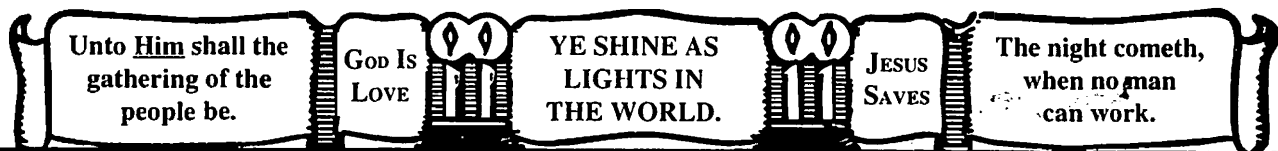


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Glorifying God

By Sis. Linda Clevenger

What do we think of when we speak of glorifying God? We think of lifting Him up. Vines dictionary defines the word *glorify* as: magnify, extol, praise, ascribing honor to Him, acknowledging Him as to His being and attributes. The revelation and manifestation of all that He has and is.

How many ways can we glorify the Father which is in heaven? In order to know how to glorify God we must know that it is the opposite of glorifying oneself. If we were to replace God's name with ours, taking on the definition above, what do we have to offer that can gain the honor, praise, acknowledgment and manifestation of all that we are? We have nothing to offer the souls of mankind but God. If we do anything with the intentions of self-glorification it will not be to glorify God but us.

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All Sufficient

*When I am tired, the Bible is my bed;
Or in the dark, the Bible is my light;
When I am hungry, it is vital bread;
Or fearful, it is armor for the fight.*

*When I am sick, 'tis healing medicine;
Or lonely, thronging friends I find therein.
If I would work, the Bible is my tool;
Or play, it is a harp of happy sound.*

*If I am arrogant, it is my school.
If I am sinking, it is solid ground.
If I am cold, the Bible is my fire;
And it is wings, if boldly I aspire.*

*Should I be lost, the Bible is my guide;
Or naked, it is raiment rich and warm.
Am I imprisoned, it is ranges wide;
Or tempest-tossed, a shelter from the storm.*

*Would I adventure, 'tis a gallant sea;
Or would I rest, it is a flowery lea.
Does gloom oppress? The Bible is a sun,
Or ugliness? It is a garden fair.*

*Am I athirst? How cool its currents run!
Or stifled? What a vivifying air!
Since thus thou givest of thyself to me,
How should I give myself great Book to thee!*

—Author unknown

—Submitted by Bro. Stanley Dickson

Glorifying God

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In John 15:4-5, 8 Jesus says, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Verse 8, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." What is the fruit that He is talking about? Righteousness! Herein is the Father glorified, if you bear much *righteousness*. We have no righteousness unless we abide in Him. Our righteousness is His righteousness, which is a manifestation of God.

What are some ways we can bear much righteousness? I Peter 2:11-12 says, "Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." My Bible referred to *honest conversation* as honorable conduct. That we behave ourselves in such a way that would bring honor to God. This kind of conduct comes from abiding in Him and is a part of the good works (righteousness) that we bear, which magnifies Him. The people that witness this behavior have seen God, not us. Isn't it a beautiful thought that we can be an instrument for God to play on that people may see Him and know who He is!

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5: 14-16. The good works that we do are a manifestation of God. We know that all things that are good come from God and it is because we know Him that we can perform good works. It's because we've experienced His love that we are able to show others who He is and let our light shine.

There are many ways to shine our light: helping, encouraging, praying, visiting and saying a kind word to a stranger. We are all in

contact with all kinds of people needing to see the Lord. When people can see God, they will be drawn to Him but only by seeing Him. Have you ever done something for someone and they say "I appreciate that?" They have had a little taste of our wonderful Lord and all that He is and stands for.

Now I'll ask the question, are we really willing to glorify the Father? I Corinthians 6:20 says, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." This scripture says we are bought with a price and we are not our own. Adam Clarke referred to this as a servant who has been purchased by his master. We were bought by the blood of Jesus; we are not our own. We are His property. As the servant is bound to use all his skill and diligence for the salary of his master, so we should employ body, soul and spirit in the service of the Lord, promoting by every means in our power the honor and glory of our God who is our Master. The price that we were bought with is told in John 12:24-28. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

Not only did Jesus literally give His life for the cause of God but He gave Himself for us. This was the price. He said, "If any man serve me, let him follow me...." Follow Him where? Do we know where Jesus has been to glorify the Father? Jesus was so willing to deny Himself and give His life that people might know His Father and Him glorified. Through the blood of Jesus being shed for our sins He not only glorified God, because God gave Him the strength to endure, but that sinful man could have salvation and that a wicked life could be changed. Only by the power of God and a willing heart can that kind of change be brought about in a person's heart and life. It glorifies God when people see what He has done in someone's life.

The reason people are drawn to God is because they see Him, not His face but His image, that is visible in people who are willing to deny themselves so God will be seen through them.

Some other ways to think about seeing God is in affliction, trials, loving your enemies and your neighbor as yourself. The unity of God's people is a major one. How can so many people all get along so well and love each other?! We know it is a witness of God because it can only be done through Him. Testifying, healing and little answers to prayer all show who God is and how He feels about us.

Let's remember that we are only instruments for God. If we compare ourselves with a guitar, sure it's pretty to look at, but the only way it can be of any use is for someone to play it. It takes someone who is experienced to make a pretty sound with it. The only One who knows how to play us is the Lord. We don't know how to do it but God can and the beautiful music that He wants to flow out of our lives is Glory to God. It is the only sound He will make from us. Lord help us to be the instruments that God can play and that He may glorify Himself through our lives and draw men unto Him.



Thy Servant Heareth

By Sis. Anita Adams

A few Sunday's ago the Lord brought to mind several that He called by name. Some of them recognized His voice and others didn't. The challenge the Lord gave me was that I would hear Him and respond when He called my name.

Adam and Eve heard the Lord looking for them in the cool of the evening and hid because they had disobeyed. If disobedience is in our life, we may hear God calling our name but won't respond because we are guilty. God found them and they still received their punishment. Oh may we respond to God when He calls our name even if we are guilty. The saying "be sure your sins will find you out," is very true and God sees and knows all things. We can't hide from Him.

Samuel heard the Lord calling and was willing to answer but at first didn't recognize that it was God. Do we have the relationship with God that we know His voice? Jesus said, "...and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." Samuel is a very beautiful example of the way we should respond to God calling our name. When Eli told him that it must have been the Lord calling him, he lay back down and waited for the Lord to say his name again. This time he said, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." What a pliable, submissive attitude!

Saul heard the Lord call his name on the road to Damascus and once again we find someone who didn't know for sure who was talking to him. When he did, though, he humbled himself and did exactly what God told him to do. But of all the incidents that the Lord brought to my mind, Ananias', was the most challenging to me.

Acts 9:10-17 says, "And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, **Behold, I am here, Lord.** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,...Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:...But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles,...And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

Here we find a man very much acquainted with the Lord. He was listening when the Lord called his name and knew that it was the Lord speaking to him. He wasn't guilty like Adam and Eve for his response was, "I am here, Lord." Once he was sure he fully understood what the Lord wanted of him, even though it was a dangerous task, he followed through with the Lord's bidding. And look at the blessings we have today because Ananias prayed for one called Saul of Tarsus. We wouldn't have at least half of the New Testament had Saul not been converted and had his name changed to Paul. We don't hear much more about Ananias after that but it was so vital that Ananias was in the place God wanted him and was listening for the Lord to call his name. I truly want to be in my place, able to recognize the voice of the Lord and listening when He calls my name. Pray for me.

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"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."

Psalm 42:5. Despair is a pitiful state for the mind to be in. It is a deep pit that imprisons the very soul and causes all happiness and joy to disappear. Thoughts become

focused on self and darkness and gloom become a constant companion.

There have been many that have endured very stressful, depressing times—even God's people have felt at times that He has forgotten or forsaken them because of the difficult situations that have come their way. Sometimes this condition is brought on by sin and mistakes and at other times people fall into these hard places through no fault of their own.

The Bible has many examples of God's people who have been in difficult situations and some were at the point of despair before God brought deliverance. Joseph was sold to the Ishmeelites by his brothers and later in Egypt he was imprisoned for sexual crimes that he did not commit. Moses had to flee for his life after slaying the Egyptian that was abusing the Hebrew slaves. Later when Moses was leading the children of Israel out of Egypt and they came to the Red Sea with Pharaoh's army behind them the people began to cry unto the Lord and unto Moses saying, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?" His leadership position put him between God's timing for deliverance and the people who were in despair. Job was in a terrible condition. He had lost his possessions and his body was covered with painful boils and his body wanted him to curse God and die. Jonah disobeyed God and was thrown into the sea to perish. After Elijah slew the prophets of the idol, Baal, and Queen Jezebel swore to slay him, he went into hiding and even asked God to take away his life. David was in many close places and was hunted by King Saul. The disciples were on the sea in a ship when a serious storm came up. Peter denied the Lord and was in the depths of soul-agony during the Lord's crucifixion. Paul faced many hardships and even shipwreck. He spoke

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of some of those hardships in II Corinthians 1:8, "For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life." There are many others that could be noted and probably have already come to your mind.

Throughout this list of examples there is something in common. The Lord brought deliverance. The circumstances looked very dark for each one but they were men of faith and they were calling on God and He did not forsake them even in their darkest moments. He spoke comfort to some, He sent angels to minister to some and He delivered them all. Even Jesus felt forsaken, and God allowed Him to die painfully by the hands of His tormentors, but death was not His end. God raised Him back to Life and He is alive forevermore! The Lord's mercy is very great.

Wicked King Manassah, who caused Judah and Jerusalem to do worse than the heathens that God destroyed before Israel inhabited that land, would not listen to the voice of the Lord. So the Lord allowed him to be bound with fetters and carried into Babylon a captive. Notice how merciful the Lord was. "And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God." II Chronicles 33:12-13.

By knowing how God has forgiven wicked sinners and restored them to fellowship with the Lord and how He has answered prayer for His people in the past should give each of us courage in whatever situation we may find ourselves in. May God help us to anchor our hope firmly in Him and never yield to the despair that satan whispers in our ear.

If there is sin in your life, you should first repent of the sin with godly sorrow. Unforgiven sin will place a barrier between you and your holy, righteous, heavenly Father. It will subject you to His fierce wrath and eventually cause you to be cast into outer darkness where all is despair and hope is totally extinguished. But if we will repent and allow the blood of Jesus to atone for our sin, then we are one of His children and are given the wonderful privilege of bringing

our needs to the Lord in prayer. We can safely commit our life into the hands of a faithful creator and He will give us glorious testimonies of His deliverance.

Many of you have probably already had experiences that have been direct answers to prayer. God is pleased when you testify of His mighty works. When those testimonies come from a heart that is truly thankful the whole body of Christ is encouraged and blessed and the name of the Lord is magnified before the skeptic and unbeliever.

We enjoy reading about the way the Lord delivered and answered prayer for our grandparents and made a way for those who lived years ago. But I am thankful God is still on His throne and is answering the prayers of His people today! We are living in an exciting time for the Church of God. I believe the Lord is moving in ways that would probably surprise us and we need to examine ourselves more carefully to see that we are pure and truly have His righteousness in our life so He can use us in a greater way to be vessels of mercy showing His light and grace to the world about us and bringing a message of hope and deliverance to every soul who is crushed under oppressive bondage. We can be "on the winning side with Jesus!"

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The Lord has blessed us to be able to publish another quarterly edition of the *Beautiful Way* Sunday School materials and *Bible Lessons*. The two permit mailings were placed in the mail on September 16th and 17th. It is our prayer that they will be an encouragement and a help to the saints of God and motivate spiritual growth among His people.

The lesson titles are, The Gospel Brought to the Philippians, The Gospel Witness to the Philippians, Paul's Joy and Love for the Saints at Philippi, The Promotion and Defense of the Gospel, Righteous Fruit Amid Sufferings in the Flesh, The Mind Which was in Christ Jesus, Shining and Holding Forth the Word of Life, Timothy, Paul's Son in the Gospel, Other Companions and Helpers of Paul, Counting All Things but Loss for Christ, Pressing Toward the Mark, A Recipe for a Quiet and Peaceable Life and The Blessing of Faithful Support.

If you would like a subscription to the *Bible Lessons* or *Beautiful Way* please let us know. The price for either publication is \$5.00 per year or \$1.25 per quarter.

The book *The Double Cure or Redemption Twofold* by D. O. Teasley has been reprinted after being out of stock for some time. The book is printed and assembled. It is now ready to be bound and should be ready for distribution by the time you receive this paper. We are thrilled to be able to present this excellent book to our readers again.

For those who are seriously seeking the fullness of the plan of God for their lives this 160 page book would be a valuable aid. It clearly gives an understanding of the need for a "double cure"—the remedy for man's acquired sins and for his native depravity. It is bound in a heavy paper cover and has a price of only \$3.50. Standard shipping charges of \$1.25 apply to mailed copies. Be sure to let us know if you would like a copy sent to you.

We have been hearing reports of the devastation that has occurred in the Cayman Islands from hurricane Ivan. Sis. Aneza Jackson from the city of Savannah, Grand Cayman visited us here at the Print Shop recently. They left the Island just before the hurricane hit and they still have family members on the Island. Their chapel, located in Savannah, was destroyed along with the property of many of the local residents. The island has been closed to foreigners at this time. Remember the Lord's people there that have suffered loss and damage. Sis. Aneza said "If one more soul will be saved because of this it will be worth it." May God grant her desire and may it be increased to many souls.

While the tent meeting in Danville, KY was in progress the enclosed trailer that carries the tent and other equipment necessary to support the meetings was stolen. The tent was set up at the time of the theft. The tent meetings are about over for this season but it should be made a matter of prayer that the needs for this essential ministry will be supplied. May the Lord bless those who have labored in this important work and may their efforts be rewarded with the gospel being opened into new areas and many souls being added to the kingdom of God.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey
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"But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." Matthew 25:4.



FL—Remember Bro. Richard Monkman in prayer. He is having severe pain believed to be caused from sciatic nerve trouble.

—Sis Sarah Monkman

OK—Bro. Sam and Sis. Sharon Sorrell are in need of the help of the Lord in their battle of affliction.

OK—Do remember wife, she is having more problems with her heart. She wants to trust God till He takes her to that heavenly home.

—Bro. T. V. McMillian

CA—I want to express my heart-felt thanks and appreciation to all who prayed for me and helped to support me in the lengthy illness and passing of my beloved husband, Bro. Hubert Corteway. May the Lord richly reward all of you. I would appreciate your continued remembrance of me in your prayers for comfort and strength in the great loss and sorrow I am passing through and for the healing and help that I need in my body and soul. In Christian love,

—Sis. Elizabeth Corteway

Standing Prayer Requests

Carlos Arriago

Sis. Mamie Butcher

Sis. Helen Carson

Sis. Waneta Creel

Sis. Elaine Dunn

Sis. Evelyn Fredrickson

Bro. Troy Gentry

Bro. Jeff Gutwein

Bro. Robert Hetland

Bro. Lee Hilton

Bro. Doyle LaCroix

The Lounds Sisters

Sis. Ruth McMakin

Sis. Marie Mitchell

Sis. Melba Powell

Sis. Anna Severs

Sis. Catherine Shaffer

The Mitch Taylor family

MEETING DATES

Four Corners, OK (Revival)—October 10-17
Guthrie, OK, (Revival)—October 10-17
Holly Hill, SC (Fall Revival)—October 10-17
Baldy Mesa, CA (Fall Revival)—October 15-17
Sapulpa, OK (Revival)—October 20-24
Fresno, CA (Revival)—October 31-November 7
Jefferson, OR (Revival)—November 10-14
Loranger, LA (Assembly Meeting)—Nov. 24-28
Miami, FL (Revival)—December 1-4
Oklahoma State (Guthrie)—Dec. 25, p.m.-Jan. 2

MEETING NOTICES

FOUR CORNERS, OK, REVIVAL

Bro. Larry Abbot has felt a burden to hold a revival at Four Corners, OK, Oct. 10-17. Services will be nightly at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. For further information contact Bro. Ivan Eck (620) 922-3327.

GUTHRIE, OK, REVIVAL

Lord willing, Bro. Bob Wilson will be with the saints at Guthrie, OK for revival services October 10-17. Services will be nightly at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information contact Bro. Stanley Dickson (405) 260-8822.

HOLLY HILL, SC, FALL REVIVAL

Lord willing, the Holly Hill, SC Fall Revival will be held from Sunday, October 10 - Sunday, October 17, 2004. Services on the first Sunday will be 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Services during the week will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. There will be one service held at 10:00 a.m. on the final Sunday of the meeting unless the Lord leads otherwise.

We would like to extend a hearty invitation to all who would like to attend. All are welcome and each one will be accommodated. If you plan to attend and would like to stay on the church grounds please call Sis. Beverly Pratt at 803-496-3057. If you need directions, motel phone numbers or other information, please call Bro. Floyd Crummie at (803) 496-5768 or Bro. Tommie Platt at (803) 496-5414.

Most of all, please pray for this meeting. We need the anointing of the Holy Spirit in our services and we rely upon His leading and direction in everything that is to be said and done. May He have His perfect will and way in every part of this meeting is our prayer.

BALDY MESA, CA, FALL REVIVAL

Baldy Mesa Church of God is anticipating God's divine blessings in our fall revival. Please join us with your prayers and your presence, October 15-17, 2004.

Friday—Evening worship 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Session I 12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m. & Session II 1:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Meal & Youth Activities following. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Sunday—Sunday school 10:00 a.m., Morning worship 11:00 a.m., Meal Served, Afternoon worship 2:30 p.m.

Church of God (chapel location), 11515 Baldy Mesa Rd., Baldy Mesa, CA 92392. Church of God (mailing address), P.O. Box 290861, Phelan, CA 92329.

Bro. Travis and Sis. Alice Johnson, Pastors, (760) 956-6330 or (760) 261-2564.

SAPULPA, OK, REVIVAL

The Sapulpa Road congregation at 8500 Frankoma Road extend a hearty WELCOME to everyone for our Fall Revival, October 20 - 24th, Wednesday through Friday night at 7 p.m. On Saturday there will be a singing beginning at 6 p.m.. and continuing through the evening as the Lord leads; refreshments will be served afterwards and we will serve dinner on Sunday after the 10:45 a.m. service. Bro. Jerry and Sis. Lynette Melot will be with us. Come believing God to give you a special blessing. For further information call Bro. James Bell at 247-4579.

FRESNO, CA, FALL REVIVAL

The Church of God congregation of Fresno, CA extends a hearty welcome to all to attend our Fall Revival starting Sunday, October 31 through November 7, 2004.

On Sunday, October 31st, Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., Morning worship at 10:30 a.m., Afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. and Night service at 7:00 p.m. Through the week the services will be nightly at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, November 7th Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. and Afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.

Pray with us that there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in every service and that souls will receive the help that is needed for both saints and sinners.

To locate the chapel when coming from the north on Hwy. 99, take the Belmont exit, go east three miles to First Street, turn right and go two

blocks to Grant. The chapel is on First and Grant. Coming from the south, take the Venture exit, go east to First Street and turn left and go to Grant. The address of the chapel is 388 North First Street.

For further information contact Sis. Dannella Taylor at (559) 348-9029 or Bro. Eric Carter at (559) 292-8217. The chapel phone number is (559) 486-9977.

LORANGER, LA, ASSEMBLY MEETING

Lord willing this meeting will begin Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. November 24th, with services daily through Sunday, November 28th. Come for a blessing and please support this meeting with your prayers. There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Please bring your own sheets and linens if possible. Power and water hook-ups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings.

From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy. 40. For those traveling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit. (Take Hwy. 442 east which runs into Hwy. 40.)

For more information write Bro. Nelson Doolittle, 51367 Narretto Rd., Loranger, LA 70446. Phone (985) 878-6111. The chapel phone is (985) 878-2788.

MIAMI, FL, REVIVAL

You are welcome to attend the Miami, FL Revival meeting that is scheduled to be held December 1-4. Services will be nightly at 7:30 p.m. The chapel is located at 235 NW 47th St., Miami, FL. For further information you may contact Bro. Charles Clay (305) 235-4271, Bro. Lester Walker (305) 253-8512 or Bro. Kenneth Baxter (786) 554-8833.

SPECIAL NOTICES

BEDS NEEDED

Due to an unfortunate theft, the Boley congregation is in need of at least 6 cots with mattresses for our men's and women's dormitories. If you have any extra cots or small beds that you would be willing to donate, or if you feel a burden to help with this need, it would be greatly appreciated. You may correspond with Sis. Savannah King, Rt. 1, Box 49, Boley, OK 74829, or contact her by phone at (918) 667-3654 home, (918) 667-3392 work.



LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

OK—Dear Bro. Willie: Greetings in the name of Jesus, the One that loved and washed us from our sins in His own blood. I have been encouraged here of late thinking about the song number 438 in the *Evening Light Songs* book where it mentions "His blood is all my plea, it speaks before the throne." Also song number 484, "The Love of God," says in the third verse, "Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made: Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, And ev'ry man a scribe by trade: To write the love of God above, Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky." His love has given hope to us while here in this world and will extend to eternity, world without end. It will give us a place in the beautiful city where the Lamb is the light. There we will enjoy His love forever and forever. "Won't it be wonderful there!"

This is what it means to be "rich toward God." His love is worth more than all earthly riches. (Luke 12:21, Mark 8:36.)

Your brother in Christ, —T. V. McMillian

CA—Dear Bro. Willie: I have been going to write this testimony for a couple of weeks now to tell of the wonderful mercy and healing that the Lord has done for me. For quite sometime now I have had a horrible pain in the right side of my upper gums and jaw. I have held on for the Lord to heal me if He saw fit and thank the Lord, He has done that wonderful thing for me. He is truly a wonderful Savior. At times I was so discouraged, but thank the Lord for His wonderful healing grace.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Doris Pihaylic

KS—Dear Bro. Willie: We thank the Lord for His recent protection of my husband, Herschel. In the course of his job it was necessary for him to spend several hours suspended about 120 feet down in a grain bin, hanging on a cable swing. He was winched up by one man and then he in turn winched the other man up. The other man weighs close to 300 pounds and Herschel

was calling out to the Lord for strength to make it. The Lord was good to us, to say the least!

—Sis. Jeanne Eck
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OK—To *testify* means to bear witness or affirm something as truth. A witness is one who saw, heard or knows by personal presence. When the Lord gives a great victory in answer to His people's prayers the enemy would like to keep it as quiet as possible or minimize what God has done. But I would like to encourage the saints who have been in the battle with us during Dora's last sickness by sharing my testimony. You were there in spirit through your prayers; I was privileged to personally witness God's goodness and great power evidenced as a result of those prayers.

Minutes after Dora's hard fall that broke her hip Bro. Delmar Wilkins came and had his mechanic with him. They thought they were coming to check out a problem Dora was having with her van but the Lord sent them for another purpose. They were able to help Dora into the house. Bro. Delmar knew Dora's firm stand to trust the Lord totally. He was there to contact the children and saints instead of 911. This confirmed my belief that God's eye is always on His trusting children.

I witnessed Dora sleeping peacefully when sleep would naturally have been impossible due to the severe break in her hip in addition to the constant agony of arthritis in almost every joint in her body. God, I'm convinced, is the ultimate anesthetist; He controls our pain when we trust Him explicitly.

There were times when Dora would become nauseous or extremely uncomfortable since she had to lie on her back in one position. Her care necessitated moving her. This caused great pain. Often the call would come for prayer before they began working with her. Not long after they would report that the Lord did undertake; it was not as bad as they'd feared and she was resting again. I am even more persuaded that there is great power in united prayer!

I saw the proof of God's promise in Psalm 41. In the first verse He says that He will bless those who consider the poor and deliver them in time of trouble. The hardest part of Dora's affliction with arthritis was that she could no longer help others. She loved to nurse the sick and was right there to help day and night as long as she was able. She knew just how to make their bed so they would be as comfortable as possible. God did not fail to "make her bed" in her last sick-

ness. She was surrounded by the love, concern and prayers of her children and the saints.

When Dora seemed especially weary and the enemy was trying to discourage and depress her, the words of a song or scripture would quickly revive her spirit. Usually after someone read just a few words Dora would quote the rest of the scripture or song from memory. Throughout her life she hid the Word in her heart and believed the messages of inspired songs. In her time of great need she drew strength and courage from this treasure. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63. I witnessed that!

Dora's constant request was that we pray for God to take her home. Songs about heaven would make her even more homesick. God granted that request after letting her suffer a while longer. I do not doubt that God works with perfect precision. Just reminding Dora that God was also answering her request to be a blessing to others made her willing to wait and suffer as long as He saw best.

It is hard to lose a loved one and we will miss Dora greatly. But she preached a powerful message through her steadfast faith, determination to make heaven her home and faithfulness in great suffering. After witnessing God's great love, tender care and faithfulness to Dora, my prayer is "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his (hers)!" Numbers 23:10.

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell



Grace for Each Moment

He does not lead me year to year
Nor even day by day.
But step by step my path unfolds,
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute.
But He will say, "This is the way."
By faith now walk ye in it.

And I am glad that it is so,
Today's enough to bear.
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret
The God who gave His Son,
Holds all my moments in His hand
And gives them one by one.

—Anonymous



Dora Cornelia (Freeman) Doolittle was born to Edward and Kate Freeman in Wesson, Mis on September 3, 1931. She and her sister Nora M. Reeves were identical twins.

Sis. Dora passed from this life to be with the Lord on September 10, 2004 at her home in Guthrie at the age of 73 years.

On July 10, 1951 she was united in marriage to Dale Doolittle. To this union seven children were born.

At an early age Dora had a tenderness in her heart to the Lord. She repeatedly testified of how her family met the saints when she was 12 years old. At that time she was saved and never lost her desire to please the Lord with her life.

On August 25, Sister Dora fell and broke her hip. She was taken to the hospital but chose to return home, placing herself in the hands of God. The Lord was good to her in her last days of life. She had always expressed that she didn't want to get to the place where she would have to live in a nursing home. The Lord granted her desire. In her last days of life she was surrounded by her family and those who loved her. Those who were with her witnessed a beautiful inner peace. On September 9th she began to decline and the Lord took her to her final home the following morning. In her last hours of life she witnessed to her family and expressed her desire that they all be together in heaven.

Sis. Dora was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Kate Freeman, her brother, Earl Freeman, one son, Gary Lynn Doolittle and a granddaughter, Christa Deanne Doolittle. She is survived by her husband, Dale Doolittle of Guthrie, Ok, two siblings, Nora M. Reeves of Magnolia, MS and Ellis Freeman of McComb, MS and six children, Irma Sallee of Guthrie, Mancil & Shirley Doolittle of Green Bank, WV. Dan & Cheryl Doolittle of Guthrie, Larry Doolittle

of Pierce City, MO, Ron Doolittle of Oklahoma City, and Sandy & Mike Anderson of Guthrie; 29 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the church of God chapel in Guthrie, OK on September 13, 2004. The officiating ministers were Bro. Stan Dickson, Bro. Michael Smith, and Bro. Carl Shaffer. Burial was at Summit View cemetery, Guthrie, OK.

Note of Thanks

We express our heartfelt appreciation to every one for your love and support through prayers, cards, flowers, meals and phone calls. We also thank each one for the concern and burden you have carried for Sis. Dora through the years. She will be greatly missed. Please continue to remember Bro. Dale in your prayers that the Lord will strengthen and uphold him.

—The Dale Doolittle family

Grandma's Prayer

By Bro. Clint Doolittle

She was Grandma and so much more
The one who stands on yon' bright shore
And beckons to us yet down here,
Don't mourn, but see your conscience clear.

For I can but think of that last night
Before her soul to heav'n took flight
When in my ear she sweetly whispered,
Won't y'all come and meet me there?

For you see, that was her lifelong prayer—
One sometimes cried, sometimes spoken,
"Lord, may this circle be unbroken."

The memories of her love and care,
Even through affliction hard to bear,
Live in us still when times we recall
Spent with one who was loved by all.

And although I know it's her request
That we not cry but know 'twas best,
The place she held in every heart
No one can fill, or even start.

We knew we'd say our last good-byes
Someday and break these earthly ties.
Although it's hard, we rest assured,
O'er there she rests, and all is cured.

So may we find in this some strength,
And know she's waiting for us at length.
Lord help us take this torch and run
To fight the fight as she has done,

And make a vow with this our token—
Lord may this circle be unbroken.

George A. Hammond, 87, of Kenosha, WI and Guthrie, OK, passed away on Tuesday, August 24, 2004.

Born in Van Metre, SD on January 8, 1917, he was the son of the late George H. and Ella G. (Allison) Hammond.

He attended and graduated from the public school system in Murdo, SD. He later attended technical college in Chicago, IL and also attended Anderson College and Seminary, located in Anderson, IN, graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

He moved to Kenosha in 1962 and has lived in numerous localities throughout the Midwest.

He was employed as an electrician at Ladish and Tri-Clover companies for thirty-five years. He also served as a pastor and missionary with the Church of God for forty-four years. His life and legacy will be a source of inspiration to others by the memoirs he enjoyed writing.

In the 1970's he made several mission trips into the interior of Mexico with the Huskeys. He visited Bro. John Varghese in India and made several trips to the Philippines. He also helped Bro. Lawrence Pruitt at the Faith Publishing House. In later years he built a small block schoolhouse in a poor village of the Philippines in which classes are to start this year, Lord willing.

Surviving are a son, George A. Hammond, II of Round Lake Beach, IL; three daughters, Judith Scott and Georgeann (Paul) Whitworth, both of Anderson, IN and Merrily (Chuck) Lowe of Middletown, IN; ten grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill, and six sisters, Marie, Margie, Lillian, Agnes, Vera and Alice.

The graveside service for pastor and missionary, George A. Hammond was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 28, 2004, at Sunset Ridge Memorial Park in Somers, WI with Bro. Thomas Rivers officiating.



QUOTATIONS

Quotations from the General Southern Camp Meeting, Loranger, LA.

6/27 p. m.—Bro. Marty Clevenger: "I've seen signs saying, 'Beware of dog!' Owners put them up for two reasons: One is to warn us. Two is so if we get bitten it's not the owner's fault. So God also warns us."

6/28 a.m.—Bro. Gordon Humphrey "It's a wonderful thing for the Holy Spirit to come in and work with us...If we don't work together, it's going to be confusing to the people around us."

6/28 p.m.—Bro. Larry Abbott: "Mercy combined with truth makes a man kind as well as honest. It makes us benevolent as well as upright." "Religion is the true foundation of morality...omissions soon make place for commissions every time."

6/29 a.m.—Bro. Toney Samons: "How do you come to prayer meeting on Wednesday night? Do you come expecting or enduring?" "You know, I don't think that there's any higher call that we have than to take someone under our wings and help them grow up."

6/30 a.m.—Bro. Marty Clevenger: "You haven't got the resources to go through this life and be accepted into heaven without Me."

6/30 p.m.—Bro. Toney Samons: "(The enemy) starts with indoctrination...it can change and adjust our thinking...it can change the way we believe. We live in a culture that is indoctrinated day by day by philosophies of men....satan would love to have us as souvenirs—something he can hold up and show."

7/1 a.m.—Bro. James White: (Comparing electricity to salvation) "...I always wanted to be more kind ...I put in for that!It was out there on that transformer; all I had to do was put in for it...If there's any spiritual appliance that's come on the market that I haven't got yet, I want to put in for it."

Bro. Michael Williamson: (In an exhortation following Bro. White) "There are shadows in all light in the world, even moonlight. We are constantly dealing with the ineffectiveness of light. We can't comprehend a light with no shadow of turning. He dwells in a light we can't approach unto....I believe that's a part of heaven—to see *all* the power of God. In Him is *no darkness at all.*"

7/2 a.m.—Bro. Marty Clevenger: "I want to tell you men, 'Don't ever run your wife down. Because you're running your own manhood down when you do.'" "Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house...Pornography destroys... it does not in any way have anything to do with manhood. We've got to stay away from the filthiness of it." "We need sisters who are building an ark to the saving of their families."

The Family That Prays

By Bro. Toney and Sis. Jeanie Samons

IX. ADOLESCENCE

II Timothy 3:15 says that "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in the Lord Jesus Christ."

If in the early years of training our children we have pointed them to God and His plan of salvation, hopefully at the stage of adolescence they will realize this as their opportunity to accept the Lord and let Him work a miracle in their disturbed emotions and upheavals of life. This time of life is perhaps one of the most difficult for parent and child because you are seeing changes in them that are not easily detected, such as the misbehaviors of early childhood. These are subtle changes in personality and emotions that are not easily defined and dealt with. The adolescent is having to deal with the adjustment of going from a stage of innocence and dependency to the deeper elements of life; namely, "growing up." It is not fun for them. And in today's world they are also having to cope with the extreme exposure to sin on every street corner. This exposure increases the risk of the conscience being battered even before it is spiritually awakened. What an awesome responsibility for the parent to build that bridge to help them cross over. It is one that too often is not built and the way is left for the child to find his own way over the great chasm. And it is impossible for them to find their way alone.

But even under the influence of a godly home and good Bible based teaching adolescents feel threatened because of the traumatic awareness thrust upon them at this age. It seems a tender age, those years of 11-14, when these youth are suddenly made aware of inner feelings and struggles they have never experienced before. They often react through moodiness, irritability and resistance to authority. Even more shocking to a parent is when they erupt at times and say hurtful things to you or others. Be aware that sin-awareness often accompanies self-awareness, so they are being tempted in areas they do not even understand. Do not be shocked but try to understand that

they are not deliberately trying to be defiant or rebellious but need to be tempered in the right way. Never make them feel that they are "terrible" or even worse "hopeless" but always guide them right back to the Word and understanding of this stage they are passing through. And remember it is a stage. This too shall pass but not without your help. Do not choose to overlook this time that is so real to them. Pray about wisdom to deal with it properly and with God's approval. It is not always immediately successful but if you pursue these years with diligence they will reap rewards, be assured. If you can help them to come to a real experience with God where they can experience the grace of God and the forgiveness of the Lord it will be such an enlightening experience for you both. We have seen it happen many times; that transformation take place after so much struggle and fight. A new person emerges through a connection with God. Daily point them to it without nagging and shoving. So much heartache can be spared in a home by this awareness of the needs of the adolescent. Walk them through it.

It is not easy to protect your children in the evil society we live in today. Something as innocent as a walk through the mall can be very enlightening to someone whose heart and mind are opening up to new things. Exposure has to come to some degree but be very cautious about how much is necessary and how much pressure can be spared for that struggling youth. The media, music, magazines and books are full of the unhealthy input into your children's minds. Help them to avoid this kind of influence by setting strong guidelines for them and helping them to follow them. Do not put the responsibility on them entirely. They still need you. It is a perfect time to instruct them in the Biblical standards of purity in conduct and dress. Do not be afraid to be specific; the world is educating in the wrong way. Educate them in the right way. One teacher aptly stated that you should spend twice the time instructing youth from 11-14 years of age as the other stages of life.

Boys do not talk about their changes as easily as girls. They have immense growth

sprouts in body and appetite. Deal with that part of it humorously if possible but make them feel "normal" in these changes. It is not so easy to deal with boys emotionally because they are not comfortable with it and generally neither are the fathers who should be working with them. So sometimes it is avoided and disregarded as not a necessary part of their lives. What a shame when this is such an important time for that adolescent boy. Fathers, deal directly with that son so they will not have needless fears about themselves and counteract the education they are bound to receive from their peers through degraded and perverted stories and jokes. Encourage that son to talk openly and honestly about his feelings. He will only do this if you do not make him feel guilty about what he confides in you. If a father is unavailable for a boy, mothers, seek out a godly male influence and ask for assistance in accountability for your son. It is so important. Mothers can help their sons up to a point but male influence is very needful at this point in their lives.

Girls deal with the physical changes with mixed emotions. They want to grow up and be attractive in a physical way but often cannot cope with the emotional upheaval it brings into their lives. Fits of crying and times of extreme moodiness make them feel that they are in a world of confusion that they cannot find a way out of. It is a must for mothers to gently teach and lead them into understanding about the physical and emotional changes that are very natural and acceptable. The assurance that they are normal will cause them to be at peace within themselves even though they feel disturbed. Again, educate them very thoroughly on the stage they are passing through and they will hopefully get through successfully.

Adolescents are not always predictable, so it is very important to love them unconditionally at this time. And that is not an easy thing to do when they are so unlovable it seems. Many times because a parent will not take the time needed to give support there will be a distancing of the youth and parent that cannot be regained later because of the bitterness and rejection that happened at this most important time in their lives.

Following are some important things to remember about the adolescent years:

1. Most parents are too late, not too early, in giving instruction about sexual development.

2. A one time talk will not educate your child. It is a process involving time and attention.

3. All entertainment or education produced by the "world" will encourage the "sensual" side of awareness. Be careful of even those things labeled "Christian." Screen carefully.

4. The influence of friends and peers is the strongest influence on a child at this age. Learn how to encourage or discourage the right kind.

5. Avoid encouragement of boy/girl connection at this age without making them feel guilty for being attracted to the opposite sex.

6. Balance trust and accountability. Be direct with setting guidelines and open with communication without violating their privacy to the point of total mistrust unless they have proven otherwise.

7. Keep adolescents busy in mind and body. Concentration is good to keep unhealthy thoughts away and the body will channel unruly urges to the task at hand.

8. Be aware of modern trends and fads in dress that subconsciously promote impure thoughts in a boy or girl. Patiently explain the "WHY" to them. They often do not really understand.

9. Children need different kinds of affection at different times of their lives. Even though an adolescent appears to be ashamed of the show of affection they really want it. Use discretion in giving affection to them, because we live in a perverted world, but do give them the affection that comforts and assures them you love them. It is a must.

10. Be alert to the adolescent's cry for help. Many times exposure to or involvement in violations of acceptable practices taught them will be evident. Pray for much wisdom in how to deal with it.

In conclusion, the success of riding out the adolescent years lies within the desire of the parent to really "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." Live a life of purity in everything you do, every day of your life and let the child see it. Colossians 3:17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." May we lift up His name through our lives!

God's Lessons Through Roco

By Sis. Connie Sorrell

Roco, our black and silver German Shepherd male, was missing. An escape con artist, Roco was good at jumping over his chain link fence, digging under the fence and opening the gate. That was why Dwane had put an electric wire around the top and bottom of his large pen and we also clip locked the gate when we shut it.

"Roco must learn to stay in the yard," Dwane said. "A watch dog isn't any good if he isn't around the house."

Dwane would chain Roco to a post in his yard for punishment when he still managed to escape. Roco whined and looked sad about being chained so I would take time to stroke his soft furry head and back. I would explain to Roco how important it was for him to stay in his yard.

"Roco, you are basically a good ole boy," I told him. "All the family loves you and we treat you pretty special. I make the creamy gravy that the boys stir into your dry dog food and we often give you treats between your morning and evening meals. You should be happy here in this grassy, shady yard with Reba, your mate. She lets you have the biggest dog dish and she had seven pups of yours that you have fun playing with. You have a large stock tank to drink from and to soak in when you want. Why are you so determined to escape from your comfortable home where we take good care of you?"

Roco's brown eyes would look into mine and I tried to see things from a dog's point of view. He wanted to explore. Why should he be cooped up inside this small area when there was an open field, a little forest of trees and a pond to swim in which was in view beyond his fence? He had gone walking with the boys to these places but he wanted to roam there as he pleased.

What he didn't understand was that we live on a corner of two very busy roads. He was unaware of the danger on the roads north and east of his yard. He saw the inviting freedom south and west of his yard. He wanted what he perceived to be *forbidden pleasures*.

How many Christians have looked upon the world in this way? Seeing only half of the picture they think the Lord is restraining them

from *forbidden pleasures* that surely won't harm them. Mother Eve fell by that enticement and it is a clever trick of satan's today. Satan is an expert at telling half truths.

Moses did not fall for a lie of self-pleasure but he "...refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." Hebrews 11:24-26. Thank the Lord for the people of God who, like Moses, have left the pleasures of sin to work for Jesus Christ. The Lord's people know restraint from the world and self-sacrifice. (Romans 8:14-18.) This keeps us alert to the wiles of the enemy who speaks to the lusts of the flesh. When we stay away from these *forbidden pleasures*, we are better able to see the full picture of the world and the spiritual traps of death that satan has set out there.

Worried about Roco's survival, the boys walked over the fields, through the woods and around the pond. They walked down the roads, sadly thinking they might find his body in the ditch somewhere. No sign of Roco. Neighbors were asked. One neighbor said Roco came to his house late the night he disappeared but his big male had chased Roco away. One more reason why Roco was supposed to stay home. He was only sixteen months old and in training. He needed more growth in maturity and wisdom.

So it is; young Christians should value the spiritual counsel of mature saints who can teach them the Truth. (I Peter 5:5.) There is much to be gained by observing and listening to those who have successfully fought the battles of life. Elders who have kept peace with God and with their fellow men should be given due respect. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." I Timothy 5:17. Proper training and obedience are keys to survival in the Christian life as well as in the canine world.

Because he was a registered German Shepherd of a good lineage, Roco had cost Dwane a goodly price when he bought him as a pup to train into a watch dog. Not only was he valuable to us monetarily but we cared about Roco and all the family was sad about his disappearance.

We called the dog pound managers in Guthrie and Edmond. They had not caught any dog fitting Roco's description but we left our phone number with them just in case they found him. Signs with his picture and a reward were put out in different places. All of us were praying for Roco's return.

It reminded me of the prodigal son. His father watched and waited for his return. Finally his son had enough of the wicked world and escaped from the pit of sin. He came running back to the arms of his waiting father. (Luke 15:11-32.) We had hope, too, in Roco's return. Someway, somehow Roco would be able to escape from the one who had him bound, for after a few days we believed Roco was held by someone for a reason.

In the first part of Luke 15, Jesus told about a man who had a hundred sheep and lost one of them. He left the ninety and nine to hunt for the one lost sheep. Then when he had found that lost one, he called his friends to come and rejoice with him over its return. Jesus compared that lost sheep to a soul lost in sin. He said there is rejoicing in heaven over a sinner who repents and is saved from sin. How the Lord seeks after the lost! Through His Holy Spirit He calls to those who are hungry after righteousness. He is patient and long-suffering, not willing that any should perish but that all might come to Him for repentance. What a loving Savior!

We could relate to the sheep parable because we had Reba, three of their pups and four other dogs but we wanted our Roco back. We would pray: *Oh, Lord, you know where Roco is and why he isn't home. Please bring him back. Amen.*

Around 8:00 one Monday morning I answered the telephone and the Guthrie Dog Pound manager said, "Did you folks ever find your sixteen month old German Shepherd male?" "No, why?" "I have a dog here that fits your dog's description. He was here this morning when I came to work. Someone left him here with half a sack of dog food. He looks skinny and dirty but I can see he is a good dog. Do you want to come and look at him?"

"Yes! Someone will be there in thirty minutes," I replied. Immediately I called Dwane who drove to the dog pound right away. Soon he called back proclaiming that it was Roco! All the family went out to see him when Dwane brought

him home! He was quiet—not his active self—but he seemed happy and relieved to be back home. The boys gave him a bath and I made him some gravy. He ate every lick of his food, drank from his tank, then laid down to sleep.

Why he was returned in such a way we could only surmise. The present fact was that Roco was back home where he belonged. He was glad and his family certainly was! We felt like God had answered prayer for us in a miraculous way! Isn't that just like the Lord to answer the prayers of His children? He said His ears are open to our cry and He will sometimes answer before we call. (Psalm 34:15, Isaiah 65:24.) What a wonderful Savior! The Lord's goodness in bringing Roco back increased our faith to trust the Lord during times of uncertainty.

We did thank the Lord, in public and in our private prayers. Roco was doing great also. He was more obedient and he began to gain weight and mature.

One Friday evening I arrived home from grocery shopping and saw the family out in the front yard. Even my parents were there. As I climbed out of my car Jennifer came running to me.

"Mother, guess what happened!" she said with sadness in her voice and eyes. "Roco was let out to play in the front yard and he took off running after the neighbor's dog. He didn't see this car coming and he ran right out in front of it."

"Where is he? How bad is he hurt?" I asked. I glanced into the eyes of family members and realized it was bad news.

"Roco was killed," they told me. The driver of the car tried to swerve but Roco went right under a wheel. The driver helped Lyndall bag Roco's body.

What a shock! This did not make sense to me. God had answered prayer and brought Roco back home to us only to allow him to be hit by a car in a few weeks. All the time, money and training we had spent on Roco seemed in vain. Besides, we cared about him. It was so sad how his young life had ended so quickly and needlessly.

So what about faith and trust in the Lord? When He allows something bad to happen do we still trust Him? Why did the Lord answer our prayers and bring Roco back home only to allow him to be hit by a car within sight of our house?

Some questions we ask God will never be answered in this life. His thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not ours. (Isaiah 55:8.) There are some mysteries about God's wisdom that we do not fully understand, but His Holy Spirit will take us farther into searching the deep things of God if we will let Him. (I Corinthians 2:6-11.) The Lord never promised a Christian would not have troubles, but He promised to help us if we will trust Him. He will be with us even unto the end of our lives or the end of time. (Matthew 28:20.) He promised to take us to a heavenly mansion for eternity. (John 14:1-3.) There is hope and peace in trusting the Lord through the shocks and changes of life. To let go of the Lord means to slide into despair. To trust the Lord means hope for tomorrow and eternity.

Thank you, Lord, for allowing Roco to be in our lives for a short time. Through him You taught us many lessons. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

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BE A MAN !

Be a man!
Be done, be done with lesser things
Of doubts and fears and worry stings,
Nor with hurt feelings' fleeting span:
Yield not to them; but be a man!

Be a man!
Let not your neighbor's passing fault
Burn in your mind like grit or salt;
Be strong to help him what you can,
And show yourself to be a man.

Be a man!
And do not grovel in the dust,
But fix in God above your trust;
Fight valiantly in life's great van,
Nor wilt 'neath pressure: Be a man!

Be a man,
And yes, a man full grown and strong;
Hold to the right and shun the wrong;
Be brave throughout your mortal span
And show yourself to be a man.

Be a man!
Yes, be a man, and not a mouse;
Rule well your fam'ly and your house;
Each duty conquer without ban,
And be unfailingly a man!

—Bro. Leslie Busbee

POWER VERSUS FORM

The pulpit ought to be a center of power. But is it? God said to Jonah, "Preach the preaching I bid thee." Jesus said, "Preach the gospel." Paul said, "Preach the Word." Again he said, "We preach Christ." Philip "preached Jesus." All this means the selfsame thing. Christ is the soul of the gospel as well as the substance of all doctrine. Much of the preaching, reading or talking—whatever you please to call it—is Christless and powerless. Of course, this is a refined age, and the people are "away up," but the devil can appear as refined as a saint. Nothing suits him better than to get the preacher away from the gospel onto some fine topic and then get some one to tell him (the preacher) that he made a fine effort. The pulpit should proclaim the great, fundamental doctrines of the Bible. But does it? The people are often treated to a well-written essay or dissertation on some abstract question that does not contain an ounce of pure gospel. There is neither lightning nor thunder in it. One reason why Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ was because it was the power of God unto salvation. But it *was* no more the power of God unto salvation then than it *is* now. It is the same eternal truth, yesterday, today, and forever.

—A quotation used by Bro. C.E. Orr in *The Gospel Day*.