

THE '72 CHALLENGE

The Young People's Department is happy to announce a Youth Tour-East this summer. This tour is planned for the purpose of bringing F.Y.C. information and Christian inspiration to the youth and local churches in Districts 5 and 6. The program features special music and presentations of interest to youth.

The team will begin their travels July 22 and will conclude on August 18. The National F.J.C. in Mexico has invited a delegation of FYCers to attend their National Youth Convocation at Caxtepec, near Mexico City, on August 14-16. If the Lord wills, the team will make this trip to Mexico as the conclusion of their tour.

Janice Carlin, Pat Jones, Debi Scott, and Gordon Kuryluk will be furnishing most of the music in each tour program. National Committeemen David Robinson and Calvin Burrell will represent the Department and make the special presentations. Please pray for this group as they seek to serve our wonderful Lord in behalf of young people.

The tour itinerary appears below. Please make an effort to attend the service if one is scheduled in your area.

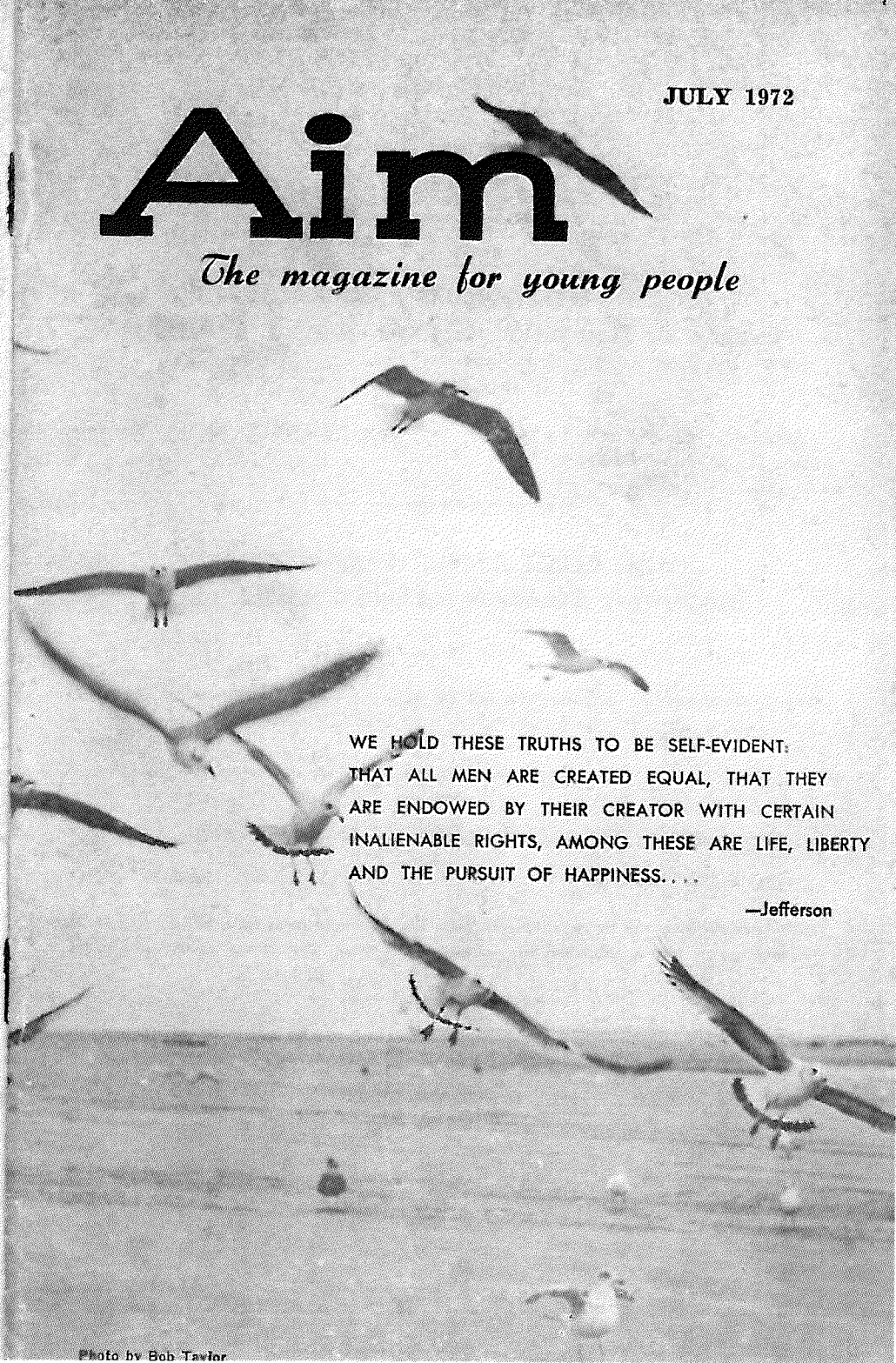
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| July 22—Lakeland-Bartow, Fla. | August 3—Brighton, Ohio |
| July 23—Open | August 4—Parkersburg, W. Va. |
| July 24—Hammondville, Ala. | August 5—Moundsville, W. Va. |
| July 25—Hohenwald, Tenn. | August 6-8—District No. 6
Camps, St. Marys, Ohio |
| July 26—Chattanooga, Tenn. | August 9—Central City, Ky. |
| July 27—Farmville, N. Car. | August 10—Bono-Deleplaine,
Ark. |
| July 28—Washington, D. C. | August 11—Ft. Smith, Ark. |
| July 29—New York City, N. Y. | August 12—Red Oak, Okla;
McAlester, Okla. |
| July 30—Horseheads, N. Y. | August 14-16—Mexico Youth
Congress at Oaxtepec, Mex. |
| July 31—Canton, N. Y. | |
| August 1—Detroit, Mich. | |
| August 2—Grand Rapids, Mich. | |

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—Jefferson

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The Paradox

of FREEDOM

by Victor Burford

Isn't it amazing?!—almost frightening—how today's world groans in pain for freedom?

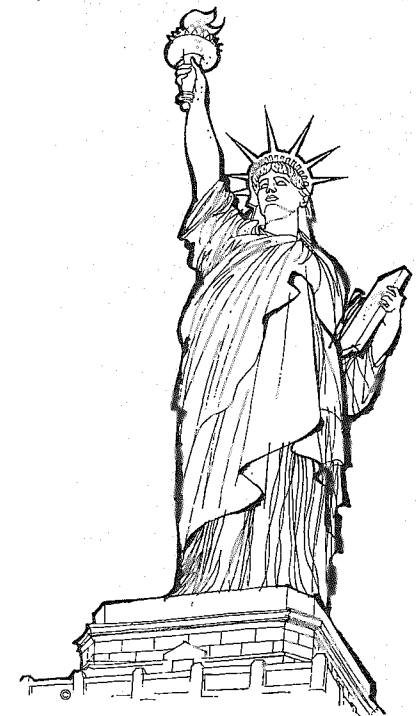
Nations want freedom to govern themselves. The American people carry the banners of freedom—the Women's Liberation Movement is women's drive for freedom, blacks want freedom, whites want freedom, everyone wants freedom!

Youth yearns for freedom to experiment with sex—to experiment with drugs—to experiment with free love—to experiment with alcohol—to experiment with long hair...

"I am old enough now" is the cry of this generation. "I want to be my own boss; I want to do my own thing; I want to make my own decisions..."

But hold it! I am talking to you! Stop and think seriously for a moment!

Suppose you had all the money you desired. How would you spend it? Suppose your parents should give you freedom to be on your own. How far would you go? Would you break the "bonds" of freedom?—Paradoxical, isn't it? Yet, freedom does have certain bonds...



I WANT TO BE FREE . . .

I WANT TO BUILD A LIFE OF MY OWN

Years ago a young man faced these same questions . . .

Donald Cox lived with his father and older brother on a cattle farm in the hills of Kentucky. Donald's father was middle-aged and a strict disciplinarian. His mother was more liberal and glamorous, but she died before he turned twenty-one. Donald considered his father old-fashioned and conservative and his brother, George, a square. Mother would have been better company—she always had those wild, new, fascinating, groovy ideas—what a pity she died!

His mother's death left Donald a large inheritance. Now he could make it big. Over and over again he told himself: "This place is too slow and quiet, nothing new—no excitement—no enchantment—nothing!" Shivers of anticipation raced through him like pulses of electricity. He became restless. "I'm old enough now. I must go on my own. I want to be free—a free moral agent.

What fun it will be to expose myself to the adventure of a great city! A city like New York—or Baltimore—or Chicago—or Los Angeles—or. . . ."

Donald approached his father. "Give me my portion of inheritance that I may go and build a life of my own. I am capable and of age—I want to be free!"

Father acted hesitantly but offered no restraint. No use trying to stop him—anyway, he wouldn't listen—he would probably just run away from home. Besides, one of these days he'll have to go anyway.

Donald left home and ended up in San Francisco—the enchanted city—the extravagant city. There he rented a flat in the suburbs, bought a sports car, and lodged the rest of his money in a bank. He began to turn in a new groove. He was free at last—really free!

Donald Cox became famous and lavished his inheritance on extravagant living and voluptuous women. Soon he became engulfed in the corruptions of the city—the sensationalism—the excitement—the vibrant sounds of rock music—the glittering psychedelic lights—the drug parties—the "X" rated movies—the strip tease shows. . . . "Fantastic!" he thought, "amazingly fantastic! All I always wanted." The flood of excitement erased the memories of home and buried them in the sea of amnesia.

Soon Donald discovered certain limitations to his freedom—restrictions—chains—barriers—"bonds" that thwarted his permissive lustful desires and created endless conflicts and bitter frustrations.

He wanted to exceed the speed limits but didn't want to pay the fines. He wanted to run the red lights but fear of a tragic, maybe fatal accident gripped his heart. He liked to experiment with sex, but shunned the chains of wedlock. He cherished his long hair but blushed when someone

mistook him for a girl. Sometimes when he faced these walls his heart swelled, almost burst, within him.

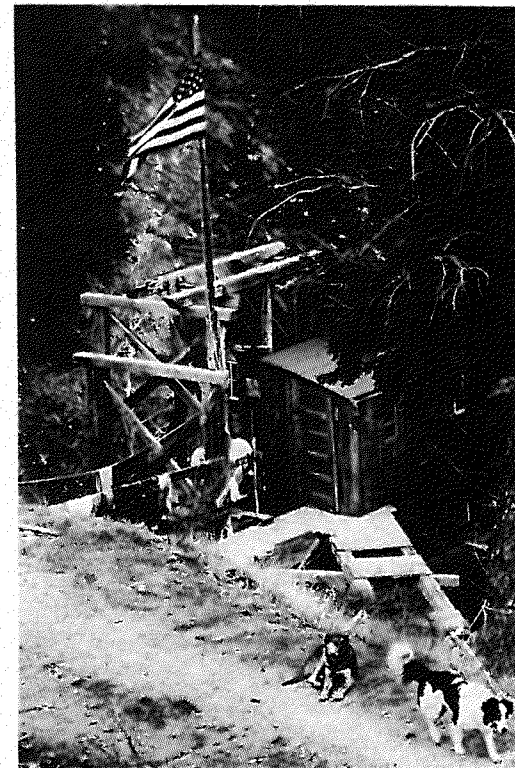
Months passed . . .

One morning Donald awoke to find that his bank account was exhausted. No money to pay his bills—the car payments—the car insurance—the rent—the clothiers—the liquor—the food bill—and no money to support his drug habit to which he was now a slave. His creditors began to plague and harass him—soon they would begin to hunt him. "I gotta split" Donald told himself . . .

He ended up in Vacoville, a rural farming area outside San Francisco—a town drained of its resources by disastrous drought and mounting inflation. The only job he could get demanded administrative abilities and he had none. Starved, stranded and desperate, he begged shelter in the barn of an old hog farmer and offered to feed his swine to compensate for the accommodations. This base form of living, the stench of the pigsty, and the repulsive diet of pigschow coupled with frequent flashbacks stimulated his subconscious mind. Suddenly the floodgate of memory swung open. He awoke from his amnesia, and memories of home rushed to the surface of his mind like a deadly submarine. The memories created a sudden burst of nostalgia.

How he yearned for home! Just to relinquish his freedom for the disciplines and comforts of the hills of Kentucky! "Oh! What security, what wise counsel, what joy, what comforts there are in my father's house." Then came the sober decision. "I'll go home—in repentance."

Three days later at day-break Donald at last came within sight of home. His father, just returning from the chores, saw him coming up the narrow path. Unhesitatingly, he swiftly ran with open arms to meet his son. Hearts melted and tears washed the faces of father and son as they embraced and kissed one another—Donald regained true freedom!



Denver Post Photo

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Christian Slavery

by David Robinson

President Lincoln slowly scanned the wide expanse of that field called Gettysburg and then seriously, solemnly began to speak. *"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place of those who here gave their lives that that nation might live...."*

622,500 lives were lost, vast areas of our country were destroyed and the nation lost its presidential leader, all over the basic issue of "slavery." The Northern states contended that no human being had the right to own another human being, even though his skin might be a different color. The Southern states angrily maintained that the Negro was not being treated as a slave, but that he was being treated just like an average farm worker. The Southerners pointed out that the Negro was being provided with food, clothing, accommodations and was much better off than he would have been in his own country. No agreement could be reached and so for four years from 1861 to 1865 forces from the North and South engaged in a bitter conflict that took more American lives than any other war in history, divided the people of the United States, and left a heritage of grief and bitterness that remains in part even today.

As we read historical accounts of that great war and reason with ourselves, we cannot help but agree with those of the North—no man has the right to own another man. Realizing the cruelty and injustice inflicted upon the slaves of that day, we can logically deduce that slavery was wrong, and we can reason that Christianity opposes slavery.

So as Christians, we stand opposed to any type of slavery today. Christianity OPPOSES slavery, but slavery is a NECESSITY in Christianity! Unknown to many modern day Christians, but very clear in the Word of God, is the fact that Christianity is a type of slavery. Can you see a parallel between the slave of the South and the Christian of today? Consider these similarities between the two:

1. The slave of the 1800's was a very valuable piece of merchandise and had to be bought by the owner. We, too, are very valuable in the sight of God and He had to pay a very great sum for us... "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

2. After the slave had been purchased by an owner, he was no longer a free-willed individual, but became subject to his owner—his master. The Christian life is no different! When we accept Christ as our personal Saviour, we become *completely* subject to the will of God... "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (II Corinthians 5:17).

3. The slave worked exclusively for his master. The Christian realm of living identifies perfectly with the role of the slave, for we are to be dedicated fully and only to the work of God... "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" (Romans 12:1).

4. The slave depended entirely upon his master for food, shelter, and clothing. God expects us to rely upon Him and He provides the things that we need... "And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye first the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke 12:29-31).

5. The slave was forced to change his whole way of living when he came to America. He was in a new land and did many things he had never done before. The Christian, like the slave, but to a greater degree, makes a complete change in his life as he turns from his old sinful ways to the new way of truthful and righteous living... "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).

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A WALL OF HOSTILITY



Over one hundred years ago the issue of civil rights divided our country as forces from the north and south fought over the moral issues of slavery. President Lincoln firmly declared that "... ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL." Today this point is still contended. Many of our cities, both large and small, have been torn by civil strife. Even though various laws of the United States prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, or creed, these laws cannot change the attitudes of people.

This problem is not unique to America. Virtually every continent, race, and people have hostilities toward other people. During the time when Adolph Hitler ruled Germany, he attempted to develop a superior race of people. He even had the Germans believing they were physi-

cally and mentally better than all other peoples. They were so convinced of their superiority that they eagerly tried to conquer the world and eradicate the Jewish people. In the World War I era, people of Chinese descent were discriminated against here in America because of the hostilities created by that war. For centuries the people of India have been separated by a rigid caste system.

What implants such ideas in the human mind? Why has discrimination become a way of life? Is there a superior people? Does God favor any particular race and bestow special blessing upon them?

It is an interesting fact that Israel holds a special place in God's plan. When God gave Abraham the covenant blessing, He required that His people separate themselves from sin. At that

time, the sign of this separation was the circumcision of all males.

When the Israelites were traveling to the promised land, God gave specific instructions for them to keep themselves separate from heathen peoples. The reason for this separation was not because the Israelites were superior people, but because the heathen did not know God and would lead Israel away from Him. It must be pointed out that if the heathen desired to accept God's way, they were to become a part of Israel and obey His laws. God never set aside Israel as His ONLY people. Whosoever would accept His plan became a child of God.

It would seem that Israel, God's chosen people, would be exempt from discriminatory practices. They were advantaged because "unto them had been committed the oracles of God," and God gave them a set of rules which set them apart from other people. But they misunderstood what it meant to be separate, and thus believed they were superior and became hostile to other peoples. A case in point is the parable of the good Samaritan which vividly depicts the attitudes of the Israelites.

When Israel rejected Christ

and crucified Him, the message of salvation was taken directly to other peoples. Before this, the ministry had been directed to Israel. Because Israel failed to realize this message, a wall of hostility grew between them and other nations.

God tried to break down the wall by revealing to Peter in a vision that He is no respecter of persons. In Acts 20:34, 35 Peter relates this understanding, "... Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

If God doesn't care what people look like, what race they are, or what color their skin is, why should we care? God said that the important thing is obedience to Him. In Malachi 2:10 we read, "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother? ..." The world needs his message today! The strife between races and powers is senseless. If only man would accept God's plan, he would truly realize "... ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL." There is no wall of hostility in Divine love.

It is foolish to strive with what we cannot avoid; we are born subjects, and to obey God is perfect liberty, he that does this shall be free, safe, and quiet, all his actions shall succeed to his wishes.

—Seneca

Editorial



Earlier this month our nation observed its 196th anniversary of existence as a free, independent nation. Flags were unfurled, firecrackers were hurled, and the 4th of July passed, recognized with the traditional celebrations... Meanwhile the war in Viet Nam lingers on, civil strife continues, violence increases, and the nation is astir with revolution... a spirit of restlessness prevails...

The Rumbling of a Distant Drum

"We are Americans. That is a proud boast. That is a great privilege, to be a citizen of the United States, and we must meet our responsibilities. We stand for freedom. That is our conviction for ourselves—that is our only commitment to others..." Thus began the young president's speech.

We are Americans, but are we proud to claim this national allegiance? Do we, indeed, regard ourselves privileged to be citizens of these United States, and do we meet our responsibilities as citizens? And is it our conviction to uphold freedom for ourselves and for other peoples?

We are Christians. Are we proud to be called by Christ's own Name? Do we realize what a great privilege it is to be the children of God? Is our conviction to live a sinless life, free from the condemnation of sin—and is our only commitment to others the extension of this same freedom?

Ten years ago President John F. Kennedy confronted Americans with these facts: "... **WE LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD.** There

are a billion more people crowding our globe (than in 1928) and every American can hear the rumbling of a distant drum. The white race is in the minority, the free enterprise system is in the minority, and the majority are looking at us harder and longer than they ever looked before. It is a harsh fact that we have tended in recent times to neglect the deeper values in favor of our material strength. We have traveled in 100 years from the age of pioneer to the age of payola."

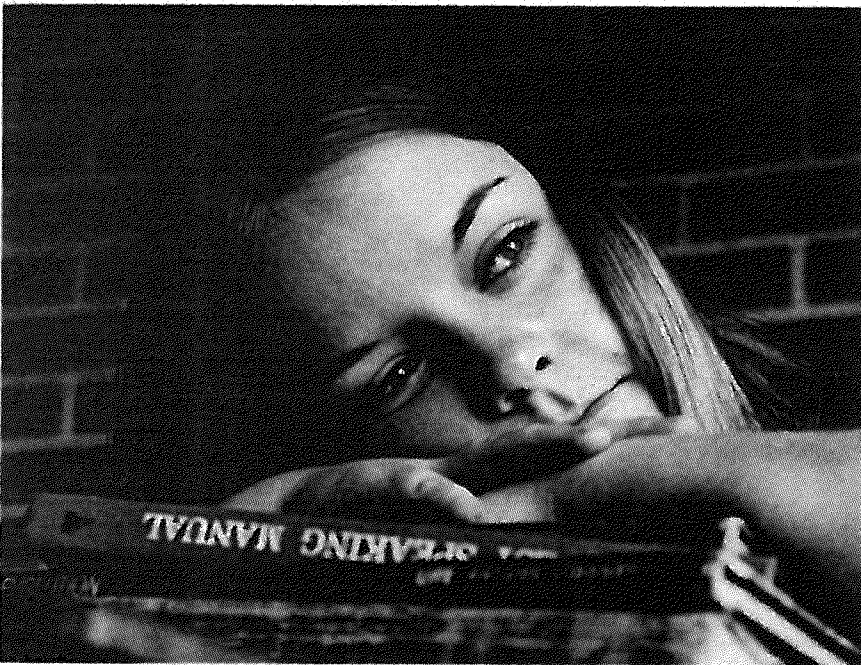
Now we can say, as did President Kennedy, "**WE LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD.**" There are 70 million more people crowding our globe (than in 1963), and every American can hear the deafening beat of a drum. The white race and free enterprise system are still in the minority, and the majority are looking at us more critically than they ever looked before. We have continued to neglect the deeper values in favor of our material strength, and we remain in the age of payola.

WE CHRISTIANS LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD. There are 3,580,000,000 people crowding our globe and every true Christian knows the end of this age is near. Christians are in a minority, the Christian way of life is in the minority, and the majority, who are without Christ, are ignoring us and the Gospel message more than ever before. It is a harsh fact that we have tended in recent times to be complacently lukewarm and we have neglected the commission Christ gave us.

"When France fell to the Nazis, one of its most illustrious leaders declared: 'Our spirit of enjoyment was greater than our spirit of sacrifice. We wanted to have, more than we wanted to give. We spared effort, and met disaster.' WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US AS A NATION? Profits are up—our standard of living is up—but so is our crime rate. So is the rate of divorce and juvenile delinquency and mental illness. So are the sales of tranquilizers and the number of children dropping out of school." The president's question was directed to every single American.

Now in 1972 we again ask, **WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US AS A NATION?** Profits are up—our standard of living is up—but so is our crime rate. So is the divorce rate, the number of illegitimate births, and the number of suicides. So are the sales of narcotics and the number of children who are bucking the "establishment," dropping out of society, "freaking out" of life.

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The teacher droned on incessantly—the glories of the square root had never seemed so dull. Mark squirmed down in the desk and glowered at Mr. Cates. He remembered too well the big red “F” on yesterday’s test paper. “The old buzzard,” he thought, and a smirk crossed his lips as he made a mental caricature of a cartoon buzzard wearing the same faded blue surge suit and thick brown-rimmed glasses.

“Mark,” he heard someone sharply call and reality once more loomed around him. “Can you solve this problem for us?”

“Nope,” came his sullen reply and he inched lower in the seat; no desire to even try, “no interest in learning” written stubbornly on his whole demeanor.

Sound familiar? Are *you* a Mark?—now don’t take that question wrong! As a teacher, I’ve seen many Marks, *but* I must confess I’ve also been guilty of being a Mark—of “turning off” to a situation or experience and most definitely to a teacher or superior or two. And as surely as this has happened, I find a wall grows up around me and one big “communication gap” is formed that is almost impossible to cross. Know what I mean?

For instance, do you ever have trouble talking to your parents? Do you find times when they just don’t see things right?

TURNED OFF . . .

Lorraine Carr

Sure you do—I did—and I’ll bet if they’ll admit it, they did too! Well what do you do about it? You may think it helps to sulk—or at least try, or get mad and walk out, or cry (if you’re a girl) or you can “turn off.” Now there’s an idea! Try it—just quit caring; quit trying. Think your own thoughts—but don’t tell anyone, do your own “thing”—but don’t show anyone who’s more than six years older than you. It’s part of the game to break a few rules along the way to get even, and, oh yes, never, never smile in the presence of any adult, and by all means slump! (If you really want to get even, dress irradically or—gasp—let your hair grow!) You know how it is, don’t you?

All right, then what happens? You are angry, they are angry, and neither of the newly formed sides will budge. Things may stay the same for awhile, or they may get worse as feelings build, but they most definitely do not get better *unless* one side or the other decides it’s time you “talk it out” and listen, really listen, to each other. Without that communication, things can never be resolved and never again be the same.

I sincerely hope that each of you can communicate. That you have someone to whom you can talk and listen with mutual respect and interest, but this is not always the case. As long as we’re human we’re going to meet up with times when communication, for one reason or another breaks

down. But the curious thing about this break in communication, I’ve found, is what it does to me. Just as surely as I determine not to listen in class, the teacher is not hurt one bit by all the hateful things I think and only superficially by what I might say or do, but it is my grade that suffers, and whatever benefit I might have gained from the situation is gone and can never be reclaimed. I find myself tense and irritable and unhappy. The same is true in any relation—parent-child, student-teacher, friend-friend, or even husband-wife.

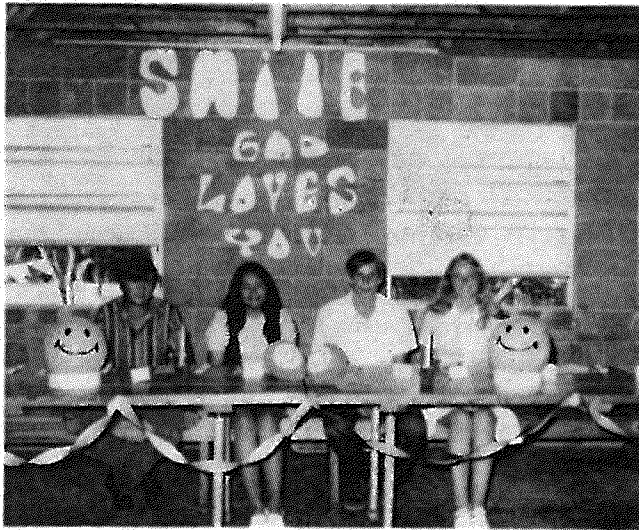
O.K. will you admit it? Turning off isn’t the answer. But if you *should* find failure to communicate isn’t all your fault—and you will, I’m sure, as long as we’re human, maybe you need to start with non-humans. How about God for a beginning? He always listens and understands even before you tell Him what’s on your mind. Whatever else you choose to close your mind to, don’t shut God out. He is the One, True Confidant. If you will try to find Him, He’s there.

And God speaks to you. Have you ever considered the possibility that God sends you unpleasant or tiresome situations for your own *good*? It’s true! Now the catch is that it’s up to you to do what you will with each new day—each trial and most assuredly each communication that comes along. God gave you the choice: happiness or its opposite sadness.

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In the final service of the 1972 District No. 4 Youth Camp held at Lake Texhoma, Oklahoma, we were admonished "don't turn back to your old ways of life, don't turn back to the ways of the world, don't turn back to complacent, half-hearted Christian service." The speaker encouraged us to "TURN BACK often to this week of camp... remember the fun and fellowship, the deep spiritual experiences, the inspiration and blessings, the answered prayers, the changed lives... and then, because you TURNED BACK, go forth with renewed strength and increased zeal for Christ."

The pictures and words on these pages record only a black and white outline of our experiences and sentiments... engraved in our own memories are the fine, delicate details of our camp experiences... our lives will evidence in glorious, radiant colors the far-reaching results of that week at camp.

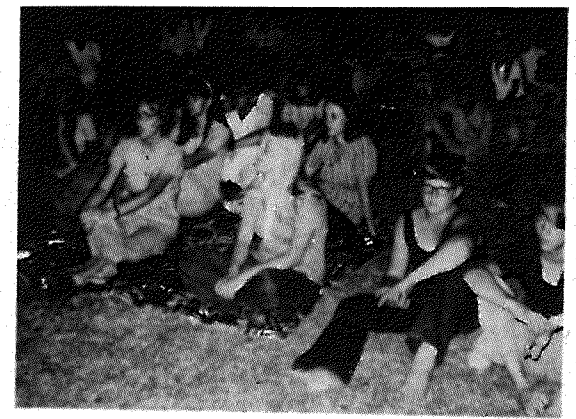


Smiles became so contagious that they reached the epidemic stage by the middle of the week of camp. "Smile, God Loves You" was the theme of a memorable banquet the staff sponsored for the campers.

I realized at Youth Camp this year how very small we humans are compared to God and His greatness and how unworthy we are of His love. What a love it must have been—man sinned so greatly against God yet He gave His only Son to die for us... I realized that we can never earn our way into God's kingdom but that it is by His grace we are saved. I realized that I should be telling people who do not serve God where they are headed—that although they may be something in man's world, unless they live for God, they will profit nothing.

Randy Brunson

TURN BACK



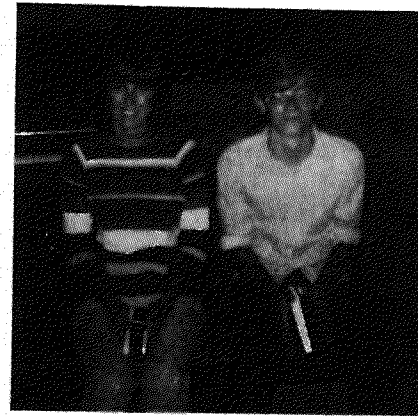
The best part of our Youth Camp was our evening devotions... I was greatly blessed and spiritually strengthened... "

Rocky Brunson

A one word description of the week at camp is FANTABULOUS! I really

really enjoyed everything about camp—the discussion classes, inspiring worship services, Bible doctrines class, and all the marvellous people. The worship services were especially great... I found more of God's great big wonderful love and felt more of His Spirit in these services than I've ever had before.

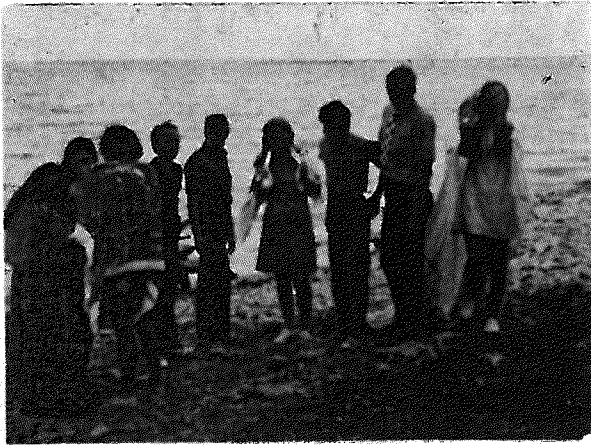
Connie Woodruff



Something especially outstanding about this year's camp was the fine spirit of friendship and the love and concern for one another evidenced among the campers. An outstanding group of young people attended this camp, and they chose these two, Jefflyn Davis and Ray Porter, as their representatives—"Outstanding Boy and Girl Camper," 1972.

Youth camp was super. I experienced countless blessings from God. One of the highlights of the week was our Wednesday night worship service... I think everyone must have felt the presence of God that night. Recreation was enjoyable, but my favorite thing at camp was the Bible and Discussion Classes. We had some very excellent teachers. Making new friends was another thing I liked about Camp. I met so many new people and grew to love them so much! I can hardly wait till Youth Camp next year.

Marjorie Cowan



Nine young people emerged from the choppy water to walk in the newness of spiritual life. We pray God's blessing upon these babes in Christ. May they never turn back!

I didn't want to go to Youth Camp. I was afraid. Afraid I'd be alone, even though I was going with a friend.

After one day at camp, I wondered how I could have been afraid of such wonderful people and good times. It seemed like everyone loved everyone else. In most groups there is someone who doesn't like another person and someone who isn't liked by the group. Not at camp!

At night we all sat down near a camp fire and sang—it's amazing how quickly you learn spiritual songs. After we sang, we prayed. I had never been able to pray before—the words just weren't there. But at camp I learned to pray. I was able to thank God for a wonderful time, for wonderful people, for letting me be at camp where I felt loved by everyone and where I could love everyone in return, without feeling embarrassed to express myself.

One night Dave Robinson preached a sermon called "Try It, You'll Like It"—he was talking about Jesus Christ. I'm trying Him, I love Him! To me, water brings God closer to the heart. I was baptized at camp.

Evelyn Brady



"I've got peace like a river . . .
I've got joy like a fountain . . .
I can feel the fire burning in my soul . . ."
We sang it! We feel it! WE BELIEVE IT!
WE SHALL NOT TURN BACK!

Even though the heat reached 105° and the ground got hard, I just couldn't stop listening to the great wisdom and truth from God's Word . . . I just can't get over all the Christian love.

Linda Esteban

MINUTEMAN

by Marcia Woods

CHILDREN OF GOD

JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST

FREED FROM SIN AND DEATH

WHAT WONDERFUL PROMISES! What greater gift could we ask for than to be children of God? Romans Chapter 8 is filled with wonderful promises of God's love and what it can do for us.

Christ died for me. Is it possible that One as pure and as great as He was (and still is!) could love someone as low as me enough to die a cruel, torturous death for me? And can it really be true that after watching His only Son—His pure and perfect Son that He loved so much—be nailed to a cross, mocked, scorned and deserted, that God could still love a wretch like me enough to adopt me as His child—a joint-heir with Christ?

It is beyond comprehension! And yet, I'm also told that Christ is *still* pleading for me after all that He has already done for me and the little that I have done for Him. The love of God far exceeds my wildest imaginings.

And still another promise given in Romans 8 and probably one of the most comforting of all of God's promises is: "And we know that all things (ALL THINGS!?) work together for good to them that love God. . . ."

Think about it. God created man and gave Him a mind with which to reason. He provided man with all the answers as well as His own infinite wisdom and love as a guiding light and yet man still made the wrong decision. But God didn't cast him aside. Instead, He sent His only Son to die for mankind—to take our sins upon Himself and carry them to a rough cross so that we might be able to correct that fatal error. If we fail to accept God's love and mercy, there is no one who can help us and no one we can blame for our failure but ourselves. And, most important, no one to take our place at judgment.

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"Get up Janice! Long distance call for you." "Ummm, so early?" "Hi Janice! Sure am glad i caught you before you left for camp this morning. Say, i'm wondering..."

"Oh, you want me to write an article for this month's AIM?—a report about Youth Camp?? Have it finished by the last day of camp?? Well..." I hesitated and thought how so alike camp reports are, lacking the enthusiasm so evident, so real while on the scene...

"I'll do my best, Gail."

For many our Wednesday afternoon hike was a highlight of camp. Staffers were overheard questioning one another, "Are you SURE you know where we are???" Campers had plenty to say during and after the hike... "Eeek, we've got to turn around... the water is 2 feet deep on the trail up ahead!!!" Is THIS the natural food they told us to look for?" "That hike was super-fine!—especially wading through the river, helping hold each other up."



Go On

Unto Perfection

by Janice Carlin



to play this afternoon?" One tired girl joked with the girls' recreation supervisor, "Jewell, I'm physically unable to participate in your sports!" Yet participation and cooperation were excellent... "Okay, give them that point. They're behind; let's have it." Pointing to a Sabbath afternoon rally sign—YOU'RE ALL WET—, the speaker grinned, "that describes Sharon Ling sliding through the mud to 2nd base!"

"Why did I agree to do this... how can I possibly do justice in telling of all the fun, the spiritual blessings, the love we feel here at Central States Youth Camp?" After staring at blank paper for quite some time I decided to take "the easy way out"—"Why not let the campers and staff write this report?" So I began listening (No! Of course I didn't eavesdrop!)

The campers spoke favorably about the afternoon sports activities. As organizers we often heard "Well, what are we going



General camp conversation revealed these startling facts: "Here you get to eat what you want to eat—at home you don't!" "I have a weak stomach. I can't take fish and mushy letters... especially mushy letters!" "The doc says he's had a record low on camp injuries this year!" "Ahem, we don't allow curlers in staff meetings!" "That director's cabin was a MESS—the WORST on the grounds!" "What's so great about Kool-Aid?" "Will we be seeing you at SVA next year?" "Now THERE'S a good picture for AIM!"

The rap sessions with Elder O'Banion seemed especially popular, and no one wanted to skip a Bible class or evening worship service. Stimulating, provocative questions and quotes were eagerly received by attentive minds and yearning hearts. "One more thing... Do you believe, really believe, that God can bless you tonight?"

Do you want God to bless you?" "We have spoken about the toughest decision you'll ever have to make, the toughest battle you'll ever have to fight, and tonight we want to talk about the toughest assignment you'll ever be given." "What would you most like to do in service for the Lord? Let's move in closer to the fire so we can hear and share our aspirations and desires..." Campers responded with heartfelt desires... to "be a better witness," "have a happy home," "begin Church schools in foreign countries" "be missionaries..."



Elder Morrow's final admonition encouraged campers to "read your Bibles, pray, witness... GO ON UNTO PERFECTION."

MINUTEMAN

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A man could be considered nothing less than foolish for denying himself God's rich blessings. Although the going gets rough sometimes, God is always near. Paul filled Romans 8 with words of comfort and encouragement. During this month, don't just read Romans 8, study it! What better comfort is there than to know that

WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD,

JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST

FREED FROM SIN,

PROVIDED WITH AN INTERCESSOR . . .

"IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?" (Romans 8:31).

Romans 8:1	Romans 8:16, 17	Romans 8:31	Romans 8:37
Romans 8:2	Romans 8:28	Romans 8:34	Romans 8:38, 39

THE PARADOX OF FREEDOM

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A good friend of mine, recuperating from a sudden heart attack, commented to me recently: "Many of us have this misconceived idea," he poured two pills from a bottle into his hands as he spoke, "we think that we can live to ourselves without the help of others, but as soon as splinters begin to break off and our lives begin to fall apart," he swallowed the pills with a gulp, "we always need someone to help pick up the pieces." True, isn't it??

FREEDOM IS NOT TOTAL INDEPENDENCE. It has been rightly said: "No man liveth unto himself." At this very moment you may be out on your own, or maybe you are just about ready to give up and get out on your own. You want to reject the Church. You want to reject your parents, your friends, your country—maybe even to forget God. But wait a minute! Are you sure that is what you really want? Think before you leap! Are you sure this is freedom? You want joy, peace and satisfaction, don't you? Well, you can't attain these things by giving up—by quitting. You can't accomplish these things by rejecting sources of help and running away from reality. Never approach life negatively. There is a way to freedom, but it is not by being totally independent of other people "for none of us liveth to himself . . ." (Romans 14:7).

"If we completely disregard restrictive secular (social) and religious (moral) orders, won't this make us free?!"

FREEDOM IS NOT ANARCHY— whether direct or indirect! It does not give us the right to rebel against the

establishment . . . to rebel against our parents . . . to rebel against moral and Divine principles. Ignorance of these facts is the reason for much lawlessness and moral decay among young and old in our country. Everyone wants to be free—to be his own boss—to do his own thing—to be liberated. In the process of getting this freedom he disregards and violates the moral and physical laws God established for his good and happiness. Instead of finding freedom he finds bitter disillusionment. The truth is that men should live "As free, and not using your *liberty* for a cloke of maliciousness, but as servants of God!" (I Peter 2:16).

Then what is freedom???

FREEDOM IS SELF-AWARENESS. It is to find one's self. To acknowledge our helplessness, our weaknesses, our failures, our depraved condition, and surrender our lives to Christ Who will deliver us from sin, rebellion, and selfishness. Jesus came, "... to preach the gospel to the poor . . . to heal the broken hearted, to preach *deliverance* to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to *set at liberty* them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18). This is freedom—the creation of new desires; a shift in values and leadership, the acceptance of a new life, a life regulated and lived according to the principles of God.

But that isn't all! **FREEDOM IS SELF-SACRIFICE**—"What! Why go that far? Does freedom demand my giving up myself for the good of others?" Definitely! To be free is to be a servant. Freedom is service to God and man. "But he that is greatest

among you shall be your servant" (Matthew 23:11). God's desire is that we should serve. History is replete with examples of men who gave service and sacrifice for mankind in both the secular and spiritual realms.

Martin Luther King gave his time and his life in service for freedom. He campaigned for racial freedom. He was a free man, yet he fought for the freedom of others—without violence. He was assassinated—sacrificed in this service. Nathan Hale was a free patriotic American. His life was one of service and self-sacrifice to his country. Caught as a spy behind the British lines, he was sentenced to be hanged. Before his execution he said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

Yet, those were not the greatest sacrifices. The greatest were those made in the spiritual realm. Think of Paul as he stood in the halls of Felix, Agrippa, and Caesar. He stood in chains because he served to preach the gospel. He was a free man—free from sin—but "... bound in the Spirit ..." (Acts 20:22). Jesus made the greatest sacrifice for mankind. He served tirelessly and unselfishly. It was Jesus who said: "... my meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work" (John 4:34). And, "... the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Even when Jesus stood before Pilate in chains He was the freest man alive—the most unselfish. Yet, He was in chains because he served mankind, and as God's servant, Jesus gave His

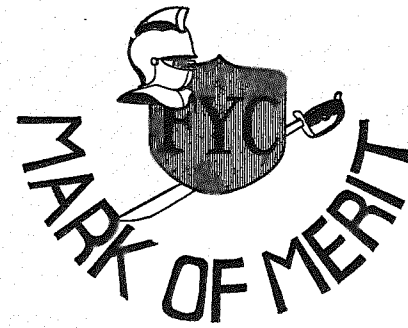
life as a sacrifice for you and me. Hence, the triumphant attitude is not, "What does the world have to offer me?" but rather, "What can I give to the world?" Give Christian service, "For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's free-man: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant" (I Cor. 7:22).

Now we have come to the danger zone!

FREEDOM IS RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD. To neglect your responsibilities to God is disastrous. As His child you ought to keep His Commandments, as His creation you ought to worship Him with all your heart. Give Him what is rightfully His—spiritually and materially. Give Him your heart and life and you can do as you please, for whatever you do will please Him. This is not hard to understand. He will give you a new nature—new desires—new thoughts—new goals—new aspirations. You move with the world but will not be entangled in the world... that he (you) may please him who hath chosen him (you) to be a soldier (I Tim. 2:4). Such a freedom is bound by self-restraint, dependence upon and obedience to God.

Yes! Freedom is a paradox! It has certain "bonds"! It is not total independence. It is not rebellion. Have you found God's place for your life? Are you serving unselfishly? Are you being totally obedient to God? Or are you away from your Father's house? Start home. Reach out for true freedom. **REACH OUT FOR CHRIST!!**

NO MAN IS FREE WHO IS NOT MASTER OF HIMSELF.—Epictetus



By Nolan D. Rincker

The "New Politics" convention has adjourned, and the Democratic nominees for President and Vice-President of the United States have been selected. Delegates who attended this great convention have gone home inspired and all "fired-up" for their party after hearing rousing speeches by Senator Edward Kennedy, Thomas Eagleton (Vice-Presidential nominee), and George McGovern (Presidential nominee). Senator McGovern made some rather strong and surprising statements during his acceptance speech. He accused President Nixon of not being able to execute his office and he jokingly claimed that Nixon is the strongest uniting force of the Democratic party this election year.

Senator McGovern's speech contained quotes from many sources. When he quoted the scripture about having faith that could move mountains I awoke from a state of semi-sleep. *What's he talking about? I wondered. Is he speaking of an artificial "faith" or of the true faith in God and Jesus Christ—the real faith spoken of in the Bible?* After attentively listening to the remainder of McGovern's speech there was no doubt in my mind that he had certainly misapplied the scripture!

Your local FYC group needs to possess the true **MOUNTAIN-MOVING FAITH** spoken of in Matthew 17:29 and Matthew 21:21. Without this kind of faith your group will remain in the valley of dormancy, but with this kind of faith you will stay on the plateau of achievement. God promises us that if we have real faith, nothing is impossible to us. Take hold of this promise, and you'll see tremendous, far-reaching results! You'll see mountains move!!

The total enrollment in Mark of Merit at this time is 28 groups. We are glad to add Joplin, Missouri, and Jud, North Dakota, to our list of participating FYC's. The report for Joplin is for the first quarter while the other groups listed are reporting on their second quarter's activities. Those groups who sent

in first quarter reports but haven't sent in second quarter reports are not listed. If your group hasn't sent in your second quarter report, please **DO IT NOW!**

Please mail all reports, quarter-per-quarter National FYC support, and foreign missions radio work funds to me, Nolan Rincker, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, COLO 80201.

SUGGESTED PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Give AIM subscriptions to public libraries. This will help spread the good news of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message to young people who otherwise may never hear.

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Conroe	325	115	40.00	80.00
San Antonio (Spanish)				
WASHINGTON				
Tacoma	280	585		74.00

TURNED OFF . . .

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ness, gladness or unpleasantness, even communication or the ability to "turn off" everything and everybody. I am a firm believer in the philosophy that each situation we meet is God's idea, and that the opportunity is always there for us to use it to God's glory. Romans 8:28 reminds us: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. . . ." Notice how subtly I got around to that idea—love the Lord. Now you know how many times the Bible tells us how to love God—"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength . . ." (Mark 12:30), for a few. Now be honest. When you sulk, or pout, or "turn off," who are you thinking about? Old number one—that's you, isn't it? But if God can be Number One then there isn't a lot of room for self-pity, or pride, or anything that will let you withdraw from the world around you—and you've just got to communicate God's love and His peace.

While we're talking about the Bible, let's look at another thing about love—it's what Jesus said was the second greatest commandment after loving God, and that's this business of loving your neighbor. We all know that doesn't mean just the boy or girl next door. I like to think "neighbor" includes anyone and everyone you contact as well as those who live in the same "world neighborhood" you do. Now that's a lot of people and I'd venture to say it even takes in my old Biology professor and a few others I didn't get along with, and even some students I had in English

IIA and the P.T.A. president who's grammar makes me cringe. You see, I really have no right to not listen and not care about those people. If I will listen to myself and to what I think, I have a duty (from God) to listen to their ideas—the old neighbor as self bit. It sure is hard to admit it, but most of the time they're right, too.

We are so quick to criticize another's views or mannerisms or ideas. This is not always born out of love of truth and is almost never the product or successor of love. There's an old Indian proverb that states eloquently: "Never criticize another until you've walked two days in his moccasins." Think about it. If someone doesn't meet our approval, the first thing we do is pick some little thing we don't like and dwell on it until it seems of colossal importance. For instance, did you ever hear a speaker and try to count the "and-a's" he said? By the end of the speech you could scream. You know you've heard 137 "and-a's," but you can't think of one single thing the speaker said. We are so quickly annoyed and so seldom patient. The very thing that annoys us may be a source of equal displeasure to its owner. How would you feel with the same problem? Could you do as well?

The Bible again admonishes us to "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2) and, although this isn't the context in which it's given, I think that may include a burden which may be placed entirely on us—like an annoyance or problem or even failure to interest or please you. In other words, it may be up to you to bear the entire burden of being friends—to forget your personal feelings and do your best to make your relationship easy.

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CHRISTIAN SLAVERY

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Can we see more clearly now that Christianity does involve a type of slavery? The Bible does not endorse nor support the type of slavery practiced prior to the Civil War, but it does testify and demand that we as Christians become slaves or servants to God and the Gospel!

It may be hard for us to acknowledge and accept the fact that true Christianity requires everything from us—our ALL—because we have always thought of ourselves as free and independent people. It isn't easy for one to say "I'm not my own, I belong to someone else," but actually, that's the whole basis of Christianity—TOTAL COMMITMENT! We belong to God and not to ourselves—HE IS OUR MASTER.

It's easy for us to forget our commitments to God as we live in this fast-moving, sin-filled world... Let's try to ALWAYS remember these five things the Southern slave of the 1800's knew and practiced in his relationship with his master.

"NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS . . . "

". . . . CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE . . . "

1. Southern Slave: I have been bought with a great price!

Christian Slave: I have been bought with the shed blood of God's only Son!

2. Southern Slave: I am no longer my own!

Christian Slave: I am no longer my own!

3. Southern Slave: I have completely dedicated my life to my master!

Christian Slave: I, as a Christian, have completely dedicated my life to God!

4. Southern Slave: I am completely dependent upon my master for all the necessities of life!

Christian Slave: I am completely dependent upon God for all of the necessities of life!

5. Southern Slave: I am in a new country and I must follow new ways!

How well do you, Christian, know and practice these five points in your relationship with God, your Master???

Christian Slave: I am a new creature in Christ Jesus and I will follow His ways!

THE RUMBLING OF A DISTANT DRUM . . .

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO US AS CHRISTIANS? Our church membership is up and the local church program is growing, but still... there are unsaved millions. Still there are cities and entire nations untouched by the Truth of God's Word.

"Our responsibility is not discharged by an announcement of virtuous ends. We speak and what we do speaks far more strongly than what we say. What we are sounds much more significant than what we say we are." The President called upon Americans for help... "I call upon all of you to join us in a journey to the new frontier. The voyage is a long and hazardous one, but we are all partners in a great and historic journey."

Responsibility is still the "price tag" on our American freedom. We are called upon to join our economists, ecologists, educators, and leaders in the great and historic effort to preserve and promote the health, education and welfare of our nation.

We Christians are not relieved of the responsibility of witnessing and winning souls simply because we may think this is the duty of the ministry and of the Church. We are called upon to bring others with us on that journey to the New Earth—to the Kingdom of God. The way is straight and narrow and Satan's snares are all about us, but we are partners with Christ in this great and historic journey.

President Kennedy spoke emphatically: "Since this country was founded, each generation of Americans has been summoned to give testimony to its national loyalty. The graves of young Americans who answered the call to service surround the globe."

Today in 1972 we Americans are still summoned to give testimony of our loyalty. More effective than giving our lives in defense of our country, is living in appreciation of our freedom, accepting our responsibilities as citizens, and promoting the preservation and restoration of our land.

Since this world was formed each generation of God's children has been summoned to give testimony to its loyalty. The Bible is filled with accounts of young Christians who answered the call to service and gave their lives, forsaking all for the cause of Christ.

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Take Time for God

by Marilyn Current

TO DRINK OR NOT TO DRINK . . .

"To win the contest you must *deny many things* that would keep you from doing your best. An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon or a silver cup, but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears" (I Cor. 9:25 from LIVING LETTERS, The Paraphrased Epistles).

PRAYER: *Heavenly Father, give us wisdom and understanding so that we may live upright lives, pure and clean in Your sight and in the sight of all men, bringing no dishonour to Your Name.*

NOTE: This topic is being presented in response to the request of a 2T₄Ger. The purpose of this month's study is not to prove that God's people never drank strong drinks, because the Bible says nothing of the kind. Rather, the verses and chapters will point out why it is **expedient** for us to abstain from alcoholic beverages.

OUR LIVES AS EXAMPLES

Aug. 1. I Tim. 4. Comment: We are to be an example of high Christian ideals (verse 12).

Aug. 2. Rom. 14. Comment: (verse 21) "It is good neither to eat flesh, **nor to drink wine**, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

Aug. 3. I Thess. 5. Comment: (verse 22) We are to abstain from all appearance of evil.

Aug. 4. I Cor. 10. Comment: "Give

none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, **nor to the church of God**" (verse 32).

Aug. 5. I Cor. 3. Comment: Alcohol is harmful to our bodies—it dulls our senses and can endanger our own lives as well as the lives of others. Compare these facts with verses 16 and 17.

Aug. 6. I Cor. 9. Comment: **Alcohol is a drug.** According to a recent government report it causes more problems in the U.S. than any other drug! Like all drugs, the

user starts with small doses and then increases his intake. It's easy to become "hooked" without intending to. It can happen to anybody—even you! Compare this with verses 24-27.

Aug. 7. II Cor. 6. Comment: We are to be separated from the unclean things of this world (verses 16-18).

Aug. 8. II Cor. 7. Comment: "... Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (verse 1).

Aug. 9. I John 2. Comment: We are not to love (become "hooked" on) the things of the world—the lust of the flesh (verses 15-17).

Aug. 10. James 1. Comment: "But every man is tempted, when he is **drawn away of his own lust**, and enticed" (verse 14). Alcohol breaks down mental guards, and causes people to think evil thoughts they otherwise wouldn't allow themselves to think.

Aug. 11. I Tim. 5. Comment: In verse 23 Paul tells Timothy to drink wine for his stomach problems. We have better developed medicines now and don't need to use wine for medicinal purposes!

WARNINGS AGAINST STRONG DRINK

Aug. 12. Prov. 20. Comment: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (verse 1).

Aug. 13. Eph. 5. Comment: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess" (verse 18). A problem with alcohol is that a person doesn't always know when he has consumed an "excess." A little bit can lead to a lot!

Aug. 14. Prov. 21. Comment: "He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich" (verse 17).

Aug. 15. Hosea 4. Comment: "Whoredom and wine and new wine taketh away the heart" (verse 11).

Aug. 16. Prov. 23. Comment: In the Bible "wine" often is the term used for plain unfermented grape juice. But in verse 31 Solomon warns against the alcoholic, or fermented wine (bubbling, or "moveth itself aright"). In verse 33 he states a well-known consequence of drinking: "Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things."

Aug. 17. I Pet. 4. Comment: We must account for drinking an excess of wine (verses 2-5).

Aug. 18. I Thess. 5. Comment: Let us be **sober** (verses 7-8).

Aug. 19. Prov. 31. Comment: (verses 4, 5) Strong drink causes loss of judgment.

Aug. 20. I Cor. 5. Comment: We are not to keep company with a brother who is a drunkard (verse 11).

Aug. 21. Rom. 13. Comment: "Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness" (verse 13).

Aug. 22. Isa. 5. Comment: Drunkenness is denounced (verses 11, 22).

Aug. 23. Luke 21. Comment: Our hearts are not to become overcharged with rioting and drunkenness (verse 34).

PUNISHMENT FOR DRUNKENNESS

Aug. 24. Deut. 21. Comment: During Moses' day (and during the old
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"It is not surprising that some would have us stay where we are a little longer to rest, to wait. But this country of the United States was not built by those who waited and rested and wished to look behind them." Then the President issued that famous challenge, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

It is not surprising that today a great majority of Americans are taking but not giving, asking what America can do for them but are not doing what they can for America.

It is not surprising that many Christians are satisfied just to be called "Christian," content to remain in comfortable little shells. Christianity is not a part-time, passive profession... Christianity is ACTION, INVOLVEMENT, ACCOMPLISHMENT. Ask not what God and His Church can do for you,—ask what you can do for God and His Church.

"It is a fate of this generation to live with a struggle we did not start, in a world we did not make. But the pressures of life are not always distributed by choice. And while no nation has ever faced such a challenge, no nation has ever been so ready to seize the burden and the glory of freedom... We cannot be satisfied to rest here. This is the side of the hill, not the top. The mere absence of war is not peace. The mere absence of recession is not growth." In 1963 John F. Kennedy believed that "WE HAVE MADE A BEGINNING—BUT WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN."

Americans, the struggles and the pressures remain the same—not ours by choice, not of our making. And the challenge remains the same in 1972. Let us not be guilty of stopping short, of staying on the side of the hill.

It is the fate of this generation of Christians to live in a corrupt, sin-filled world. The pressures and struggles of these last days are great, but we must not succumb to the wiles of Satan... we must not be satisfied to rest on the side of the hill... we must climb to the top. We have made the beginning, but we have only just begun.

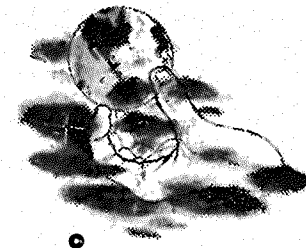
**"Today we've only just begun
We'll fight the battle 'til the victory's won
To a lost and dying race, we'll tell God's love
and grace,
With God's help, We've Only Just Begun."***

*Chorus by Lorraine Carr

Bible Prophecy

by Stanley J. Kauer

He Is Coming



A Perpetual Hatred

The world was shocked recently when three men opened fire with automatic weapons and killed more than twenty people in the Tel Aviv Israel airport. The men who did the shooting were Japanese, but they were hired by the extremist group of Arabs who are constantly attacking the Jews. Most of the people of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon are in sympathy with and are supporting those who seek to drive the Jews out of Palestine. But it was hard for thinking people to understand why anyone would attack people in a crowded airport and shoot everyone they could. Only the most extreme hatred could cause this.

The Bible describes this feeling in Ezekiel 35:5, "Because thou hast had a *perpetual hatred*, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword..." The word "perpetual" means everlasting or never-ceasing. The

Jews do not hate the Arabs, and try to help them as much as they can. But in return the Arabs evidence a very great hatred of the Jews, even as the Bible said they would. So when the Arabs attack the Jews, the army of Israel retaliates and destroys Arab people and property. According to the prophecy of Ezekiel 35, the time will come when, as a result of great provocation, Israel will carry out a great destruction of Arabs. We may shudder to think of this, but we know world events will fulfill Bible prophecy. Because of the *perpetual hatred* there will be no lasting peace in Palestine until Jesus returns.

Stormy Wind Fulfilling His Word

The prophecies of signs of the second advent of Christ found in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 do not speak directly of storms but they do mention various upheavals of nature. Luke speaks of the "sea and the waves roaring." The

general line of thought is that as we come ever nearer to the time of the second advent of Christ there will be more and more upheavals of nature. Psalm 148:8 says: "Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word."

Two very great natural disasters have occurred in America this summer. The first was at Rapid City, South Dakota where torrential rains caused a flash flood. The area was crowded with tourists and flood waters washed away their camps. More than two hundred people were killed in this tragedy. God controls the falling of the rain. He sends the rain on the just and on the unjust Jesus said. As the world becomes more wicked we can look for more destruction by rains and winds. All nature seems to rise up in protest against the extremes of sinful men.

Shortly after the Rapid City catastrophe, floods fell upon the eastern part of the U.S.A. as a result of a hurricane. Hurricanes originating in the Caribbean Sea or the Gulf of Mexico can be spotted and observed by weathermen, but men can do nothing to prevent their movement and path of destruction. This particular hurricane moved across the waters gaining great momentum and finally came ashore in north Florida. Usually such storms quickly fade away after they hit land, but this one was unusual—it brought winds and floods to a vast inland area from Florida to New England. Virginia, West Virginia, and

Pennsylvania were hit especially hard. Many lives were lost and much property was destroyed.

Not only are we seeing an increase in the number and severity of hurricanes, but at the same time there are extremes in temperature. Across the country, weather was ten degrees colder several mornings this month than ever before recorded—there were even frosts in northern states. These very unusual conditions fulfill the Word of God—"stormy winds, fulfilling His word." "The sea and the waves roaring."

All nature calls out for the return of Jesus and the beginning of His reign of peace. And so when we read of the great storms or should we happen to be caught in one, let us remember to trust in God and to realize that all these things must be before Jesus returns to earth. Fulfillment of these signs tell us **HE IS COMING SOON!**

WHY

was I born??
To be lost and forlorn?
Born to be wild
Born to raise hell?

NO,

born of Christ,
to do His will . . .
Born to be a light,
Born my place to fill.

Salley Pate
Oklahoma FYC'er

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covenant time) a drunken son was to be stoned to death (verses 20, 21).

Aug. 25. Matt. 24. Comment: Note verses 49-51.

Aug. 26. Luke 12. Comment: Note verses 45-48.

Aug. 27. I Cor. 6. Comment: (verse 10) Drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God (verses 19, 20). Our bodies are God's temples so we are to glorify God in them. Some people say that because the Bible doesn't say "Thou shalt not drink," we have a green light on drinking. But Paul says "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any" (verse 12).

Aug. 28. Gal. 5. Comment: There will be no drunkards in the kingdom of God (verse 21).

Aug. 29. Gen. 9. Examples: Noah (verse 21).

Aug. 30. Isa. 28. Example: The priest and prophets of Ephraim (verse 7).

Aug. 31. Gen. 19. Example: Lot (verse 33).

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TURNED OFF . . .

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The Apostle Paul taught: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12: 18). There's not a thing wrong with being a peacemaker or with your being the one to give in. Forget about you—think about the other person and his feelings awhile.

Now of course I don't guarantee your life will be a dream—after all its Christlike to talk to God and to put others above self and we all know the hard road He walked. But I do guarantee that if you really try to hear, God has something to say to you: and if you're willing—God has something to say *through* you! Don't miss any opportunity for this Heavenly communication. Don't let yourself "turn off"—stay tuned, the next message you hear may be from Heaven.

Sing! Sing!! Sing!!!

How many times have you wished for a book containing all your favorite choruses? Well, you won't have to wish much longer. The National FYC plans to print a chorus booklet this fall, and this booklet will be available to local FYC groups. If your group would like to see that a favorite chorus is included in the booklet, please send us your request. Chorus suggestions can be sent to: National FYC, P. O. Box 2370, Denver, COLO 80201.

Take a Bow...

If your FYC has recently completed an interesting or outstanding project, please send us two or three action photos and a summary of your project. We want to feature some local FYC's project in each month's AIM.



Call In Your Sales Force!!!

A new supply of general stationery has been printed and is available for you to sell in your local church.

This stationery has a Bible verse and an attractive design on it, but is not identified as F.Y.C. stationery. It is ideal for sale to any adult.

Your F.Y.C. group may use this as a money-raising project. You pay 75¢ per packet to the National FYC, and sell it for \$1.25 to your customer. Your profit —50¢ per packet!

NOW is the time to order your supply of stationery from the National Office in Denver.

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT

At their recent meeting the National Youth Committee voted to establish a central Youth Office in the new General Conference building in Denver, Colorado.

We are happy to announce that this National F.Y.C. office in Denver is now "open for business" and we praise God for this step of progress in the work of the Youth Department.

Beginning now, please address all of your general mail, requests for materials, orders for merchandise, etc., to National F.Y.C., P. O. Box 2370, Denver, Colo. 80201. Elder Calvin Burrell, chairman of the Youth Department will maintain his office in Van Buren, Ark., and will answer all correspondence directed to him.

DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT!

by Cindy Gibbs

WAKE UP!

As we approach our maturity, we say we want to be independent, free and responsible for ourselves... And, most important, we say we have a great desire to spread the gospel of our Peacemaker, the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to ask you a question. Do we really have this desire?

The Bible says all things are possible with God. It also says the Lord will protect and bless our efforts in spreading His Word. If we have this desire, it should be manifested in our lives because... "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Think this over.

LOOK!

How many times do we have to be told God loves us? We as youth have fresh, vital ideas. We have nearly endless energy. We have Jesus Christ. What more do we need to get out and literally tell the world of His shed blood?

PRAY!

The devil depresses us into thinking our part will bring little or no fruit. He'll do anything—and I mean *anything*—to stop our mouths from confessing Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

But our God made the devil and has power greater than he. There are three and one-half billion people in the world and over 200 million in the United States who *want* PEACE, HAPPINESS, JOY, FULFILLMENT—and most important—LOVE in their hearts.

These lovely things can only come... truly come... when condemnation is gone—after accepting the blood of Christ for the remission of sins.

GO!

Do you really want to be free, independent and responsible? The command of Jesus was to "preach the gospel to every creature." Take up this challenge and command of Christ. God will give you power to *do* this, not just talk *about* it.

HELP!

Are there people around you who are saved? Yes! Well, then, praise God and go out into the world "two by two" or by yourself with Jesus at your side and in your heart. He said, "Don't be afraid—I am with you!"

