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Unto Him shall the
gathering of the
people be.

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YE SHINE AS
LIGHTS IN
THE WORLD.

JESUS
SAVES

The night cometh,
when no man
can work.

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To Glorify My God

To glorify my God—no lesser aim
My God-given life and power shall hence-
forth claim;

My body, soul, and spirit, Lord, are Thine;
The joy to give them back to Thee be mine.

His Father's glory Jesus ever sought;
To do His work and will His only thought;
About His Father's business He must be;
Lord, may that business be as much to me.

How best can I my Father glorify?
Nought can be added to His Majesty;
But I can let His glory through me shine
And shed on all around His light divine.

And like the legend that they tell of one
Who thought to build a temple to the sun,
And reared the chiseled stone and bur-
nished gold,
But still the splendid walls were dark and
cold,

Until another architect appeared;
A temple of transparent glass he reared;
And lo, the sun came down his work to own,
And with his glory through the temple
shone.

So let my soul be flooded with Thy light;
So let my heart be opened to Thy sight;
So glorify Thyself, O Lord, in me,
Till all my being answers, Lord, to Thee.

—A. B. Simpson

Mentoring

By Joe Fine

Men' tor 1. A wise, loyal advisor. 2. A teacher or coach.

What is mentoring?

Mentoring is a process involving God's use of people in our lives, helping us to grow and become more like our Lord. II Peter 3:18 says, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...." In the original, the word translated "grow" signifies a constant, steady growing or spreading out. As one author put it, "As long as you live, you learn. As long as you learn, you live."

This idea of mentoring is not a new discovery. It is as old as the Scripture itself. In ancient times, there were no formal schools. In order to learn a trade, a young man was usually attached to someone who was a master in his profession. Thus he learned, eventually becoming a professional himself, later passing his knowledge on to another young apprentice, etc.

Paul told young Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." II Tim. 2:2. Our Lord Himself, in His final words to His disciples, told them, "Go ye therefore, and *teach* all nations,..." Matt 28:19. The original word means to make *disciples* of all people. A disciple is one who has been taught by his teacher or master. Jesus had just spent three years pouring His life into His disciples, and the time had come for them to carry His message of love and salvation to all people. The Lord's way was for His people to become mentors.

Why should we be concerned about mentoring?

1. There is a shortage of leaders. Many churches are without pastors. Mission stations go unstaffed. New believers aren't learning how to walk with their Lord.

2. There is a perceived need for mentors. The need filters down in our culture in many ways. In the homes, there is a lack of father figures. Fathers, even though not physically absent, are often spiritually and emotionally absent. Many boys grow up without knowing what a real father is like. At best, they see religion as women's work, and therefore don't know what a spiritual man is like. They have no role models.

3. We need each other, young and old alike. The young men need the older men for role models, and the older need the younger who will carry on when they're gone. We need older men because they are at the peak of their power at age 50. Many are planning for retirement and slacking off just when they are at their best. In Christ's body, there is no generation gap.

When we mentor, we're not merely training someone in a useful occupation. We mentor for the clear purpose of life change! We have certain values to transfer to our peers. We seek to develop, with God's help, men who will be at their maximum potential for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our goal is no less than that which our great mentor, Paul, wrote, "Whom we preach (that is, Jesus), warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; *that we may present every man perfect (mature) in Christ Jesus*: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily." Col 1:28-29. So mentoring is work with a specific goal: the maturity of those we train. See also II Cor. 13:9, which reads, "...and this also we wish, even your perfection."

In the world today we meet men who are enormously successful, yet unfulfilled. They committed themselves to a goal, usually money or position, yet when they reached it, all they received for their work was emptiness.

Those who love the Lord Jesus have greater goals in mind. This lofty goal is nothing less than the perfecting of an eternal soul. The apostle John must have experienced the fulfillment of which I am writing when he wrote, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." III Jn. verse 4. He communicated the joy of knowing that, after he had

poured his life into someone, that person was still following the Lord.

Would you like to know that your life is counting for eternity? First of all, sit at Jesus' feet and learn from Him. Then take what He gives you and go find someone who needs a little help. Pour your life into that individual until he is able to do the same thing.

Do you see a new believer, still "wet behind the ears?" Go teach him how to live for Jesus. But be careful about this. Cultivate your own relationship with the Lord until you can say with Paul, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1. (Phil. 3:17.)

Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy

With this in mind, consider the relationship between Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy. Every man needs these three relationships. First of all you need a Paul. Paul represents an older man who is willing to be your mentor and build godly principles into your life. This is called a disciplining relationship. Your mentor doesn't necessarily have to be smarter than you. He just needs to be someone who's a bit further ahead on the road. In my life, I constantly seek out someone who is more mature than I, someone who has something I need in my spiritual life. I must say that I have benefited greatly from the various "Pauls" that have helped me along the way. And incidentally, if you are a Paul, you should be aware that it's okay to show your weaknesses as well as your strengths. After all, we're subject to the flesh, just as our disciples are.

Next, you need a Barnabas. Do you remember his nickname? He was called the "Son of Consolation." (Acts 4:36.) Barnabas was Paul's bosom companion, his "soul brother." Barnabas represents someone who knows you well, yet still loves you. He's not impressed by your intellect or abilities, but he's willing to keep an accurate score. Do you know a brother well enough so that he can come to you and say something like, "Brother, you need to spend more time with your wife," or, "You talk too much," without your getting defensive (or offensive)?

Finally, you need a Timothy.



Timothy is that younger man into whom you, through the Spirit's help, desire to reproduce the life of Christ as best you know how. In I and II Timothy and Titus, Paul shares principles of spiritual leadership with his two young disciples. He spoke of the need for someone to affirm and encourage, teach and pray for you, correct and direct you. Believe it or not, young people are looking for direction, even those who are out in the world. Witness the profusion of gangs in our cities. People need to feel that they belong. I believe that God built this need into our very being. It's a part of our makeup.

So how do you build these relationships? Here are two steps which may prove helpful. First, pray that God will lead you to those men with whom you can build lasting relationships of mutual worship, fellowship, and accountability. Second, seek those men. You need a Paul, a Barnabas and a Timothy. These men will help round out your life, encourage you and build up the body of Christ. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat; but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Let me quote from a book by Robert Coleman.

"What is... revealing about [the disciples] is that at first they do not impress us as being key men. None of them were prominent, nor were any of them priests. For the most part they were common laboring men... by any standard of sophisticated culture, then and now, they would surely be considered as a rather ragged aggregation of souls.... Yet Jesus saw in these simple men the potential of leadership for the kingdom. They were indeed "unlearned and ignorant" according to the world's standard, but they were teachable.... Their mannerisms may have been awkward and their abilities limited, but with the exception of the traitor, their hearts were big. What is perhaps most significant about them was their sincere yearning for God and the realities of His life.... These men were looking for someone to lead them in the way of salvation. Such men, pliable in the hands of the Master, could be molded into a new image—Jesus can use anyone who wants to be used."

Do you see the potential for growth here? How many new converts are lost to us because we don't take a personal interest in them? Most of us can look back with shame because we should have gone to that new fellow and been a Paul or Barnabas to him. Who knows but you might encourage someone to continue on with the Lord, and that man could become an evangelist or pastor? John Mark must have been very discouraged when he left Paul and Barnabas. He was certainly depressed when Paul refused to take him along on their second missionary journey. Yet Barnabas took John under his wing and encouraged him. Later, even Paul acknowledged that John Mark was useful to him. (II Tim. 4:11.) Aren't you glad that Barnabas became a Paul to John Mark? (Acts 15:39.)

What about you? Who will be your Paul, Barnabas, or Timothy?



The Company You Keep

By Burbridge R. Copeland

Just how important is the company you keep? This much is sure, the company you keep can tell on you; without vocal utterance it can tell more about you than you know yourself.

Intuitively, and without conscious motivation, we just don't mix as well with some as we do with others. We repel certain people, and we draw certain others. There is an old saying that, "Birds of a feather flock together," which we know to be true.

If you have just met someone and you want to get a truer picture of who he really is, watch his associates, not the ones he works with necessarily, neither his business associates, nor social status colleagues, but the people he relaxes with when the day is over.

If this person you met is a church person, then the church he belongs to can reveal a lot about who he is. Church, however, does draw from all kinds.

A new church member is generally enthusiastically accepted by all members, even though some may manifest their enthusiasm more openly than others. The friendliness of some is official of course, brought on by the sense of post of duty. Others are urged by spiritual reprimand and a desire to encourage, but likely there will be no hypocrisy in their enthusiasm,

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Editorials

We send Christian greetings to all the readers of this October issue of the *Faith and Victory*. It is our hope that as you read the pages of this paper you will find a greater delight in the gospel and the hope of salvation. To become acquainted with the gospel will convince a person that his friends need it too, which automatically makes the Christian an earnest and natural representative of it.

One writer has said, "The gospel in all its doctrines and duties appears infinitely superior to any human composition. It has no mark of human ignorance, imperfection or sinfulness, but bears the signature of divine wisdom, authority and importance, and is most worthy of the supreme attention and regard of all intelligent creatures."

The truths of Christ are so comprehensive that they involve all moral truth ever known to man. Nothing can be added that will lend any value to what God has already included in the plan of salvation. Therefore, being convinced of these truths, we can sincerely recommend them to all.

There are qualifications for being an ambassador of Christ. We must be a partaker of salvation and understand the plan. II Tim. 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If we can attain the high status of God's approval, we will make a competent worker. Our study must be fueled by a thirst and an interest in eternal principles. It is important to understand that we must study to be approved before God, rather than delving into theology just to be able to crush our opponents through debate. To be sanctioned by God will adequately equip and make us effective in sharing the gospel.

Another qualification was given by Christ when He told His disciples, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Matt. 10:16. A worker for Christ must not depend on an overbearing presentation to convince others of the worth of the gospel. He must show meekness of spirit while using wisdom to know what is appropriate to say.

There are unlimited territories and prospects for sharing Christ's message. The world needs yet to be evangelized, by one means or another; through personal contact or the printed

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page. The call still sounds through both the din and lethargies of life, "...Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Sis. Jennifer Cole, who helped us here in the work at the Print Shop beginning March 11, 1994, left on September 15 to return home to Granby, Missouri. We appreciate the time she devoted to this phase of the Lord's work, and desire that God will bless her in all her future endeavors for Him.

We are working to upgrade the design quality of our tracts and other new literature we hope to print. Sis. Janie Woodruff is currently involved with this project, which will mainly be done through the use of the computer.

Sis. Joanna Booher, a senior in the *Path of Life School* here in Guthrie, is now helping at the Print Shop each afternoon in lieu of attending vocational technical school. Her duties have involved darkroom work, assembling books and we also expect to utilize her art skills in the literature we print.

Bro. John Madden, and his son, Bro. John Madden, Jr., of Bristow, OK, have begun the dirt moving work on the new Print Shop property. As of this writing, rain has delayed them for several days, but already a drive has been shaped and a pad for the foundation of the building begun. Some photos of their progress can be seen on page six.

We thank all of you who have made it possible for us to meet the expenses of yet another month. This operation requires constant financing, and we are grateful for those who so graciously share the burden to keep it going.

—Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests

TN—"I need the Lord's help for my body."

—Helen Derrick

NC—Sis. Bunice Hope has a special request.

OH—"Please pray on November 6 and November 8 for someone who is having a court hearing, that everything will be settled. Pray also for the children who are in a dangerous situation."

—Sis. Tressie Adkins

KY—"I request your prayers for my brother, Chester Dunaway. He has had a mini stroke.

Please pray that God will completely heal him so he won't have any more." —Wilma Horsley



CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING REPORT

Much prayer and fasting went along with the preparations needed to get ready for our California State Camp Meeting. Our God, who is so faithful to answer the importuning of His trusting children, heard and answered prayer.

From the first service until the meeting closed the presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested. We give highest praise and honor to an almighty God.

The commission that Jesus gave Peter in John 21:15-17 was fulfilled in our camp meeting. God sent ministers from out-of-state and from in-state to feed us. The lambs and the sheep were nourished and challenged.

In addition to early morning prayer meeting, there were three general worship services each day. There were also children's meetings, sister's meetings, general and divided young people's meetings.

We are persuaded that when Jesus spoke in John 17:24 of those "...whom thou hast given me" this included the lambs and the sheep. Truly we were fed. May God richly reward every sacrifice made for the cause of the gospel in this meeting.

—Sis. Alice P. Johnson

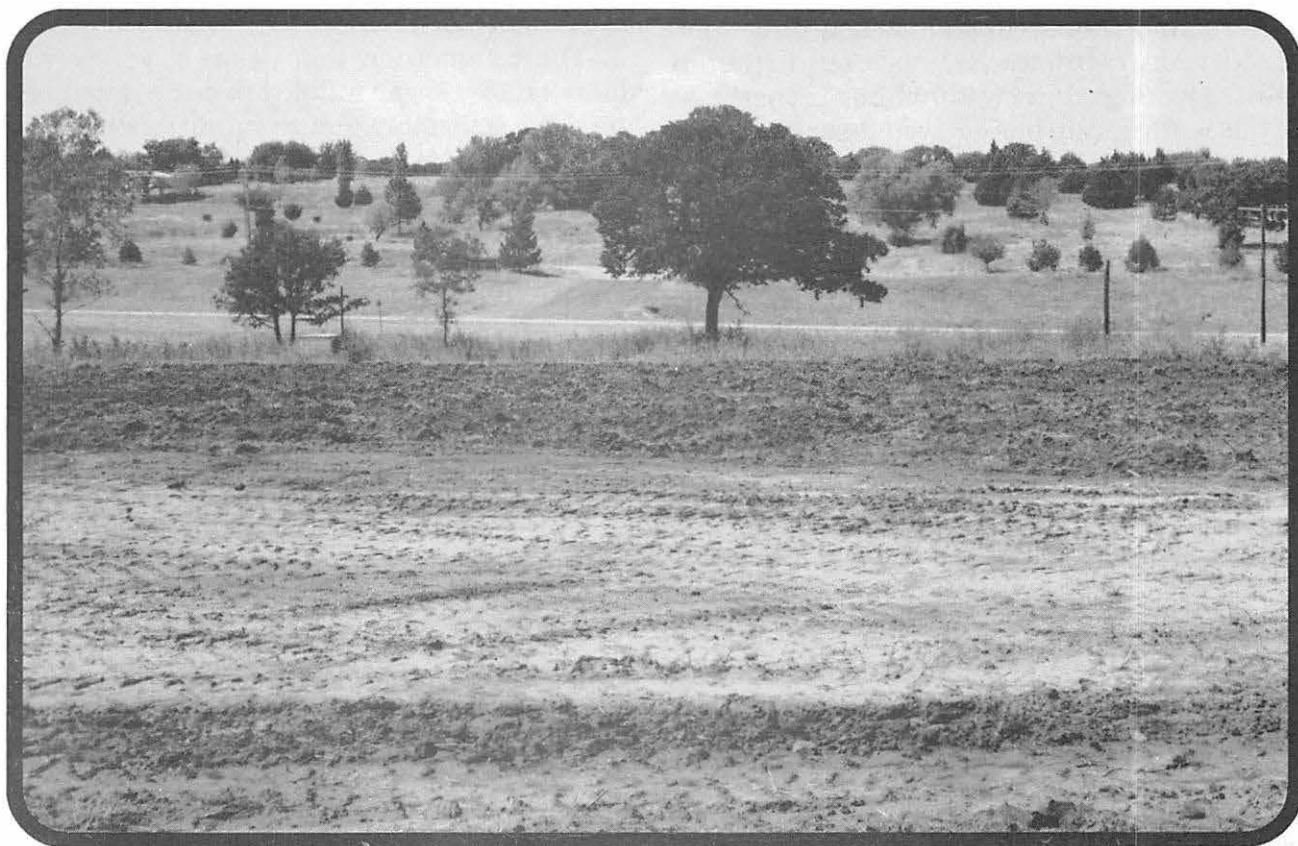
MYRTLE, MO ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Myrtle, MO Assembly Meeting will begin, Lord willing, on Wednesday night, October 4, 1995, and continue through Sunday, October 8th. There will be nightly services at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and day services when announced. Three services are planned for Saturday with a special service of singing Saturday night. Please pray for this

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Dirt work in progress on the new Print Shop property.



**View of new Print Shop property road frontage—
looking west towards State Highway 77.**

MYRTLE, MO ASSEMBLY MEETING

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meeting and come be with us, if possible. We are trusting the Lord to send ministers of His choosing and saints to help make the meeting a success. For further information contact Sis. Carol Sorrell at (417) 938-4493, or Bro. Harlan Sorrell, (417) 938-4336. The campground phone number is (417) 938-4682.

HOLLY HILL, SC REVIVAL

We would like to announce the date for the revival that is planned for October. Lord willing, it will be October 8-15, 1995. We welcome all who will come to come.

For further information you may call Bro. Utson Platt, (803) 496-5759, or Bro. Alvord Pratt, (803) 492-3366.

Your sister in Christ,

—Judie Crummie Hughes

GREEN BANK, WV REVIVAL

Lord willing, Bro. James Bell will hold revival services at the Green Bank, WV chapel October 17-22. There will be nightly services at 7:30 and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information you may contact Bro. Toney Samons, P. O. Box 173, Green Bank, WV 24944. Phone: (304) 456-3017.

FRESNO, CA FALL REVIVAL

The Fresno, CA Fall revival will be held October 29-November 5. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. On both Sundays there will be Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship services at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. On Saturday, November 4th, there will be a morning service at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will close after the 2:30 p.m. service on the last Sunday. For further information please contact Bro. Charles Taylor at: 4776 N. Chestnut, Fresno, CA 93726. Phone: (209) 348-9029.



*"Love grows stronger when assailed;
Love conquers where all else has failed.
Love ever blesses those who curse;
Love gives the better for the worse.
Love unbinds others by its bonds;
Love pours forgiveness from its wounds."
Lord, let me love like Thee!*



CA—Dear folks at the Print Shop: I trust this finds everyone well there.

Enclosed is my renewal for the *Faith and Victory*. I do appreciate it so much. Not only are there so many things to encourage me, but I also hear about different ones I have known for fifty years. I am getting quite crippled with arthritis, so I don't get out like I used to. I hope to make one more trip home to Guthrie, maybe this Fall. I miss my sister, Nellie Ott, much, and my brother, Roy White, but I love all my nieces and nephews.

Please remember me.

Christian love,

—Sister Mary Reece

KS—Dear Ones: A cheery hello to all the dear saints. We trust each of you are keeping encouraged to press the battle on.

We enjoyed the blessings of the Monark Springs, MO camp meeting, and the treasure of seeing so many of you. We are a blessed people to have each other.

We would like to send in a testimony of how the Lord heard and answered prayer for our four-year old son, Brad. Brad was bitten by a brown recluse spider twice on the first Sunday of Monark.

That morning's message was on "Sudden Fear." (Proverbs 3:25.) Thank the Lord for preparing us for the battle!

Sunday evening, after we noticed the spider bites, we had Bro. Purvis and other dear ones in for prayer. Throughout that night Brad had a high fever and broke out in a rash. We were up twice, begging God to rebuke the fever and let him sleep. Thank the Lord, He answered prayer!

Monday morning he didn't feel well at all and would not eat any breakfast. We had him anointed and prayed for, and we felt the unity of prayer! Where there is unity, there is power! Thank the Lord! We took him up to our trailer where he ate a big dinner, then played with his little friends all afternoon. Different ones would

ask, "How's Brad?" I would tell them, "Well the bites look bad but he's healed. He has played all afternoon."

The bites did look terrible! One was the size of a quarter and the larger bite was a fruit jar lid size, an angry, deep red color, with a nickel size white spot in the middle.

Tuesday morning he came into our room and showed us the bites. They were changed! Thank the good Lord!

By Sunday, one week later, there was shiny new pink skin on the larger spot, and we could not tell where the other bite had ever been!

Our Lord is still on His throne! What a mighty God we serve! We love the Lord and thank Him so much for His rich blessings to our little family.

Just recently Brad broke out with a bad case of hives. We have wondered if it wasn't from the bites. But saints, do you know...he never had any itching or irritation with the hives!! Another prayer answered!

We would like to thank each of you for your love, prayers and concern. We had so many asking about Brad. Thank you so much!

We love you,

—Orin, Retha, Brad and Travis Cole

MO—Dear ones in Christ: I must apologize for not writing sooner and thanking all who prayed for me. I must tell you that a week before I received the Faith and Victory, I felt such a lifting of the spirit. I felt as if I had been washed clean inside and out. Praise God for His love. He has a great love for all of His children. Thank you again, saints, for your prayers.

—Roberta Brockman

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Praise our God for His healing power and His mercies that are new every morning. It is wonderful how our Father has taken care of us during the heat wave that is yet with us here in California. (September 11.)

A wasp got in my clothes, and in my excitement to get it out it stung me. A few days later I stepped on a nail. I have had no side effects from these things. "...Before they call, I will answer..." Isa. 65:24. The Lord forsaketh not His saints. (Psa. 37:28.)

Your sister in the family of God,

—Sis. Melia Viser

LA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings this morning in the lovely name of Jesus, the Author and

finisher of our faith. We are enjoying the blessings of salvation and are thankful for His continual presence with us.

We are both getting along very well. Max has good and bad days, of course, but as a whole things could be much worse. We are so thankful that we can rely on the Lord's faithfulness and the saints' prayers. It is truly a privilege to be one of His children....—Max and Lula Williamson

IN—Dear saints there at the Print Shop: I do enjoy the *Faith and Victory* paper so much. I read it as soon as I receive it.

I thank the Lord for His people and Word. Without them, where would we be? Time is running out for some of us. Our health isn't as good as it was when we were young, but we call the saints for prayer, and I do thank God for them. I am 80 years old and suffer with arthritis in my knees and joints and sometimes I can hardly make it, but God has been so good to me.

Please remember my unsaved loved ones when you pray.

God bless all of you there,

—Sister Mary Rogers

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary and all the dear workers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I pray all is going well with all of you dear ones in the Lord's work....

I am happy for all your prayers, which mean so much to me. The Lord has touched me through your prayers and the anointed cloth you sent to me. I feel much better. I sure had some rough days this summer. I had such a time breathing one day that I thought I was surely going to die, but Jesus helped me through. This is the hottest summer we have ever had. A lot of people have died from the heat. God is talking to people so that they will think about Him....

My love and prayers, —Sis. Olive Gettersson

MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Once again I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our dear Lord and Savior, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. It is truly He that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are His people and sheep of His pasture. It is wonderful to give ourselves over to Him and let Him have His way with us. It brings satisfaction to our souls here and gives us a bright hope of eternal glory over there. I am sure our pasture will be much better when we get to enjoy eternal bliss.

James calls it a crown of life and says blessed are they that inherit it. (James 1:12.)

My wife and I have both had a pretty hard case of the flu, one at a time. She took it while I was away and was about over it by the time I arrived home. I took it about four days ago. I am pretty well over it now. I thank the Lord for God's faithfulness to heal us when we trust Him and stand on His Word and promises. Our hearts were drawn closer to Him....

Your brother in the work of the Lord,

—T.V. McMillian

NC—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' precious name, a name whereby we must be saved, a name worthy to be praised. Amen.

I was sick one night, and the Lord inspired me with the song #215 in the Evening Light Songs songbook. "I have found it, Lord, in thee, an everlasting store of comfort, joy, and bliss to me: How can I wish for more?"

Saints, we need that everlasting store, and we won't have to wish for anything more. Jesus Christ is that everlasting store, and He offers to us: everlasting life (John 3:16), everlasting strength (Isa. 26:4), everlasting joy (Isa. 51:11), everlasting salvation (Isa. 45:17), everlasting light (Isa. 60:19), everlasting name (Isa. 56:5), everlasting love (Jer. 31:3), everlasting arms (Deut. 33:27), everlasting consolation (II Thess. 2:16). Everlasting means, "always, ever, evermore, forever, without end and never ending." We can have that everlasting store. All we need to do is apply for it.

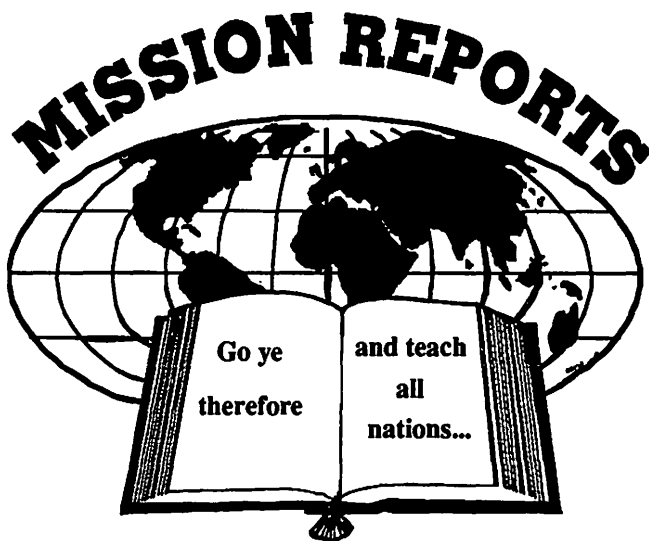
Pray for me, for my desire is to please the Lord always.

Love and prayers, —Sister Mary McDonald

ETERNITY

A gentleman who took much delight in visiting a home for the hearing impaired, one day wrote this question to a talented boy: "What is eternity?"

After thinking for a few moments the boy's face lit up and he wrote the answer: "The lifetime of the Almighty."



From Mexico...

September 12, 1995—Greetings of love in the name of our dear Lord: "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3:14-15.

Yes, we have much reason to be thankful. Oh! If the whole world could learn what those scriptures mean it would certainly be a different world, wouldn't it? Let's do what we can in our little world, then also send the "beautiful feet" over the mountains. (Isa. 52:7.)

Bro. Adelfo Gonzalez, wife and three children, also a young couple, came from Culiacan, Sinaloa to the meeting that was held here in Chapultepec the first part of August and took part in the services. They are coming to the Church of God. They told us how their congregation was having services under some small trees. The Lord impressed me to go take them home and see how we could help.

All nine of us made the trip to Culiacan in my Ranger Pick-up. We drove down the Baja Peninsula to La Paz. On Saturday we arranged for passage to the mainland on a large ferry freighter and embarked about noon Sunday. It was quite an experience. It was their first time to be aboard ship. The captain invited us to the control bridge and explained the workings of the ship to the Gonzalez children. In the evening Bro. Gonzalez and family began singing hymns on the upper deck. Many came to listen to the singing and preaching. One lady and daughter gave their heart to the Lord. It was raining as we docked in Topolobampo, near Los Moches. That night we drove three hours through the rain to their home in Culiacan.

The next day we bought building materials for a chapel and dug holes for the foundation. I soon found out that the pastor's family needed plumbing in their house. Sister Gonzalez had saved up money and bought a new lavatory and toilet for their unfinished house. They had three rooms built with the help of some of the congregation and their grown children. The sister said that they were waiting for the Lord to send them a plumber. I told her she had a plumber. Bro. Adelfo and Francisco were soon busy laying bricks for the bathroom walls while I installed the plumbing fixtures and pipes. I also made a rough kitchen cabinet and put a used sink in her kitchen which still has only a dirt floor. The day I left the plumbing was all working, but the bathroom was without a door and roof so they will probably hang a blanket for now.

On Sunday morning we had church services in the public park close by, as there was too much mud at the building site. One older sister, who arrived on the local bus, cried for joy when she saw the cement, sand and steel bars that had been supplied.

A lot of progress was made in getting the foundation ready for concrete in spite of the tropical rains that had set in. Bro. Francisco, who is a brick mason, does not have much work now and he is very anxious to continue work on the foundation and walls of the chapel. Four thousand baked adobe bricks are to be delivered after the pouring of the cement foundation.

Bro. Adelfo is wanting to have a revival October 12-15, and asked if a minister from the states could come. The weather is real nice in the fall. If someone could go with us I am sure there would be plenty to do and they want to learn more about the Church of God.

After two weeks I returned by way of the mainland. In Navojua I visited Sis. Irine Gonzalez, whom I have known for 40 years. I spent two nights and a Sunday with Alfredo Escalante and family in Obregon. They are trying to live for the Lord but need encouragement. Alfredo's mother, who is not well, is living with them. We need to pray for this family.

I am glad that Charlotte is now with me. She came with our son-in-law, Bro. James Bell, to the Pacoima, California camp meeting. We enjoyed the good meeting and the flowing together of the saints there.

Our daughter, Patricia, flew out in order to visit Mexico and help James drive home. They were here for only two days.

We feel that the Lord would have us direct most of our time and energy into writing and translating Bible lessons and booklets into Spanish. The work space in our mobile home is very limited, therefore we have begun construction of an office space on the back of our lot.

Thank you for your prayers for Mexico, and we have a special request for the Ensenada congregation. There are some special needs in Tijuana also.

Yours in Him,

—Bro. James and Sis. Charlotte Huskey



Robert John Zacharias was born June 22, 1926, in Marl-Drewer, Germany. His parents were Robert and Olga Zacharias. He had two brothers, Bruno and Edmund. Also, he had three sisters, Olga, Elsa and Erna. Robert's father was a pastor in Marl. Tragedy struck suddenly when his mother, Olga, passed away when Robert was a small boy of five. This caused a very deep void in his life. However, support from his older siblings, especially Olga, helped Robert through this difficult time. His father soon remarried and added some stability to his life. At seventeen Robert joined the German Navy and served from 1944-1945. After the war in Germany he worked for a lumberyard driving a truck.

Having an adventurous spirit, Robert decided to emigrate to America. He left Germany on a ship called *Homelight*. The ship arrived at Ellis Island December 10, 1951. Since Robert had relatives in St. Joseph, Michigan, he decided to move there. In May 1953, Robert met Johanna Tocholke. On March 6, 1954, they were married. To this

union four children were born: Marianne, Norman, Marvin and Ronnie. Robert and Johanna lived in St. Joseph, Michigan, until January 1957, when they moved to Minneapolis, MN. Later, in 1957, he bought a farm east of Hinckley, MN. In May, 1959, Robert, Johanna and family moved there. During the week Robert worked as a truck driver for Dana-Gresen Manufacturing in Minneapolis, MN, and commuted home on the weekends. Robert worked over twenty-seven years for this company and had an excellent driving record. We would hear him say, "I had some close ones but God always protected me." In May, 1986, Robert had to retire early due to illness. Robert lived on the farm his remaining years.

The Lord extended His grace to Robert and blessed him with seven years of remission from cancer. In the last two years the Lord showed him mercy and love. On July 6, 1995, Robert found the Lord and he gave his heart to Him. As time was growing nearer he was often found praying, reading the Bible and listening to his favorite hymns. Through his brave battle the Lord sustained him. Robert was peacefully called home to the Lord on August 16, 1995. He is greatly missed by his beloved wife and family.

Robert is survived by his wife, Johanna; three sons, Norman and Camille Zacharias, of Hinckley, MN, Marvin and Martha Zacharias, of Hayward, WI, and Ron and Martha Zacharias of Spooner, WI; one daughter, Marianne and Moustafa Kareem of Northfield, MN. Also surviving is one brother, Bruno and Emmi Zacharias, of Germany; one sister, Anna and Alfons Schwarz of Germany and thirteen grandchildren.

Robert was preceded in death by two sisters, Elsa and Olga, and one brother, Edmund.

The officiating minister for the funeral service was Bro. James Bell.



"Prayer pulls the rope below, and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give but an occasional pluck at the rope."

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HOME LIFE



Unselfish Living

by Wayne Murphey

One day an elderly man was seen planting some fruit trees. Someone said to him, "You will not live to see the fruit of those trees."

"I very well know that, my friend, but others will, after I am gone."

This insight was sensible, unselfish, beautiful and Christ-like. It is also the perfect illustration for parenthood. Being a parent provides a multitude of blessings, but to bring forth the fruit of those blessings requires the daily practice of sacrificial living. The everyday demands of meeting the constant need of children will test the patience and endurance of parents, for their investment of time and labor does not lead to immediate reward. If this is expected, there will not be enough grace on hand to do a proper job.

Every person of merit today was once a child who had to have his nose wiped and his manners molded. Even Christ came into this world as a baby in need of the most basic attention. The load for Mary was lessened as she pondered in her heart that one day, as the angel had said, her child would be the Savior of all mankind.

As parents, don't become weary and disheartened at the daily toil, but be diligent to continually provide those things which are necessary for your children's physical welfare. Supply an abundance of love and consistent, gentle pressure to mold their attitudes. Also, if you will include them in your prayers and supplications to God, it will give you hope that their lives will bear eternal fruit and blessings. You may not always be rewarded as promptly as you would like, but future value for others will spring from the investment of your labor.

The Company You Keep

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for all are in favor of new members. There is, however, sometimes a bursting, spontaneous enthusiasm separate and apart from mere gladness for another new member; there are many times personal reasons for it, some very good, and perhaps some not so healthy.

Let me explain. We are naturally attracted toward friendliness. True friendliness should not be cast aside, yet allow me to issue a word of caution to be observed, even at church. I offer two verses of scripture from the Bible which are perhaps not primarily written for this kind of thing, but are useful for safe-guarding purposes in many situations. "But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors." James 2:9. "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." I Cor. 12:25.

Before getting "arm in arm" with certain enthusiastically friendly persons, it is well and important to remember that you are first a member of the entire "Body of Christ," and that you should seek for and find your place in the "body," rather than an easy relationship, however innocent, to someone who may see in you himself.

I am afraid we can be attracted to ourselves in others, but as saints we don't want to be at home with ourselves. We do not wish to encourage self at all. We want to be like what self is not like at all. We want to be like Christ.

Let us then make sure that we are attracted to the Christ in our fellow Christians and not to the old "birds of a feather" thing that could cause little selfish cliques of "you and me" and then, "them."

Being attracted to the Christ in others can result in our leaning toward the strong which are able to bear the infirmities of the weak! And this is ideal for the new convert. Being babes in Christ, the weak need to be attracted not by what they sense of them-

selves in others, but by what they see of Christ in the strong.

One vine wrapped around another can grow just so high until both eventually fall to the ground. A vine needs a strong tree. Therefore, let the strong bear (be not impatient with God's little ones) the infirmities. (Rom. 15:1.)

So much of the time it seems that the strong will not take to the babes in Christ like others who are weak will. Perhaps this is why some new converts backslide. They become entangled with "vines!" Sometimes the really spiritual people are so engrossed and occupied with church affairs and with trying to stay spiritual themselves, that they are guilty of almost completely abandoning the fledglings right after the first warm smile and treasured hug.

There are weak "old-timer's" however (not necessarily middle-aged or seniors) who seem to be "right on the ball." They are there after the hugging is over, asking if they can give you a lift home. They fill you in on the meeting times, and offer to pick you up to bring you to the evening service. In a short time, they've invited you to their home. Right away you may well begin receiving your "second-hand" indoctrination on what's to be accepted as allowable and what is considered taboo.

By now the new convert may be back at the altar, trying to hold on. But the real problem is that he or she is still holding to the weak and easily befriended Christian. At this time, the clique has really gone duet, all wrapped around each other without the support of a "tree of righteousness" in reach or sight of either one.

May this be a challenge to each one to stand by the weak, avoiding cliques, and striving rather to see Christ and prosperity in their spiritual life. "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified."

One Day At A Time

By Marsha Corteway

The song says, "One day at a time, sweet Jesus, that's all I'm asking of You. Just give me the strength to do every day what I have to do."

When we realize the brevity of life, we come to the conclusion that every day is a gift from God. Some days God gives us are full of special blessings and happiness, and we feel like saying, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psa. 118:24. Other days may seem to be so full of trials and tests that we think of the scripture that says, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Job 14:1.

It is told in Genesis 1:4-5 that God created the first day, "And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness was called Night. And the evening and morning were the first day."

God, in His plan for mankind, divided our time of life into days. I think of the scripture in Psalm 90:10 that says, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten;...yet is their strength labour and sorrow;...and we fly away."

I appreciate the fact that **STRENGTH** is the word before labour and sorrow. We need strength from God to face the challenges of each day as it comes. "...as thy days, so shall thy strength be." Duet. 33:25. So let us not look too far into the future with thoughts of, "I wonder how I'm going to make it?" Remember, the manna came down one day at a time. We can eat the Word, feed on the Scriptures,

and count on God's faithfulness to get us through in like manner.

A song from several years ago said, "I never promised you a rose garden—along with the sunshine there's got to be a little rain sometimes."

If we think that every day of our brief life will be as a rose garden, we are sadly mistaken. God metes our portion out of sunshine and rain, laughter and pain. But let us lift up our eyes to Him for help through each passing day. "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." Prov. 24:10. Let us not faint when our days bring to us adversity and trials, but let us fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,...and profess a good profession before many witnesses. (I Timothy 6:12.)

We can be a conqueror through all God allows to come our way, and we can make our days on earth happier by facing trials with a good attitude.

The Scripture also says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Ecc. 12:1. When we are young, our days are mostly full of health and adventure. But as life goes on, our body breaks down and we have less pleasure in our days. If we have remembered God in our youth, we will have established a relationship with Him that will help us in old age.

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple." Psa. 27:4.

We should begin each new morning with prayer for God's help and not plan our days ahead of time without seeking Him to direct our paths by circumstances and His providence. "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Prov. 27:1. But rather, "...If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." James 4:15. The main object of our life should be to please God each day, and to pray for grace to be a faithful Christian, since some day will be our last on earth. The song says it well, "Each day I'll do a golden deed, by helping those who are in need. My life on earth is but a span, and so I'll do the best I can." Isa. 61:3.



Unto All Patience— With Joyfulness

By Fern Stubblefield

One morning I was praying the prayer that Paul prayed, (Col. 1:9-11) in regard to myself. At the time I had been suffering with my back for several days, and was disappointed that it wasn't more improved than what it was that morning. When I reached the part, "Strengthened with all might,...unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;" I saw that the Lord was giving me an opportunity to learn patience, and He was wanting me to do it with joyfulness. If healing had come quickly when I had been prayed for, I wouldn't have had this opportunity. The song writer wrote,

"God's way is best; if human wisdom
A fairer way may seem to show,
'Tis only that our earth-dimmed vision
The truth can never clearly know.
God's way is best, I will not murmur,
Although the end I may not see;
Where'er he leads I'll meekly follow—
God's way is best, is best for me."

Isa. 55:9 tells us, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." The flesh naturally shrinks from suffering, but sometimes the Lord wants to "Strengthen us with all might, according to his glorious power..." that we might develop patience and "let patience have her perfect work..." with joyfulness. He wants us to do it without murmuring and complaining. My soul is made to sing, "Thy way is best, so lead me onward, My all I give to thy control; Thy loving hand will truly guide me, And safe to glory bring my soul."



The War Strategy of Jesus

By Connie Sorrell

In the spiritual warfare of life we must be strong soldiers for the Lord. The battle cry is forward, forward—there is nothing to go back to. Jesus said that he who looks back is not worthy of the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:62.) By the grace of God, we must be determined to press the battle on 'til the victory is won.

The victory will not be casually won. Between now and heaven each one of us will have battles in life so we need to learn the winning strategy of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ.

Through His Holy Spirit leadership, we can be more than conquerors. (Rom. 8:37.) This implies that not only do we win a battle, but we can also gain ground and advance forward after each conflict.

Let us consider three points of strategy that Jesus Christ has set before us.

First Point: Jesus knows who the enemy is and when he is attacking.

Since we are in a spiritual warfare, we do not find our enemy dressed in an army green uniform marching in rank toward us. Instead our enemy is sly and the father of all lies. (John 8:44-47.) When Jesus was speaking to the Pharisees who opposed Him, He told them that they were listening to the devil. He was grieved that they believed the devil's lies and allowed his evil to work through them. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus dealt with the evil in men and women, but He did not condemn men and women as hopeless.

Remember the woman who was caught in adultery and brought before Him? He did not condemn her to die but He did condemn the sin and told her not to do it anymore. (John 8:3-11.) Jesus realized the woman was serving the enemy. Once she left the old master of sin and obeyed Jesus, she would be a better person. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:17.

Because Jesus realized His enemy was the devil, He was able to say on the cross, "...Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do...." Luke 23: 34. He knew the Jews had listened to the enemy of their souls. They were held accountable for their actions, (Matt. 27:25) and Jesus felt sorry for these people. (Luke 23:28-31.) See the humble example of love Jesus set before us! He prayed for those that spitefully used Him. (Matt. 5:44.) These were not strangers to Him but they were people of His own kinfolks.

Jesus has always known that His enemy is the devil and his evil spirits. The devil also knows Jesus. (Matt. 8:29; Jas. 2:19.) Therefore, the battle is between Jesus, the Son of God, and the devil, the liar and destroyer. Men and women may choose who they want to obey just as Adam and Eve were able to choose in the very beginning.

When we enlist in the Lord's army, we are against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph. 6:12.) That means the devil is against us.

He does not care what method he uses, who he uses, nor how long it takes to tempt us away from the Lord's army. Therefore, we must be sober and watchful that we may discern when the devil is attacking. (I Pet. 5:8.)

Second Point: Jesus knows how to fight the battle.

Jesus knew how to combat the devil even after He was weak from fasting for 40 days and nights. (Matt. 4:1-11.) When the devil tempted Him, Jesus quoted scripture against the evil temptation. Then the devil used a scripture to tempt Jesus, but Jesus knew it contradicted God's Holy Spirit. The Word and the Spirit will agree and defend the right. By these two witnesses, Jesus defeated the devil and so can we. A wise soldier will study the Word of God and through intercession by the Holy Spirit keep an open communication with our Commander, Jesus Christ. In other words, pray without ceasing.

In Ephesians, the sixth chapter, we are instructed how to "dress" for battle and how to prepare. We must have the shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. It is crucial that a soldier learns what weapons are available and how to use them. Fiery darts of accusations from the devil can cause discouragement and a spiritual casualty if the shield of faith is not raised to quench the darts. Verse sixteen states that ALL the fiery darts shall be quenched by the shield of faith. We must have faith to please God.

One time Jesus reproved the disciples for their little faith to cast out the devil in a child. (Matt. 17:14-21.) Afterwards he told them that they should have fasted and prayed to receive an answer to this prayer. They had not given enough love and time to the need. Jesus has the loving power it takes to move mountains—do we?

We can touch the throne of God and receive answers when we have true love for others and our hearts condemn us not. (I John 3:21-24.) Some battles must be fought in unity with other brothers and sisters in the Lord. True love will bring this unity that the prayer of faith be not hindered. Our Savior had the ultimate love in that He laid down His life for His friends. (John 15:13.)

Our warfare is not natural but spiritual and so our weapons are spiritual also. The

more we study the Word, pray to Jesus, love others, and obey the Holy Spirit, the stronger we grow in the battle. Faithful use of these weapons sends the devil on the run in the fight of right and wrong.

Third Point: Jesus gives us the victory.

Our flesh likes to think that we win every time our prayers are answered the way we want them to be. This causes an inner conflict between the flesh and the Holy Spirit that will hinder a victory. We must keep lust and our personal desires under subjection in order to know God's will and be led by Him. (I Cor. 9:27.)

Jesus put His flesh under subjection in the Garden of Gethsemane when He prayed, "Father, not my will but thine be done." Matt. 26:39. When Jesus humbled Himself and submitted to God, He won the victory. No longer did He feel an inner pull to weaken but He trusted God to do with Him as God planned. He became willing to suffer the shame of the cross. The pain and rejection was then easier to bear because His trust was in God and the hope that was set before Him. (Heb. 12:2.)

Jesus' victory was won when He humbly submitted to God's will, but the glory of His victory was when He arose from the tomb. Jesus became more than a conqueror and so can we when we follow His example of humility. The more we yield to God's Holy Spirit—doing the opposite of what the flesh wants—the higher we climb spiritually. We become stronger and the trials get harder but in this way we win bigger victories and gain more courage to press onward and upward. Then our life praises the Lord and we bless others. Just like Jesus, we become more than conquerors. Humility and trust are keys to victory and higher ground.

As we continue to press onward and upward, let us remember the promises given to the faithful soldiers of God. Not only can we claim victory over the devil and all sin, but there is a final reward waiting. The song, "Press the Battle On" (#130 in the Evening Light Songs) proclaims the last glorious victory.

"Forward, forward, There's a crown before,
See it shining on that heavenly shore,
We shall wear it when the conflict's o'er—
The prize is waiting, press the battle on."

A Lesson From Two Fathers

One of my earliest interests was my father's bookcase with all its delightful volumes. Daddy often read aloud to his family, but I looked forward to the day when I would be old enough to go to school and learn to read, so that I might better share in his pleasure in the books.

No doubt Daddy was just as eager for that day of more complete sharing as he let me look at the pictures and illustrations in some of the books, somehow trusting my childish fingers to use the necessary care for proper handling. Of course, I was taught that certain rules went with this privilege and that I must abide by them.

One of my favorites was a book profusely illustrated by a well-known artist whose drawings even a child could enjoy. I looked through this book often.

A pencil was another thing that I needed to make life complete. I needed one for endless scribbling and to balance over an ear as I had seen Daddy do. Again my parents granted my wish and gave me a tiny stub of a pencil—and necessary rules to protect the walls and other things from my "literary" efforts.

All went well for some time, and then one day while looking at my favorite book, I was overcome by temptation. I marked on several of the illustrations and even some of the text.

My act was immediately discovered and the book was taken away. Daddy took the pencil from my guilty fingers and said, sadly, "Pearl is just not old enough to know how to use a pencil properly."

He tossed the poor little stub into the fire and it was consumed before my eyes. I did not know that on a recent trip to town he had purchased a new pencil especially for me. At that very moment it reposed in a compartment of his desk, waiting for the moment when he could present it to me. But this was certainly not the time.

Like Cain, I thought my punishment more than I could bear. But even greater than the loss of the book and of my cherished pencil, was the knowledge that I had broken my father's rules and betrayed his trust.

At my first opportunity, I got the book down from the shelf again and tried to erase the marks that I had made. I had no eraser, but used a dampened fingertip to rub the spots. I succeeded in removing some of the marks—along with the print and even some of the paper. My mother rescued the book at this point and explained that the marks must remain just as I had made them, lest I do even greater damage.

Only a few days later, Daddy seated himself at his desk and opened it to reveal all the fascinating pigeon-holes, nooks and crevices that so enticed me. As usual, I gravitated toward this center of interest and he had only to speak to have me up in his lap. He asked if I had learned my lesson and I assured him that I had. Then he gave me the new pencil that he had so desired to give me all that time. Perhaps his joy was even greater than mine, but my joy seemed complete. I had been restored to Daddy's confidence, for he had demonstrated his forgiveness by trusting me again with his books and a pencil of my very own.

A few years ago, when it became necessary to divide the household things after the death of our parents, you may be sure that one thing I really cherished was that battered old book. Today those pages still bear the scars of my disobedience, but also call back the memories of a loving and forgiving father.

What a picture, in a small way, of our loving heavenly Father! He too is eager for the day when He can share the blessings of His heavenly kingdom with His children. He grants us

daily previews of some of those blessings while we are not able yet to grasp the whole of them. He has provided the Unspeakable Gift for us and eagerly awaits the time when He can bestow it on our penitent hearts.

How useless it is for us to try to erase our own sins! Though some scars may remain as reminders to us, our Heavenly Father forgives and forgets them and restores us to His confidence and trust. All praise to His matchless name! And a special thank-you for the Christian fathers in this world who help us to better understand the love of the heavenly Father!

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