hour to get a verse, but she found it impossible to remember it. The next day she went to a friend's house to stay with her baby while she was out. As soon as the friend had gone Ann prayed that the child might sleep all the time she was gone so she could try again to learn her verse.

She got a New Testament and went over and over the same verse. But it was no use. She just could not remember it! Finally it seemed as though a voice spoke to her and asked, "Ann, what is the matter with you?"

Ann replied, "Well, I never saw the like of me. I try and try but can't remember a word," at that she broke down and cried.

Again the voice spoke, "Well, I thought Christ was a satisfying

portion—all in all to you."

Ann replied, "Well, Father, I would like to remember these verses."

"Why?" her Father asked.

"Well, the class leader always quotes verses in his prayer, and I like it," she answered.

The special verse Ann was trying to memorize was, "Whatsoever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive it and ye shall have it."

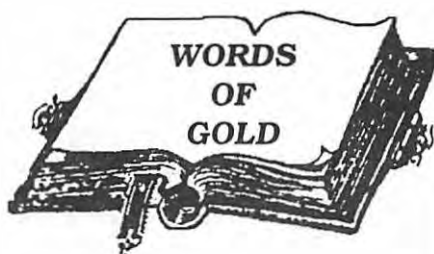
The voice spoke again, "Did you ever see a mother send a child on an errand and observe that the child forgot it before it got half way to where it was supposed to go? Well, you would be just the same. But I will give it to you just when I want you to have it, and then you won't have time to forget."

This seemed to satisfy Ann about the verses but she then asked, "Won't you teach me the little things on the doors?" (She couldn't read the address numbers on a house.)

The voice replied, "Why do you want to be able to read them?"

She said, "So that I could go around by myself."

Her Father was quick to answer, "No, because then you would go to places where they do not want you and where I did not send you. I will always take you Myself or send a pilot." Ann was so ignorant that she did not know what 'pilot' meant.



## GOD HEARS YOU

### Psalms 139:1-18

- 1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.
- 2 Thou knowest my downsit-ting and mine uprising, thou understand-est my thought afar off.
- 3 Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou know-est it altogether.
- 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy pres-ence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
- 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will praise thee: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are

thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect: and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with thee.

**The Message: Remember—every word we say here on earth is heard in Heaven!**

### Questions:

1. Who did David say had searched him and known him?
2. What did God understand afar off?
3. He said God was \_\_\_\_\_ with all his ways.
4. Who knew every word in David's tongue?
5. Such \_\_\_\_\_ was too high for David.
6. To what place could David go to get away from God?
7. Can the darkness hide us from God?
8. David realized that he was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ made.
9. David said God's thoughts were \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

### Verse to Memorize

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.  
Psalms 139:4

# Let's



## Talk . . .

One New Year's Eve a number of men had gathered at a saloon to celebrate the occasion. They had been drinking steadily for some time and by now were getting pretty drunk. Among them was a minister's son, Samuel, who had gotten away from the godly influence of home.

The door opened and in trudged Joe, stamping snow off of his boots. The conversation quieted down when he came in. Taking advantage of this he said, "They're having a New Year's service over at the church tonight. I don't see any reason why we can't have one of our own. I'm sure we could have a lively one! We can all take a part in it."

He asked Eldridge the barber to say a prayer, which he did to the delight of all. Then they sang a hymn changing the words to make a mockery out of it.

Joe turned to Sam next. He knew he was a preacher's son so he said, "Now we will have Brother Sam bring us the message!"

But Sam well remembered how he had been taught at home that God is not mocked. He knew God was looking down on them right then. He tried to get away but the men grabbed him and put him behind a table to deliver his sermon.

Sam's early training put fear in his heart. He felt deeply convicted for the sin these men were committing. In a stumbling way he started to speak. "We are all on the broad road heading right for hell," he mumbled nervously.

Then, taking courage he declared, "Tonight we all have the opportunity of breaking with our old sinful ways, turning to God and starting a New Year in our lives.

"As for me I have lived a very sinful life full of disappointments and giving in to temptations. The more I think of it," he continued, "the more I believe that God might have mercy and forgive me. I resolve right now to beg His forgiveness. I believe He sees that I mean it!"

Saying this, Sam dropped to his knees and began calling on God to have mercy on him. He humbly prayed for forgiveness for all the sins he had committed in the past. It was not long before he knew God truly had pardoned him. When he got up it was obvious that Sam was a new person! The first place he wanted to go was back home. He just had to tell his parents what a wonderful change God had made in his life.

God knows our innermost thoughts; we can't fool Him! If we really want to serve Him He will make a way for us. Man looks on the outward appearance but God looks into our heart. We cannot hide anything from God so there is no use trying.

Satan tries first to get you to think about something wrong. If he can get the evil thought into your mind he will then work to get it into your heart. From there the evil thought can soon become an evil deed. He works first through the head and then the heart before the evil thought is translated into an evil action.

This is why it is so important to reject any idea or thought as soon as you recognize that it is from the devil. If we stop it as it comes to our thoughts we won't have to worry about the actions becoming sin that we must then repent of. —Uncle Dale

The next morning a woman came asking for her to go and pray with her mother, who was dying. Ann was instructed to go with this 'pilot.' Then she understood what her Father meant by a pilot.

A friend wrote: "I shall never forget my own experience with Ann. She had been invited by my parents to come and live with us and I was told to return with Ann to the city so she could collect her belongings.

"I was a perfect stranger in the city so I was no help in finding the various places. Ann had left her things here and there all over town and couldn't remember the names of the people, streets or the addresses where she had left them!

"Every so often she would recall a name or maybe a street as we set out to collect her belongings. She could not tell me where she was going first; we would walk along the street, then suddenly Ann would stop and ask her Father which way to turn. I was not used to praying on street corners, and frankly confess that at times I felt greatly embarrassed!

"To find the first house we finally went into a store. The name of the person had come to Ann but she did not know where she lived. The storekeeper said that she had moved and gave her new address. Seeing that I was a stranger, he said he would write down the address for us.

"As he turned around for a pencil, Ann said, 'Father, don't let him find it!'

"After looking for some time, he came back and said, 'Well, that is strange. I had a pencil here just a little while ago, and I can't find it. I guess I will put on my hat and go out with you and show you the place.' This simplified matters on the first call.

"At the next place Ann could not remember the name of the individual and evidently did not even remember

what the house looked like! Several times as we walked along she said, "That looks like the house," but then she was directed to go past it.

"Finally she stopped and said, 'My Father says this is the house.'

"I said, 'Well, Ann, you can go up and see; I am not going.' It seemed to me too ridiculous to ring the doorbell and meet people without knowing who you wanted to see or where they lived.

"But with perfect confidence Ann went up and rang the bell. When the people came to the door she turned around and motioned for me to come in a kind of triumphant way. Similar experiences were repeated over and over again that day. At first it was very humiliating for me.

"Then, to conclude matters, Ann wanted me to go that night to the Salvation Army with her. I went along, and when the opportunity was given for testimony Ann jumped up and in a joyful way began to praise her Father for the way He had led her that day and guided her.

"And then turning to me and calling everyone's attention to me, she said, 'She was afraid to trust my Father. She wouldn't believe that the Lord could guide me to the right houses.' As if that was not bad enough she concluded by turning and saying to me, 'Now, you get up and speak!'

"As far as my own feelings were concerned, the day did not end very triumphantly, but I learned that Ann had a strange power. I had never before seen anyone who had such intimate guidance from God as I had seen exhibited that day!"

(To be continued)

Answers: 1. The Lord. 2. His thought. 3. Acquainted. 4. The Lord. 5. Knowledge. 6. Nowhere. 7. No. 8. Fearfully, wonderfully. 9. Precious.
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# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## DIVINE PROTECTION

(Continued from last week)

Ann Preston had quite a number of very narrow escapes. One time she was alone in the house. She had finished her churning on this particular morning and carried the buttermilk downstairs. But instead of taking it into the milk cellar, she put it just at the foot of the steps. In her usual way she told her Father that she was coming back to finish this work later on.

After dinner, noticing a small hole in the carpet, she said, "I will mend this, Father, before I go back in the cellar to clean."

While she was doing this a man entered their lane and came toward the house. Ann noticed him but kept mending. She saw him step into the hedge for a little while. When he came out his arm was in a sling. While she continued working on the carpet he suddenly appeared in the doorway and asked for help.

Ann said, "I have nothing."

"Where are the girls?" he queried.

Ann answered, "They are gone out for the afternoon and won't be back till evening."

"Where are the men?"

"Back in the bush," she said.

"How far away is that?" he continued.

"About half a mile," Ann said.

Satisfied that there was no one around, he asked her if she could get him a drink of buttermilk, knowing that she would have to go into the cellar for it.

Ann said, "Yes, sir, I can," and at once proceeded down the steps.

Her Father said, "Be quick!" and then Ann began to be afraid. She ran with all her might to the foot of the stairs and dipped into the crock for a drink and rushed up again. By this time the man stood at the top of the steps. However Ann rushed back so quickly with the can in her hand that it surprised him. He backed away from the cellar door and took the milk.

After he had taken a drink Ann again knelt down to finish mending the hole. The man sat down and asked Ann if she would mend a small tear in his trousers. The man said that he had torn it in going into the hedge to tie up his arm in a sling. She did not know what to do so she got her thread and needle as if she would do as he asked. All this time she was praying for the Lord to take care of her. She was sure that the man intended to rob her.

Before she had finished threading her needle, to her great relief she heard the windlass creaking at the well. She jumped up at once and said, "Oh, there is Mr. Reid now, sir!"

The man evidently did not want to meet him. Instead he slunk away



## EARTHQUAKES

**Acts 26:22-30**

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

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

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

**25** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

**26** And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

**27** And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

**28** But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

**29** Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

**30** And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

**Psalms 18:2-7**

**2** The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God,

my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

**3** I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

**6** In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

**7** Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

**The Message: When the world all around is crumbling God is the rock to stand on.**

### Questions:

1. Who tore off Paul and Silas' clothes and demanded them to be beaten?
2. Who did they charge to keep them safely?
3. Where did he put them?
4. What did Paul and Silas do at midnight?
5. What caused all the prison doors to fly open?
6. Why was the jailor about to kill himself?
7. What did Paul cry out to him?
8. What question did the jailor ask Paul and Silas?
9. Who did David say he called upon when he was in distress?

### Verse to Memorize

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; . . . Psalms 18:2

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Have you ever been in an earthquake; a really big one? If you have you will probably never forget the experience. It is kind of like being in a boat on the ocean. The ground actually moves, often in a motion like the ocean waves. Suddenly everything begins to shake and sway. It is a fearful experience—nothing is stable and there is no safe place to hide.

On Monday, January 17, 1994, at 4:31 a.m., the Northridge earthquake hit Southern California. It probably lasted less than a minute yet there was extensive damage. Freeways, buildings and houses collapsed. Power and water lines were cut off. Gas lines exploded. Hillsides crumbled and fires broke out. Many people found themselves trapped in the wreckage of their homes. Fifty-seven people died including a policeman who rode his motorcycle off a high freeway overpass. In the darkness he could not see that part of the highway had dropped away!

The bottom of a three-story apartment building collapsed until it looked like a two-story building with minimal damage. People were trapped in the collapsed portion but fire trucks and rescue vehicles passed right by. It took a while for anyone to notice that the whole ground floor was missing. It was buried under the rest of the building!

God is in control even when it seems that everything is in chaos. The Bible tells of several instances where God showed His power through earthquakes. God came down on Mount Sinai to talk with Moses before

the Israelites. The whole mountain burned with fire and shook with a great earthquake. The people were so frightened that they begged Moses to speak to them instead of God. They feared that they would be destroyed by His mighty presence!

When Jesus died on the cross the earth shook so violently that even the rocks broke apart. And when the angel of the Lord came to roll back the stone from the door of the sepulcher where Jesus' body had been laid there was again a great earthquake.

In our lesson the magistrates thought they had everything under control when they put the jailor in charge of Paul and Silas and demanded that he put them where they could not escape. The jailor was sure his prisoners would never get away since he put them in the inner prison and even fastened their feet in stocks.

But when Paul and Silas prayed to God and sang songs at midnight He took action. He sent an earthquake so strong it opened the prison doors and shook off the stocks from the disciples' feet!

Like Paul and Silas, serve God and keep your trust and confidence in Him. Then although you may experience a threatening situation you need not be alarmed because God has promised to always be with you. He is all powerful. He is able to care for us and protect us no matter what might happen.

Once in a small village an earthquake struck causing great fear. One woman calmly went on with her usual activities. This attracted the attention of her neighbors. They asked, "What is your secret? How can you be so relaxed when the ground is shaking under your feet? Aren't you afraid?"

With a smile the woman replied simply, "No I'm not afraid. I'm just glad I serve a God who is strong enough to shake the world!"

—Uncle Dale

trembling as though he had the palsy. She knew that God had delivered her from danger.

Two or three days after this, just about the same time in the afternoon, she was busy outside in the cook-house when she noticed a queer-looking old woman coming toward the house. Her strange appearance struck Ann as being very peculiar. She said, "Who is it, Father?"

Instantly her answer came, "Don't you remember the man who was here the other day?"

"Yes, Father, is it him?"

"Yes, it is," came the answer.

This time he walked up and said, "I want to see the boss."

Although there was not another soul on the farm, Ann said, "Just step in, ma'am, and I will call him."

Ann at once ran toward the well, calling at the top of her voice, "Mr. Reid! Mr. Reid!"

When the old woman heard her shouting she turned and hobbled away, saying, "Never mind."

Afterward Ann was troubled over this. It was a question to her mind whether she had not told a lie when she called for Mr. Reid as if he was home though she knew that he wasn't. However, she felt better about it when she remembered that the first time the man came she had told him the truth, even though her life was in danger.

Another incident occurred years later. The Reid family had grown up and Ann was living in the little cottage which they had bought for her. When the two girls left home they decided to go out to the far Western States. When they left they stored their valuables in Ann's little cottage. They had perfect confidence in Ann and knew she would keep them safe for them.

The two girls had expected to return home within a year, but instead of that years went by and they were still living in the Western States. Meanwhile a neighbor noticed the valuable articles

and tried to figure how she could steal them. She acted very friendly toward Ann all the while looking for a way to take advantage of her.

When Ann became very sick this neighbor came in and wanted to take care of her. Ann did not trust her and tried to decline. But she would not take "No," for an answer!

Ann was suffering greatly from dropsy and heart trouble. The neighbor saw this was her chance so she came in one day and insisted that Ann drink a cup of tea that she had made.

Ann had been warned by her Father not to take anything from her so when she came in she refused to take it. The woman fairly glared at her and insisted that she must drink it. Under the pressure Ann was afraid to not do as she said. When she finally took the cup and drank it the woman left.

Now Ann was in trouble! She felt like she had disobeyed the revealed will of her Father. Satan was right there to torment her. "Now He won't hear your prayer," he sneered. But in an instant Ann was crying out, "Father, forgive me, forgive me. You know I love you better than anything else in the world. But you know I was afraid.

"Now, Father, like as a father pitieth his child, pity me. You know my frame and you remember that I am but dust."

Instantly she received the assurance that she was forgiven and that God would take care of her, even though she had been poisoned. In a little while she became very, very sick, and vomited for a long time. She felt that God saved her life.

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. The magistrates. 2. The jailor. 3. In the inner prison. 4. They prayed and sang praises to God. 5. An earthquake. 6. Because he thought all his prisoners had escaped. 7. "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." 8. "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 9. The Lord.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE BEGGAR

It was Sunday afternoon, and Esther and her two younger sisters were wondering what to do with themselves. "Can't you find something to do for Jesus?" their mother asked. "Children that love Him must do their best to serve Him."

"How?" Esther wondered.

"Well, one way is to speak for Him," Mother told them. Then all three girls dropped on their knees and prayed, "Please, Lord Jesus, will you help us?"

Presently they ran out into the lane to play, and soon they saw the bent form of an old man in rags, leaning on a stick, coming up the hill. Esther felt so sorry for him. "I'll tell him about Jesus," she thought.

Very timidly she slipped up to him and asked, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

"Beggar!" he said in anger. "Call me a beggar again and I'll let you feel the weight of this stick!"

All three of the girls turned and ran. Inside the house Esther exclaimed, "Oh, Mother, it's no use my trying to work for Jesus! I don't want to do it ever again, because the old man I spoke to was angry with me."

"Why was that, dear? What did you say to him?" Mother asked.

"I only said, 'Beggar, do you love Jesus?'"

"Oh, my child, did you call him a beggar?"

"But, Mother, he is. We always call those ragged people beggars, and I'm sure he is one."

"But darling, you ought not to have said that to him; it was unkind. Run down the lane and tell him you're sorry."

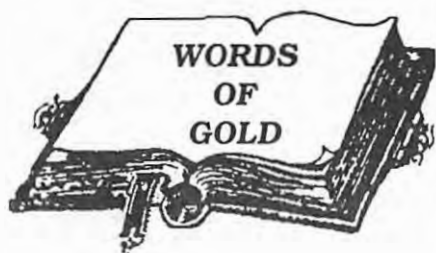
A sudden thought struck Esther. Maybe the beggar would forgive her, and think her like Jesus, if she gave him her dime. She found him sitting on a bank at the side of the road, under a tree. Trembling from head to foot she bravely went up to him. He looked so cross and angry. But she sweetly said, "Will you please forgive me for what I said? I didn't mean to hurt you. And will you have my dime?"

The anger died out of the old man's face as he saw how sorry Esther was. "There is nothing to forgive, you angel child," he said. "I was the wretch; for I don't love Jesus, little girl."

"But He loves you," Esther told him quickly. "I know He does."

With a deep sigh he answered, "Not now, my child." Then he added, "I'll take your dime for I haven't even a penny. If all who love God were like you I might have loved Him, too."

At that moment Esther's father called her. Saying, "Goodbye, I'll ask Jesus to make you love Him," she ran home. Lying awake that night she prayed, "Lord Jesus, you do love that old man, don't you?" Soon the answer to her question came.



## FROM LIFE TO DEATH!

### Mark 16:1-14

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.

13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

**The Message:** Because Jesus died for our sins and rose again, we can also experience a resurrection from our old life of sin into a victorious life of power and purity.

### Questions:

1. What time of day did the women come to the sepulchre?
2. What had covered the door of the sepulchre?
3. What did they see when they entered the sepulchre?
4. Where did he say they would see Jesus?
5. Why did the women run from the sepulchre?
6. Who did Jesus appear to first?
7. What had Jesus done for Mary?
8. To whom did Jesus appear next?
9. Last of all He appeared to whom?

### Verse to Memorize

And they shall scourge him,  
and put him to death: and the  
third day he shall rise again.

Luke 18:33

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Today is Easter, the day on which Christians commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the birth of our Savior at Christmas. This was a most wonderful event. But Christ's resurrection was an even greater event. God showed His exceedingly great love and power when He raised Jesus from the dead after He had lain in the tomb three days.

Jesus had told His disciples that He would be crucified, adding that after three days He would rise again. They could not bear the thought of their Master being taken away from them so they pushed His words from their minds; forgetting that He had added, "After three days I will rise again."

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and followers numerous times and in miraculous ways. He gave them positive proof that He had indeed risen from the dead and was alive.

Mary Magdalene was the first to see Jesus after He arose from the grave. She hurried to tell the others but they did not believe her words. Next Jesus came up to two disciples as they walked into the country. They too rushed to tell the others the good news. They had seen the Lord! But they did not believe them either.

Finally Jesus appeared to the eleven apostles as they were eating. He scolded them because they did not believe the others when they told them they had seen Jesus. Finally they

realized that Jesus was indeed alive!

### "BUT HE ROSE AGAIN"

I was going down a street in Chicago, when in a window I saw a very beautiful picture of the crucifixion. As I gazed spellbound at the vividly pictured story, I suddenly became conscious that at my side stood a street urchin. He, too, was gazing, and his tense expression made me know that "The Crucifixion" had really gripped his little soul.

Touching him on the shoulder, I said, "Sonny, what does it mean?"

"Doncha know?" he asked, his face full of marvel at my ignorance. "That there man is Jesus, and them others is Roman soldiers, and the woman that's cryin' is His mother, and," he added, "they killed Him."

I was loath to leave that window, but I could not tarry always at the world's tragedy, so I turned and walked quietly down the street. In a moment I heard pattering footsteps at my heels, and there stood my little street urchin. "Say, mister," he breathlessly announced, "I fergot to tell yer, He rose again!"

—Selected

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Jesus promised, "Because I live, ye shall live also." (John 14:19.) If we have given our hearts to Him and He lives within, we too will be resurrected by the same divine power. We will have our 'Easter morning' and go to forever be with Jesus!

I Corinthians 6: 14 says, "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power."

Of us, too, it shall be said, "He is not here!" This is our faith; this is the great hope of Easter morning.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Snow fell during the night, and in the morning it was really cold. A man came to see Esther's father to tell him there was a tramp dying, in the clay pits outside the town. The tramp was asking for him to come see him, and to bring his daughter with him—the little girl who asked, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

My father quickly agreed to take me (for I am really Esther), and he led me to the clay pits. I shall never forget the sight that met my eyes. The weary old tramp lay there, covered with a bundle of straw. "Raise my head and let me see the little girl," he said.

I was frightened, but my father put me in front of him. "Sir," the tramp said, "your child's question has been ringing in my ears all night long—'Beggar, do you love Jesus?'"

"Oh, sir, I once loved Him; but I left Him and put Him to open shame. But early this morning before the light came, when I could only see the twinkling of the stars, I came back to Him, bitterly crying for mercy. And, oh, Sir, He took me back! I know He did! And before I die I want to tell the dear girl that the beggar really loves Jesus now and is going to Him. And he thanks God for sending her so bravely to dare to ask him, 'Beggar do you love Jesus?'"

Before sundown the old man died; a beggar no longer, but a prince in the glorious world above.

I, Esther, became a missionary when I grew up, and my whole life was spent in working for Jesus. But ever since that Sunday afternoon when I prayed, "Use me, Lord Jesus." I have always added, "but make me wise, that I may make no mistakes."

### The Captain Turned Preacher

A lady, who was giving out Bibles and religious tracts went one day to the bay of Plymouth and requested permission of the captain to go on board a man-of-war, on which were about 800, chiefly wicked, men.

The captain told her it would do no good; the men would only make fun of her. But when she insisted he gave his permission.

Something occurred during her visit which irritated the captain. He swore a most dreadful oath. The lady politely asked him to not swear while she was on his ship. This he complied with.

After the lady had gone round the ship and given away some tracts she returned to the captain who was standing at the entrance of the vessel.

She thanked him kindly, and said: "I have yet one more favor to ask you, sir."

"Yes, certainly, madam," was the reply.

"It is this," she said, presenting him with the New Testament; "I desire you will read it through twice."

"I will, madam, for my word's sake."

Some few years afterward, when on a visit to a place about five miles from Plymouth, on the Lord's day, she went to the church, where she heard an excellent sermon.

As she was returning through the churchyard, a gentleman came to her, and asked, "Do you remember, madam, giving a New Testament to a captain, after distributing some tracts on board a man-of-war, and desiring him to read it twice?"

"Yes, sir," she replied.

He added: "I am the man to whom you gave it, and I have been preaching to you today. Through your work, God has brought me to love that book which once I despised!"

—Selected

**Answers:** 1. Very early in the morning. 2. A great stone. 3. A young man clothed in white. 4. In Galilee. 5. They were afraid. 6. Mary Magdalene. 7. Cast seven devils out of her. 8. Two of them as they walked. 9. The eleven.



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A GODLESS BROTHER

Ann Preston's brother lived a very wicked life. The worst thing was that he was setting such a bad example for his little girl. He would even send her to the saloon for his liquor. Ann rebuked him for this and made it a special matter of prayer. She saw that such surroundings would likely lead the little girl to a life of sin so she cried out to God to save her and to take her away from the evil.

She received a strong assurance that her request would be granted. She boldly told her brother that he had sent his little girl to the saloon for the last time. This enraged her brother but God caused it to be true. For a few days the child happened to be busy when it was time to go for his liquor so he got it some other way. Soon after this she took sick.

As she grew worse her parents became very uneasy and appealed to Ann to pray that their little girl would get well. Ann told them plainly that she knew her Father was going to take the child away to deliver her from such a wicked home. The little girl died a few days after this but before she died she let them know that she was saved and ready to meet the Lord.

Ann continued to visit her brother after this even though he lived a long

ways away. She was staying with a friend when one morning her Father (God) told her that she was to go and see her brother, James, that day.

Ann replied, "Sure, Father, I cannot go; it is five miles, and I could not walk."

The reply came, "You do as I tell you. The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof. The silver and the gold are His, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

Ann saw it in a minute and said, "The horses, too, Father!"

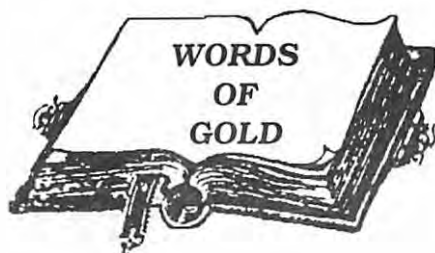
She went on with her work. Just when she got the dinner ready her Father said, "Now is the time to go."

Turning to one of the girls, Ann told her that she must go. They urged her to stay and eat dinner, but Ann insisted that her Father had said, "Now is the time."

They said, "Very well, you can do a little errand for us on your way. Just stop in and tell Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ to send over two pounds of butter."

Ann hurried off. In the distance she saw a gray horse coming over the hill. Her Father said, "That is the horse that is to take you."

She hurried down the road to get the errand done first. Just before she went into the house she saw the horse stop at the tavern. She at once said, "Sure, Father, that cannot be the one, or it would not stop there!"



### PROVE US!

#### Daniel 1:8-20

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

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

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

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

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

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

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

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 ... then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

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

20 And ... he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

**The Message: Purpose in your heart to always do God's will. He will take care of you!**

#### Questions:

1. What did Daniel purpose in his heart?
2. Who brought Daniel into favor with the prince of the eunuchs?
3. Who was set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah?
4. How long did Daniel ask to prove his diet was best?
5. Compared to the others, how did they look?
6. What did Daniel and his friends eat?
7. God gave these four \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in all learning and wisdom.
8. What special understanding did Daniel have?
9. How much better were these four than the magicians and astrologers?

#### Verse to Memorize

Proving what is acceptable  
unto the Lord.  
Ephesians 5:10

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, won a decisive victory over Jehoiakim, the king of Judah. He seized whatever he wanted and carried away as many captives as he chose. Among those taken captive were Daniel and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

ThenkingNebuchadnezzar ordered that young men should be chosen from the captives who were strong, had good countenances and intelligence so they could be taught the learning and language of the Chaldeans.

Daniel and his friends were especially smart and good looking so they were among those who were chosen. They were given special privileges and training to prepare them to be rulers. Special food was ordered for them from the king's table—all kinds of rich delicacies, truly fit for a king!

Such food must have looked tempting. These strong young men had big appetites. But Daniel knew the meat from the king's table would be some that God commanded they should not eat, such as swine or meat that had been offered to idols. They had changed his name but they could never change his love and trust in the one true God. He purposed in his heart that he would not displease God by eating the king's meat.

This took great boldness. He was only a captive—how could he say what he would or would not eat? When Daniel told the prince of the eunuchs that he could not eat from the king's table he was afraid to grant his request. He was sure that such a diet would

never make these young men as strong and healthy as eating the king's meat. And if Daniel and his friends looked scrawny compared to those who ate food from the king's table the prince could literally have his head cut off!

But Daniel did not give up. God had commanded that they should not eat certain foods and things offered to idols and he had it settled—he would obey God and trust Him to take care of the consequences. God honored his faith and courage. He gave him such favor with this man that he was willing to even risk his life to allow Daniel to prove that God's way was the best!

At the end of ten days Daniel and his friends were obviously in better shape than those who ate at the king's table. The steward was so impressed that he gave them only vegetables and water from then on! Not only did they look better, God gave them knowledge, skill and great wisdom for their faithfulness to Him. When we give up anything for God, He gives us so much MORE in return!

After three years it was time for all the captive boys to be brought before King Nebuchadnezzar. When the king interviewed Daniel and his three friends, he found there were no other young men like them. In fact, he found they were ten times better than any of his own magicians and astrologers in matters of wisdom and understanding!

God has not changed. When we dare to take our stand and do His will even when it is dangerous and seems impossible, He will make a way for us! Do as Daniel and his three friends did. Give your heart and life to God and get truly acquainted with Him. Talk to Him often in prayer and let Him talk to you through the Bible. You will learn that you serve a mighty God. Then when you are tested you will not be afraid to let Him prove His power, just as Daniel did.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

But the answer came, "Yes, that is the horse that is to take you."

When she came out of the house another rig overtook her and she accepted the invitation for a ride but this man was only going two miles. After a little while the gray horse overtook them and Ann said to the man who was driving her, "There, that is the horse that my Father said was to take me. Ask the man how far he is going."

In reply the man said he was just going two miles. Ann was not satisfied with the answer, and insisted that he ask again. The next time the man said that he was going five miles, and right along the road where Ann needed to go.

The man then asked him if he would give Ann a ride since she wanted to go that far. He answered, "I don't take women with me."

Ann spoke up then and said, "My Father said that He sent that horse for me."

Her answer surprised the man, who happened to be a priest. "What do you mean?" he asked. "Who is your father?"

She replied, "My Heavenly Father."

He then said, "Well, jump in."

Ann got in and all the way she talked to the priest about her Father and His wonderful Word. The priest was so impressed he offered to take her all the way to her brother's house but Ann thanked him and walked the rest of the way, praising God for the provision He had made for her.

Since her Father insisted that she visit her brother that very day she wondered what she would find when she got to his house. She hoped he had decided to change his wicked ways and give his heart to God. But this was not the case; he was as stubborn as ever.

Instead it was his wife that God intended her to minister to. She was tired of sin and wanted Ann to pray for her. They called on God to save her and it was not long before this poor woman was wonderfully converted. The change was just as real and deep as it had been in Ann's life. From that day she lived in close intimacy with God even though her husband was still a drunkard. God answered prayer for her in wonderful ways.

Ann kept house for the Reid family until all the children had grown. Even after she no longer worked for them she constantly followed each one of them with her prayers.

Two of the boys went to New Orleans. They had only been there a short time when a terrible sickness swept through the city. People died by the hundreds. Ann had no way of knowing what was going on but at that very time Ann had a heavy burden to pray for the boys. This lasted for two weeks. Every day she visited a friend who would pray with her for the two boys.

Then one night Ann had a vision that the youngest boy had died. She was so certain that the next morning she told her friend that she could no longer pray for this boy as she knew he was dead. The friend tried to convince her that she was mistaken but Ann was sure her Father had given her the dream so it must be so. Six weeks later the surviving boy wrote saying his brother had died on the very day of Ann's vision.

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. To not defile himself with the king's meat or his wine. 2. God. 3. Melzar. 4. Ten days. 5. Fairer and fatter. 6. Pulse (vegetables). 7. Knowledge, Skill. 8. In visions and dreams. 9. Ten times better.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE HABIT OF PRAYER

(Continued from last week)

When people heard how God answered Ann Preston's prayers they began to send for her to pray for them, especially when they were sick. One time Ann visited a woman who was so sick with typhoid fever that she was not able to sleep. Ann went in and knelt by her bedside. In her simple way she asked her Heavenly Father to give the woman at least two hours of quiet sleep.

As soon as she finished praying Ann went out and confidently told others in the house to keep very quiet. She told them that she had asked her Father to give the woman two hours' sleep, and added, "I know He will."

The patient went right off to sleep and slept for four hours! From that point she began to get better until she was well again.

One time Ann was visiting a family. Their youngest boy told Ann, "People say God does wonderful things in answer to your prayers but we haven't seen anything outstanding done around here since you came."

A few days later one of the cows took very sick. Ann overheard the men say that the cow could not get well and would have to be shot. Ann went out to the field and looked at the cow. She saw it was very, very sick.

To her surprise the Lord said, "Now, here is your chance."

Ann said, "Chance for what?"

The reply came, "To show them that My power is unchanged."

Ann knew nothing was impossible for her God, but the cow was so near death that she was like Gideon; she asked for two or three signs before she was entirely satisfied that God indeed wanted to heal the cow. Then she went back and told the boy that she knew the cow would soon be well.

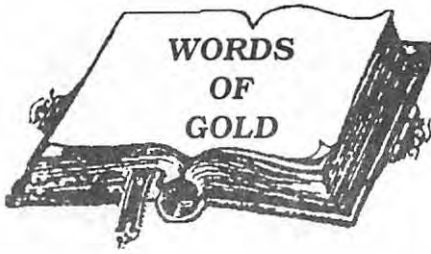
When the boy heard this he exclaimed, "Oh, good! It will get better now."

But that night he saw no change. He came home disappointed and told Ann, "The cow is no better."

This did not disturb Ann. She knew God had said that He would heal the cow. It was not long before the cow was perfectly well.

Ann constantly talked to her Father through the day. But this was not the full extent of her prayer life. From the beginning of her life of victory she found it absolutely essential to get alone with God, to enter the closet, to close the door, that she might pray to her Father in secret. She would also spend hours on her knees in prayer.

A woman who heard Ann testify at church couldn't help wondering if she always had such victory even in her every day life. Not long after this she and Ann were assigned the same room at a meeting they were attending.



### **GOD SUPPLIES!**

#### **I Kings 17:10-15**

10 . . . And when he (Elijah) came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her . . . make me thereof a little cake first . . . and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD . . . The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail . . .

15 And . . . she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

#### **II Kings 4:1-4, 6-7**

1 Now there cried a certain woman . . . unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead . . . and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said unto her . . . tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours

. . .

4 . . . thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

**The Message: If we are living to please the Lord we can always depend on Him to supply our needs!**

#### **Questions:**

1. When Elijah came to the gate of the city, what did he ask of the widow woman?
2. How much food did she have in her house?
3. What did Elijah tell the widow to do before she fixed food for herself and her son?
4. What was the creditor going to do with the widow's two sons?
5. What did Elisha ask the widow?
6. What was her answer?
7. Where was she to get empty vessels?
8. What was she to put into the empty vessels?
9. What did Elisha tell her to do after the vessels were full?

#### **Verse to Memorize**

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19

# Let's



## Talk . . .

God's promises are like checks made out to our name. They are useless unless we meet the conditions and accept them by faith. God loves to prove His power and fulfill His promises. He allows us to face trouble and have great needs. That is the time to prove Him by claiming His promise.

The events recorded in the Bible were written to reveal truths that would be applicable all down through the years of time. These two stories tell of two widows who were in desperate need. They illustrate to us God's great power and mercy. He does not forget those who are in dire need but promises to be right there to help them.

There had been no rain in Israel for a long time. Crops would not grow and many people were at the point of starving. God told Elijah to go to the brook named Cherith. There He had ravens bring him food every morning and every evening. But after awhile the brook dried up.

Then God told Elijah to go to a city named Zarephath where a widow would give him food. So, Elijah obediently walked to that city. Just as he was going through the city gates he saw a widow gathering sticks. "Bring me a drink," he told the woman. Then, as she turned to do as he asked he added, "And bring me a piece of bread also."

"I have no bread," the woman answered. "I have only a little oil and a handful of meal. I'm gathering sticks now to make a little cake out of this.

Then we will die—we have nothing more to eat."

But Elijah persisted. "Make me a little cake first. Then make something for yourself and your son. The Lord has promised that you will not run out of oil or meal."

The widow woman did as Elijah said and the Lord kept His promise. Each time she went to make bread there was more oil and more meal. Elijah ate with them for many days.

The second poor widow was left with a debt and no way of earning money to pay it. Her husband had died leaving her penniless. The creditor demanded his money and when she could not pay he said that he would take her two sons to be his servants. The widow was desperate; she could not pay the debt but neither could she stand to see her sons become slaves!

Elisha was a great prophet, mightily used of God at that time. He knew this widow's husband well because he was also a prophet. The widow decided if there was any help for her it would be through this great man of God so she went to him and told him her predicament.

After listening carefully, Elisha asked the widow if she had anything at all to pay the debt with. She answered, "I have nothing in the house except a pot of oil!"

It seemed so insignificant in comparison to her problem. Little did she dream that her little pot of oil could be turned into a fountain of wealth by God's divine power!

So, in each of us, God has invested something that, if utterly yielded to Him, can become a channel of endless wealth and blessing to ourselves and to others. We must use what He has given us, though it seems so little. It is not our ability, but how fully we are yielded to God that will accomplish amazing results through His power.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Long after they went to bed she could hear Ann quietly talking with her Father. Every now and then she would get so happy she would have to praise God out loud. This continued until nearly midnight!

About five o'clock the next morning Ann woke up, as she usually did, praising God. The room was dark so she had trouble finding her clothes. She would ask her Father where each thing was that she needed. Then, walking right to it she would say, "Thank you, Father!"

Next Ann poured water into the wash-basin. Suddenly she stopped, saying, "What is that you say, Father?"

After listening for a moment she exclaimed, "Yes, that is it. Thank you, Father!" Then she happily repeated the verses He had given her: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh, and I will put My spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments and do them."

After this she finished dressing and then knelt in quiet prayer for at least an hour. The woman could now understand the secret of Ann's power with God!

The men of the family where Ann lived went with others to plough for a man who had been sick all winter. Soon after they left, the sky became so dark it looked like it would pour rain any minute. The youngest boy asked Ann where the men had gone. After telling him she said, "It is a pity that the men will all have to come home because of the rain!"

"Why, Ann, couldn't you ask your

Father to stop the rain?" the little boy asked. Then he began quoting her favorite verse, "Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees."

At once Ann asked her Father to stop the rain then asserted boldly that it would not rain that day. The clouds gathered thicker and blacker than ever. The little boy told Ann that it was sure to rain but Ann's faith did not waver. God had assured her that it would not rain and it didn't. The men were able to finish their day's work without getting wet!

On another occasion a young woman was supposed to pick up a friend at the train depot about five miles away. Just before time to leave a heavy thunder shower came up. The young woman had always been very much afraid of the lightning and dreaded the idea of being caught in a thunderstorm away from home. Her mother didn't think she should go because there was no doubt that there would be a fierce storm.

Finally they asked Ann's advice. After quietly talking to her Father she told them that it was all right for her to go. "Not a drop will fall until she gets to the depot!" she assured.

Confident that she could trust Ann's word the young woman drove off in spite of the gathering storm. She reached the depot where they put the horse in a barn. Just after she met the friend the rain came down in torrents as lightning crackled in every direction!

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. A drink of water. 2. A handful of meal and a little oil. 3. Make him a cake first. 4. Make them bondmen (slaves). 5. "What do you have in the house?" 6. "Nothing but a pot of oil." 7. Borrow them from the neighbors. 8. The oil. 9. Sell the oil and pay her debt and use the rest of the money to live on.



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## SUNSET

(Continued from last week)

"I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—Revelation 14:13.

In her early Christian life Ann had been taught to look upon death as the culminating point in Christian experience, ushering a person into all that was perfect. She did not fear death. For her the "sting" of death had been taken away. She would often say in her testimony that "sudden death" to her would be "sudden glory." She was assured that she was ready to meet her Father in peace and cherished the thought of someday being in His immediate presence.

But death did not come for many years. God blessed Ann with a very long life of service for Him. Even the last few months of her life were full of great activity and constant witnessing to others about the power and goodness of God.

The Sunday before she passed away she was up early, as usual, and present at the seven o'clock prayer meeting in the Berkeley Street Methodist Church. After her breakfast she went back again to attend the class

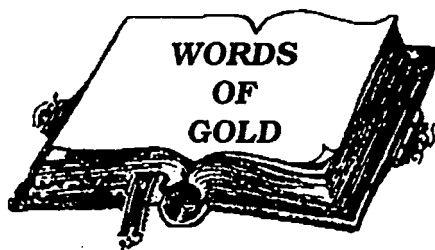
meeting and stayed for the preaching service which followed.

When the service was dismissed, she, with others, went up to say good-bye to the minister, who was leaving to fill another position. As she talked with him she forgot that she had stepped up on the low platform. Unaware that she was near the edge and gradually moving back, she stepped over the edge. She had a hard fall.

However, she got up and did not seem to have been injured by the little accident. In the afternoon she went out again to attend another meeting. Other than being somewhat wearied, there seemed to be no change when she retired to rest that evening.

Monday morning Ann got up as usual. But just as she sat down to eat breakfast she evidently had a stroke. She suddenly became paralyzed, unable to move. Gradually she sank into a state of semi-consciousness.

Mrs. Pedlow, the humble widow who had gladly shared her home with Ann during these last years of Ann's life, was away at the time. As soon as she heard of Ann's condition she quickly returned home. During the intervening hours Ann lay with eyes wide open. However as soon as she saw that Mrs. Pedlow had come home she seemed to be satisfied and closed her eyes.



## **A CHOSEN VESSEL**

### **Jeremiah 18:4**

**4** And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

### **II Corinthians 5:17**

**17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

### **Acts 9:1-6, 9-11, 15-18**

**1** And Saul . . . went unto the high priest,

**2** And desired of him letters . . . that if he found any of this way . . . he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

**3** And as he journeyed . . . suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

**4** And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

**5** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest . . .

**6** And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

**9** And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

**10** . . . and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

**11** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and . . . and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

**15** . . . Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

**16** For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

**17** And Ananias . . . said, Brother Saul, the Lord . . . hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

**18** And immediately . . . he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

**The Message: If we fully yield to God He will make us a chosen vessel for His service.**

### **Questions:**

1. What did the potter do with the vessel that was marred?

2. How can we become a new creature?

3. Why did Saul go to the high priest?

4. What happened as he journeyed?

5. When he fell to the ground, what did the voice ask?

6. Who was speaking to Saul?

7. How long was Saul blind?

8. Who prayed for Saul to receive his sight?

9. God said Saul was a \_\_\_\_\_ vessel to bear His name.

### **Verse to Memorize**

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**II Corinthians 5:17**

# Let "s



# Talk . . .

In the very beginning God formed man out of the dust of the earth. We are His creation. He wanted man to be holy—just like Him. When Adam and Eve disobeyed, their lives were marred by sin.

When God sent Jeremiah to the potter's house to watch him work, Israel was far from God. But God has never been willing to give up on His creation. He was showing Jeremiah that, just as the potter reformed the clay into a useful vessel, He could again make the Israelites a godly nation if they would repent and obey Him.

God did not give up His purpose for man even though he fell from the grand design God had for his life when he sinned. Man could be redeemed and restored but the price was high. It would require nothing less than the sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus.

But He loved us that much! John 3:16 says, "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." So, God sent Jesus to earth. He was pure and holy—free from all sin, just as God is holy. He came so we, too, can be holy!

Jesus was a chosen vessel to God. He was willing to leave Heaven to live on earth as a common man, and endured all the pain, grief and sorrow that came on man because of sin. Jesus yielded Himself to God as pliable clay in a potter's hands.

By His death Jesus paid the price necessary to redeem us from sin. Through His life He showed us how to yield our lives completely to God and live a holy life.

Jesus' disciples followed His example. They all, except Judas, consecrated their lives for God to make them chosen vessels for His work. The Bible tells us how they were filled with the Holy Spirit because they belonged to God entirely. God worked such miracles through them that thousands also gave their lives to God when they heard the Gospel and saw the mighty power of God.

Paul was like a vessel that was marred. He thought he was doing God's will by trying to stamp out the Gospel. He did not believe that Jesus was the Savior and thought His followers were displeasing God.

He was vicious in his attacks. He didn't care if the believer was a man or a woman—he would have them imprisoned. Some were even put to death and Paul was there to witness against them.

With papers from the high priest he and some other men started for Damascus one day. The papers gave him authority to arrest any believers he found and bring them back to Jerusalem to stand trial.

But God saw Paul was doing all this wickedness because He did not know Jesus. So, through a light so bright that it struck Paul to the ground, God spoke to him. Now he knew that Jesus really was the Savior. He was so completely persuaded that he immediately began preaching to others, telling them that Jesus was the Savior!

God told Ananias that Paul was a chosen vessel and that He had a great work for him to do. Paul repented of his sins, accepted Jesus as his Savior and gave his life completely to God.

Have you put your life in God's hands? He has a grand purpose and plan for you, just as He did for Paul. You will never regret letting God work out His plan in you. It will be a wonderful, happy, prosperous life—and then the joy of living with Him in heaven for ever and ever! —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

For three days she lay perfectly still. And yet she seemed to understand what was going on. When anyone asked her to squeeze their hand if she understood what was being said, or if she knew who was speaking, she would respond at once by gently squeezing their hand.

After lingering for a few days, Ann quietly slipped away on Thursday, June 21, 1906, at the age of 96. The sun was sinking in the west on the longest day of the year. Mrs. Pedlow and a few friends were watching by the couch. As the vital flame burned low, they sang softly:

*"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide,  
The darkness deepens: Lord with me abide;  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me."*

Just as the words, "Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day," broke the stillness of the room, the spirit quietly took its flight and the dear old saint was present with the Lord she loved.

As soon as people heard that Ann had died the home was thronged by hundreds anxious to get a last glimpse of her beloved face. On Saturday a fitting tribute was paid her. Friends gathered in the Berkeley Street Methodist Church, for her memorial service. The church was packed with friends, some of whom had come many miles to be present at that service. Ministers of different denominations who had known her life paid fitting tribute to her, telling how the influence and power of Ann's holy life had effected the lives of many others. At the close of the service many followed to the cemetery at Mount Pleasant, where the body was interred. The earthly life has ended, but its influence is still felt.

Although her voice is no longer heard, this tribute to her memory is

inscribed that the record of her words and deeds may continue to bring glory to the Father, with whom she lived in such intimate fellowship; to the Son, through the merit of whose blood alone she claimed redemption; to the Holy Spirit, by whose power she was quickened and kept; to the abounding grace of God, through which alone she was on earth what she now is in heaven, "HOLY ANN."

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### *Prayer Is Power*

*Prayer is reaching  
Beyond human scope,  
Past reason, past logic,  
Past yearning, past hope.*

*Available always  
Through faith every minute;  
Prayer is a power  
With miracles in it.*

*—Viola Jacobson Berg*

It is good to be conscious that we are always in the presence of God. It is better to gaze upon Him in adoration. But it is best of all to commune with Him as a Friend—and that is prayer.

Real prayer at its highest and best reveals a soul athirst for God—just for God alone. Real prayer comes from the lips of those whose affection is set on things above. What a man of prayer Zinzendorf was. Why? He sought the Giver rather than His gifts. He said: "I have one passion: it is He. He alone."

(To be continued)

**Answers:** 1. Made it into another vessel. 2. By being in Christ (giving our lives to Him). 3. To get letters to arrest the believers. 4. A light from heaven shined around him. 5. "Why are you persecuting Me?" 6. Jesus. 7. Three days. 8. Ananias. 9. Chosen.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM (Continued from last week)

A Methodist minister on seeing the obituary notice of Ann's death in one of the papers, wrote: "Just fifty years ago now I was sent to my first station in Toronto where Ann lived. I soon discovered that I had in my charge a Christian of very remarkable attainments.

During the fifty years of my ministry the word 'consecration' has never been interpreted to me so fully by any other as by Ann. All that is meant by the phrases, 'walking with God' and 'talking with God,' was illustrated more visibly, practically and constantly by her than by any other that I have known. One could not talk with her without talking about Christ or some interest of His Kingdom.

For instance, one day I went into the Reid home, and of course the subject of religion in some interesting phase of it was up at once between Ann and myself. In the course of conversation, she spoke of her temptations. I said, as if in surprise, 'Why, Ann, how is it that you are tempted?'

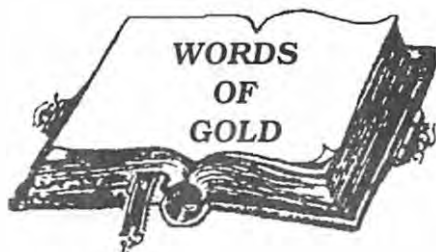
She replied, 'Oh, I understand it. I told the Lord about it and He said, 'Why, Ann, you are all the time trying to tear down Satan's kingdom, and of course he will not let you alone.'"

The minister added, "The most remarkable thing about this woman was her knowledge of Scripture and the use she made of it in prayer. I never heard her equal even in the pulpit.

"Ann made the very highest profession. She affirmed that she was sanctified wholly and that the blood of Jesus Christ cleansed her from all unrighteousness. I never knew anyone, saint or sinner, who could say that either her conduct or her character was out of harmony with her profession. Best of all, those with whom she worked daily readily attested to the fact that she lived a life of sincerity and consistency."

In speaking about Ann another minister said, "She was a saint in the truest sense of that word. The memory of her prayer life has often been a blessing to me. She knew God so well that when one heard her pray they would feel the presence of God.

"I have often heard Ann, when speaking in public, quote a passage of Scripture that was brought to her mind in the following way: When she could not recall a verse she needed she would stop and say out loud, 'Father, give me that verse,' and the next instant she would exclaim, 'I have got it,' and then she would repeat it as accurately as if she were reading it. A person could tell at once that she was living in constant



## **DARE TO PROVE IT!**

### **Matthew 5:14**

**14** Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

### **Philippians 2:14-16**

**14** Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

**15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world:

**16** Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

### **I Timothy 4:12-13, 15**

**12** Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

**13** Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

**15** Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them: that thy profiting may appear to all.

### **I Peter 2:21**

**21** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

### **Romans 12:1-2**

**1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye

present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

**2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### **I John 2:6**

**6** He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

### **Ephesians 5:10**

**10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

### **Ezekiel 36:27**

**27** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

**The Message: We are to be lights in the world, proving the truth and power of God's word by our lives.**

### **Questions:**

1. Ye are the \_\_\_\_ of the world.
2. What city cannot be hid?
3. We are to do all things without \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We are to be an example of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who left us an example by suffering for us?
6. What must we offer to God as a living sacrifice?
7. How can we be transformed?
8. What are we to prove?
9. What will God put within you to cause you to walk in His statutes?

### **Verse to Memorize**

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

I John 2:6

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Joseph, Moses, Timothy, Daniel, and countless others stand out as great men in the Bible. They possessed a faith in God which caused them to stand head and shoulders above their peers. Although they were surrounded by evil they proved that God is able to keep us faithful no matter what opposition we meet. They are proof that, by God's help, we can also be powerful tools in His hand!

One secret common to all these Bible heroes is that they purposed in their hearts while they were still young that they would always obey God. Believing that God's commandments were the highest authority, they dared to prove it though it brought them face to face with death. They faced lions, giants, and angry kings and rulers but stood boldly because they knew God was able to deliver them.

Devotion to God cannot begin too early. Little children do not need to wait until they are grown to work for God. In fact, children who do little for God while they are young are likely to do little or nothing for Him later.

Joseph had eleven brothers and all of them except one were older than him. These older brothers hated him because it was evident that Jacob, their father, loved Joseph more than all his other sons. When Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful coat of many colors it made his brothers even more envious of him.

Joseph told his brothers that he had dreamed that they had all bowed down to him. From that time they looked for some way to get rid of him. God had His hand on Joseph. He prevented his

brothers from killing him. Instead he was sold as a slave to Egypt. There God used him to save the lives of his hateful brothers and their families. Joseph is a much better person to idolize than one of today's sports heroes or entertainment stars that so many idolize.

The Bible challenges us to be like Joseph. His dedication to God allowed him to live righteously, even under the most trying circumstances. If your life was recorded in the Bible, would it inspire others to be faithful as Joseph's does?

Moses was very young when he was taken from his home to live in the Egyptian palace. He was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians and educated in a system of science and religion which did not reverence God. But he remained faithful to the God of his parents and never forgot what he was taught by his godly parents in those first few years of his life.

As the son of Pharaoh's daughter, Moses may have become the next ruler of Egypt. But the Bible tells that when Moses was grown he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Instead he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God, rather than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin because he considered the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he was looking for the reward. Hebrews 11:24-27.

Moses became a strong young man and undoubtedly gained the favor of all around him. He was surrounded by idol worshipers who cared nothing about the one true God and pleasing Him. The riches of Egypt were available to him if he chose to follow their idolatry. We should admire him. In such a hostile environment, he yet stood firm in his convictions and was loyal to God. Even though there is evil all around us we can honor God by our lives as Moses did!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

communion with God. Like Enoch of old, she walked with God.

"I remember one time at a camp meeting Ann stood up to give her testimony. A minister was so touched that I saw tears rolling down his cheeks as that dear woman poured forth her torrents of living truth from a heart overflowing with love and praise to our God. I cannot recall her words but they were full of power from the Holy Spirit which indwelt that feeble body of clay. Her face used to shine with joy and gladness lit up by the Divine life within.

"On another occasion I was taking our sister Ann to spend a few weeks in a home near Whitby. During the train ride a Catholic priest sat behind us. He overheard our conversation as I asked Ann about how the Lord dealt with her in answer to prayer. Soon the priest was also asking her questions. Ann's usual answers were Scriptures which the Lord gave her at the time. The priest looked at her with wonder and a certain amount of admiration. Here was an uneducated old Irish woman who evidently knew more about real godliness than he did!

"Another time," the minister continued, "I was making pastoral calls with another brother. When we stopped at one house we learned that our sister Ann was there, very sick in bed. We went into her room and found that she had been praying for God to send us to see her. As we waited upon God in prayer, Ann began pouring out her heart in prayer saying, 'Father, sure the devil told me that my two brothers would not come to see me, as they did not know I was sick, and that I could not write to tell them how ill I was. But, Father, you told me I could telegraph them by way of

the Throne of Grace. So I just telegraphed to you, and now you have sent the message to them, and here they are. Glory to God!'

"We were all filled with holy joy and laughter, and could do nothing but praise God from the bottom of our hearts. God graciously answered prayer and Ann was immediately restored to health. Later she was faithful to testify how she had been raised up from a sick bed in answer to the prayer of faith on that memorable visit."

A well-known Bible teacher gave the following testimony concerning the way God revealed events in other people's lives to Ann as she talked with Him in prayer. He wrote:

"Several winters ago my wife and I went to visit 'Holy Ann'. We had an excellent talk with her. In the middle of her conversation she suddenly turned to my wife and said, 'I think you will be sick. Some trouble will come to you, I think, pretty soon but the Lord will deliver you out of it.' She said this with much earnestness and conviction, as if she had Divine light on the subject.

About the next day my wife became ill with acute pneumonia. She was very sick for several weeks and seemed near death. But, as Ann had prophesied, she recovered.

"I was never in my life so impressed with what seemed to be prophetic insight, as on this occasion," he concluded.

—Adapted from *An Irish Saint*  
by Helen E. Bingham

**Answers:** 1. Light. 2. One that is set on a hill. 3. Murmurings, disputings. 4. Believers. 5. Christ. 6. Our bodies. 7. By the renewing of our minds. 8. What is acceptable to the Lord. 9. His spirit.



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## PASHA (GREASY) TICHOMIROW

The nickname "Greasy" was given to Pasha when he was only eight years old. In a later story you will learn how he got such a strange nickname. His real family name was Tichomirow. He was the son of a farmer from one of the poorest villages in the government of Mogilew. The family consisted of the father, the mother, and two children—ten-year-old Shura (Alexandra) and eight-year-old Pasha (Paul). They lived peacefully. In the Orthodox way the family was religious and enjoyed the respect, not only of the inhabitants of their own village, but also those of the entire district.

But this peaceful, joyous life came to an abrupt end. Several years in succession the crops did not produce enough food to feed the families. The farmers of the village considered moving to Siberia where they hoped to find land that would produce good crops. They met in groups and talked the matter over with one another. Finally they decided to send men to find suitable land in one of the Siberian districts.

Because he was a clever and experienced man, Paul's father was among those who went in search of land.

After three months the men returned, telling the others that they had found land in the government of Tomsk. The farmers promptly sold their land and property and started on their way in hopes of soon being in a place where they could prosper. That was in the year 1897.

To reach their destiny they had to take trains that were painfully slow. There were places where there were long stopovers. The moving farmers had to wait for weeks to get trains for further travel! The people were extremely poor. They could not afford rooms so they had to spend the days and nights in the small railroad stations, lying on the floor. There was not enough boiled water for everyone nor did they have money to buy good warm food from the restaurants. The poor simple people satisfied themselves with dried herring or other dried fish and drank unboiled water.

As a result of these hardships many became sick with stomach trouble. Soon cholera, a deadly disease set in. Older people



## **BABY MOSES IS SAVED**

### **Exodus 1:22**

**22** And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

### **Exodus 2:1-8**

**1** And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

**2** And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

**3** And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

**4** And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

**5** And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

**6** And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

**7** Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

**8** And Pharaoh's daughter said to

her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

### **Hebrews 11:24-27**

**24** By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

**25** Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

**26** Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

**27** By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

**The Message: Those who God chooses to accomplish great things often suffer great troubles.**

### **Questions:**

1. What did Pharaoh charge his people?
2. What was to be done with the baby girls?
3. How long did Moses' mother hide him?
4. Where did she put him?
5. Who watched from far off?
6. Why did the daughter of Pharaoh come to the river?
7. What did she do when she saw the ark?
8. What was baby Moses doing?
9. Who offered to get a nurse for the baby?

### **Verse to Memorize**

...I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.  
Isaiah 48:10.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Trouble and tragedy eventually touch the life of everyone. Yet some have to endure so much more than others do—and many suffer great sorrow while they are very young. We know God is love. It is easy to question why our God of love would allow such suffering to come. He is omnipotent. He could easily block such calamities.

Pasha and Shura's mother was heartbroken when she realized she would die from the deadly plague of cholera. She knew her death would leave her young children orphans. They would be destitute in a strange and hostile land. How could a loving God allow such tragedy in the lives of such helpless children?

Perhaps we can understand a little better as we look at God's dealing with His own beloved Son. Jesus never committed sin so He would never have to suffer, as we often do, because of His own sinful acts. Yet He had to endure the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, the crown of thorns piercing His head, the cruel cross—and death. Meanwhile God saw it all and allowed it. God felt the pain and agony more acutely than any earthly father could. He allowed this suffering and agony because of His great love—for us! He made the great sacrifice because this was the only way He could redeem us from our sins.

In our lesson we see that Moses' life was in danger from the moment that he was born. His parents were Israelites who lived in Egypt. The Egyptian ruler, Pharaoh, had ordered, "Every boy baby that is born to the Israelites must be thrown into the Nile River!"

Many years before, God had promised to deliver His people from the

Egyptians, their cruel slave-drivers. Moses was to be this great deliverer of the Israelites. Through him God would work mighty miracles before Pharaoh until he would eventually be compelled to let the Israelites go free.

Much preparation was needed before Moses could become such a powerful leader. He was condemned to death at birth. At three months of age his mother left him by the river's edge because she could not hide him any longer. While still just a small child he was taken from his home again to live with the princess who had adopted him for her own son. There he was given a royal education as it was expected that someday he would be a leader in the Egyptian government.

But Moses remembered his own people. When he was grown he visited them and saw how they suffered. One day he killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew. When Moses learned that others knew he had killed the Egyptian he ran for his life.

Moses spent many years in a lonely desert caring for sheep. But one day God appeared to him in a burning bush and sent him back to Egypt to lead His people to freedom. The years of hardship had brought many changes in Moses. God knew he was now prepared to be the great leader He needed.

By this example and many others we see that God always has a purpose in our suffering. By learning how to bear pain we can better teach others how to bear it. Learning to see the hand of God and His blessings in our own troubles, we can help others see His love as He works out His Divine plan for them even through grief.

The succeeding stories of Pasha and Shura will prove that God did not fail them. He protected them and turned the tragedy into their salvation. Through their experiences they became the means of many others being brought to God.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

were most susceptible to this awful plague. Then—on the very last stretch before Tomsk, Mr. Tichomirow became sick. All the symptoms indicated that it was the deadly cholera. To the horror of his wife and children, he was taken from the train in one of the stations and put in a barrack because the disease was highly infectious. Mrs. Tichomirow and the children could not bear to leave him—they got off the train also.

They had no money and nowhere to go. Finally the mother and two children found refuge behind the snow fences along the railroad tracks. They were not far from the barracks where Mr. Tichomirow had been taken. Every day they inquired about the condition of the father. Each day the information they got was more terrifying. Then—after three days had passed, the sorrow-stricken mother had to tell the children that she too was sick!

It was a heart breaking scene when men came with a stretcher to take the mother away from her crying children. She was their last support and only hope. With a sad heart the mother parted from her children, realizing that she would probably never see them again. She could not bear to think of her beloved children being left orphaned in this strange land.

As the mother was carried into the barracks, the desperate children ran crying behind the carriers, until the heavy barracks door was slammed in their faces. Shura and Pasha felt lonesome and miserable! They could think

of nothing to do but circle the barracks, crying first for their father and then for their mother as if they would lose their minds from grief. They had no one to comfort them. The guard threatened to whip them if they would not leave the barracks.

But the children continued to cry for their parents. They begged to be let into the barracks. They wanted to die with their parents because they felt they could not live without them. They kept running around the barracks till late that night. Then it got so cold they were forced to think of their warmer clothes. They had left all their belongings behind the snow fences, so they went there to put on their coats. They came to the very spot where they had been with their mother and where they had left everything they owned. But there was nothing! Apparently someone had taken the few poor things of the immigrants. It seemed more than the children could bear.

Crawling behind the snow fences, the children huddled together to keep each other warm. Shura, who was older, was very much concerned about her young brother. All during the night, which seemed to her like an eternity, she did not close her eyes but kept careful watch while Pasha slept fitfully.

(To be continued next week.)

**Answers:** 1. They must throw every boy baby into the river. 2. They would be saved alive. 3. For three months. 4. In an ark by the river-side. 5. Moses' sister. 6. To bathe. 7. Sent her maid to get it. 8. Crying. 9. Moses' sister.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## ORPHANS IN A STRANGE LAND

(Continued from last week.)

As soon as Pasha awoke, the children again hurried to the barracks where their sick parents had been taken. They were desperate to get to their dear father and mother. They could not be prepared for the tragic news they received. The first guard they met told them, "Do not come again. Your father died this morning and we carried his body away. Your mother is so sick it is likely that she will die today."

It was impossible to persuade the children to leave the barracks. Again and again they looked through the windows and called for their mother. Would her beloved voice be silenced forever? And would she be only a cold corpse in the morning? Surely it could not be! They could not face such calamity. But yes, in the evening they were told that their mother had died an hour ago.

Hugging each other, they sat behind the snow fences and cried bitterly. That night even Pasha did not sleep. With his back against the snow fence he looked into the distance. The rails seemed to disappear out of sight as they stretched far off in the distance. In his childish mind the terrible happenings

of the last few days passed before him again.

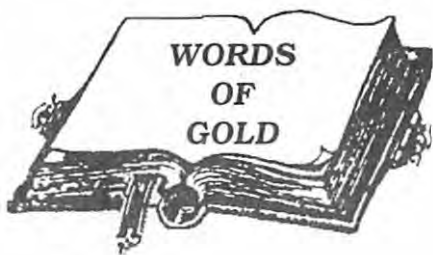
Seeing a train approaching, Pasha thought of a way out of their misery. Taking his sister by the hand he said, "Shura, I will live no longer without Father and Mother. Come; let us lay across the rails. The engine will crush us, and then we shall be dead. What do we have to live for now?"

As he spoke Pasha dragged his sister toward the rails. Shura was terrified! She took her small brother in her arms and sobbed: "No, for nothing in the world will I go with you to throw myself under the train. Neither will I let you go ...I am terrified. ...It is terrible!"

"Let me go; I shall go alone!" Pasha cried.

While they talked to each other the train rushed by. Pasha threw himself on his face to the ground complaining loudly: "Why have you held me back? I do not want to live any more."

Shura spoke to him kindly, determined to persuade him to give up his horrible thoughts. After a long time, when he had become calmer, he promised to not think any more about death. He would not leave her all alone in the world. Then the children, huddling together in their refuge, waited for the break of day.



## THE DREAMER

### Genesis 37:1-11

1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

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

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright: and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more: and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

**The Message: God had a great work for Joseph to do. He used dreams to prepare him for the great trouble he must pass through.**

### Questions:

1. How old was Joseph?
2. What work was he doing with his brothers?
3. How much did Israel (Jacob) love Joseph?
4. What kind of coat did he make him?
5. To whom did Joseph tell his dream?
6. In Joseph's dream, what were he and his brothers doing?
7. What happened in Joseph's second dream?
8. Who rebuked Joseph after hearing the second dream?
9. Who envied Joseph?

### Verse to Memorize

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Psalms 37:23

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Many hundreds of years ago, in a far-off land named Canaan, a boy named Joseph lived with his father and eleven brothers. Joseph's mother died when his little brother, Benjamin, was born. Joseph missed her terribly but he was the pride of his father, Jacob. Though he was still young (about seventeen years old), he was a wise and obedient son.

Joseph loved God and served Him. God saw he had a good and honest heart. He had a special purpose for his life. One day this young boy would play an important part in moving the family of Jacob from Canaan to Egypt. But before he could become a great leader Joseph must face great tragedies. Only a strong faith in God could keep him steady through the awful trouble he would meet. To help prepare him God gave him special dreams that showed him what would happen many years later.

Often, when Joseph was in the fields working with his older brothers, he would see them neglecting the flocks and doing things that were wrong. When he got home he would tell his father. He felt it was his duty to let their father know that the work was not being done. His brothers hated him for telling the bad things they were doing.

Jacob loved all his sons but Joseph was his choice. One day Jacob made him a coat of many colors. This made it obvious that he was his father's favorite. His envious brothers were even more jealous of him when they saw him wearing the special coat. They could not even speak to him except in a hateful manner.

One night God gave Joseph a wonderful dream. He was sure it had special meaning so he called all his brothers together. He told them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright. Your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

His brothers became even more angry. "What!" they exclaimed. "Do you intend to reign over us? Do you really think you will ever rule over us?"

Now Joseph had gone too far! It was bad enough that he had told their father about the bad things they did. But now to tell them that he had dreamed they had all bowed down to him was even worse!

And that was not the last dream Joseph had. He insisted on telling his family his dreams even though no one really wanted to hear about them. Not long after the first dream he told his brothers, "Listen, I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." This dream seemed even more ridiculous to his brothers. They were sick of hearing Joseph's dreams.

When Joseph explained the last dream to his father, even Jacob was displeased. "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"

Children are taught that they should always respect their elders. In those days old age was a sign of high honor. They did not bow down to seventeen-year-old shepherd boys, especially not his father and older brothers! Joseph's dream seemed to make him greater, better, and wiser than his family.

Yet Jacob could not dismiss his son's dream from his mind. Over and over he wondered what such a dream could mean. Many years later he would understand. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

To the freezing and hungry children, the cold night seemed infinitely long. They were determined to see their parents' grave in the morning.

Daybreak finally came. Pasha and Shura hurried to the cemetery. The children timidly approached the keeper at the gate begging, "Would you please let us in and show us the grave of our parents?"

"There were many bodies carried out here only last night!" the man answered in a harsh voice. "How could I know who is buried here? Besides ten bodies are usually thrown into one hole. Sometimes even twenty!"

All the children could do was look through the cracks of the fence toward the irregular mounds of wet clay. Their eyes were red from weeping. For a long time they stood there crying and looking at the graves. Finally the keeper drove them away.

Crushed with sorrow, the children held each other's hands as they returned to the snow fences. They had met many cruel experiences since they first came to these same snow fences just five days ago. Their mother had brought them here but now even she was gone. They had nowhere else to go. This sad place now became a second home for the orphaned children. Under the protection of these fences they began to consider what to do next.

The very thought of being put into barracks for orphans seemed terrible to them. They realized that that would be their salvation from hunger, which began to be more and more intense. Their meager supply of food, as well as money, had been taken from them with the rest of their baggage.

The sun was shining brightly and above them the larks were joyfully singing their spring songs. But fear overshadowed the lonesome, hungry, and freezing children. In the hearts of the orphans it was a dark night.

Their mutual sorrow drew the brother and sister together. Shura tried to be a mother to her little brother. She kissed him and tried to comfort him with the following words: "We shall not despair, my beloved: God will not forsake us."

Just as the children decided to follow the railroad to the next village to beg a bite of bread, they heard above them a coarse voice: "What are you doing here? To whom do you belong?"

An unknown, uniformed man appeared before them and looked at them searchingly. They became so completely confused that they could not say at once that they were the children of immigrants and had just recently lost their parents. The stranger commanded them to follow him, and led them into the distribution office. There it was promptly decided to send them to the barracks for orphans. This was exactly where they did not want to go because it would mean that they would be separated. The girls' barracks were several railroad stations distant.

Not heeding the pleadings and tears of the children, the officials took Pasha to the boys' barracks, about two miles distant. Shura was sent on the train to the girls' home. It is impossible to describe the sorrow of the children at being separated. When they lost each other they lost all that was still dear to them on the earth.

(To be continued next week.)

**Answers:** 1. Seventeen. 2. Feeding the flock. 3. More than all his other sons. 4. A coat of many colors. 5. To his brothers. 6. Binding sheaves. 7. The sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to him. 8. His father. 9. His brothers.



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## PASHA's NICKNAME

(Continued from last week.)

Pasha was taken to the barracks where three hundred boys had already been taken. Many of them who had lived there a long time had become very mischievous since they were now accustomed to the environment. The boys greeted the newcomer with coarse joking, shoving and pushes. Within a week Pasha made the firm decision that he would run away from the barracks. Everything about the place—the indifference toward the needs of the children, the coarse manners of the inmates, the continuous squabbles and fighting as well as the obnoxious dried fish soup at dinner had become intolerable to him.

The lad watched for a suitable moment for the flight. The boys were forbidden to leave the barracks without being accompanied, but Pasha had to get away! One dark night he crept out of the barracks. Finding a low place in the board fence he scrambled over it. Then he ran as if he was being chased. He chose to go in the opposite direction from the railroad.

About four miles from the barracks he came to the edge of a large woods. Hidden among the trees Pasha felt somewhat calmer. He stopped running. As he walked he tried to keep

in sight of the edge of the woods. Yet he was determined to get as far as possible from the barracks.

Pasha walked until he was too tired to go farther; then he lay down under a tree and was soon fast asleep. He dreamed that he was overtaken and was carried back to the barracks. He dreamed he was whipped for running away. Then, as an even worse punishment, they poured the obnoxious fish soup into his open mouth.

The warm spring sun was already high in the sky when the little runaway awoke. The noisy song of the birds almost deafened him. It seemed as if the feathery songsters wanted to boast of their art before the intruder into their green domain. Pasha got up, wondering what to do next. Finally he decided to return to his home village of Sosnovka. He had not forgotten the name of his district or country nor the good times he used to have there! He remembered the small, but beautiful river where he had bathed and caught fish with the other children.

He would like very much to have seen his beloved sister before going, but where or how could he find her? Besides it terrified him to think that he might be found and brought back to the barracks. He bravely decided to go on, getting as far from the hated place as possible. Later he would



## JOSEPH's CRUEL BROTHERS

### Genesis 37:12-24

12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

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

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him:

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

**The Message: Never allow feelings of bitterness in your heart. The hatred Joseph's brothers had for him grew until they were willing to see him die!**

### Questions:

1. Why did Joseph's brothers go to Shechem?
2. Who sent Joseph to Shechem?
3. Was Joseph willing to go? What was his answer?
4. What did the man ask who found him wandering in the field?
5. Where had his brothers gone?
6. Who saw Joseph while he was still a long way off?
7. What did they conspire to do?
8. Who was not willing to kill him?
9. What did they do to Joseph?

**Verse to Memorize**  
Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:...  
1 John 3:15

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Jacob's flocks were so large the brothers could not find enough pasture nearby. Sometimes they had to take the flocks far from home to find grass and water. One time, after they had been away for several weeks, Jacob sent Joseph to find out how his older brothers were getting along.

Joseph was happy and excited to be going on such a long trip. Probably his little brother, Benjamin, begged to go along.

So with a light heart and quick step Joseph left his father's door. He was sure that after a short visit with his brothers he would return to the old home where there was so much love for him. He would report to his father about the welfare of his sons and flock. He was proud to be trusted to go so far.

Jacob's household was interested in Joseph's journey. No doubt they had messages to send with him to the absent brothers. The old grandfather Isaac was still living—a very aged man—and he would certainly have messages and a blessing to send. All the family gathered around the door to see Joseph off. They stood watching him, calling and waving their good-byes until he was out of sight. No one was anxious. In a few days Joseph would be home again. No one dreamed that some of them would never see him again. It would be over twenty years before the others would see his bright, happy face again!

It was a long, lonely journey for a boy of his age, but at last he neared

his destination. But when he got to Shechem he did not find his brothers. He wandered from field to field, not knowing where else to go. Finally he met a man who asked him what he was looking for. When he explained, the man directed him a few miles further, to Dothan. "I overheard them say they were going to Dothan. They can find better pastures there," he told Joseph.

Joseph was determined to find his brothers, no matter how far he had to walk. His father had sent him to see how they were and he would not stop until he found out. He knew how much his brothers hated and envied him, yet he cared for them and gladly took the opportunity to see about their welfare. So he walked on. Long before he was in calling distance, he could see the large flock. His brothers would be nearby!

While he was still a far off the brothers saw him coming. Even from such a distance they could see his bright coat of many colors! Their envy boiled up into vicious hatred. "Here comes that dreamer," they muttered through clenched teeth. "Let's kill him. We will throw his body into a pit and tell our father that a wild beast devoured him. We will see what will become of his dreams!"

Only Rueben, the oldest brother, pitied Joseph. "Don't kill him," he insisted. "Instead just put him into a pit." He planned to return after his brothers left. He would release Joseph and send him home to his father.

Joseph had no suspicion that his brothers would harm him. But before he could tell them how glad he was to find them they grabbed him, ripping his beautiful coat from his back. In spite of his cries they picked him up and threw him down into a deep pit!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

inquire more particularly about the way to his home village.

With the exception of one village where he begged bread, Pasha avoided the homes all that day. As the second night overtook him, he went farther and deeper into the woods to spend the night. He lay down under a big tree and was soon fast asleep. Before daybreak he was awakened by a slap, and somebody calling him with aloud voice: "Hey, there! Get up, little fellow! Why do you lie here? Who are you here with?"

When Pasha got up three fellows who were armed from head to foot confronted him. He was thoroughly frightened!

"Don't be afraid. We will not harm you," they assured him. "Tell us how you came here."

When Pasha noticed that these men were not from the barracks he told them freely what he had passed through and where he wanted to go. The men listened attentively. The clever and daring boy appealed to them. After a short consultation they decided to take him with them.

"We will protect him," they said. "This stripling can become somebody yet. He was not afraid to run from the orphanage, and now he wants to undertake the long voyage to his home village all alone! We will raise him in our style."

They told the boy of their decision. They assured him he would have a good life with them. Pasha dared not to contradict them, because he feared these armed men. He went with them deeper into the dense woods. In a clearing a strong young man waited for them with horses. He grasped Pasha under the arms, lifted the boy in front of himself on the horse, and they galloped away.

After riding a long time by winding paths in the forest, they finally

stopped. The horses were taken away while the men, dragging Pasha behind them, crawled through an opening under some trees broken down by a storm. After a few minutes' walk through thick woods they came upon a clearing where there were about twenty men, mostly armed, and a few women.

Pasha, ragged and dirty, was the center of attention. They poured questions upon him; who he was, where he was from, etc. One of the men, seemingly the leader of the band, asked, "What's your name?"

"Pasha" answered the boy with a firm voice.

"What is your family name?"

"Tichomirov" (which means quiet peace), Pasha answered.

"That kind of a name does not fit among us. From now on you shall be called 'Greasy' since you are so dirty and greasy," said the man. From that time he knew no other name than 'Greasy.' The new name pleased them all very much.

Soon Pasha realized that he had landed in a robbers' den. But by and by he became acquainted with the new life. Eventually he even found a liking for it. The carefree liberty, the good food, the joyous and animated mood all worked to make him friendly to those people. He forgot about his old home in Sosnovka. Only he could not forget his sister, Shura. The thought of her often made him sad because he assumed she was no longer alive.

(To be continued next week.)

**Answers:** 1. To feed their father's flocks. 2. Israel, his father. 3. Yes. "Here am I." 4. "What seestest thou?" 5. To Dothan. 6. His brothers. 7. To kill him. 8. Rueben. 9. They stripped off his coat and threw him into a pit.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## LIFE IN A ROBBER'S DEN

(Continued from last week.)

Little Greasy soon became the favorite of all the robbers. He found their adventures interesting and would wait impatiently for their return when they were away. He looked forward to seeing what new loot they would bring back. Day by day he became more familiar with this new life. Soon he forgot what his parents had once taught him about the sin of stealing. It even became a pleasure to him to inspect the looted things and to listen to the tales of the robbers when they returned from their "work" as they were pleased to call their evil trade.

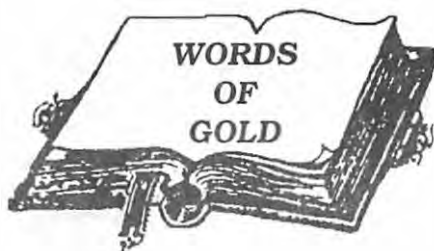
Eight years passed. Sixteen-year-old Greasy now took a lively part in the robberies and plundering along with others of the band. Because of his bravery, cleverness and capability, he soon became the helper of the leader. Their work terrorized the inhabitants for seventy-five miles around. The deep woods made it possible for the robbers to carry on their work without disturbances. It seemed as if nobody could find them and put a halt to their activities. They robbed everybody who fell into their hands and often committed murder.

But God was watching over Pasha. He had a greater purpose for his life than robbing and killing. God used the loot of one of the robberies to bring about a complete change in his life and in the lives of all the other robbers. It happened this way.

One day Greasy was leading one part of the band of robbers when they overtook two men who were passing through the woods. They killed the two travelers without mercy. Then the robbers took their horses, and even the clothing and the boots of the murdered ones for themselves, besides a small amount of money. In one of the sacks they stole they found all kinds of utensils along with two books.

On the spur of the moment, the men wanted to throw the books away. Then, reconsidering, they decided to take them along. They could be used for cigarette paper. So Greasy stuck the books in among his own things.

In the evening after looking once more over the stolen goods robbed during the day he pulled out the books and began to leaf through them. One of the books had an inscription that was unfamiliar to him. It was entitled *The Voice of Faith*. The other book was a New Testament. He vaguely remembered that his parents had



## A SLAVE IN EGYPT!

### Genesis 37:25-36

**25** And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

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

**27** Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

**28** Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

**29** And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

**30** And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

**31** And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood:

**32** And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father: and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

**33** And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him: Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

**34** And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

**35** And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

**36** And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

### Genesis 39:2

**2** And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

**The Message: God allowed Joseph to be sold as a slave. But He was with him, working out His great plan through it all.**

### Questions:

1. What did Joseph's brothers do after they threw him into a pit?
2. Where were the Ishmaelites going?
3. Who suggested that they sell Joseph?
4. How much did they sell Joseph for?
5. Where was Joseph taken?
6. Who came back to the pit looking for Joseph?
7. What did he do when he did not find him?
8. What did they do with Joseph's coat?
9. Who bought Joseph?

### Verse to Memorize

And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man;...  
Genesis 39:2.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Joseph must have been terrified in the darkness of the deep pit where his brothers had thrown him. But they were unconcerned—they sat down to eat not far away. Instead of killing him they had decided to throw him into the pit and leave him there to die. They had harbored envy until their hearts were like stone. They were indifferent to their brother's suffering and unmoved by his cries of anguish that rang in their ears. They sat heartlessly enjoying their meal while their own brother lay in the darkness suffering untold anguish!

While Reuben was away the other brothers saw a caravan of Midianites approaching on their way to Egypt. They were carrying precious spices to trade in Egypt for gold and silver. Suddenly Judah had an idea. He said to his brothers, "You know Joseph is our brother, our own flesh and blood. What good will it be to us if we kill him? Instead let's sell him to the Midianites as a slave. That way we can get rid of him without being guilty of murdering our own brother." The other brothers agreed.

Soon the caravan of Midianite merchants was near. "Hello, travelers," Judah called out.

The Midianites stopped their camels and spoke pleasantly to Joseph's brothers. After a few minutes Judah asked casually, "Would you be interested in buying a slave for the Egyptian market?"

The Midianite in charge of the caravan answered, "Why yes, we can always sell a slave for a good profit in Egypt."

The cruel brothers promptly pulled Joseph up out of the pit and handed him over to the Midianites. In return they received twenty silver coins. Poor Joseph! Now he realized he was being sold to these rough strangers. All his pleading and all his tears did not make any difference to his brothers. They divided the money and thought they were rid of Joseph forever.

When Reuben returned he went to the pit. He would release Joseph and send the boy back to their father. But Joseph was not there! He tore his clothes in distress.

The other brothers showed no remorse. Dipping Joseph's beautiful coat in the blood of a kid, they sent it to their father. "We found this. Can you tell if it is Joseph's coat?" they asked.

Jacob recognized his son's coat immediately. He was sure a wild beast had killed Joseph. He tore his clothes and mourned for his son many days. Nothing would comfort him.

Meanwhile Joseph was forced to go with the strangers. They were taking him further and further from his home and the family he loved so well. Would he ever see his father again?

After a long, dusty journey Joseph arrived in Egypt with the men who had bought him. They took him to the chief city where he would be sold. Imagine yourself on that auction block waiting to be sold as a slave. You are in a strange land, far from your family and loving father. Then imagine that your own brothers sold you into slavery! That is exactly what was happening to young Joseph.

Potiphar, a captain of the guard, bought Joseph. He was a rich man who had many other servants. Joseph determined to serve his master well. If he had to be a slave, he would honor his God by being a good servant. God was with Joseph and blessed everything he did. —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

a book by this title in their home in Sosnovka.

Lying in his bunk, Greasy began to read the New Testament to pass away the time. He would let the book fall open then read whatever met his eye. There he read such statements as: "There is none that seeketh after God; Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues they have used deceit; Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; Their feet are swift to shed blood; Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace have they not known; There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romans 3:11-18.)

This book was describing people just like him and the other robbers—"Their feet are swift to shed blood." In his mind he pictured how they had chased the two travelers, overtaking them on their own fast horses. He could almost hear them again as they pleaded for their lives. But they had killed them without pity!

A strange feeling came over him as he vividly recalled the events of the day. He began to wonder who the two travelers were. Why did they carry this book with them? He began to leaf through the New Testament in the hope of finding some information about the men that they had murdered. The only information to be found was the following inscription: "May 15, 1898, the day of conversion to the Lord, my repentance and new birth. On this day He forgave my sins and washed me with His holy blood."

Greasy could not understand the meaning of those words. Turning additional pages he read on: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?...Then the book listed various sins stating: And such were some of you, but ye are

washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Corinthians 6:9-11.

Afterwards he read the prayer of the man who said: "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." Luke 19:8. He turned a few more pages and was fascinated when he read the twenty-third chapter of the Gospel of Luke in which the crucifixion of Jesus is depicted. It was of special interest to him that two murderers were crucified with the Christ, and that the one who repented and confessed his sins was forgiven by Jesus and promised entrance to Paradise.

Greasy shut the book and lay it under his pillow. Then rolling himself in his cover, he tried to sleep but sleep left him. His heart was very much disturbed. Troubled thoughts crowded his mind and he could not put them away. Over and over he pictured the two travelers on their knees pleading that their lives be spared.

It was not until morning that deep sleep overcame Greasy. But he woke up even more troubled in his soul. His comrades noticed the strange expression on his face, but could not imagine what caused it. Some thought he had become sick. For a number of days he walked around in a daze. Nobody could get him to say what really was the matter.

(To be continued next week.)

<p><b>Answers:</b> 1. Sat down to eat. 2. To Egypt. 3. Judah. 4. Twenty pieces of silver. 5. To Egypt. 6. Reuben. 7. Tore his clothes. 8. Dipped it in blood. 9. Potiphar.</p>
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# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

(Continued from last week.)

Greasy's comrades constantly asked him why he was so sad. Finally he told some of them that he could find no peace since reading something in the book that they had taken from the murdered ones. A strange feeling swept over all the robbers when they heard this. "What kind of book could it be that could make such a sad change in their jolly comrade?" they wondered. It must be a book of witchcraft. They demanded that it be surrendered and burned. Some, however, were deeply interested and asked to see this book. Finally they decided that the book should be read to the whole gang.

When they were all together, Greasy read the scriptures to them that had affected him so greatly. They listened attentively. One young robber declared from the beginning with great certainty that the book was the New Testament, and he used to know it. "My mother was a 'stundist,'" [believer] he said, "and always read in the Gospels. She often took me to the children's meetings where we read out of this book, prayed, and sang."

For a long time the men sat listening to the reading of the book. Then

they parted silently. Most of them were in a depressed mood. None of them could grasp the reason why the reading of the book should make such a strong impression on them. From that day the robbers came together from time to time to read the New Testament. The effect of the book was so powerful upon them that they could not withdraw from its influence.

Thus a whole month passed. Then the young robber, whose mother had been a 'stundist,' declared openly to his comrades that he could no longer continue in the criminal trade. Greasy followed him. The other robbers had already noticed that when these young men prayed both did so with tears in their eyes.

Eventually even the leader of the band followed the example of the young man and Greasy. But they faced serious questions: What must they do now? How could they start a new life? They realized first of all that it would be necessary for them to yield themselves to the justice.

Since it was impossible for them to reimburse those whom they had damaged, there was only one thing for them to do—surrender themselves to the authorities. The majority could not agree to this drastic action. However, the young robber whose mother was a



## BETRAYED!

**Genesis 39:3-4; 7-9; 11-13; 16-20**

**3** And his mastersawthat theLORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

**4** And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

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

**8** But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand:

**9** There is none greater in this house than I: neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

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

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

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

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

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

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

**19** And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

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

**The Message: God allows the trials in our lives to work out His divine purpose.**

### Questions:

1. Who saw that the Lord was with Joseph?
2. Who made everything to prosper in Joseph's hand?
3. Who was made overseer?
4. Who tried to tempt Joseph?
5. Who did Joseph say he would be sinning against?
6. When the woman caught Joseph's garment, how did he get away?
7. When her husband came home, did the woman tell him the truth?
8. How did Potiphar react when he heard his wife's lie?
9. What did he do to Joseph?

### Verse to Memorize

Flee also youthful lusts:  
but follow righteousness,  
faith, charity, peace, with  
them that call on the Lord  
out of a pure heart.

II Timothy 2:22.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The years passed and Joseph grew to be a handsome young man. Potiphar's wife began to notice him. She tried to entice Joseph to do wrong but he would not yield. He explained that he would be sinning against God and betraying Potiphar's trust if he did as she suggested.

But the evil woman was intent on getting her desire. One day she knew there was no one in the house but her and Joseph. She grabbed his coat and demanded his attention. Instantly Joseph turned from her and ran out of the house, leaving his coat in her hand. Furious that she had been rejected, she waited for Potiphar to come home.

As soon as Potiphar came into the house his wife showed him Joseph's coat. She accused Joseph of trying to make her do wrong, saying he had run from the house when she called for help. Potiphar believed his wife. Without asking Joseph for an explanation he angrily shouted to his guardsmen, "Throw him in prison!"

But the Lord encouraged Joseph and blessed him even in prison. The Lord gave him favor with the warden so that he set Joseph over all the affairs of the prison, just as Potiphar had done in his house. All that Joseph did in prison went well.

A modern writer has a story entitled "Hands Off!" It is about Joseph when he was a captive in the hands of the Midianites. In his story he writes that Joseph, being an active, ingenious young man,

escaped from the caravan on the first night after his brothers had sold him. He had just reached the outer edge of the camp when a dog began to bark. This awakened the men who were in charge of him. He was soon recaptured.

The writer said that in his story he thought how much better it would have been to kill the dog before he had awakened the camp. Then Joseph would have gotten away and would have reached home in safety. Great sorrow and suffering would have been avoided. Joseph could have again enjoyed the joy and security of his home. His father would have again lavished love on him. Even his brothers may have repented of their evil ways. It certainly seemed a much better way than to have Joseph taken captive and sold for a slave in a strange land!

But then he thought of the consequences.

When the famine came on, there would have been no Joseph in Egypt to foretell it and to prepare for it. No food would have been laid up in the storehouses. Palestine and Egypt would no doubt have been devastated by starvation. Joseph and his family may have been in the great numbers who would have died. The history of the whole world perhaps would have been changed and countless evils brought about if Joseph had not filled the place God chose for him.

We naturally pity Joseph as we see him enduring such hardships, as we read of him being sold as a slave, then cast into prison. But we can also see that if human pity could have rescued him from this sad part of his life, the glorious part that followed, with all its blessed service to the world, would have been lost. God's way is best!

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believer, Greasy, and five other men decided to acknowledge their whole guilt before the representatives of the law.

The day of separation came; the parting was touching. The comrades asked Greasy to read to them once more from the New Testament. He opened to the place that describes how Jesus met with the demoniacs. It told of Jesus' power in healing the men and how they were then willing to follow Him. "Thus it was with us also," added Greasy. "We are about to quit our sinful lives. Let us cease to do evil to people, and follow Christ!"

After these words Greasy fell upon his knees and confessed his sins with a loud voice. Others followed his example. Among the general crying and sighing only single words and broken expressions could be distinguished: "forgive...us...me...do not remember my...wash me with Thy blood! ...give me power! ...I will no more ...I shall no more...I promise!" etc. Parting with a kiss from the others, the seven robbers with their weapons in their hands, left for the nearest town. The others disappeared in different directions.

With a decidedly firm step Greasy and his comrades walked into the city. Immediately they drew the attention of the inhabitants. Who could imagine where this group of armed men in such colorful clothes could have come from?

At the corner of one of the main streets, they asked a policeman where the State Attorney of the district court lived. The policeman pointed out a large two-story house in the same street, which the robbers entered. They had already agreed that Greasy, the most intelligent, should present their case to the District Attorney.

The robbers now entered a large sunny room with hardwood floors in which about twenty people were already gathered, waiting for the District Attorney. An attendant stood at the door of the office. Greasy turned to him saying, "Please tell the District Attorney that we must speak with him without delay."

The employee looked suspiciously at the armed group and asked: "What case do you have to present?"

"Something very important," answered Greasy.

The employee disappeared behind the door. In a few minutes the robbers stood before an elderly, respect-commanding gentleman, who seemed somewhat excited by the unexpected appearance of seven armed men. The robbers had determined before leaving the backwoods to take this unusual step of free confession. Yet when they stood face to face with the representative of the law they were obviously nervous.

"Permit us to explain to you who we are and why we have come to this place," began Greasy with a trembling voice. "We are robbers; yet you need not fear us. We have come to confess our whole guilt to you and take our punishment. We have realized what a great injustice we have done, and are here now to pay the penalty defined by the law for robbery. Do with us as justice demands. Here are our weapons; take them." With these words Greasy and his fellows quickly laid down their weapons in a heap.

(To be continued next week.)

**Answers:** 1. Potiphar. 2. The Lord. 3. Joseph. 4. Potiphar's wife. 5. God. 6. He left the garment in her hand and ran. 7. No. 8. He was very angry. 9. He put him in prison.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FINDS JESUS

(Continued from last week.)

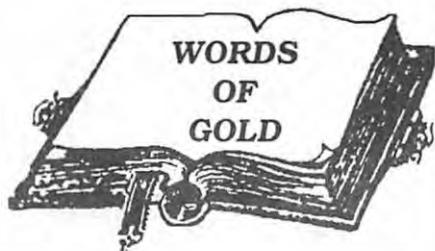
The District Attorney was visibly shaken when he heard the robbers' confession. It was the first time in his life that he had seen a whole group of men yield themselves voluntarily into the hands of the law! After some time he called the police who soon appeared. The necessary notes of the case were taken and turned over to the department of investigation. Greasy, in the course of the examination, pictured the story of his life in general terms. He explained why he and his companions had decided to leave the robber's life in the forest. As they listened, the District Attorney and all present struggled to hide their tears. It was difficult for them to realize that the thorough change in these robbers was due solely to reading the Gospel! "I will no longer be called 'Greasy' but Pasha Tichomirow," said the youth, "I will hereafter serve God and mankind, and without murmuring take upon myself the punishment determined by the law. We are now in your hands." All his comrades agreed with this declaration.

Quite excited, the District Attorney commanded that the seven

criminals be taken to the jail. They were to be kept in separate cells until the investigation was finished. After the former robbers were led away the District Attorney remained alone with the police captain in the office. They discussed this extraordinary happening for a long time. Ordinarily criminals denied their guilt, or admitted it only under the pressure of undeniable evidences, or if they were caught in the deed. These men, however, came of their own free will and confessed all. The power of the Gospel must be great to change the men in this manner!

After the police captain left the District Attorney finished his office hours and went home. When he told his wife his experience with the robbers she was also greatly surprised. Thoughtfully she said, "One of the robbers that was crucified with Christ turned also, but he could not run away. These men, however, did not need to come. They could have carried on their business and kept hiding in the woods. It is amazing! In the history of justice this is a unique case!"

By nightfall the District Attorney and his wife were not yet calmed. "What do you think, Tanja," said the District Attorney. "Shouldn't we read



## IN PRISON AND FORGOTTEN!

**Genesis 40:2-3; 5-9; 12-16; 18-23**

2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers . . .

3 And he put them . . . into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.

5 And they dreamed a dream both of them . . .

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.

7 And he asked . . . Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph . . .

12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it . . .

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place . . .

14 But think on me . . . and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream . . .

18 And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof . . .

19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree . . .

20 And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants . . .

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

**The Message: Through all of Joseph's many troubles he trusted God and kept bitterness out of his heart.**

### Questions:

1. Who was angry with two of his officers?
2. Where did he put them?
3. Why were they sad one morning?
4. The interpretation of dreams belongs to whom?
5. Who did they tell their dreams to?
6. Was he able to tell them the meaning?
7. What happened to the chief butler?
8. What happened to the chief baker?
9. What did Joseph ask the chief butler to do for him?

### Verse to Memorize

But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.  
Genesis 39:21.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Sometimes being true to God causes great suffering. Joseph resisted temptation in order to be loyal to Potiphar. Yet Potiphar believed a lie and accused him of the very sin he had refused. Joseph was seized and thrown into prison without a chance to clear the record. He silently accepted the false charge, saying nothing to cause Potiphar to suspicion his own wife. To shield Potiphar's name and honor he went to prison under the false charge.

But in his heart and conscience Joseph was a free man. He was free from the awful remorse that guilt brings: He had kept his heart pure, knowing that it is better to suffer any loss rather than sin against God. He did not have to fear the awful consequence of sin.

Yet how Joseph's life had changed! Just a few years before he had been a happy boy surrounded by love, wealth and freedom. He loved to roam the open fields; to be with his brothers as they cared for their father's flock; to listen as his loving father told him of God and His remarkable dealings with his grandfather, Isaac and great grandfather, Abraham. Wonderful dreams gave him hope for a bright future.

Now he was shut away in a dark dungeon, bound with chains and no hope for freedom. Was this his reward for loving obedience to his father and loyal service to his master? Had God forgotten him?

Such questions no doubt troubled his mind. It was a bitter experience adjusting to life in prison. But Joseph's

spirit was not crushed but rather rose to find the help that only God could give him. With God's help he faced his situation with courage and hope, refusing to give up in despair.

And God was with Joseph, even in prison. Soon the keeper of the prison recognized Joseph's excellent spirit and capability and set him over all the affairs of the prison. Several years passed by. The laws of Egypt did not protect slaves. It looked like Joseph would spend the rest of his life in prison, but he never gave up hope.

One morning he noticed two prisoners looking sad. "Why are your faces so sad today?" he asked them.

"We both had strange dreams and there is no one to interpret them for us," they answered.

"The interpretation of dreams belongs to God," Joseph replied cheerfully. "Tell me your dreams."

So each explained their dream to Joseph. The first had been Pharaoh's butler. After he told his dream, God gave Joseph the meaning. "In three days you will be returned to your position of serving Pharaoh," Joseph told him. "And when you are restored, remember me and say a word to Pharaoh for me. I was stolen from my home; I have done nothing worthy of being in prison!"

This gave the other prisoner, who had been Pharaoh's baker, courage to tell his dream also. But the interpretation of his dream was tragic. Sadly Joseph told him, "In three days you will be taken from prison to be hanged."

Just three days later, in celebration of his birthday, Pharaoh sent to the prison for the butler and the baker. The butler was restored but the baker was hanged, just as Joseph said. The butler was so happy to be free again. He was soon busy serving Pharaoh. He forgot all about poor Joseph!

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

the New Testament also? Perhaps we could find what could have worked so upon these men. We hardly know the book."

"I have read it already," his wife said disdainfully. "Yet I cannot understand what they could have read that affected those robbers so."

The District Attorney got up and went into the library to look for a New Testament while his wife hurried to the kitchen to give orders for the supper. Putting on his spectacles he opened the New Testament and began to turn the pages. His attention was drawn to the twelfth chapter of John and he began to read. While reading, he agreed with the action of Mary, who spent the valuable ointment on Christ. But, from the standpoint of a jurist, he could not help condemning the secret thief, Judas. The attorney continued to read. He was astonished at the omnipotence of the Christ by which He raised Lazarus whose body was already decomposing. He marveled at the unbelief of the scribes, who were the eyewitnesses of these unheard-of wonders.

When he read the words: And I, If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," he felt suddenly as if the Crucified One had come near. He felt aglow in his soul. He longed after the cross from which once the great words sounded: "It is finished!" "Was this the power which had drawn Tichomirow?" he wondered.

A certain dread overcame him as he read at the end of the twelfth chapter the words: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: that word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." This then made it clear to him why

the robbers left their wicked business.

Coming from the kitchen his wife asked, "What are you thinking? What has stirred you up so greatly?" He tried to explain. But he could not put the proper words to the unusual theme, and she could not understand him.

That night the District Attorney could not sleep. As soon as he closed his eyes, he heard the words: "My word will judge..." It seemed to him that the paragraphs of the law of God were condemning him, the State Attorney, for all the misdeeds committed in his life. He was seeking and calling for some advocate to save him from an eternal hell but could find none! At last he fell into a short slumber but even then could find no rest.

In the morning he related to his wife what he had passed through during the night. She told him he had been working too hard, leaving his nerves on edge. But when he declared his determination to give up his position, she was shocked. He must be losing his mind!

He, however, remained firm in his determination. It was evident to him that the Son of God, lifted upon the cross, was drawing him, the State Attorney, to Himself. He was willing to give up everything in order that Christ might be his personal Saviour!

(To be continued next week.)

**Answers:** 1. Pharaoh. 2. Into the prison where Joseph was. 3. There was no one to tell them the meaning of their dreams. 4. God. 5. Joseph. 6. Yes. 7. He was restored to his old job. 8. He was hanged. 9. To mention him to Pharaoh so he could be freed from prison.



# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## CONDEMNED!

(Continued from last week.)

Pasha and his comrades were put in separate cells. All the judges who took part in their trial or who heard the robbers wondered that they had voluntarily surrendered to the law and confessed their wrongs. They were especially surprised that it was the influence of the Gospel that had brought the great change.

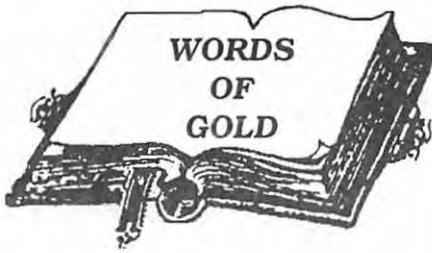
In addition to the surrender of the robbers, the sudden resignation of the State Attorney was the talk of the town. Soon the priest was demanding that the former criminals be isolated. Tichomirow and his comrades, he alleged, were misleading the other prisoners into accepting their faith! And it was so. The fire of the Gospel sprang up in every cell. Many of the prisoners and even some of the guards were so greatly impressed by the twelfth and sixteenth chapters of the Acts of the Apostles that they memorized almost all of them.

A year later the seven robbers stood before the judgment bar. Because of the men's open confession, the State Attorney did not need to emphasize their guilt. The old State Attorney, as the criminals' representative, pleaded for mercy

since the men had made an open confession and wanted to live honest lives. In spite of this the men were condemned to ten years of compulsory labor. Humbly they accepted the judgment, realizing that they deserved it.

The court procedure was public. When the accused were permitted to speak the last word, each of them in simple expressions voiced his regret for having wronged others for so many years. They told of the wonderful change the Gospel had made in their lives. Many of the listeners were touched. The seed of the Word of God began to take root in numerous hearts.

After the termination of the court trial the condemned were sent away singly to various prisons. Only Tichomirow and Solowjew (whose mother was a believer) were sent to the same place. As they parted, the converted robbers promised one another to remain honest and true to the Lord under all conditions. They pledged to tell others of God's love wherever they went. In all the transfer prisons which Tichomirow and Solowjew had to pass through they told how they had been saved through the Gospel. They shared the good news of the love of God to every sinner who would repent. Everywhere they found sor-



## FROM PRISON TO PALACE

**Genesis 41:1, 8-9, 12-16, 25,  
29-30, 33, 38-40**

**1** And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed:...

**8** And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

**9** Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

**12** And there was there with us a young man . . . and he interpreted to us our dreams . . .

**13** And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was . . .

**14** Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph . . .

**15** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

**16** And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

**25** And Joseph said unto Pharaoh . . . God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

**29** Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

**30** And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the

plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

**33** Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

**38** And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

**39** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

**40** Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

**The Message: God had not forgotten Joseph. He allowed him to suffer for thirteen years to prepare him to be ruler of Egypt!**

### Questions:

1. After two years, what happened to Pharaoh?
2. Who did he send for?
3. What did Pharaoh tell them?
4. Who remembered Joseph?
5. What did Pharaoh do when he heard that Joseph had interpreted dreams?
6. Who did Joseph say would give Pharaoh the interpretation?
7. What was God showing Pharaoh in his dreams?
8. What did Joseph advise Pharaoh to do?
9. Who did Pharaoh choose?

### Verse to Memorize

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art.

Genesis 41:39

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Two long years had passed since Joseph told the butler to remember him to Pharaoh. It seemed he would spend his whole life in this dark dungeon. And he was here because he would not sin against God or his master! Yet Joseph met each new day courageously, doing all he could to help his fellow prisoners.

Then one night Pharaoh had a strange dream. He was standing by the river when seven fat cows came up out of the river and began feeding in the meadow. Later seven very skinny cows came up out of the river and stood on the bank. Then the seven skinny cows ate the seven fat ones. Yet, after they had eaten them, they were just as skinny as before! Pharaoh woke up but soon fell asleep again.

He dreamed again. This time he dreamed that he saw seven ears of corn grow up out of one stalk. They were full good ears. Then seven other ears of corn sprang up but they were withered, thin and blasted with the east wind. These thin ears ate the good ones.

When Pharaoh woke up he was troubled. He called the magicians and wise men and told them his strange dreams. They listened attentively but could not understand their meaning. When the chief butler heard that no one could interpret Pharaoh's dreams, he suddenly thought of Joseph.

He told Pharaoh, "Two years ago when the chief baker and I were in prison we both had dreams that we did not understand. We told them to a young Hebrew man and he told us their meaning. And he was right. Everything happened just as he said!"

Meanwhile Joseph was faithfully caring for the prisoners. Suddenly a messenger from the palace burst in. "The Pharaoh wants to see you immediately!" he said excitedly.

Joseph wondered what this could mean as he hurriedly shaved and put on clean clothes. Then they rushed him back to the palace where Pharaoh sat anxiously waiting.

"I have dreamed two dreams and no one can interpret them for me," Pharaoh told Joseph. "I have heard that you can tell me their meaning."

"I have no such power," Joseph answered humbly, "but God will give you an answer."

So after prayerfully listening to the king's dreams, Joseph told him, "Both dreams have the same meaning. God wants you to know that there will be seven years of plenty throughout Egypt. Afterwards there will be a great famine that will last seven years. The years of famine will be so hard that the good years will be forgotten. All the food will be eaten up.

"You should appoint a wise man to look over the food supply," Joseph continued.

"Since God has shown you all this there is no one as wise as you," Pharaoh answered.

Then he appointed Joseph to be the overseer of his house and ruler over all Egypt. Only Pharaoh was greater than Joseph in Egypt.

Joseph could scarcely have imagined that morning that before night he would be released from prison. To think he would even be made ruler of all Egypt, second only to Pharaoh was beyond all his wildest dreams! Yet all this happened in one day.

He had been in prison about three years. There was nothing to give him any hope of being released, yet that very evening he was wearing the king's own ring, a gold chain around his neck and was honored as a king. It all seemed too good to be true!

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that would listen to their simple testimony and consider it in their heart.

All along the way to exile Tichomirow searched for some sign of his countrymen. He hoped to find out something about them and particularly whether his sister was still alive. All the letters that he had sent to his hometown had remained unanswered. How often his thoughts returned to his beloved sister. How he would have liked to tell her all his experiences and about his conversion from the works of death into the living hope in Christ!

In prison they were forced to work long hours at heavy labor. Other prisoners who shared their fate were attentive listeners to the Living Word. After some time several of these men surrendered fully to the Lord. Within two years, even the prison management noticed a great change. The usually unruly convicts had become quiet and those who received the Gospel had perfect behavior.

After several years, on account of some joyful national happening, an amnesty was granted. Pasha Tichomirow and George Solowjew were set free! Taking leave of those convicts who had been converted, they commended their spiritual children to God. Everyone cried at the parting.

Tichomirow and Solowjew began walking in the direction of their old homeland. Their greatest desire was to get to their homes, which they could scarcely remember. Everyone they met on the way took an interest in them. They wanted to know who they were, where they came from, and where they were going. All who heard the life story of the former robbers were deeply moved. Many

decided they too would serve the Lord.

In many of the colonies they found believing brethren. It was a blessing to spend evenings with them reading and discussing the Word of God. The believers rejoiced in the power of the Gospel manifested in the conversion of the lost sinners and glorified the name of the Lord. In one of the settlements where they spent Sunday they testified to a large congregation concerning their former life and their conversion. A great awakening started and several people turned to the Lord. This brought great joy to all.

It was in the first days of spring that Tichomirow and Solowjew hurried toward their hometown. When they reached it they found that their houses had been destroyed long ago. As they traveled they kept close to the railroad. Tichomirow tried to remember the name of the station where he had lost his parents and his sister. He would have liked to see the pile of snow fences where he and his sister huddled after losing their parents.

Remembering this sad experience, tears ran down his cheeks. He could not help exclaiming, "Oh my beloved ones ...you have all forsaken me, and now I have to wander about alone in this wide world!" But then he remembered that the Son of God had no home on earth. Even among His own He was quite alone.

(To be continued next week.)

**Answers:** 1. He dreamed. 2. The magicians and wise men. 3. His dream. 4. The chief butler. 5. Sent for Joseph. 6. God. 7. What He was about to do. 8. Choose a wise man to oversee the land of Egypt. 9. Joseph.

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## SHURA!

(Continued from last week)

It was evening when Pasha and his friend came to a small town. It was situated on the bank of the river not far from the railroad. Turning into one of the streets, they asked the people, "Are there any believers living in this town?" The people pointed them to a neat little house surrounded by tall pines. As they walked toward it they noticed two children playing at the door of the house. A young, well-dressed lady was busy working in the yard. She looked up as they approached and greeted them kindly. The men told her that they were believers and asked if they could stay at her home.

"For the brethren in the Lord there will always be a place," the young woman said kindly. She led them into the house then called her husband who was working in the garden. He came at once and greeted the guests warmly. While he visited with his guests his wife hurriedly prepared food.

What a feast she set before the weary travelers! Large pieces of fresh butter, cream, a large pitcher of rich milk, two or three kinds of cake, boiled eggs, and wonderful white bread; it was all a wonderful sight to

the hungry wanderers. A large lamp threw a bright light on the snow-white tablecloth while the shining teakettle whistled cheerfully.

When everything was ready the friendly lady of the house told her husband, "Ask the brethren to come to the table."

They sat down around the table and the head of the home asked the blessing. He thanked the Lord for His love and care and for the guests, asking Him to keep them in faith and bless the food.

It was the first time in his life that Pasha had sat down to such a feast with so hospitable and kind a family. His heart overflowed with joy and delight. The children, a boy and a girl, also occupied places at the table and listened attentively to the conversation.

Pasha was telling the story of his experience with the robbers when they were called to supper. He stopped at the point where the robbers in the thick woods began to read the New Testament that they had taken from the murdered travelers. Now, at the request of the head of the house, Pasha continued his story. He vividly pictured how the Gospel had affected his heart and how he shared the good news with his comrades. He told how they were convicted of their



## JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS

**Genesis 42:3-4, 6-9, 13, 19-24**

3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren:...

6 And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them: and he said unto them, Whencecomeye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them....

13 And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan: and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

20 But bring your youngest brother unto me: so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

21 And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our

brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child: and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

**The Message: When his brothers bowed before him, Joseph remembered his dream. He had been sent to Egypt to save his people!**

### Questions:

1. How many of Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to buy corn?
2. Where was Benjamin?
3. Who was governor of the land?
4. What did his brothers do when they came before Joseph?
5. How did Joseph speak to his brothers?
6. What did Joseph remember?
7. Who did Joseph demand to be brought?
8. Why did his brothers think he could not understand them?
9. Who did Joseph have bound?

### Verse to Memorize

...And Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.  
Genesis 42:6.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

There was an abundance of food for seven years. Joseph wisely gathered the surplus into barns. When the famine came, he opened these barns and sold food to the people.

After two years of famine there was no food even in Canaan, Joseph's old home. When Jacob heard there was corn in Egypt he sent his ten oldest sons to buy food. Benjamin stayed in Canaan. Since Joseph disappeared Jacob would not let his young son out of his sight.

The brothers arrived in Egypt and were ushered in to the governor—Joseph himself. At last he saw his dreams fulfilled. He recognized his brothers as they bowed before him with their faces to the ground.

At first Joseph treated his brothers harshly and spoke roughly to them. His heart yearned to let them know who he was, but he must first prove that they had repented of their wicked ways. He put them in prison for three days, accusing them of being spies.

The brothers never guessed this austere governor could understand Hebrew. "We are surely guilty concerning our brother," they confessed to one another. "We saw his distress when he begged for mercy but we would not help him. That is why we are in trouble now!"

Joseph released all but Simeon. He was kept in prison while the others took food to Jacob and their families. He commanded them to bring Benjamin when they came again.

When they got home the nine brothers told their father how the governor had treated them. Finally

the supply of corn ran out. Someone must go to Egypt again and buy for them. The brothers reminded their father they could not go unless Benjamin went with them. For a long time Jacob would not consent but their need became so desperate he had no choice—Benjamin must go to Egypt.

When Joseph saw Benjamin he could not control his emotions. He rushed out of the room to hide his tears. Regaining his composure, he ordered Simeon released. Then he invited all the brothers to eat with him.

Still he did not reveal himself to them. They were amazed that he set them at the table in the precise order of their age. Afterward he let them go. With great relief they started for home. Benjamin would soon be safely returned to his aged father!

But they had not gone far when an Egyptian officer overtook them and angrily demanded why they had stolen Joseph's silver cup! The brothers were confused. Each knew he was innocent—there had to be some bad mistake. Each brother's sack was searched, in order of his age. When he searched Benjamin's sack, the officer found the royal cup.

Would the brother's desert Benjamin as they had Joseph? No, they had truly changed. Each of them tore their clothes in great sorrow, loaded up and returned with Benjamin. Hurrying to Joseph's house they fell on their faces begging him to have mercy on their young brother. Joseph was convinced of his brother's sincere change. He let them know that he was Joseph.

Terror filled the brothers when they heard this! Now what punishment would they receive from the brother they had wronged so terribly? But Joseph's heart was full of love as he inquired of his father. He assured them, "God allowed me to be sold into Egypt. He sent me before you to provide food to save your lives." —Sis. Nelda Sorrell

evil deeds through the power of the Word of God and decided they must change their way of living. Pasha told how the State Attorney was converted and how they were sentenced to prison. He told them of his stay in the transfer prisons and the years he spent in hard labor until he finally received pardon.

The hosts could not take their eyes from Pasha as he spoke. The lady of the house often wiped the flowing tears from her cheeks as if she wanted to hide them from the others. During this narration the time passed unnoticed. They were all surprised when the large clock loudly announced that it was midnight. Then they all knelt and thanked God for His wonderful grace in the salvation of the lost sinners.

The lady of the house was still filled with emotion. As she stood up she asked, "But where do you want to go now?"

"We decided to return to our former homes," Pasha answered.

"Do you still have relatives there?" she continued.

"Yes, Solowjew has a mother who is a believer who still lives in the government of Kiew. But I have nobody; neither Father nor Mother. I am simply going to look up my childhood place, my home village in the government of Mogilew. First of all, however, I have the great desire to tell my countrymen of Christ and His love for them."

"Have you been an orphan a long time?" resumed the hostess.

"I lost my parents when I was eight years old. I lost them in Siberia on our migration trip. My father died two days before the passing away of my mother."

The lady grabbed the table with both hands and stood leaning forward and looking deep into Pasha's eyes.

Her husband looked at her, surprised by her actions. He wondered why she questioned the guest so thoroughly instead of preparing the beds for the night.

Pasha continued, "We, my sister and I, were left orphaned. She was a little older than I was. The day after the death of our mother, I lost sight of her. Even now I do not know what has become of her. She must have perished like so many orphan children of the immigrants because of the impossible living conditions. She was a good girl and cared for me as my own mother." And Pasha began to cry.

Pale as death and with tears streaming down her face, the hostess exclaimed: "Is it possible that it is you, my beloved brother, Pasha? Tell me quickly; my heart tells me it is you!"

"Shura! Do my eyes really see you? You, my angel, my beloved!" he cried, weeping like a child.

"Yes, it is I. I am your sister; you, my beloved! How my heart cried out for you! "The brother and sister threw themselves into each other's arms, kissed, and wept. Then Pasha reached out for the children, kissing them and the husband of his sister.

Even Solowjew took part in the general joy and was greatly touched by the unexpected reunion of the brother and sister. Oh, what joy there was! Shura was so excited that she did not know what to do first. Again and again she put her arms around Pasha, saying, "Is it truly you, my brother? Do I really see you? Oh, what joy!"

(To be continued next week.)

**Answers:** 1. Ten. 2. He was kept at home. 3. Joseph. 4. They bowed to him. 5. Roughly. 6. His dreams. 7. The youngest brother (Benjamin). 8. He spoke to them by an interpreter. 9. Simeon.