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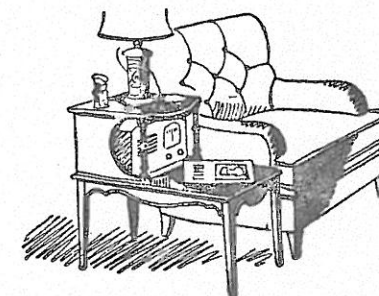
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A ROOF OVERHEAD, A HOBBY, OR TOY;  
A MORSEL OF FOOD, A BED FOR SWEET SLEEP.  
A CLEAN, CLEAR CONSCIENCE, LOVE STRONG AND DEEP.

IT NEED NOT TAKE MUCH TO GIVE US A THRILL,  
JUST A BRIGHT STAR SHINING, A CLEAR, SINGING RILL.  
IT TAKES VERY LITTLE, IF IT IS OUR BENT,  
TO CROWN FULL OUR HEARTS, THE GIFT OF CONTENT.

—Lula Erick in *Sunshine*

**Duties are ours; events are God's.**

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*Meditation is the tongue of the soul and the the language of our spirit; and our wandering thoughts in prayer are but the neglects of meditation and recessions from that duty; according as we neglect meditation so are our prayers imperfect,—meditation being the soul of prayer and the intention of our spirit.*

—JEREMY TAYLOR

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# A Significant Event

By Mary Holbert

Time: the year 1940.

"I just don't believe you are right," stated John. "There is no indication that the Jewish people are going back to Palestine or that they want to go back."

"It is prophesied in the Bible, John," returned Jim, "that the Jews will go back and that event will probably happen in our lifetime if we live out our normal life span."

John indicated he would be interested in the Scriptures about this, but he still felt it was a mistaken idea. Probably the Scriptures weren't being interpreted correctly, was his secret thought.

Since this conversation took place during free time for Jim and John, Jim got his Bible and reviewed briefly the Scriptures concerning the Jews' return to their homeland.

"You see," Jim explained, "The Jewish people were scattered because of their disobedience." He read Amos 9:9, "For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth." Jim went ahead to say, "You know if corn is covered by earth, it will grow into a stalk, but this was not to be the case with the Jews. The Jewish people are scattered over all the world but to this day they have never established a government of their own. There are many scriptures about this dispersment of the Jews. 1 Kings 9:7 says, 'Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people.' You are familiar with the condition of the Jews in this year of 1940, but what about the future? Well, the Lord has said what He will do."

Jim continued, "Here, let me read Isaiah 11:12, 'And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.' You can see the prophecy definitely states a return of the Jews to their homeland."

"No, I can't see it," said John, "The Jews are prospering in their adopted countries. They aren't about to leave and go to that little country of Palestine. It is so small and unproductive it wouldn't hold very many of them; no, it just isn't reasonable."

"But John," protested Jim, "The Jewish people will have no choice. In some way they'll want to go back. How, I don't know; but go back they will. I do know it must be, because I have faith in God's Word. Jeremiah 31 is a good chapter to read about this subject. Verses 8 and 9 give us a clue that the cause of their return might not be a happy one. Verses 8 and 9 say, 'Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. They shall come with weeping and with supplications will I lead them....'"

"I'll also read verse ten," continued Jim, 'Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel

will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.'"

But John would not believe.

The years passed. World War II began and ended; the Korean War began and ended; the Cold War began and seemed without end. During these years Jim and John were separated—no longer lived in the same communities. But Jim remembered his friend and wondered if John ever thought about their conversation back in 1940 and if John ever realized that the prophecy had begun to be fulfilled.

Here in 1964, some twenty years later, history now confirms the faith Jim had that the Jews would return as God had promised. History books record the era of sadistic anti-Jewish persecution inaugurated by Adolf Hitler in Germany in 1938 and continued with ferocity throughout World War II. At the end of the war, the Palestine problem came to a boil. The Jews had long dreamed of a homeland of their own, and now with tens of thousands of them uprooted by the war, and some six million butchered by the Nazis, they were determined to get a homeland in their ancestral lands.

There were many problems—the main one being the Arabs who lived there and did not want the Jews as neighbors. British naval patrols turned back a number of steamers, laden with destitute Jewish refugees, within sight of the Promised Land. Truly they returned with weeping. (Note: This story

is well-told in the novel called *Exodus* by Uris.)

The British finally dumped their Palestine Burden on the doorstep of the United Nations early in 1947.

A scheme for partitioning the troubled Holy Land between Arabs and Jews was adopted by the U.N. Assembly later that year. With President Truman backing the partition, and with the Soviets unexpectedly voting with the United States on a major issue, the partition became a fact.

The whole historically established fact is well stated in this quote from Thomas A. Bailey's *A Diplomatic History of American People*, page 794. "The Jewish Zionists, their long-deferred goal in sight, moved rapidly. With Palestine already involved in civil strife with the Arabs, they announced the formation of the new state of Israel, on

May 14, 1948. Exactly eleven minutes after this proclamation, President Truman, presumably with an eye to the impending election, stole a march on London and Moscow by precipitantly extending *de-facto* recognition.

The infant state of Israel—a child of battle—was soon attacked on several sides by Arab armies. The invaders were hurled back by numerically inferior but better trained Jewish forces, who received aid in money and man power from their co-religionists in the United States. Mediation by the United Nations brought a halt to the fighting in 1949, with the distinguished American Negro, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, winning plaudits for his role in the negotiation. A new state thus saw the light of day, in circumstances as fantastic as those related in the Arabian nights."

#### GEMS OF WISDOM

A wise old philosopher has given to us these practical rules for a happy life for men and women united by sacred rites of matrimony:

Never both be angry at the same time.

Never talk at one another, either alone or in company.

Never speak loudly to one another, unless the house is on fire.

Let each one strive to yield oftenest to the wishes of the other.

Let self-denial be the daily aim and practice of each.

Never taunt with a past mistake.

Neglect the whole world rather than one another.

Never part for a day without loving words to remember.

Never make a mean remark at the expense of each other.

Never meet without a loving welcome.

Never let the sun go down upon any anger or grievance.

Never forget the happy hours of early love.

Never forget that marriage is ordained of God, and that His blessings alone can make it what it should be.

And you will be happy ever after.

—Billy Shelper's in *Pearls from Proverbs* via *Sunshine*

# Who

# is

# HE?

By Helen St. Clair

We were sitting quietly at a picnic table eating our Sabbath lunch. I looked up to the top of a beautiful mountain and inwardly longed to climb it. The sun gave it a golden cast. At the top was a solitary looking place with a large green bush. That spot looked inviting . . . so peaceful, so deserted. Closing my eyes, I could almost visualize Someone climbing that mountain to be alone with God. "And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone" (Matthew 14:23).

Who is He? Jesus? But who is He?

Shut your eyes a few moments and visualize the scene of Matthew 16:13-17. "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-

jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Some believed Jesus was John the Baptist. Some believed He was a prophet. Peter believed He is the Christ, the Son of God. Who do YOU believe He is? Is your answer "Of course I believe He is the Son of God. Everyone does"? This answer lacks conviction. This answer lacks power. This answer leads to a road of confusion in which you turn away from the question that pricks the very depth of your heart.

A very dark future awaits many who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, many who have even done miracles in His name . . . "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21, 22).

"I never knew you." Here is the key to the whole message. To many He will say, "I never knew you." To whom do you believe He will say, "I know you. Come unto me"?

Listen to a familiar conversation we might hear today.

Are you inviting Jane Adams to your wedding?"

"Well, no."

"You know her, don't you?"

"Yes, of course I know her. She only lives a block away; but we're just not close friends. I never got to know her very well."

Doesn't the above situation remind you of the empty statement, "Of course I know Jesus is the Son of God"?

**DO YOU KNOW JESUS? THIS IS** the question that pricks the depths of the heart!

Jesus knows those who know Him. They are the ones who seek Him, who entrust their lives to Him . . . who seek Him above all else on this earth.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Jesus should be our greatest treasure. In Him only can we find eternal life. In Him only can we find conversion from sin and confusion, to a godly life of joy and peace.

"Jesus saith unto him. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. If ye had known me,

ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him."

Jesus said we must come to Him... **COME TO HIM.** Was that just for the time He lived on earth and walked with men? How do we have access to the Father now? How may we obtain eternal life since He returned to the Father? Is there a different plan of salvation for us in this age or must we still come to Him? How can we come to Him?

"No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Here is one statement we cannot, must not overlook. Jesus is the **ONLY** way to the Father.

In John 10:7-11, we find that Jesus is the only door, the Shepherd of the sheep, and that we must enter this Door to be saved. "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

We can know Jesus as surely today as the disciples knew Him. If we seek Him, He will

walk with us and we will feel His presence though we don't see Him.

The promise Jesus made to His disciples is just as real for us, "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also... He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

Get the impact of what Jesus said! "And will manifest myself to him."

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18).

Stephen's last prayer witnessed his walk with Jesus, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit... Lord, lay not this sin to their charge..." (Acts 7:60).

Jesus admonished us to repent of our sins, to believe in Him, to be baptized signifying our belief in His death and resurrection, the future resurrection, and the new life, and to live a Spiritual life. Yet, we can be sorry we have sinned, believe in His existence, be baptized with water, try to live godly, **AND STILL BE LOST!** Why? Can we of ourselves be good? Can we pay the cost for Salvation? No!!! **DON'T** leave out the first and most important steps in receiving Salvation. Those steps are seeking, finding, and knowing Jesus personally.

## **Conversion, a complete change in your way of life, can only come through a full acquaintance with Jesus . . . .**

Conversion cannot come from your own efforts to live a changed life. I have tried it. I know the heartbreak and confusion such disillusion can bring. Conversion, a complete change in your way of life, can only come through a full acquaintance with Jesus, for He has the power to give this new life, and it is **THROUGH** Him we can learn to live **FOR** Him.

"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me" (Matthew 10:37-40).

Peter told us in Acts 4:10-12 that we can be saved by **NO OTHER NAME!** "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner, Neither

is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

If you have found yourself on the road of confusion and now realize that you have never made an acquaintance with Him, you stand at a definite cross road. You must either receive Him or reject Him. There is no middle ground. You **CAN NOT** receive Him in secret and pretend you always knew Him. Jesus gave His life for you and for me. We cannot hold on to pride if we wish to walk with Him. To know Him, we must surrender all to Him and fully confess Him.

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:33).

The door is Jesus. The door stands open. The invitation is to all of us. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls" (Matthew 11:28, 29).

# My Problem Is...

Youth Questions  
answered by  
Ray L. Straub



## QUESTION:

*While I don't mind going to church, I always get sleepy during the sermon—and I often fall asleep. I'm not the only one in our church. How can I get the message through to my pastor that he is boring?*

## ANSWER:

Please be assured that by falling asleep during the sermon, you have already given your pastor a message. I receive these messages right along during my preaching, and few of them go unnoticed!

I would like to contradict your insinuation that preachers are boring; but alas, I cannot! All too many of us are all too frequently quite uninteresting and tiresome. We often fail in our obligation to captivate and hold the audiences we address. Despite all encouragement to the contrary,

the church sleeper bears indisputable testimony to this painful truth.

I have a question for you. What is the difference between you three or four church sleepers and the dozens of others who stay patiently awake and carefully gather in what good the poorest sermon has to offer? While the drowsy preach eloquent sermons by their obvious and misery-producing lethargy, they are but few compared to the alert who show a hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Yes, the heavy eyelid on a nodding head gets a message across. He does not only witness to the preacher, but to everyone else in the congregation (including his fellow cat-nappers, who often believe that only *their* sleeping in church is justifiable).

(1) The message is that boredom is definitely involved. It does not conclude that the sermon is boring. Such is not often the case. The sermon may

be interesting, but *you* are uninterested.

(2) Sleeping in church is a habit. When one dozes in church, it can mean that he has been overworked with little opportunity for rest, but such a person rarely sleeps during a sermon. On the other hand, there are those who slumber during the sermon regardless of their schedule. The message the sleeper gives is that he has not matured sufficiently to overcome this juvenile habit. He is still vexed by a child's short attention span.

(3) The message of the sleepyhead is that his Christian life is heading toward hibernation. He is falling asleep spiritually. When one has a good appetite for food, he does not doze off as soon as he arrives at the table. Rather, he eats eagerly of the food and is nourished by it. He has refueled and can continue vigorous exercise. Similarly, those who are eager to strengthen themselves spiritually partake of the nourishment that is offered throughout the church service. This gives them the enthusiasm they need to be lively for Jesus.

(4) The message the bench dreamer gives is that he has very faulty manners. One does not sleep in the presence of others unless it is mutually agreed upon as appropriate for all. Of all places to show off bad manners—in church! What an awful impression this must make upon those new people and visitors who we hope will become interested in our church and its message of truth!

(5) The message given by the pew-sleeper is that he either is not acquainted with the Nature of God,

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or that he is so callous that he does not care. He would not visit a friend or acquaintance only to fall asleep just as the most important activity of the evening were about to begin. If someone accepted an invitation to a home, and all the visitor did was to sleep during the visit, his behavior would be considered most questionable!

God has invited you and me into *His* sanctuary, to be seated in *His* Presence and find there some joyous and life-giving blessings. How rude to accept the invitation, enter God's House and then fall asleep while He waits to bless. Is God One Who appreciates being treated rudely and irreverently? We know better than that!

I fear that I am somewhat the wrong individual to answer this question because I feel so strongly about this matter of sleeping in church that I would advise you and others like you to repent and promise God that you will overcome your offensive habit and change your behavior in church! The message you have been giving is most unflattering, and you need to cease teaching this unrighteousness.

At the same time, perhaps those of us who have the formidable task of delivering the Word of Truth in a sincere, interesting and captivating manner will continuously seek to be more skillful and less boring. While sleeping in church is less than good Christianity, we ministers ought to consider seriously our responsibility in the task of helping to erase tell-tale drowsiness from God's sanctuary.

When I get to your church, during the sermon I hope to see you sit up straight, with eyes wide open, and looking hungry!

# Another Saul

By Julie Camero

*Editor's Note: The following story in dialogue form, written by a former S.V.A. student, could possibly be adapted for use as part of a local FYC program.*

*Although this story moves along faster than would be expected in reality, let us keep in mind that we have many faithful members today who are saved because someone knocked on their door. Are you willing to go and do likewise?*

"George, answer the door."

"But Mabel, can't you see that I'm watching my favorite T.V. program, 'The Untouchables'?"

"Never mind that, answer the door."

"All right, all right. Who? what?"

\* \* \*

"My name is David Zollern. I'm passing out free Christian literature on the beginning of the church. I belong to the Church of God, 7th Day."

"Listen, Bud, you're knocking on the wrong heart. I'm a Jew." Bang! The door shut in David's face.

"Uuh," David thought, "Just the man for me to try to convert."

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"George, who was that?"

"Oh, some guy by the name of Zollern, passing out some kind of Christian stuff."

"Didn't you have more sense than to slam the door in his face. At least you could have shown him in and listened to what he had to say."

"Mabel, let's not start an argument. You know how I feel toward Christians. They're just a bunch of hypocrites. Let me tell you, if that man comes back or any other people come to this house, you better not listen to them."

"Yes, George, I'm sorry."

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Knock, knock.

"Yes?"

"Hello, I'm David Zollern, passing out free lit. . ."

"Oh, Zollern, that name sounds familiar. Were you by any chance around this neighborhood last night?"

"Yes, I was. I thought I'd keep trying this house because I had the door slammed in my face."

"Won't you come in. I'm sorry about last night. My husband is very hard set against Christians and even more when they disturb him from watching T.V."

"As I was saying, we would like to see you at church tomorrow, if you are able to come."

"Well, I don't know."

"We are going to show a very good film for the evening program. See if you can bring your husband along."

"I'll try." The conversation keeps up a steady pace until Mabel glances at her watch. "Oh, my, is it that late already? It seems like I've been talking only a few minutes. It has really been interesting talking to you. I'll see if I can make it tomorrow night."

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"Move, Billy. I have to hurry and make supper."

Bang! "Hello, darling."

"Oh, hello, George. Excuse me, dear, I'm in a hurry."

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"Billy, George, dinner is ready."

"Coming right down."

"Wait a minute. Before we start eating, let's give God thanks."

"Mabel!!"

"Our Heavenly Father, thank You for this food; bless us this food. This is the best I can do for the first time. Amen."

"I'll talk to you later, Mabel. Right now I'm too hungry."

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"You can explain yourself now, Mabel."

"Well, George, it's like this, Mr.

Zollern came this afternoon, and, well, we had a nice long conversation about how the church got started and such matters. I was invited to church tomorrow. If I didn't go to church I was planning on going to the evening movie. George, will you go with me?"

"No, Mabel, I told you yesterday to be careful about it, and here you are going to church."

"Oh, George, can't you even give it a chance by coming with me?"

"For you, Mabel, I'll consider going... but only for you."

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"Well, I guess it's about time to start off. What street is that church on?"

"On the corner of Washington and Pine. Take it slow. There it is."

"Hello, Mr. and Mrs. ——— sorry I don't think I got the name."

"Traint. Hello Mr. Zollern."

"I'm very glad you came. Take a seat, and we'll start right soon."

"Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. The movie for tonight is entitled 'The Beginning.'

"On this spot our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, and in three days was raised again. Thereafter He remained upon the earth with His disciples forty days explaining and telling them things. They were to go out and preach the Word to all. But, before this they were to receive the Holy Ghost. Ten days after Jesus was taken into heaven, the disciples were gathered together when suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing wind. There appeared cloven tongues as of fire, and sat upon each one. They

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# This Is the Way

By Bertie B. Freeman

## IT HAPPENED THAT

Hannah, a godly woman, desired a son so intensely that she promised God if He would give her a son that she would give him back to God "... all the days of his life."

Several years later Hannah stood again before Eli, a priest of God and said, "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore, also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth." I like the marginal reference which says instead of the word, lent, "Or returned him, whom I have obtained by petition, to the Lord."

I suppose the story of Samuel is one of the first Bible stories learned by children. How fortunate the child who has been dedicated to the Lord, or returned to the Lord as was Samuel. All children cannot become Samuels, but they can be dedicated to the Lord.

## IT HAPPENED THAT...

Samuel became famous in Israel for his piety, just ways, and obedience to God. The Prophet Samuel was a name known to every house-

hold in Israel. But it was not an easy life in the beginning for Samuel as he ministered before Eli in the temple. He was taken while very young from a comfortable home and loving parents, to begin the duties of serving the priest in the temple of God.

He was probably lonely in the stillness of the night, often wishing for mother and home. No doubt he felt deserted at first, for it is hard for the mind of a small child to grasp the significance of complete dedication to God as Hannah had so dedicated Samuel. **BUT IT HAPPENED...** that Samuel had one very great advantage in his favor and that was the advantage of a sustaining power sent directly from God. He might not have been able to fully recognize it at his age, but the Bible records it this way: "... And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him."

## IT HAPPENS...

many times that young people in their walk with God, forget that God is with them and sees them at all times. It may seem at times that a little letting down here, a laxity in morals there, a few things that really

# It HAPPENED

don't matter after all, can be taken care of later. It is true that God is longsuffering and forgiving, but continued sins do not affect God's forgiving love as much as it conditions the person to sin and makes them callous to spiritual values. Physical hardening of the arteries is bad enough, but spiritual hardening of the heart toward godly principles is a lot worse. This is the negative side of God's watchfulness over His creation.

The positive side is much more joyful and in the end far more rewarding. God supplied Samuel with everything he needed. He is no respecter of persons: He will do the same for you. What is the need in your life—help with personal problems, school studies, dating, making friends, a better position, more power to overcome worldly temptations? God has the answer, rather, God **IS** the answer!

It is God's will that His children be happy and healthy. It is God's will that His children have abundant fulfilling lives. Do you believe this? Then you have the answer to any and all problems. As Ernest Wilson writes in his wonderful book, *Soul Power*, "Claim your good and press your

claim." Say "God is my help in every need, and in this need." Specify the need as it appears to you and claim its fulfillment.

## IT HAPPENS THAT...

God hears and answers prayer. It also happens that it is impossible to deceive God. Can you recall the story of Jeroboam and his wife, how they planned to deceive the prophet Abiljah, and how God revealed their deceit to Abijah? Since God cannot be deceived it is best to keep your motives honest in your own heart and honest before God; then take your petitions and problems to Him in prayer. Talk with God as you would with an earthly parent remembering all the while that He is **ALL** Powerful and Holy.

Youth desires and has a right to the good things of life. But remember that great possessions do not necessarily mean great happiness.

## IT HAPPENED THAT...

a certain young man had great possessions but he still lacked that vital something to make his life happy and his soul complete. Before we condemn this young



man and his wealth it may be well to remember that he was also a religious person, keeping the letter of the law. This is a great tragedy of many commandment keepers, they live in the letter of the law and oft times that law consists solely of keeping the Sabbath. The young man's sin was not in the fact that he was wealthy, but that he preferred his wealth to Jesus. Money is no evil in itself, but if we covet riches solely for their sake, or use them wrongly, or prefer them to Christ, then they become a god, and thus become sin. Do not make possessions your goal merely as a matter of getting wealthy, but seek first the kingdom of God or those things of spiritual value, and God will see to it that you are taken care of in ways you never dreamed possible.

Religion is not solely for the elderly as some young people would like to believe, but for the young also. Jesus wants young people who will yield themselves wholly upon the altar of self dedication, keeping nothing in reserve for future worldly enticements. This can be done only through complete surrender and a complete filling of the Holy Spirit.

#### IT HAPPENS THAT . . .

a half hearted young man never wins the heart of his beloved, neither can half hearted young people win the battle against the enemy of their soul. It takes love, work and power to live victoriously; to live above sin, self and worldly attainments. When you have found Christ, received His Holy Spirit, and begun witnessing for Him, the world passes away and all things become new to the believers.

IT HAPPENED . . . to those whose names are recorded in the Bible. It happens that the same experiences can be yours. It can be even greater because it will be happening to you. It so happens that the same God who created the universe still holds the world in His hand. Why not let Him come into your life and see what happens for yourself?

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#### NO TIME TO TREAT MEN WRONG

By Walter E. Isenhour

**There is a time to work and play,  
A time to eat and sleep;  
A time to study and to pray,  
A time to laugh and weep;  
A time for fellowship that's sweet,  
A time for sacred song;  
But never is there time to treat  
A human being wrong.**

**There is a time to lift men up  
And help them on life's road;  
A time to drain their bitter cup  
And share their heavy load;  
A time to bless them with our grace  
And boost them all along;  
But never is there time and place  
To treat our fellows wrong.**

**There is a time to help men seek  
Our God Who saves the soul;  
A time to show them that the meek  
Shall reach life's highest goal;  
A time to help them turn aside  
And leave the wicked throng;  
But never did our Lord provide  
A time to treat men wrong.**

### Would You Like An FYC Yearbook of Pictures?

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#### ANOTHER SAUL

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then spoke in different languages. Peter preached to those there. From that time on Peter and John went out preaching the gospel, performing miracles, wonders, and healing the sick.

"As they all go teaching, we come to Stephen, a devout man of God, full of faith and power. He was disputing with those in Cilicia and Asia. But the people being ignorant said he blasphemed against God, and thus he was brought before the council. There he gave a sermon on the crucifixion of Christ. But when the people heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. They cast him out of the city and stoned him, and they laid down his clothes at Saul's feet. At that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem, and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria.

"As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house and committing men and women to prison. Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men and women, he might bring them bound into Jerusalem.

"When Saul started off on the journey and came near Damascus, there suddenly shined around him a light from heaven. He fell to the earth and he heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?'

"Saul answered, 'Who art thou, Lord?'

"I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.'

"Trembling and astonished Saul said, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?'

"'Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.'

"Two of the men with him led Saul into the city, for God has made Saul blind, and he could not see."

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"Mabel?"

"Don't interrupt, George."

"I'm leaving."

"But, George, you can't leave in the middle of the show."

"That's what you think."

"George, come back here."

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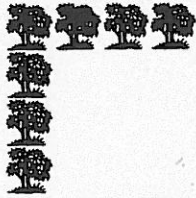
"George, what on earth got into you last night?"

"I don't know, Mabel. I just got a funny feeling, a feeling that I was another Saul . . . that I was persecuting the Christians also, maybe not in the same way, but in this modern age there are different ways we do it without realizing. This is hard for me to say, Mabel, but for once I felt something. I wish I could learn more about Jesus and the Bible."

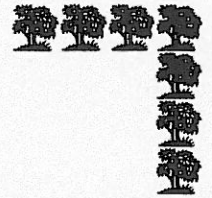
"Here is Mr. Zollern's number. Why don't you call him? You know I'd like to find out more about it, too."

"Well, honey, it seems like already I have obstacles before me. But with God's help, I'll get through."

"Oh, George, let's thank God for all He's done for us right now."



# YOUTH | CAMP



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## Sleeper State Park, Michigan

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Precious memories of happenings can become an inspiration to stabilize a person's Christian outlook. For 66 campers and a staff of 22 enthusiastic counselors and leaders at the Michigan Youth Camp the experience was something that will not soon be forgotten. This will surely be expressed for a long time to come by a more dedicated and consecrated group of young people and adults.

For those who enjoy excitement and variety, the arrival at camp surely provided some of each. In the process of rebuilding the county road at the time, several truck loads of loose sand had been deposited there, and the half-mile of county road which led to the entrance of Sleeper State Park was impassable. The state conservation department had to rent a bulldozer at a cost of \$20 to haul our luggage in. This certainly gave us the impression of being moved back "into the sticks."

Our camp operated on a schedule something like this: At 6:00 a.m. the staff gathered for a planning session. At 7:00 Jeffrey Leach bugled the time for all campers to rise. At 7:25 it was time to raise the flag and pledge allegiance. Everyone then went to the ball diamond for a "grunt and groan" session. (In case our readers don't know what this is, we might explain; it is calisthenics.) Whether this was responsible or not the group then had a good appetite for a well prepared breakfast.

Morning devotions were at 9:00, and the remainder of the forenoon was then divided into three periods. The campers were also divided into three groups according to their ages. One group attended crafts class; a second group attended Bible class; and the third group had recreation. Each hour

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## Sagmount, Missouri

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The lighting of a model "highlighted" youth camp at Sagmount on June 14. The pilot wheel, sea ground, anchors,



ships and words "Are You a Lighthouse?" decorated the platform, inspiring and challenging each one to shine for Jesus.

Campers from nine states having checked in on Sunday afternoon, they were introduced to the different phases of the camp program as well as the directors of each area.

As the bell rang at 6:30 on Monday morning campers climbed out of bed and headed for the tennis court to wake up to calisthenics. Morning devotions followed and then the stampede to breakfast. The next bell brought 124 campers to the five different classes. Two simultaneous assemblies followed, one for the Junior Camp and another for Senior Camp, and then crafts for ages 9-14 while ages 15-25 had nature study. The afternoon was filled with swimming, softball, croquette, horseshoe, peewee golf, volleyball, and tours. The worship service, special music, campfires, films, filmstrips, and refreshments made up the evening program.

One evening Brother Lippincott, kitchen supervisor, treated the campers to fireworks. Another afternoon we took a flashlight tour of the cave on the grounds. And on Wednesday we rented a bus for an eight-mile trip to the George Washington Carver Memorial. This was a very inspirational visit to his museum, including a nature hike of the land on which this slave boy was raised. G. W. Carver made 118 products from the sweet potato and many from the soybean in his lifetime. From the peanut he made instant coffee, shoe polish, floor

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## Silver Falls, Oregon

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As a staff member at youth camp, one seems to live a lifetime in one week with these young people. One shares the greatest sorrows and the greatest joys, most difficult problems and most rewarding blessings—all in the same week. Such an experience is difficult, if not impossible, to surpass.

Though many activities (sports, visiting, religious services, and Bible classes) were enjoyed at camp, over and over campers said their favorite part of the camp was in the evening as all gathered around the campfire for songs of praise, testimonies, prayer requests, and the prayer circle—an inspiring time of meditation and prayer.

The day began at 6:30 a.m. for everyone but the juniors. (The juniors got up at approximately 7:00.) A service called Morning Praise (for the youths) commenced at 7:15. This service lasted about 25 minutes each day. We had prayer, sang choruses and enjoyed a short talk, usually by one of the campers. Breakfast was at 8:00.

General Assembly met at 9:00. At this service we would have announcements as to the activities of the day, more choruses, and a 7-minute talk by one of the staff. At 10:00 and again at 11:00 in the mornings we had Bible classes which lasted for 45 minutes each. Dinner was at noon.

The afternoons were spent in the main on various sports. We played shuffleboard, ping pong, baseball on the two days the weather permitted, and swimming. At the end of the camp week we held tournaments in basketball free throw, swimming, ping pong, and shuffleboard; trophies were awarded to the winners.

Somewhere between 8:00 and 8:30 in the evenings we began our fireside service. In this

service we gathered at a place where the seats were made of logs, arranged around a fire which was in the middle of a large empty area. The service began with choruses. (The sweetest and best music this side of heaven was sung at this place.) Beginning on the third night, after the choruses we had testimonies with all or as many as would (depending on the evening) participating.

After testimonies and prayer requests, the director spoke for a minute or so, directing the minds of the youths toward the person of Christ as portrayed in the gospel and of the need to have Him in each one's life. Then the group sang the chorus "Spirit of the Living God." While singing it a second time the youth gathered inside the circle for the prayer circle. The number of youth which came each night, causes one to know, more and more, that the power and love of God are as strong as ever. It is awesome.

Those in the circle joined hands and each prayed a sentence prayer, indicating by a squeeze of the hand, that the next one could begin. When the circle was completed, those who wanted Christ in their lives were invited to kneel where they were, in their seats, or in the circle, wherever they were. Many times many would be kneeling before an invitation could be given. Then the campers who wished to be dismissed were excused to the compound area.

Those who had knelt remained in prayer. By this time each evening darkness had fallen and one could see only the flickering light of the camp fire. Some prayed for a long time. Some knelt and meditated, others sat and prayed and meditated. It was a wonderful experience each

night. Those at the fireside could take all the time they wanted. One evening it was midnight when all finally returned to the compound, happy in the Lord for the time spent in nearness with Him. Many lives were rededicated.

We rejoice to report that five were baptized on Tuesday, June 16, the last full day of camp. Though we had rain as we stood by the river, and the weather was bad, we surely did rejoice to see direction given to the hearts of these young people.

—Nathan Straub, Director

#### MISSOURI . . . (Cont.)

wax, and over 300 other products.

Excitement was provided by keen competition in Bible quizzing as Sharon Westfall's "Sunflowers" defeated Darlene Moldenhauer's "Bluebirds" in an overtime period. Calvin Burrell directed competition among four teams in swimming and diving as well as in the sports mentioned earlier. Two large pools and excellent weather made this an enjoyable week for camping.

Eight Church of God ministers were on our staff and four of the Departmental chairmen were at camp. (The two Sabbath offerings went to the United Missions Fund.) Elder Coulter, Chairman of the General Conference, was among the ministers on the staff.

Two of the evening services had themes. "Am I a Phoney?" was the best of the three Christian films shown at camp. The prayers around the altar, testimonies around campfires, and the good music of the "Evangelettes," as well as many others, made the evening service a climax

to the end of each long day.

Eight campers attended a baptismal class on Sabbath, after which three were baptized. Spiritual progress is hard to measure, but by what we felt and saw we were confident that youth camp inspired our campers to be better "lighthouses" for Jesus. Words and pictures can only partially report what took place at Sagmount. For a better report, talk to one of our campers. —Elden Fischer, Director

#### MICHIGAN . . . (Cont.)

the groups changed activities.

The dinner bell and supper bell were always responded to eagerly. It was an inspiration to the staff to watch the enthusiasm of youth as they chatted, waited in line, and then had their meals. They were happy and their spirit bubbled over so that no one escaped the uplifting and joyous spirit. A person could not help but visualize them as a group of God's children that He would be glad to own as His.

We found they had a serious side to their feelings in the evening devotions and campfire. The devotional service was a highlight of the camp each evening with beautiful chalk drawings by Sister Virginia Heavilin while special music was presented. The pictures and music were such that young people's hearts were touched and ready for a good evangelistic sermon. Following the evening sermon the altar was always filled with young people seeking a closer walk with the Lord. Many of those at the altar gave audible prayers asking God's forgiveness and pleading for His guidance. At the campfire immediately afterward everyone joined in a chorus

time. Then testimonies were given with a wonderful response.

Sabbath afternoon a baptismal service was held for four young persons. Others spoke of baptism but wanted to go to their home churches so their parents could be witnesses to their new start in life. We praise the Lord for the spiritual uplift that was God's blessing on the camp.

We found 16 different areas of the district represented at camp. Moundsville, West Virginia, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, had the largest number, each having eight campers present. Detroit and Saginaw were next with seven each. New Auburn, Wisconsin, had six campers. At roll call we learned the following preferences of the campers: favorite colors were blue and red in that order; favorite cars were Mustang and Chevrolet, respectively; favorite sports were swimming and softball in that order; and Pizza seemed to be the favorite food with ice cream and cherry pie making a strong bid. For occupations the boys seemed to prefer the Air Force, although a surprising number gave consideration to being ministers. The girls were quite strong in their preference for nursing although some indicated being a housewife was a calling not to be ignored.

Timothy Leach closed each day's activities with the bugle at 10:00 p.m. It was a sad note on Saturday evening because everyone knew the next morning meant the return home and the end of camp.

Altogether the camp was an obvious success. Much credit should be given a capable and efficient staff, and we know that God was with us and that His blessing was upon us.

—Floyd A. Turner, Director

Heart to Heart...

# On "Thinking Mink"

by Elden W. Fischer

On Independence Day last month all Americans were aroused to thinking about their many freedoms. To be independent and free is part of the American heritage we treasure. Some, upon graduation from school, know exactly what they want to do with their life, but many others will start a liberal arts course in September to explore several fields before they decide on a profession. Before a decision is reached, a young man or young lady will usually "think mink." This phrase is short for, "How many luxuries in life will I be able to afford in my profession?"

The Church encourages its people to get into jobs with good salaries, for in this way the tithe will be able to support more laborers in the field. Men with sound business principles are needed by the church since offering (and even tithe) are hard to come by. High salary, however, should by no means be so important that it supersedes Christian principles and robs God of the time due Him. Too many times the sight of gold leads people into a pit of no return. Good people sweat and toil to save for retirement, but as soon as they breathe their last breath they are as poor as

the proverbial church mouse. The dust of a Rockefeller has the same composition as that of the beggar at the pool of Siloam.

To this extent, "think mink"—figure dollars and cents but don't hide behind a tithe receipt when the Lord needs you rather than your money. Give the Lord your "think," not just your "mink."

If you were now to analyze the dust of a Christian (preacher, teacher, evangelist, door-to-door missionary, foreign missionary) and the non-believer, again the composition of their dust or ashes is the same, regardless of their bank account. In heaven's bank of real values, the account shows a great difference. The Christian's safe deposit box is heaped with treasures, while the other fellow has only column on column of zeroes and emptiness. God's bank doesn't close when one closes his eyes the last time. You hold a key to the treasures in the kingdom of God.

*Ashes to ashes, dust to dust;  
In God's bank alone your treasures  
won't rust.*

*There thieves cannot steal,  
God's treasures are real.*



Too many times thoughts of "mink" will crowd out thoughts of greater Christian service. Today in the church we love there is an urgent need for workers. A church building and means of support for a worker are available in many areas where a flock is waiting for a shepherd. Would you suppose that the Lord is not calling enough workers today—or could it be that the "mink" calls louder? To answer God's call may mean turning your back on the "mink," but remember the little verse about God's bank in heaven.

For each pastor the Lord calls, He calls teachers, leaders, assistants, and secretaries—all to pray and many to pay. Even though you have not been called to be a pastor you may have been called to serve in one of several other capacities. Not all of these positions reward your checking account, but you'll be saving—not for a rainy day but for God's great sunrise. *Think not mink and work, don't shirk*; add not to God's unemployment problem.

The church's need for more ministers is increasing from New York to California. The call for volunteers on the local fronts is great, and person-to-person witnessing seems to be declining. People go up and down highways and camp along byways, but do we compel them to come in? We need specialists to write and gather materials for children's classes; we need editors; we need teachers at Midwest and Spring Vale; we need printers, lesson writers, youth leaders, youth speakers, evangelists, mis-

sionaries in the United States and abroad, librarians, story and article writers, musicians, correspondents, artists, and many more. Why not train and work somewhere in your field until it's your turn to take the pilot's wheel? Our Lord knows the way through a wilderness.



Today's trend toward thinking "mink" has crowded out the church's donation. The offering goes toward payments on a boat or a camper while the tithe goes into the new car that takes the family to church and sometimes away from it. If a young man doesn't accept his contract to work for the Lord before he's married the mortgage on the ranch style home and furniture will take the best twenty years out of the middle of his life. The Lord doesn't want leftover years. *Avoid a "clink" of buying "minks" and sinks. Think!* Lay up your treasures in God's bank.

The idea of reaping without sowing, handouts to those who don't work, and unemployment checks did not originate in the Bible. The Lord can start you at any level, from smiling at visitors and handing out tracts to a position beyond that of king or president. The Lord can transform you into a pastor or evangelist. To answer God's call say, "Lord, rather than waste my life in riotous living or for selfish gain, I give my best to Thee. Use me if you can. Amen." Use what the Lord has given you and go to work.

*Dust to dust, and ashes to ashes;  
Men's hearts are known by where  
their cash is.*

# The Editor's Page

## THOSE THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPENED

We had lived in this new location for three weeks before we discovered an open well, 60 feet deep, not more than 20 feet from our back door. When a long pump had been taken out, the hole, by some oversight, had been left uncovered. How we shuddered to think what the fate could have been of either of our two small children had they taken that route in their continual romplings around the yard. But it didn't happen! And we can thank God for His protection.

A short while ago I heard of a man who stepped into a phone booth to make a phone call. Discovering he was out of dimes, he walked across the street to a filling station to get some change. While he was at the filling station a large truck crashed into the phone booth, completely demolishing it. This individual would not only shudder to think what **could** have happened, but what **would most assuredly** have happened if he had had one thin dime in his pocket.

In such instances as these, we can so plainly see the pattern of things, and we can stop and give God thanks for sparing us. However, what we too often forget to do is to thank Him for the many, many blessings which He gives unseen by us, blessings of which we are not even aware.

At times one might look around and, seeing all the trouble, the disease, the heartache, the violence, just say (as many do), "I do not believe in God. If there were a God, He would not allow all of this." Yet you cannot look out your window without seeing the blessings of God. You can't look at small children at play without marveling at the hand that could create these little ones in such a miraculous manner. You can't look up into a star-studded sky without thrilling with the magnitude and grandeur of it all.

These we cannot overlook. And another facet we **must** not overlook—the many invisible blessings, the abundance of good that is manifesting itself in the world, in hearts, in lives, and in the smiles of those you meet.

Some events sketch such a clear picture. We can see it all plainly. We often can see how a trial or a handicap turns into a real blessing. What we need to remember is that each event in our lives, big or small, is not etched out this clearly. We must not expect to always see the "why"

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Make a Mark of Merit

## The Masses



Hurry By . . .

By Dale Lawson

As I am sitting here at my window today with pen in hand, it seems my mind keeps wandering to the many cars that go by and stop at the stop sign in front of our apartment and then speedily zip away. Everyone seems to be going somewhere these days, and this not leisurely, but with hurrying and scurrying here, there and everywhere. Impatience is shown if a driver sits too long at the stop sign or if he is trying to find his way and has to look at the sign posts. So horns honk, brakes squeal, engines roar and tires peal and the world of hurrying masses go on.

As I watch this from my window, I wonder about the many individuals in the cars. I know they have destinations in mind as they zoom away but I wonder about their purpose in life. It is very sad as we realize the great percentage of people who are zipping away from this stop sign unable to rely on God and are without Christ as their Saviour and oh how sad the thought that so many times we young

people, we FYCers, who have tasted of the goodness of God and His saving power get caught up in this mad swirl and have no time to help or give spiritual direction to the masses of people who need it so badly. We become so engrossed with jobs, debts and recreation that we are much like the priest and the Levite who walked on the other side of the road turning their heads away from the one who was in need of help. I know we need recreation and enjoyable times of fellowship together for the young people but may we be blessed with a burden which will give us real vision of those in need of spiritual help.

God is calling you, FYCer, to do your best for Him. It may be as a young people's leader, teacher, missionary or minister. Yes, it takes sacrifice whatever may be your lot but Christ made the supreme sacrifice for the unsaved masses and these cars keep going by my window with thousands and thousands of lost people in them and I know it's the same in your town. Young

people, may you Make a Mark of Merit today. Not one you can hang on your wall, but make your Mark with God and give Him your all.

God bless each of you and your FYC group is our prayer.

### Second Quarter Reports

I have received six second quarter merit reports and expect to receive many more. Hurry and get your reports in as quickly as possible. The second quar-

ter and first quarter totals are listed below:

Stockton, California	1st & 2nd quarter—305
Marion, Oregon	1st & 2nd quarter—240
Fairview, Oklahoma	1st & 2nd quarter—320
New Auburn, Wisconsin	1st & 2nd quarter—330
Lodi, California	1st & 2nd quarter—285
Elmira, Oregon	1st & 2nd quarter—295

TAKE TIME FOR GOD

# 2T<sub>4</sub>G Program

## THE "ALLEGED" CHALLENGE...

By Noah Camero

"I read the Bible one week-end when I was thirteen. I'll never forget the shock of it. The improbability of it was just too much, and the miracles would stop anybody. I kept wondering how anyone could believe the thing. Later I did more formal studies, and the Bible remained unbelievable. The Old Testament is full of cruelty, sadism and hatred, and the New is much too mystical." These are the words of Mrs. Murray in the July 11th issue of Post. Mrs. Murray is a national leader in

the fight to keep prayer and the Bible out of schools.

At the founding of this great nation, the Bible was the textbook of the classroom. Today with an increasing number of modern skeptics, the Bible is being attacked with renewed ferocity. This line of thinking should not lessen our faith in the Bible as the true Word of God. On the contrary it should strengthen our belief in it.

There are stories that show cruelty and hate. But they do not teach or condone it, rather condemn it. That is precisely why we believe the Bible

to be a true and inspired record. For if men had written it, they would have purposely left out all accounts of sin and evil, and wrote only of the glowing virtues. However, the Bible shows men as they actually lived and as they are today, with all their passions and pride.

As we read the 2nd book of Samuel, we will read many stories of war and hate. Especially, we will be dealing with the story of David's life. His rise to power, his righteous rule, his great sin, his punishment, and finally his repentance and prosperity. This will help us to realize that even though David is called a man of God, he as well as all the individuals of the Bible, were real flesh and blood even as we.

If they could strive to overcome their weaknesses and do the will of God then, we should be able to do God's will today also. Again, one lesson is vividly brought—the consequence of sin has always been awesome. The reward of good, always worthwhile.

### Suggested Readings.

Date	2 SAMUEL	Chapter
August 15		1
August 16		2
August 17		3
August 18		4
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### PSALM 119

September 8	<i>Aleph</i>
September 9	<i>Beth</i>
September 10	<i>Gimel</i>
September 11	<i>Daleth</i>
September 12	<i>He</i>
September 13	<i>Vau</i>
September 14	<i>Zain</i>

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### EDITORIAL

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so clearly. Yet in God's sight EACH event is very clear. He knows the end from the beginning. This is why we need faith. We cannot—must not—expect to understand and see the reasons for each little failure—each little trial—each hindrance. But we must hold on with a faith which completely trusts that God can work out each little detail if we are truly His followers.

Remember this—it isn't faith if you can see it all. "Faith is the evidence of things NOT seen." If you believe only what you see and see clearly—this is not faith. This is sight. Eyesight—not spiritual sight.

Try to overlook more of the things that DO happen, and thank God for the many unseen things in your life that never happen.

Grow More In '64

# Quest for Gold

by Cecyl Fischer



A few months ago we compared ourselves to the '49ers who forsook their homes and what little security they may have had to hurry westward in the quest of gold. We dubbed ourselves the 96ers since our goal is to learn ninety-six verses of scripture this year.

In the little mountain village of Coloma in California a monument has been erected to one John Marshall whose discovery of gold in the treadwaters of Sutter's Mill started the feverish scramble for gold in 1848 and 49. Marshall and the other men of the village, anxious to know if this was truly gold, gave it every test imaginable. They melted it, they burned it, they boiled it, they immersed it in hot nitric acid, but it was seemingly indestructible. They hammered it; it bent, but it wouldn't break. There was no doubt about it—it was the real thing!

When the word got out people literally flooded to California. As the tales go, farmers left their plows standing in the fields, storeowners left their stores with doors wide open, hundreds left the security of friends and family and took up the cry, "California or bust." Possessions

which had been the whole life of a man were forsaken like a pile of beans for the mere possibility of striking gold. They knew this was the real thing.

The gold we are seeking is yet a far finer gold than this. We can be far richer than the luckiest '49er. The riches of God's grace and love are ours. They are worth sacrificing everything we own. But let's first be convinced that this is the real thing. Try these verses; give them the acid test. If you find one to fail, then they all are worthless. But if they survive every test, these are genuine gold nuggets—worth forsaking everything. The challenge is yours.

Here are eight more nuggets for this month. Learn them and try them.

Psalms 37:5	Philippians 3:8
Proverbs 15:1	Romans 12:2
John 14:1	Deuteronomy 5:32
2 Timothy 2:22	Job 13:15

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**There are still several names on the Africa pen pal list that do not have anyone with which to correspond. Why don't you write for a pen pal now?**

Foreign

Correspondence

Activities



Foreign Correspondent,

Jewell Linville writes...

During these short 4½ months we have left in 1964, there is much that can be accomplished for the work both in the foreign fields and at home. You young people can do much to help the work move forward. For example, just last month the Young People's Department sent a camera and attachments to Africa, and we hope to receive photographs from such very soon for use in AIM.

The Young People's Department now has a request from Africa for a used typewriter for the District Office at Ahoada, and for a bicycle for one of our foreign ministers to use in his church work. With the fine FYC groups we have throughout the U.S.A., there is no reason why we cannot carry these two projects to completion through our combined efforts.

Any of you groups who would like to take up this fund-raising project in your local FYC group, just let us know; and by the grace of God, Africa shall have its typewriter and bicycle by the end of the year. Remember, 1964 is a year for responding—so let us respond to the plea from Africa and make 1964 a record year of accomplishments!

### Report from Africa

Pastor Dimkpah of Nigeria, Africa, gives us a short report on their YPO Meeting and their plan for evangelistic work in the following excerpt from his recent letter:

*"On the 6th June of this month there was a fine group of the YPO Meeting at Oboburu. The regular attendance was also good.*

*The group has a plan to go out on evangelistic efforts to Egbema Clan. A lot of work was accomplished by the Pastor and his Elders in the District. On the 20th instant there was a quarterly Ogba Clan all day meeting at Oboburu there—375 attendance that day. I taught the Sabbath school lesson on Christian Ethics. We were pleased to have Elder B. I. Tikili of Aba in our group that occasion. He spoke on the signs of the times...*"

### Work Progressing in Germany

Pastor Helmut Strauss of Germany writes of the work that is being done there and efforts that are being made to bring the young people into the church—efforts which we all hope will soon result in the formation of a new FYC group:

*"Dear Sister Linville:*

*Greeting in the name of Jesus.*

*Thank you very much for your nice letter from March 6, 64. It was very nice of you to write me again. We need some encouragement and we are thankful for every contact with brothers and sisters of the Church of God. Last weekend we have visited a small group of our people around 300 miles away from us. They have 6 children from 5 to 14 years old. But they don't understand English. So step by step we are getting more children and young people. But it takes time and a lot of prayers to win the people for the Lord.*

*It is as you said, big problems exist in all our churches throughout the entire world. And when we know our problems, we should work more closer together and pray for each other. Our working conditions here in Germany are entirely different than yours in the U.S.A., and we need to understand each other. Since I know the condition in the U.S.A. and here in Germany, it makes it more easy for me to understand. So we will be praying for you every day and please do pray for us too.*

*Our boy, Ernest, has been 13 years old last week and has become a teenager. Thanks to God he is a good boy and we hope and pray that he will be a good help for me someday. We also hope, that he may come someday to the U.S.A. and will study in our Church of God school for a couple of years.*

*Now we wish you and your beloved ones God's richest blessings.*

*Greetings to you and all young people in the Church of God. In Christian love your brother in Jesus,*

*Helmut Strauss and family"*

Following is a letter from Pastor Hubert Weekes of Trinidad, West Indies, who is endeavoring to start an active FYC program in that area.

*Dear Brother Fischer,*

*Greetings in Jesus' name.*

*Your nice letter of June five was a very good one to me, for it has given me the vision to do great things for our young people. I have received the Year Book and this book is a masterpiece. I sincerely trust that the ones responsible for its creation do not stop there; one should be published every year and in time that we can all make use of its programmes. I want to thank you very much for it.*

*On Sabbath 4th July I had my first rally; it was grand; it was an inspiration to all who attended and it netted an offering of \$4.14. I made the posters myself, I also made a banner of white cotton and painted it in red. The Church had an entirely changed atmosphere. We had visitors: other young people of the Church of God from other areas. We had a hymn quiz, a Bible quiz, cantatas, two short talks; one by our Sponsor Bro. P. Weekes, and the other by Bro. Sylvester Balfour, our National Youth leader. The play, "Your Conscience Speaks" was also put on at the rally; recitations, and a story on a poem by me. All in all it was the best show we have ever put on since we know ourselves as a Church.*

*On August 2nd we shall be putting on our first sacred concert in Cumuto. The rally was at Cumuto; this is one of the three units we have in Trinidad. I have written a play called "Youth Love" which will be the main attraction in the concert. Other plays include "Your Conscience Speaks" and "The Rich Poor Banker."\* This latter play I have rewritten and elaborated on to make it a bigger attraction.*

*Next I have planned an outing for the month of September, and our next rally will be in the month of October. I am very happy to be able to have our youth revived and to have programmes that are a match for the many evil attractions Satan is putting on to take the hearts of our young people. We have to match him and beat him.*

*I shall be thankful if you could send me about twelve more copies of the Bible-reading chart. This will be very good for our young people.*

*In conclusion let me again thank you and the FYC in general for the vision and the inspiration they are putting into our youth programmes; nothing less than that will match Satan and his evil works today.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Hubert Weekes*

*\*See FYC Yearbook*

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*When a man puts the great question to a maid and asks her to marry him, he does not have to offer her a blueprint of the future, with all the details filled in. He may have plans, but they both know that they are far from infallible. He is asking her to trust herself to him; to make a personal commitment to himself, on the basis of what she knows of his character and his personality. And there is the foundation of the whole transaction. And in that way, too, we have to rest our souls in God.*

*(Fleming H. Revell Company)*



# F Y C NEWS and REMINDERS

## First 2T4G Certificate Awarded

The first "Take Time for God" certificate to be awarded since the program began was presented at Missouri Youth Camp to Mary Helen Burrell. This certificate is awarded to anyone completing a full year of daily Bible reading and daily prayer. We commend Mary Helen on her faithfulness, though we realize she has a reward far greater than our recognition or our praise. May this be a habit she will never break.

## Handbills Available

Handbills are now available through the national FYC to those Y.P. groups wishing to advertise FAITH FOR OUR TIME in their area. Space is provided on the handbills for the local time and station to be written in before distribution. These are free to Y.P. groups. The most effective method of distribution is personal contact door to door. Other suggestions are car to car in parking lots, through the mail and posting in public places.

## Rally Posters

The FYC now has attractive 12" X 18" posters for advertising coming youth rallies. The lettering reads, "Church of God, 7th Day FYC presents a Youth Rally," and space is provided for place, time and features.

These are attractively arranged in three colors with a choice of four background colors, yellow, blue, pink or white. These are available to FYC groups at a cost of four for \$1.

## Canadian FYC Organized

Young people from Acme and Calgary met June 30th to organize and to elect officers. Elected officers are as follows: Sponsors, Paul Chalus and Reuben Moldenhauer; Leader, Doreen Trenchuk; Assist. Leader, Barry Whitney; Sec. Treas, Ruth Keim; Ushers, Kenny Keim and Glenn Moldenhauer; Literature distributors, Jeritta Fischer (Calgary), Bob Keim (Acme).

## National Youth Week Planned

With many thanks to Paul and Virginia Heavilin and to Vern and Mary Patchen we are happy to announce that an outline for a National Youth Week has been prepared. This will take place the last half of September and all those youth sponsors who wish to conduct National Youth Week activities in their local church should write for this outline so they can begin their planning now.

A booklet on suggestions for Youth Week activities is being printed. Write for a copy for your group. Youth week is a week when young people are used in the church program in almost every way. It is a week of

special services for young people conducted by those who know young people well. We would highly recommend a weekend retreat as a climax to the week. Modify our suggestions and add some original ideas of your own to get the best out of your Faithful Youth Challengers.

## Evangelettes Featured at Sagmount

The former Spring Vale Evangelettes were the featured musical group at Sagmount Youth Camp. This trio of girls (Esther Martin, Betty Crawford, and Darlene Moldenhauer) were all students of Spring Vale in 1962-63. When introduced as the Spring Vale Evangelettes, one of the girls inserted that though they are no longer at Spring Vale, they are still "Evangelettes." May the Lord continue to bless their singing and help us to be "evangelettes," too.

## Yearbook of Pictures for FYC?

Would you like to see pictures of other local FYC groups in action? We have the information and materials to have a yearbook of pictures printed similar to a high school annual. We would like to know if you are interested in a picture album such as this for around \$3. We want to hear from FYCers in all parts of the country. To vote yes, you must write. Failure to write is a "no" vote. We must get this project in high gear or drop it. You may not hear about this again, so write us now.

We want at least one person from each local area to be responsible for getting a picture of the entire group and candid snapshots of a variety of local activities. Let's get these snap-

shots collected and sent in. It would help for us to have the negative, too. We could give two pages to each group, so send material accordingly. We want to include many youth camp pictures. If you depend on others to respond, you may let yourself down.

## FYC Chairman Visits Camp Meeting

Elden Fischer spoke about national young people's programs at youth rallies in Lodi and Sacramento in July. He also spoke on behalf of the Young People's Department at the West Coast Camp Meeting at Governor's Hall in Sacramento. While in California he had opportunity to confer with one of the four members of the National Committee, Don Brenneise, about future programs in the department.

## New FYC Born

On July 10, 1964, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, gave birth to a new FYC group. Nine young people and their sponsors met to organize, to adopt the FYC constitution, and to elect officers.

Officers for the coming term are Chairman Albert Guinn, Vice-chairman Kenneth Secratt, Sec.-Treas. Patty Holderby and Asst. Sec.-Treas. Clyde Hinds.

Most infants double in size during the first two months. We hope this one will.

## Impressionable Teen Rally!

Moundsville, W. Va.—On July 12, six teenagers, the pastor and Brother Paul Smith attended Teen Rally held in the Syria Mosque Auditorium in

Pittsburg, Pa. The Kuhlman Foundation Choir furnished the music. Nicky Cruz discoursed on his work with drug addicts, after which Dave Wilkerson spoke on, "The Responsibilities of Young People." The whole program was an impressionable one. The Holy Spirit moved over the young people as many of them gave their hearts to Christ.

### Audio-Visual Library

We now have 22 very good Bible story filmstrips with companion records to begin our audio-visual library. These are available now to Sabbath schools and Y.P. groups. We hope to add to this library many audio tapes of Church of God talent in different areas and tapes of outstanding Youth Rallies presented in the local churches. If you have talent in your church, young or old, why don't you be the one to get the ball rolling and have a tape prepared for the library?

Some of our filmstrips have already been lent out to two groups. Those that we have purchased and have on hand now are:

#### Set I—Old Testament

1. Joseph, Ruler of Egypt.
2. Jacob, Bearer of the Promise.
3. Joseph, the Young Man.
4. Abraham, Man of Faith.

#### Set II—Life of Paul

5. Stephen, First Christian Martyr.
6. Conversion of Saul.
7. Years of Apprenticeship (Paul).
8. Return to Jerusalem (Paul).
9. Ambassador for Christ
10. First Missionary Journey.

#### Set III—Life of Christ

11. The Calling of the Four.

12. The Man Born Blind.
13. The Healing of a Leper.
14. The Healing of a Paralytic.
15. The Visit to Mary & Martha.
16. The Marriage at Cana.

#### Set IV—Life of Christ

17. The Later Ministry of Jesus.
18. The Centurion's Servant.
19. Rejection at Nazareth.
20. Attempted Arrest.
21. Fate of John the Baptist.
22. The Raising of Lazarus.

Those who have seen these have really liked them. If you have access to a filmstrip projector we urge you to try these in your church program. Write to:

Elden Fischer  
% Fred F. Fischer  
Rt. 2, Box 157  
Eureka, S. Dak.

*A familiar scene at all Youth Camps, and one repeatedly said to be a favorite is the campfire where youth gather for testimonies and fellowship in the Lord. (Notice campfire in foreground.)*



## Testimony

*The true testimony  
of a 21-year-old young man*

I, like many other young people, have grown up attending a first day church. Where I attended happened to be a Baptist Church; and not knowing the teachings of the Bible, I thought it as good an organization for bringing glory to God and peace to men as any could be.

Once, not too long ago, I started attending a Church of Christ group and due to wrestled-around points of doctrine I believed this organization to be closer to God than the Baptist Church.

Soon, however, I was trying to be a home Christian again, supporting radio programs I thought were the truth. This is leaving yourself wide open for Satan, simply because Christian people need each other's fellowship and a place to meet in the name of Jesus, young and old alike, for there is no respect of persons with God.

One Sunday while riding around listening to the car radio, I heard the Kenneth H. Freeman program. I found out that his sermons were somewhat different, yet he had Bible scriptures to back them up. I began supporting his program and receiving literature. After reading many of the Church of God pamphlets and a great deal of Bible study, many things were being cleared up for me. The Word of God seemed in harmony, not contradicting itself as it sometimes seemed to do.

Elder and Sister John Kiesz visited me at my home and we had a few Bible studies. Elder Kiesz's turning to the Scriptures on any subject I desired, as if he had written them, helped convince me that anyone with any reasoning power at all could not doubt this church's teachings.

I thank God for leading me out of darkness into the light on many Bible doctrines and prophecies still yet future.

I'm hoping for and looking for God to make a great change in my life, to do His service, feeling peace within.

Having fellowship with Church of God people has been a boost in helping me work out my own salvation.

I hope many more will come to it for guidance into the truth in these last days.

*Richard Trigg, St. Louis, Mo.*