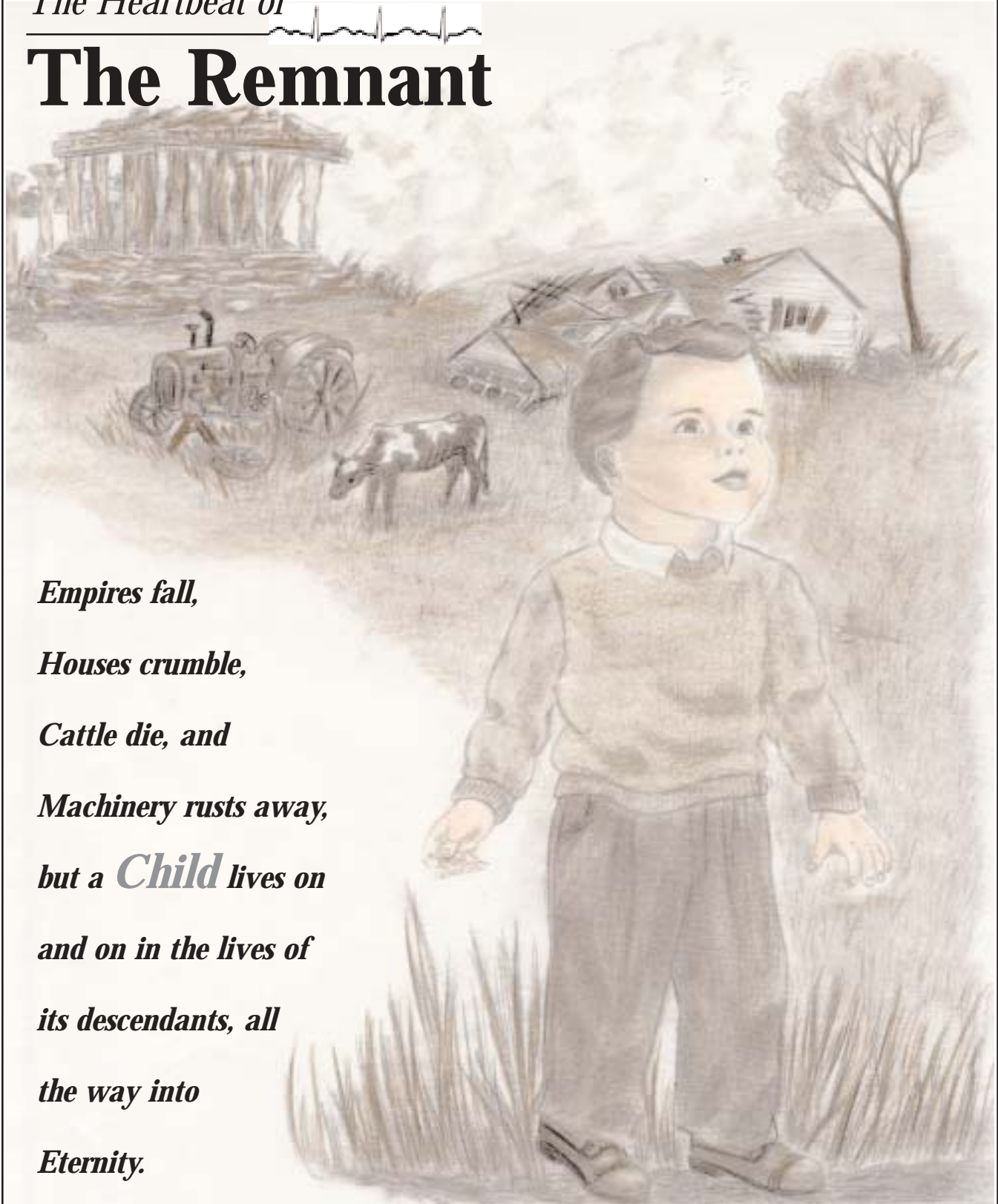


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*Empires fall,
Houses crumble,
Cattle die, and
Machinery rusts away,
but a **Child** lives on
and on in the lives of
its descendants, all
the way into
Eternity.*

. . . is the High Value of a Child

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God has made this world to operate according to certain laws. There are laws in the natural realm, in this inanimate creation. There are also laws in our human body. And when we understand those laws, and submit ourselves to them, we get the benefit of those laws. Take electricity, for example. Electricity is something which man did not invent, but instead discovered. If Adam had known the principle, he could have had electricity in his time. But for thousands of years man lived without electricity. This is one example of the fact that when you discover the law, you get the benefit of it. It is the same with the human body. Medical research has discovered foods that are good for certain sickness, and foods that are bad. When we discover those laws and obey those laws, our physical life is healthier and we live longer. It is all the result of following God's laws.

Now applying that spiritually, as long as man does not know God's laws, he does not enjoy the benefit of them. Jesus said in John 8:32, "*You shall know the truth (laws of the Spirit), and the truth shall set you free.*" Jesus also said in John 14 and 16, about the Holy Spirit being the spirit of truth that had come to guide us into all the truth. And the more truth we know, the more we will be set free from bondage. If Christians are in bondage in any area, that is certainly not the will of God. God does not want any of His children to be in bondage. In the Old Testament we have that great

story of the redemption of the Israelites from Egypt, which is written to show us that God never desires His children should be in bondage. But when we don't know the truth and do not allow the Holy Spirit to show us the truths of Scripture, we remain in bondage. Or even if the Holy Spirit shows us certain laws and we don't follow those laws, we still remain in bondage. For example, let us suppose that you have heart disease in your body. Medical research has proven that certain

types of foods are not good for heart disease and your doctor tells you not to eat them. If you do not follow his advice, and get a heart attack, you can only blame yourself. You knew, but didn't follow what you knew. There are many people like this who know but don't follow. It is exactly the same in the Christian life. Some know the laws but don't obey them and then they suffer loss.

One of these laws is the law of humility. We read of it in 1 Peter 5:5. "God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble." This is an unchanging law of the Spirit. If you are humble you get the benefit of the grace; if you are proud God opposes you. This is a law that applies equally to the believer as well as to the unbeliever. It is like the law of gravity. If you jump off the roof of a building, the law of gravity does not find out first if you are a believer or an unbeliever. The law of gravity is the same whether you are a believer or an unbeliever. The law of gravity

The Law of Humility

by Zac Poonen

immediately begins to operate as soon as you step off the roof. And it makes no difference who you are. It is exactly the same here. If a person is proud, whether he is a believer or an unbeliever God will fight against him. Now, the devil is already fighting against people, the lusts of the flesh are fighting against people, and on top of that if God also fights against such people, there is no hope for such people. We have the devil fighting against us, we have our lusts fighting against us, we have human enemies fighting against us—our ONLY hope is if God doesn't fight against us. But we say, "Does God fight against people?" Well, listen to God's Word. The word *resist* means *fight against*. God does in fact fight against proud people. Sin came into the universe when an angel became proud. He was proud of his beauty, his intelligence, and his position. Do you think believers cannot be tempted to be proud of their physical beauty, mental abilities, or positions in the church? Christendom is full of people who are proud of some of these things. They are proud of their accomplishments, boasting of many, many things. And do you wonder why such Christians don't make spiritual progress? Do you wonder why such Christians don't draw close to God? Do you wonder why such Christians don't know God? Do you wonder why when such Christians get up to speak their messages are boring and dead? It is because they don't know God. They are not close to Him. There is no fire in their life because fire comes only from God. God gives grace to the humble. We could also say God **always** gives His grace to the humble. It's a law that cannot be changed. It's like saying water always flows down to the lowest place. If you want to collect water, make sure you are in the lowest place—you'll get it first. That's a law—it doesn't change. Grace always flows down to the humblest person, **always**. Let us also consider what Peter says in verse 6, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." Now how do we understand God exalting us? Our understanding of the Bible depends on how our mind is oriented. If I am worldly in my thinking, I will read this verse as God exalting me in a worldly way. Making me a leader. Making me an elder. Putting me over people. Giving me authority over people. In other words if I humble myself for a little while,

one day God will give me authority over people. I am sorry to disappoint you, because that is not what this verse is speaking about at all. It's speaking about God exalting you over sin. Where *sin* comes under your feet. Not people. I'm not interested in having people under me, not at all. I'm called to be a servant, a slave. I don't want people under me. But I want sin under my feet. God will exalt you over the devil. I want the devil under my feet. And if you are a serious Christian, you'd be far more interested in having sin and Satan under your feet, than people. The trouble with a lot of Christian leaders today is, that they have people under them, but sin is not under them, the devil is not under them. The devil runs rampant in their organizations. Sin overcomes these people in their life. But if you humble yourself, God will exalt you spiritually. This exaltation has nothing to do with leadership or authority. God is speaking about overcoming sin, the lusts in our flesh, and Satan. Everybody in the world has got sin sitting on top of his head, the devil is sitting on top of his head, but the one who humbles himself, God gives him grace. And grace exalts him over the things that were sitting on his head. Sin and Satan. And they come under his feet. Romans 16:20 says the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet. He's not only going to be under my feet, but he's going to be crushed under my feet. He was already defeated on Calvary 2000 years ago. And Romans 16 was written 30 years after Calvary. And 30 years after Calvary, the Holy Spirit says through the Apostle Paul to the Christians at Rome, the God of peace shall crush Satan under your feet. Jesus already defeated him on Calvary, but he is still being permitted to attack God's people, so God's people can have the joy of crushing Satan under their feet. There is an example of this in the Old Testament. When Joshua went with the Children of Israel into Canaan, when he defeated some kings, he brought those kings and made them bow down and he got the leaders of Israel to put their feet on top of the necks of these kings. And the leaders of Israel stood with their feet on top of the necks of these kings and Joshua said, "Thus will the Lord do to all the kings of the Canaanites." That's what the Lord says to His people. If you will humble yourself under My mighty hands, I will give you such grace, that Satan will never have anymore power over

you. He will be under your feet. Satan will not have power in your home. Satan will not have power in your churches. He'll be under your feet. Every demon will be under your feet. Sin will not rule over you. There is a promise like that in Romans 6. Romans 6:14 says, "Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." The Old Covenant was symbolized by the word "law." The New Covenant is represented by the word "grace." Moses came down from the mountain and brought the law. Jesus went up to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit who brought grace. But that grace is not available for everyone. There is a law—the law of humility. God gives His grace to the humble. Some people just want forgiveness for their sins. "If we confess our sins, He's faithful and just to forgive us our sins," and that is as far as they want to go. So if you want only forgiveness of sins, I have nothing to tell you, because even in the Old Testament they had forgiveness of sins. In Psalm 103, David could stand in the tabernacle and say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul...who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who blesses your life with good things so that your life is renewed like the eagles." You know what all they had in the Old Testament? They had forgiveness of sins, healing, and material prosperity. A gospel that preaches forgiveness of sins, healing from sickness, and material prosperity is a Psalm 103 gospel. It's an Old Testament gospel. It's a gospel, sure. All I say is that it is a gospel that was preached 3000 years ago. What is the thing that Jesus brought which David could not thank the Lord for? He could not say, "Bless the Lord who gives me victory over sin, so that sin does not rule over me." He could never say that, because he was not under grace. So when the believer also stops where David stops, he is living in 1000 BC. He has not understood what grace can do. Romans 6:14 says, when you come under grace, you get something more that David had. Sin comes under your feet. Sin that was ruling you comes under your feet. That violent temper that you have, comes under your feet. Anger does not rule you anymore. It comes under your feet. Bitterness, your heart is no longer bitter with people—it comes under your feet. You are no longer jealous of somebody who has more than you or who is better than you are, it comes under your

feet. Dirty thoughts, which rule the minds of so many people, stop ruling the mind. It comes under your feet. You need grace. And God gives His grace to the humble. Grace is a tremendous power. Grace is power. The Holy Spirit is called "The Spirit of Grace." 2 Corinthians 12 speaks very clearly that God speaks of His grace as His power. When the Apostle Paul is giving his personal testimony about how he sought the Lord to remove a thorn from his flesh, the Lord did not grant his prayer. But the Lord said in verse 9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength (the word is *dunamis* in the Greek or power) is made perfect in weakness." So there in that one sentence, we see God's grace equals God's power. Grace strengthens the heart's defenses so that the enemy cannot come in. When the heart is not strengthened by grace, temptation will come knocking at the door of my heart and comes right in. Whether it's anger, or dirty thoughts, or bitterness, or jealousy, or the love of money, or anything, it finds easy entrance into a person's heart, because it is not strengthened by grace. So, don't let the devil lead you to be occupied with unimportant things in the Christian life. One of the devil's major tactics is to make us major on minor issues and to glory in the fact that we've got the right doctrine on some trivial, minor issue in Scripture, which is not the main thing. What is the most major issue? Let's ask ourselves, "Why did Jesus come?" The first promise in the New Testament is the word which the angel told Joseph in Matthew 1:21. "You must call his name Jesus, He shall save His people from their sins." It is not saying, "He will forgive their sins." That is in Psalms 103. He will save His people from their sins. Now when Moses said that God had come to save them from the Egyptians, what did it mean? It meant only one thing. The Egyptians would not rule over them anymore. That is the distinctive feature of the New Testament. So whenever I'm defeated by any sin, and I believe that Romans 6:14 is true, I must say that in that moment I did not get grace. Every single time you shout at your wife or your husband, it's because you did not get grace at that moment. It is amazing! I have seen people who say the Holy Spirit gives me other tongues but He doesn't control their mother tongue. What sort of spirit is that? It is not the spirit of grace. If He doesn't

deliver you, I don't know which spirit you have. The Spirit of God brings sin under our feet. It is the Spirit of Grace. It is because you have not followed that law of humility, that you don't have it. There is no partiality with God. All people are the same. It doesn't make any difference if you are 15 years old or 70 years old. God's laws are the same. God gives grace to the humble. What difference does it make if that person is 10 years old or 100 years old? God opposes the proud. Is he proud? If so, God will fight against him. Is he humble? God will give him grace.

So, whenever a person is defeated by any sin and says, "Oh, these dirty thoughts—they enslave me. I try and I try and I fall and I fall and fall and fall." What is the reason? Be honest. Is God's Word true or not? Romans 3:3 says, "Let God be true and every man a liar." Heaven and earth will pass away, but my word will not pass away. God says, "Sin shall not rule over you when you are under grace." I believe that with all my heart. This man who is failing must get honest and admit, "for some reason, I am not getting grace." I believe one of the first things we need is honesty. And humility and honesty are very closely connected. They are like twins. The humble man is always honest. He will not pretend that he has something he doesn't have. The proud man is dishonest. There are different groups that have preached holiness through the centuries. There were certain people who preached the doctrine of entire sanctification. They taught that God does such a work, that He burns up the flesh and the person is entirely sanctified and he cannot sin again. But some of these people sinned after that. They didn't know what to do because they had already testified that they were already sanctified. So you know what they did? The human mind is very clever and the devil is always there to assist them. They called their failures "mistakes." So when they "slipped up" they called it a "mistake." But the unfortunate thing is, the blood of Jesus does not cleanse mistakes. It only cleanses sin. So they had to remain with their sin calling it "mistakes". And they began backsliding and some of them fell into adultery. Why did this happen to them? It was because they were dishonest. When they sinned, they gave it some other name. Don't give sin any other name. If you give it any other name, you will never be cleansed from

it. The blood of Jesus cleanses sin. If you confess your sin as sin, the blood of Jesus will cleanse you. But if you are dishonest and call it by some other name, the blood will not cleanse you. Be honest. 1 John 2 says, "These things have I written unto you, that ye sin not, but if any man sin...." 1 John 1:8 says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves." He includes himself. I am not saying that we can come to a life where it is impossible to sin. Such a life does not exist on this earth. We have to wait till we go to heaven for that. But what I am saying is this, we can have victory so that falling becomes a rare event. None of us can say today in the physical realm that I will never fall down. You might fall down the steps. It can happen to any of us. There is a lot of difference between you falling and an 11-month-old child falling. Once upon a time, you were an 11-month-old child and you were trying to walk and you fell and got up perhaps 20 times a day. There is a difference between that time and the present. Now your falls are rare. You still can't say, "I never fall." But it is so rare. You have learned to walk. We can learn to walk in victory. Grace is given so that we overcome sin. So when we fall into sin and lose our temper, or have a dirty thought, or have bitterness, or jealousy or any thing, all we need to ask is this one question. "Lord, where was I proud? Where was I proud, because in this moment a few seconds ago you didn't give me grace? And you automatically give grace to every humble person. In this moment when I was tempted, you did not support me. You left me alone. Where was I proud?" And God may show you. We can be strong in ourselves. We can have a strength that comes from our confidence in ourselves. God has to make us weak, before He can give us grace. Are you content with difficulties? Paul was. When most people have difficulties, they say, "Lord, get rid of it." It is good to pray like that, but there may be some situations where God does not remove those difficulties. God uses those persecutions, those distresses, insults, and even those physical weaknesses. These things serve to keep us humble. This is particularly so if God is using you, anointing you, and loves you. He never wants to become your enemy. That's why He gives you physical weaknesses in your body. That's why He allows people to insult you left and right and center. That's why He allows you to go through

many distresses. That's why He allows you to be persecuted. That's why He allows you to face difficulties. This is all for Christ's sake. Paul says, "For when I am weak, then am I strong." This is the law of humility. In the Christian life, it's when I am weak, then am I strong.

There is a lot of boasting in Christian circles. Those are the people who don't get grace. Those are the people whom God opposes. You can have God on one of two sides. You can either have God in front of you, facing you and pushing you backwards, or you can have God behind you, pushing you forwards. Which do you want? You are the one who is going to determine whether God will be in front of you pushing you backwards, or behind you pushing you forwards. It's not God who determines that. You determine that. Let us suppose that you have been a humble brother or sister for 10 years, and God has used you to do many things in His kingdom. The moment you become puffed up, and begin to think, "I've really done something for the Lord," immediately God moves around from the back to the front and begins to push you back. Even if you've been faithful for 30 years, the law of gravity does not respect how many years you've been faithful. The moment you step off, you fall down. The law of humility works the same way. It is day by day. That is the reason why the Lord watches over those who have surrendered themselves totally to Him. He watches over them with a very jealous care. It is like a husband watching over his weak wife with a very jealous care. Jesus will watch over you with a very jealous care, protecting you from the things that will cause you to lose grace. He will not prevent you from losing money. Sometimes He may allow you to lose money, so that you don't lose grace. Sometime He may allow you to lose your health, so that you don't lose grace. God is not so interested in health and money, as all these health and wealth preachers are today. Don't believe all those. God is interested in you losing sin and getting grace in your life and ministry. God wants you to live a useful life on earth. A life where you are so saturated with the grace of God that you live in victory over sin, and lead others to victory over sin.

Many people have asked me through the years, "Brother Zac, why can't I get victory. I really believe what you preach, and I really want victory

in my life." And I say, "God wants to give you victory with humility." The primary mark of genuine holiness is humility. A really holy man will be humble. We can think of anger or lustful thoughts as a hundred-foot pit. Maybe you are in that hundred foot pit. Maybe you are praying to God to deliver you from this hundred-foot pit. Now here is another one thousand-foot pit called spiritual pride. Suppose God delivers you from this hundred-foot pit of lust and anger and you fall into the thousand-foot pit of spiritual pride. What is that? Is that victory? That's not victory at all. That's why God allows us to be defeated, and defeated, and defeated until we are convinced we can never get victory. And when we are convinced we can never get victory, then the Lord comes and delivers us. And we cannot boast because we were convinced. We could never make it. We were like those disciples who went fishing and fishing and fishing and didn't catch anything. And then Jesus came and filled their boats with fish. So that is why God allows us to be defeated. This is to humble us. And God knows the point in which we have been thoroughly defeated enough. That is how it was in my life. I was defeated and defeated, but I confessed my hope that one of these days sin will not rule over me. And I said, "Lord, I don't care how long it takes, I want to come to that life unto grace where sin does not rule over me." And it came. And it can come in your life too, if you persist. Be honest. Don't call sin by any other name. When you have fallen, say you have fallen. Humble yourself. Go down and say, "Lord, I have fallen, forgive me, but I believe that grace will come upon my life one of these days and sin will come under my feet." God gives His grace to the humble. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God. All the circumstances that God sends into your life—Humble yourself. The difficult people that God sends into your life like thorns in the flesh. Don't fight against those circumstances, don't fight against God. Say, "Lord, these are necessary for me to humble me. I go down under them, I accept them." One day you will find God exalts you. It's up to us whether we get the benefit of this law of humility or whether we find God opposing us. Let's choose wisely.

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SAMUEL CHADWICK'S

H o m e L i f e

by Denny Kenaston



As we look into the home history of this man's life, perhaps it would be helpful to state the purpose for the Home Histories. Our desire is to study and search for examples of godliness in the home. We may not be in total agreement with the doctrinal position of the one

that we are studying. When denominations are mentioned, the same may be true. Much has been lost through the years in many denominations that were at one time mightily blessed of God. We should have an open heart to learn from any godly person of the past.

Samuel Chadwick was born in 1860, and passed on into eternity in 1932. Many of you probably don't know who he is. So I will give a brief introduction of his life. He was a very influential Methodist preacher/teacher whom God used mightily in his day. He was used by God to keep the spirit of early Methodism alive during his generation. As I meditated on his life, it was easy to see that John Wesley was his hero and role model. He was up early in the morning, filled his days with service and self-sacrifice, and was fervent in his pursuit of evangelism. Samuel Chadwick was a household name among Methodist throughout the world. He spent many years as an itinerate preacher in the traditional Methodist style. As the young man matured he was constantly used in administrative positions, and later found himself sitting in the Presidents chair of the Methodist denomination. He was the editor of a weekly periodical, and also wrote several books. His book on prayer is a classic, and rightly so, for he lived in prayer long before he wrote about it. Samuel Chadwick is best known for the position he held as Principle of Cliff College. There, hundreds of students came under his influence. He was a motivator of many varied evangelistic campaigns. Preacher, teacher, administrator, and prayer warrior were some of the many hats he wore through the years as the

Principle of the college. As I was reading his biography, written by Norman Dunning, 1933, I was continually impressed by the virtue of this servant of God. I know that a mans virtue comes from his walk with God, but I also know that virtue comes from godly training at home. So let us look a while at his home life.

Samuel's father and his father's father were zealous and godly men. His grandfather was converted under one of Wesley's preacher, and became a sincere and dedicated Christian from the start. He was known for his love of prayer and his faithfulness to the meetings. He would often travel for hours to be at three meetings in the same day and knowing he would hear the same sermon at each place. This is the kind of foundation his father had under him. So Samuel Chadwick's father was a sincere and pious man, with a gentle integrity about him. He would often sit and tell stories to his son of the great preachers of his early days. I'm sure he had no idea how he was inspiring his son to seek to love God like these men did. Oh the wisdom of reflecting on the saints who have gone on before us. It is a beautiful tool in Gods hand to enlighten the next generation. He said of his father, " He was the kindest, and most lovable man I have ever known". Mr. Chadwick had keen spiritual eyes and his judgement was always just. A tender man with a kind spirit.

Samuel Chadwick's mother had a hard tragic life in her early years. She had been rejected and disinherited by her family, which brought much poverty with it. She was raised in a small cellar dwelling by a very strict Baptist couple. They were very poor but they loved God and brought her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Father and mother meet at the Sunday School. She was a joyful supportive wife, and Samuel never remembered an argument in all his years at home. Praise the Lord! Samuel's description of his mother is a blessing.

She was smart without learning,
Queenly without vanity.

She was saintly without ritual,
Capable without fussiness.
She was witty without venom,
And merry without being frivolous.

Her speech was filled with proverbs, (that is wise little saying she had learned), and her words were always seasoned with salt. She never sent the poor empty away, but was always caring for the needs of others if she had it to give. Father was always a poor man, and sickly in later years, but she learned to dwell with him contently all their days. Mother was a strict disciplinarian but no one knew it, because the home was filled with laughter and good will. Every evening when her husband came home from a long day's work her ritual was the same. She would put on a clean apron, and listen for the sound of his shoes walking up to the house and she would be right there to meet him. Mrs. Chadwick took her place in the home as a loving helpmeet, and Samuel never knew of an argument all his days at home. We are not told how many children God gave them, only that there were many around the meager table.

— Wisdom from the Early Years —

❖ Mother was the strict one in the home, and executed discipline with firmness. This was a great blessing to the children and in some ways may have been their salvation. Samuel said of his parents, "Father would have made a great woman, because of his tender gentle ways, and mother would have made a great man, because of her firmness". Here we see a bit of a weakness on his father's part. Many a kind-hearted father has neglected the more difficult parts of loving the children out of natural love for them. This is where sanctification comes in and we must be changed in our nature. I might add that this need often shows up in the mothers also and the same sanctification applies.

❖ Waste was not allowed in the home. I'm sure that mother's childhood poverty and the poverty of their own present life demanded that this beautiful virtue was cultivated in the children with life long affects. Was Samuel a poor boy, or a rich boy? What would we say? His words were, "as sure as Joseph was sold into slavery by divine plan, so also my lot in life was poverty". God used that poverty to mold and shape a choice servant of the kingdom in many ways.

❖ At the age of eight, Samuel was needed to join his father as a provider for the home. He went to work at the cotton mill with dad every morning at 6 AM. This meant he had to get out of bed at 5:15 each day. Many disciplines and learning experiences came from this one necessity placed on the boy by divine providence. The factory was owned and operated by devote Methodists. This was a blessing that insured a proper work atmosphere for a small boy. Samuel's peers were grown men most of the time. He learned to enter in to the conversations of the men at break times and lunch. The social issues of his day were on the table for discussion day by day, and the young lad developed personal convictions in many areas by the time he was ten.

❖ Because of the need to help provide for the family, schooling was done in the evening. It seems his education was somewhat of a semi-homeschool; some direction from his parents, and much of his own motivation to learn. Geography, history and other literature books were consumed continually. The family Bible and a book on the life of Christ were read on a regular basis during those formative years.

❖ Going to Sunday school and to the assembly that followed was part of normal life in the Chadwick home. It was at an Anniversary service that Samuel was converted to Christ at the age of ten. Shortly after this God impressed him deeply with the challenge of doing everything as unto Jesus Christ. This had a life changing impact on him that he never forgot. He was shining his father's boots, which he hated to do.

The thought of doing it as unto the Lord gripped him. He had not done a very good job. He then picked up the boots again and polished them with zeal, for Jesus sake. He was never the same, and it affected his character for years to come. To do the simplest tasks for Jesus Christ became a delightful habit. Isn't God good to a ten-year-old boy with a sincere heart?

❖ Though the family was always poor, father and mother planned a week every year for a special vacation. Every week a little money was set aside for this yearly occasion. A week of fun by the sea was anticipated all year long. Was it luxury? The week was filled with family walks, splashing in the salty water, much laughter, and big round loaves of bread. Memories like these tie a family together for life. Even though they were poor they were very wise to make this outing a priority.

❖ At the age of 15 he joined a Methodist Society Class. An earnest man of sober temperament led the class. These classes were structured to allow all to be involved. Open discussion of the word, testifying, and open confession, were his regular experience. What a beautiful training ground. The weekly exercise developed gifts of thinking and speaking. The class was made up of 25 people from many different backgrounds, which provided a good balance of fellowship for Samuel.

❖ From the age of his conversion, Samuel prayed. Three times a day he found a way to steel away and engage his heart in fervent prayer. This is not an easy task, since we know what his work schedule was like, and the small house he lived in. He wrote "I went apart three times a day, and prayed in spirit all the time in between". His parents encouraged him in these holy activities, and later when they say his zeal to prepare for future ministry, they made a place for him to be alone.

❖ Samuel loved to be alone. He would spend whole days, except for the church service,

alone with God. A long walk to a meeting, a quiet service for adults only, he would be there. I'm sure father and mother were very aware of the unusual behavior of their young son, and hid it in their heart.

❖ Soon after Samuel joined the class, he began to receive impressions from the Lord about preparing for ministry. This was very hard to understand at first because he had very little education, and was of the poorest families of the church. God persisted, and once it was settled, his life took on a very focused intent. He would go to work from six in the morning till six at night. Then by seven he would be at his books. For five hours every evening, he would struggle to educate himself. His courses consisted of grammar, math, geography, history, theology and the Bible. As his parents became aware of his intent to prepare for ministry, they move to a larger house to provide a more suitable place to Samuel to study.

❖ When Samuel was about seventeen, he felt it was time for him to begin to preach. As was customary of his day, you applied to the district minister for his blessing. This was a very fearful exercise as you can well imagine, but he was soon granted permission. He was given a circuit of three churches, and rotated Sunday by Sunday, walking ten miles on way. Sundays became his greatest delight, and he felt no hardship in his assignment even if the weather was bad. It was here, he began to taste the sweet nectar of giving and giving and giving to others. Now we may object to a young lad preaching to a congregation like this, but no one else would take the task. But let us look a little deeper. This young man was busy about the masters business. He grew in his love for God and his love for man. These are foundational stones for a long and fruitful ministry. We need to help our young people get involved in God's work. It is a key to a stable Christian life.

❖ The last gleanings of wisdom we want to look at in Samuel's early years at home is in

the area of finances. All his days at home, he left home at age 21; he gave all his earnings to his parents. He then received a shilling per week for his spending money. His income was absolutely needed every week to help care for the needs of the family. We may look at this and react with thoughts of unfairness, but let us again look a little deeper. The boy developed the humble quality of a servant. He also learned the value of money and how to save and spend it properly. He inherited the manly attitude of a provider without even knowing it. He was faithful with the unrighteous mammon, and when the true riches came his way, he ran after it with his whole heart.

This concludes our study of Samuel Chadwick and his home. There are many principles that we can apply to our homes. We must take the time, and meditate on them until we are able to apply them. One thing that I am finding, as I search for home histories, there are not many to choose from. I don't know the reason for this yet, but I am pondering it intently. How can this be, that the most important part, the foundational part, of the great biographies is missing? Were the homes weak and therefore nothing was said? Was there no burden or vision to pass on principles of home life to the next generation? I don't know the answers to these questions. I wonder what would happen if a generation of parents would dedicate themselves to God, and then pour their lives out for the nurturing of their children. Do we have any idea the impact that this could have on our children, and on the world around us? Truly, let us examine our hearts. What is the value we place on our children? Is it worth sacrificing all for their training. It is a giant step of faith that takes many years to prove itself right. I believe, we shall reap, far beyond what we can even imagine.

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The first time God used the word perversion with me, I was shocked. To me perversion was a very ugly thing—it only had one meaning. But when the Lord used that word with me, I decided to look it up in the dictionary and see what pervert means. There were three meanings: 1. to damage the will or mind of a person so that he thinks or acts in an immoral way, 2. to cause to be misused, falsified, or wrongly understood, 3. to change the order of. God's Word has been perverted in our society today. People don't know what God's Word says anymore. They only know what society is saying and showing them. There are many perversions today where God's order has been changed. We as Christian women, need a crystal-clear understanding of God's order for our lives. What is our role? Who are we as women? We have plenty of women on their soapboxes out in the world telling us what we ought to be and what our rights are, but what does God's Word say about it? Just what is our role?

Titus 2 says the aged women should teach the younger women how to love their husbands and children. If we were not taught how to love our husbands and children, that is a perversion of God's order.

Proverbs 14:1 says, "Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands." I thought I knew what that word foolish meant. I thought it meant "stupid" and "ignorant". But the Lord prompted me to look up that word. Strong's Concordance

"But I Just Wanted to Help..."

by Connie Kuvik

says, "sillyness, foolish, folly." But it comes from an unusual root word, which means perverse. Now pervert means to change the order of. This word foolish comes from that root word which means perverse.

In order to understand why we could possibly tear down our house, we need to understand ourselves. We need to understand God's plan, which means we need to know the Word. We also need to understand that we have an enemy. John 10:10 says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." We need to recognize our enemy's tactics and how to stand against him. We also need to know how we've given place to him in the past so that we don't continue to give place to him in the future. We need to see how he could use us to tear down our own homes by our own hands. Satan uses us as we yield to the prevailing attitudes of the modern American woman.

One way that we can tear down our homes is by the feminist attitude. You say, "Oh, I don't have a feminist attitude. I'm a submissive wife and I cover my head to show that I am submissive and I want to walk with the Lord. I'm not out there working." What is the feminist attitude? It is an attitude of superiority that thinks, I am just a little bit better than a man. This attitude can cause us to judge and be critical of our husbands. Maybe we think that we are just a little bit more spiritual than he is. Maybe he is not quite keeping the "garden of our lives" as well as we think we could. We don't have to be out there working and

yelling “woman’s rights” to have a feminist attitude.

Another way is through an attitude of control. It’s not letting God be God through our husbands. We think that we need to control every situation. That first attitude of superiority contributes to this attitude of control. It makes us think that we must control every situation. This superior attitude convinces us that it is right, that it is our place to step in and give direction. We think that we need to cover up for our husband’s mistakes. That somehow we need to fill in for his weaknesses. Remember, we are to be keepers at home but God is the keeper of the home, not us.

Then there is the false burden. Something that we carry that we should not. This one causes us to get out of our role and take responsibilities that are not ours. These are burdens that are not given to us by our husband or by God. When we are within our roles, the burdens that we must carry are not too heavy for us. But God did not equip us to carry these false burdens because He never intended for us to carry them. But we just wanted to help. We only wanted to be helpful. But was it something God wanted us to help with? Was it something our husbands wanted us to help with?

All of us have different mindsets. This is because we all had different parents, different backgrounds and different schooling. We have all been exposed to different things through the media. We must look at everything in our lives through the Word of God. God’s

Word will make everything clear. It will remove all shadows and deceptions. We need to allow God through His word, to sort out those things that were of the world and influenced us, and those things that are of God.

1 John 2:15-18 says, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.” As wives and mothers, so much of the will of God is in the realm of our homes. What does God say about our roles in the home? This is very important. If we love these attitudes that we have learned in the world while we grew up, this is loving the world. We can be a keeper at home, and still be a worldly woman. May God Help us.

What study of the home would be complete without a study of the first home? Let’s look at Adam and Eve. Gen. 2:18, “And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” Now God did not say, “Adam, you have really messed up as the keeper of this garden. And I have to get someone in here to help you straighten this mess up.” Instead God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. And I will get you someone suitable.” He didn’t say Adam wasn’t doing a good job. He didn’t say Adam could not handle it by himself. So God

took one of Adam’s ribs and made a woman and brought her unto him. Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man.” We cannot imagine the delight that Adam must have had when God brought unto him this woman. We don’t know how long Adam had been alone. But now he had someone to share the garden with him. But let’s remember that God didn’t bring us about to compete with man as the keeper of the “Garden.” Instead we are to be that part that makes him feel whole and complete.

Genesis 3:16b says, “and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” Our desire is still to our husband. We all want to please our husbands and be all that they need us to be. We are not all doing that, but that desire is deep down in the heart somewhere. “He shall rule over thee.” This is where God first instituted the need for submission.

Verse 17, “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife....” Right here is a very, very important concept. God didn’t say, “Adam, because you ate that fruit....” Instead He said, “Adam, because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife.” Adam put Eve and what she said before what God had told him. Adam made Eve his god. God had said, “Don’t eat of the tree.” Eve ate and then she convinced Adam to eat. The scriptures make it clear later that Adam knew he was eating of the forbidden fruit. The woman was

deceived. The serpent convinced her that they wouldn't surely die. Adam knew they would because God had said so. But this thing that was so special to him. This flesh of my flesh, bone of my bones, this thing that I need so much, and this woman that God gave me, was chosen over God. This is a very important concept.

Adam was set in the garden as the keeper of the garden. And then God made Eve to be a helper suitable. One who would arrange herself around her husband. One who would be whatever he needed her to be. She was not to be the leader. The roles are very clear in the Bible.

Now there are two kinds of power. There is the power of position like our president. He is the president of the country. He holds a position of great power. That power is his by virtue of the position that he holds. But there is also the power of influence like the "first lady" and the president's other advisors. The power of influence can be as strong or stronger than the power of position. We have learned from many history books about the first lady running the country because of her power of influence on her husband. In the home, the husband has the power of position because God has made him the leader of that home. He is set there to be the leader and the guide of that home. He has the power of position. But the wife has the power of influence. And her power of influence can be as great or greater than the power of position. Oh, let us tremble, dear sisters, let us tremble.

We saw what happened in the garden when Eve used her power of influence to go against the instructions that God had given him. Adam talked with God. He knew it was God talking. And yet Eve used this power of influence and convinced him to go against God's word. Now Eve influenced Adam, but he made the final decision. So he is ultimately responsible because he has the power of position. But we need to keep in mind that she was able to influence him to do something that changed the course of human history.

What about her motives? Do you suppose she was thinking, "Oh, I just can't wait to talk to Adam and to get him to do this wrong thing."? No, I don't think so. I think in her innermost thoughts Eve was **just trying to help**. Just like with this superior feminist attitude, the control, and the false burden. The serpent told her that surely she would not die and that if she ate that food it would make her wise. And I think she thought that her husband should have some of that food and be wise like God. I believe she **just wanted to help**. This is pure speculation, but the result of Eve's influence on Adam was disastrous. We are still feeling it today. It was the fall of all mankind.

Let's look at Sarah and Abraham's experience in Genesis 12. In verse 2 God says, "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing." In order for God to keep this promise, Abraham had to have children. Now Sarah and Abraham had

never had children, but God said, "I will make of thee a great nation." In chapter 16:1 Sarah says, "Abraham, God hasn't chosen to use me to give you children. Yes, He told you that He's going to make of you a great nation, but He just hasn't chosen to give us any children. I pray thee, go in unto my maid. It may be that I may obtain children by her." Look at this next sentence. "And Abraham hearkened unto the voice of Sarah." It is the same words that we saw in the account of Adam and Eve. Adam hearkened to the voice of Eve. Was this God's plan for Abraham to have children by Hagar? No. The result was Ishmael. And Ishmael's descendants are still causing problems in the Middle East today. But Abraham hearkened unto the voice of Sarah. He had heard from God. God had told him directly, "I will make a great nation of thee." God hadn't given those instructions to Sarah. He gave them to Abraham. Abraham knew what God had said, but he chose to listen to the voice of his wife and it brought disastrous results. Do you think Sarah had any awful, wrong intent in offering her handmaid Hagar to her husband? It must have been a hard thing for her to do. Yet she did it because she **just wanted to help**. That superior feminist attitude says she SHOULD help. That controlling attitude said she COULD help. Taking on that responsibility is the "false burden." If God told Abraham that He would make of him a great nation, then it was God's responsibility to make it happen.

It was not her responsibility. When she took control, she was not letting God be God. But I think she only wanted to help.

How many times in the past years have our husbands made a decision to do something, and we influenced them? We thought he should do this or should do it this way. Maybe we thought he was going to do something wrong and was going to make a mistake. There is that superior feminist attitude saying, "I know better." Maybe we didn't trust our husband enough to make that decision. Maybe we did not trust that our husband had heard from God on that decision. So we stepped out of our role and influenced him and he changed his mind. That is a false burden. Trying to change our husband's mind is usually a false burden. We need to trust that our husbands can hear from God because they are the head.

I have heard it said many times that it is very important for a woman to have her say. Now I don't think that a woman should never say anything. When we are in our roles, often our husbands will ask for our opinions and take them into consideration. But do we always have to have a say in everything? It is that superior feminist attitude that makes us think that we ought to have a say in everything. God made the man capable of making decisions without our help. James 1:19 says, "Be quick to listen, slow to speak...." The next time that you are ready to offer some unasked-for advice, stop and ask yourself, "Do I really need to have a say in this? Can't this man hear from

God and make a decision without me?" When God set me free from some of these things, my husband was so glad to be able to go out and change the oil in the car without me telling him how. I didn't know a thing about changing oil in the car. I just knew it needed to be done every once in a while. But I certainly didn't think he knew how. So I would stand and watch just in case he needed my help. We still laugh about how liberated he felt when I no longer felt that I needed to help him change the oil. Now I know you probably don't have any situations like that but I know that there are a lot of men who start carpentry jobs in their homes. Sometimes they don't finish them. I have often wondered if this is why they don't finish them. Because he got frustrated having her tell him how to do it. She didn't think he could accomplish it by himself. He wouldn't do it well enough. He might not get it quite the way she wanted it. So he just threw up his hands and gave up. And the projects just don't get done. Now I realize there are a lot of other reasons those jobs don't get done. But I've had to wonder if that is not why some of them don't get done. Did he just get tired of us trying to tell him how, or fussing over him to make sure he was doing it right? We are looking at that feminist attitude and the control (thinking we always need to hover and make sure it gets done right) and the false burden of stepping out of our role. Remember Adam was the keeper of the garden before Eve was created. He really can keep

the garden and lead our homes. He really can change the oil.

I believe we need to be very careful in offering advice and trying to make things happen. We need to allow men to hear from God without our interference. Actually the two of them (God and our husband), could probably accomplish a lot more if we would just stay out of the way.

Just because our circumstances are a bit difficult does not mean that our men haven't heard from God. Look at Job. Job had a severe trial from God. God allowed him to be tested because he trusted Him. But what kind of advice did Job's wife give him? Did she say, "Oh, honey, it will be all right. God will come through in the end?" Did she encourage him in that lengthy trial that he had? No. She told him to curse God and die. Now if Job would have done what she said it would not have turned out the way that it did. This was one instance when the man did not listen to his wife's influence. And the trial continued till God brought Job to the place where He wanted him, till the desired end was achieved. The Scriptures tell us that the end of Job's life was better than the beginning and God blessed him. But what would have happened if he would have listened to that woman? Now why would she give him advice like that? I think she didn't like seeing him suffer. **She just wanted to help.** But what made her think that she knew what was right? That superior feminist attitude. Ladies, be careful. Let's stay out of the way and let God be God.

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The Blessing Corner

Welcome to **The Blessing Corner**. In this section of The Remnant, we plan to print testimonies of obedience and the blessings that follow when we choose to walk in God's ways.

If you have a short testimony of blessing that would fit in this corner, we would love to hear from you. Articles like these encourage others to walk in obedience to the word of God. So let us edify one another.

Our hearts are warmed as we read the accounts of God's blessings and training of these who, though timid, stepped out by faith. The principle that we are focusing on this month is one of the hardest for most to obey. Loving your neighbor, that is, the world full of people around you. This requires much selflessness, and much crucifixion of the flesh.

Man without God is basically a self-centered being. His basic motivation is focused on how he may please himself. His world is very small and in most cases has very little meaning.

When a person turns to the Lord for salvation, he henceforth no longer lives unto himself, but unto Him who washed him in His own blood. This begins a process whereby God turns the focus of a life outward on a world around him. The Lord Jesus wants to live His life through us. For many Christians, this brings a tremendous struggle. Because of pride and insecurity, most hold back and never get involved. Common statements made by those who hold back are "I'm not ready, I'm not mature enough, I'm too shy." We have learned through the years that most people, who fearfully wait for growth, never mature. Maturity comes quickly when we exercise ourselves by faith. If we step into the water, God will part the sea. Most Christians are joyfully surprised when they discover a living God leading them in their service for Him. Inspiration comes that they never experienced before. Wisdom, love, and faith spring up in their heart as they work with the needy around them. The following testimonies are examples of this mysterious blessing that comes when we chose to no longer live unto ourselves.

Freedom Through Service

When I first started going Tuesday nights with the Lancaster Children's Ministry, I had only planned on helping a few weeks, but God had other plans. It is now two and one-half years and God has really blessed and changed my life. After seeing so many broken homes that the children have, it has made me very grateful for the Christian home that God has placed me in. I realize that God has blessed me

so I can bless others and not keep the blessings just for myself. It has caused me to stop and think about where I could be if I would be in their shoes. By going into the city it has given me a new perspective of what many people experience. God has been teaching me to trust Him and let His words flow through me and to love the ones difficult to love. It has stretched me many times to keep believing that God is still working in the lives of the chil-

dren, especially after a night when you felt like you were talking to a wall. I also have to keep believing that the seed is being planted even though I don't see any outward changes and to trust God for the results. I remember one night in particular when we were teaching on the evils behind Halloween. We felt like no one was really listening because the lights kept being turned off, making everyone scream, etc. The following week

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Praise the
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Janelle Zimmerman

I praise God for what He has done and realize it is all because of Jesus that we have anything to give or any reason to love others. I am very humbled at Christ's love for me and am grateful that God is not finished purifying me.

Rejoicing in Jesus!
Janelle Zimmerman



*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."
Isaiah 55:8*

It has been such a blessing to build relationships with the children and also amazing how attached we can become. Some children we have only for a few nights and others for a year or more until they move, etc. It is disappointing when we don't know what has happened to them or if we will ever see them again. It has been sobering to think that each one has a soul and will spend eternity in Heaven or Hell.

I especially enjoyed when the older girls opened up and asked many sincere questions. It is very stretching to try to answer their questions, but I have learned that God gives the right words at the right time when we allow Him to flow through us.

It was also very good for me to step out of "my own little world" and to get involved in the lives of others, including all of the fellow team workers. It has been an encouragement to see everyone work together and see the talents and gifts in each of them. I learned to appreciate and value their character as we work together in unity.

I have found this verse very true in my life over the past few years. A few years ago God placed a burden on my heart for the lost, and a desire to reach out to them. The question was, "Where and how, Lord?" After some time of seeking God and seeing my own drawing to children, I decided to visit the Lancaster Children's Ministry on a Tuesday night. Well, the children stole my heart from the first night out. I jumped into a very big class that needed a few more workers to maintain order. The first night, I was given the job of taking disobedient children home. I was very comfortable with this job, and through it I began to see into their hearts. I saw that these bad children were crying for love and attention. I began to learn to pour the love of God upon them and hear their

woes in those short trips to their houses. As time went on God started taking me out of my comfort zone. The ministry was growing greatly and changes were taking place. The class in which I was helping was losing two of the key teachers. I was asked to take one of the teaching positions. I had not had much teaching experience up till this time. I not only received more responsibility with teaching, I was also asked to be the leader of the class. Wow! Changes!! Oh, the growth that has come from this stretching opportunity.

There were a few things God started teaching me through this time. One was that if I was to be a leader of a group I needed to be fully under the authorities in my life. This was something that I was struggling with at that point. God really drove the need and importance of this deeply into my heart. I also began to see as never before, how I need to depend wholly on God. I needed something to give to these children. There were decisions that needed to be made, and I didn't have the answers. I thought I was a pretty good Christian, but God began to show me there is nothing good in me.

I also learned that being a leader was more than giving direction, but also being sensitive to the other teachers in our group, hearing their suggestions, struggles, and being an encouragement to them.

The LCM had become a very real part of my life, almost to the place where I thought I could never leave it. God, in His sovereign ways, allowed circumstances to happen that brought me to the

place where I was willing to quit. I thought I was leaving, then it was like God said, “No, I want you to stay.” Once God saw I was willing to go, He said, “Wait, you are to STAY.” The direction was so clear. I have not doubted it since. This is where God wants me for now. Through this time He also showed me that His white harvest fields are much larger than the



Jeremy Martin

children of Lancaster. I am very content where God has me till He further leads.

At the end here, I want to thank God for His wondrous ways of teaching, reproofing, and growing us up. He has blessed me in all these ways through the Lancaster Children’s Ministry.

Jeremy Martin



It was about four years ago that I started going into Lancaster to be a part of the children’s ministry. I thought it would be good to be involved in an outreach effort, and since my older siblings were already

involved in LCM I automatically started tagging along with them. In the beginning I basically helped out wherever I was needed and learned a lot as I watched others interact with the families. God began a work in my own life as I witnessed the circumstances that the children lived under. Most were on welfare and about 95% of the homes were fatherless. The first impression this made was to bring about a real gratefulness in my heart for the many blessings that have been mine since birth just because of where we live, who my parents are, the life choices they’ve made, and the influences that I was spared from being exposed to growing up.

After I saw where their lives were heading, to be without God, it began to give me a vision of what God wanted to do for

them and that He could use ME to help fulfill His purposes for them. This vision started a cycle that generated overall purpose in every area of my life as I began to come out of myself to reach out to them. I am more quiet by nature and sort of wondered how God could use ME. It has been a tremendous growing experience as the Lord has given me more responsibility little by little. As He has revealed the children’s needs, it has driven me to take action. God has guided me to quit looking inward and open my eyes and heart to the eternal destiny of these we are

working with. In this way I am getting a taste of His heart towards the needs of the city children, and am realizing that we have an awesome responsibility to minister to these whom He already spilt His very blood for. I don’t ever want to let go of the gripping fact that He uses human flesh to carry His word to these souls. “He has no hands but our hands, He has no feet but our feet, He has no mouth but our mouth.” I am seeing that as I obey the commands of Christ, He is using the outreach of that obedience to influence every area of my life.

When we get falsely accused or have to endure hot tempers and fighting, it can sometimes cause us to temporarily question our usefulness in reaching the children. Then we catch a glimpse of some of them being around the throne saying, “Glory and honor and blessing be unto



Samuel Keaston

Leading singing on the LCM bus while picking up and taking home the children

the Lamb forever and ever,” and every little trial fades in the background and the Lord renews our strength and directs our paths again. I am so thankful for this opportunity and am pleasantly surprised by the fruit and growth He is working in my life as a result of being involved in LCM.

Samuel Kenaston



I well remember the first time I heard about Lancaster Children’s Ministry. We were living in California at the time, and just beginning our walk as a sanctified Christian family, leaving behind the worldly church we used to attend. Something about this ministry stuck in my heart, and though not really thinking it would happen, I said to myself, “If we ever move to Pennsylvania, I want to be a part of Lancaster Children’s Ministry!”

Following God’s leading, we moved out here a little more than a year later, and I have been involved in Children’s Ministry ever since! Has LCM changed my life? Oh, yes it has! I jumped into it, hoping to be a blessing to some needy children, never realizing the wealth of lessons God wanted to teach me through it. I have been stretched in ways I had never imagined!

It became very obvious right from the start that when you walk into the lives of those children, you are entering another culture! A culture filled with depravity, anger, pain, and very little love. I saw right away that what these children need above all else is the love of Christ. Yes,

we know and do teach the consequences for sin, but more than anything, we seek to share the love of Christ with these hungry, love-starved children. What an adventurous path this goal has taken us down! I started out as one afraid to share my faith, and now look for every opportunity to lift up Christ to these children. Yes, there are times that I would rather keep quiet and let



Jennifer Brown

someone else speak up, but I do know that I am more willing to share than I have ever been.

I have also seen time and time again, the power of prayer. We begin every evening pouring out our hearts to God, begging for a spirit of peace, for soft hearts, for patience in trials, and He has given it. He may see fit not to give us a peaceful night, but in those times, He always provides a double measure of

grace and patience if we will but call upon Him.

I have been a part of LCM for two and a half years, and yet each Tuesday night is like a new adventure to me. I love this ministry, and am so thankful that God has given me the opportunity to serve Him in this way!

Jennifer Brown



As I look back over the last seven years, it is amazing to see how God changed me from a selfish, critical person to one who cares for others, and one who supports my ministers. I find great joy in serving God in the church that once I was critical of. How did this happen? Let me share my testimony. Pro. 19:20-21 says, “HEAR counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. There are many DEVICES in a man’s HEART; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.”

These are good words, very good words; but for a man with a closed heart, my “hearing” as mentioned in verse 20 was only that of my own “devices” coming from my selfish “heart”. I started developing a critical spirit right after we moved from Connecticut to Pennsylvania (March 1994). The next two years were a very difficult time for my family and me. I was listening to counsel that pleased my own mind. This counsel usually spoke against the church and its authority. This opened me up to many destructive attitudes. Soon there was no longer any

fruit in my life. My wife and I were at odds with each other. There was much stress in our family. I kept convincing myself I was right by pointing out the faults in others. It got so bad that we left the church for about six months. I used to tell myself that I'll never go back.

During that time alone I felt the Lord speaking to me. He kept showing me my selfishness and my critical spirit. He gave me a vision of where my family was heading. It scared me. He was teaching me to look inward instead of outward. I kept arguing with the Lord, pointed out everybody's faults, pointing out what I thought to be error in doctrine, and in teaching. I'm not good at dates, and I'm not sure of the chronological order of events but God finally got through this stony heart of mine and showed me clearly I was the one in error and sin. I confessed it all to God and asked His forgiveness.

We decided to go back to church. Some time after that I felt the Lord telling me to confess my critical spirit to the whole church. I had never done anything like that before. I had heard many people get up at church and confess a sin or share a blessing, but I had no idea, absolutely no idea, the effect it would have on me. I stood up a bit shaky and faced the congregation. With a sincere heart I confessed my sin to the people. As I did this, something changed inside of me. I soon started to see that they were not just people any more, they were brothers and sisters. The hard crust over my eyes was melting away, the "keep

your distance attitude" I had was breaking down. Praise God, this was only the beginning. I started making friends at church and this brought more acceptance by them. God changed my heart, from one of being critical, to one who just wanted to be a faithful brother in the church.

At the same time that all of this was happening in my life, God created a desire in my heart to get involved in evangelism with my older boys. I had heard about the Lancaster (city) children's ministry and decided to visit. It was perfect and I felt it was God's will to be involved. My heart's desire was to just be a servant there and do whatever needed to be done. We had been there about a year and I was asked by one of our pastors to lead this ministry. I could hardly believe what these ears were hearing. I was not looking for any kind of leadership position, I wasn't even sure I wanted it, but OH how wonderful it felt knowing I could be trusted with a responsibility this big. I just thanked the Lord over and over for his forgiving me and now blessing me and my family.

It will soon be five years since I started in the children's ministry. It has been such a rewarding and fulfilling experience for me personally. I often see it as a gift from God and a reminder of what God can do through a changed heart.

During this time of revival in my heart, my wife and three older sons went to Bill Gothard's Basic seminar. There were many principles I saw much more clearly, but the principle of authority really gripped my heart. I can still see in my mind that umbrella of safety protecting me under my authority and the illustration of what can happen if I step out from under that umbrella; I would no longer be shielded from Satan's darts. From that day forward I purposed in my heart to obey, honor and pray for my authority. Being in my late 30's at the time, I know that I was a "late bloomer" on this principle. I didn't really have parents to submit under (as would a child) or even an employer for that matter, but I did have church leaders. I had them to submit to. I can't say it was always easy but I knew it was right. One thing that really helped me was to pray for them. It put them in my heart more often.

Jeff Barker



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Sharpened Words for Little Ones



Dear fathers and mothers,

T*his section of The Remnant is designed to be a help to you, a tool in your hand, to encourage you along the way of becoming a teacher of the word of God in your home. Deut. 6 instructs us as parents to become diligent teachers of our children. Many parents feel completely unable to fulfill this biblical mandate. We must get over our feelings of inadequacy. **GOD**, in His infinite wisdom, would not tell us to do something that we were not able to do. This would only torment us all our days, and a loving God wouldn't do that. We must rise up in faith, trusting God, and obey His word. I believe He will meet us with divine help as we move ahead. We have formatted this page so that you can cut it out of the magazine, study the suggestions privately, and then use them in family devotions. Try it, step into the water, and see how God will guide you through some meaningful teaching times with the children.*

--The Editors

Happy teaching!

Blessed Solitude

The goal of this lesson is to lift up the joy and beauty of quiet and being alone. Your children can be taught to enjoy an hour in silence and solitude, and oh, what a blessed habit to bring into their adult life. You may need to ask your wife to help you with the preparations for this meditation. Prepare several small places throughout the house, where each family member can go to be alone. A closet works the best for this. Turn to 1 Thess. 4:11, and focus in on the portion of the verse that says "study to be quiet." After a short meditation about solitude and quiet, look at a couple of texts in the Gospels where Jesus went out away from the crowd to be alone. You can talk about the reasons why He did this, and there are many. Some of this discussion can wait until after the exercise in silence. Tell the children, "We are going to practice this lesson today," you will have their attention. At this point send each one of them to a closet for 15 minutes. You may need to take one of the smaller ones with you. At the end of the time, call them all back together for an open discussion about their experience in the closet. They will all have something to say. We are all so used to noise that deep silence and stillness is a new thing to most. Finish with Ps. 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God." This verse will have new meaning to them after their time in the closet.

Lay Aside the Weights

You need to bring two 5-gallon buckets to the devotional time. The one should be empty, and the other one can be filled with stones of various sizes. Start by reading Heb. 12:1, and follow with an explanation and description of the verse and a race. It would be good at the beginning of the teaching to give a couple of practical examples of weights to make sure they are with you. Then move into the activity. Choose one of the children to run a race. It will not be hard to secure a willing helper on this one. Set the course for the race, it should be short, because the races will get very hard to finish at times. Maybe you want to go from the living room to the bedroom and back, or out onto the porch and back. Let the child start with the empty bucket and time him. This should be a fast walk since it's in the house. Then put a few stones in the bucket and let him walk the course again with the timer on. On the third run, you want to put enough stones in the bucket that he is slowed way down, and again time the race. By now the point is clearly made in every mind, so you can spend some time teaching the principle. There are many illustrations in the Bible that you can draw from.

Two Ways to Learn

Your children will never forget this one. Pro.17: 10 says, "A reproof (a word of correction) entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool." The aim of this lesson is to bring our children to the place where they are being directed by words and instructions received in their hearts, rather than by the use of the rod. This is actually why we use the rod. We use the rod in hopes of laying aside the rod and going on for years in words of instruction. You will need a volunteer (I'm not being funny). I suggest one of your children that are beyond the spanking stage of their development. Your volunteer will be receiving 100 stripes, so bring a pillow to family devotions, and whatever you use for discipline. Divide the stripes into ten spankings right in a row, and give them with the use of the pillow. It would be very helpful to choose a command that you want to be done and ask for it at the end of each spanking, with the child saying, "No." When you are finished with this exercise, give the command to another one of the children, and I guarantee the child will do it right away. You now have at your fingers the teachable moment—start teaching. Which way of learning would you choose? Much discussion will flow from this illustration and question.

Adding to God's Creative Work

This lesson will take you two or three days to finish, but that is OK, because it will take a bit more preparation than other ones. In the spring of the year when there are lots of flowers, gather a nice bouquet. Have your wife go to the Goodwill store or some other place where used items are sold. She should be looking for earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. You can get them very cheap there. Go to your workshop and find a couple of colors of spray paint. Gather some ribbon from the gift-wrapping drawer, and I think you are ready. You say, "What on earth am I ready for?" I think you will enjoy this one. Bring the beautiful flowers to family altar time and ask everyone how they like them. You will get lots of positive comments from everyone, but lots more from the girls. Then pull your paraphernalia out of a sack and start making statements about how the flowers might look better if they were a different color. Spray one red, one black, and another one frosted red. Continue to speak about improving on these flowers, as you start hanging earrings on them and other jewelry. Finish your masterpiece off with a different color of ribbon, and add the last touches of new color with a bit more black and red. As you exclaim how nice it looks now they will all be looking aghast at you and the flowers. Now you are ready to teach for a few days.

1. Teach the principle of creation, and the wisdom of the creator. Gen. 1 & 2. God said it was good, can we think that we could add to what God made?
2. Go to Ps. 139, where we are told that God has fearfully and wonderfully made each one of us. Who are we, to think that we could improve on how God made us?
3. Make some practical applications about makeup and jewelry. Take it a step further and discuss the latest heathen practices of rings in the nose, etc.
4. Talk about the motivation for all of these things—pride.
5. Finish with a meditation on self-acceptance (accepting the way God made me), and get the children to open up about how they feel about certain physical features that God has given them.

The Fruit of Brokenness

Norman Mesel gives the account of an evangelistic team who were going from door to door in a certain community. Many doors were slammed shut in their faces and there seemed to be a general disinterest. After a hard day, the team approached their hotel for a night of rest only to hear laughter and the loud commotion of a party taking place. One of the team members was broken-hearted as he looked upon the people with the eyes of Christ. With tears flowing down his cheeks, he began singing above the noise of the crowd:

Man of sorrows, what a Name
For the Son of God Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

The room became completely silent as the brokenhearted youth continued singing:

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

The rest of the team joined in...

Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished," was His cry.
Now in Heaven exalted high;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

An amazing thing happened as the Spirit of God swept through the crowd! People began crying, repenting, and getting saved! The next day over 100 people met for worship, where only a handful had met before. Oh, the power of a broken heart and the faith and courage of one youth who was willing to be a fool for Christ!

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Walking in the Light

Beloved brethren, let us love our wives: for LOVE is of God;
Everyone that loves his wife, is born of God, and knoweth God.
He that loveth not his wife, knoweth not God; for God is LOVE.
Beloved brethren, if God so loved us, we ought also to love our wives.
IF WE CHOOSE TO LOVE OUR WIVES,
God dwells in us, and his love is perfected in us.
God is LOVE.
He that dwells in love with his wife, dwells in God, and God dwells in him.
If any man say, I love God, and hates his wife, he is a liar.
THE TRUE LIGHT NOW SHINES.
He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his wife, and is bitter toward her,
Is in darkness even until now.
He that loveth his wife abideth in the light,
And there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
BUT
He that hateth his wife is in darkness, and walketh in darkness,
And the darkness hath blinded his eyes.
Beloved brethren, if the light that is in thee be darkness,
HOW GREAT IS THAT DARKNESS!

Satan's Destruction of the Home



Genesis Chapter 3:1-24

by Denny Kenaston

In Genesis chapter one and two we received a beautiful picture of a godly home. We are not told how long this happy couple lived in their original state as husband and wife. We can only imagine what their marriage was like. Yet I think it is worthy for us to reflect a bit on what life was like before the fall. Man was “made a little lower than the angels, and crowned with glory and honor.” God was in the center of man’s being, and God was the center of Adam and Eve’s life and marriage. The two of them went about fulfilling God’s purposes on the earth, and life must have been glorious. Everything flowed together harmoniously and doing right came very naturally. Oh, what bliss, what love, what holy order. We could spend a good while just imagining how this perfect couple lived together in the garden with God; however, that is not our subject today.

The Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians, “we are not ignorant of Satan’s devices.” By this statement we also learn that God

does not want us to be ignorant of the motives and strategies of our enemy. So let us take notes as we consider what the Devil did to our ancient grandparents. We know that Satan’s prime motive was to usurp authority and glory from God, by turning Adam and Eve away from God’s clear commandment to them. The happy couple believed his lie and followed his counsel. This brought the destruction of their lives, the first home, and ultimately the whole human race. When they ate that fruit, something died within them and God was no longer in them. The Devil won a great victory over the first man and woman through this one simple disobedience. He now had them out from under God’s authority, and powerless. It is sort of like the cat and the mouse. If you have ever watched a cat that has caught a mouse it can be very sobering. Once the cat has the mouse, he just plays with him. He will let him run around a little and then catch him again. The mouse is totally under control. This is what happened to our first

parents. Oh, the devastation this brought to their home. Not only has the man and his wife fallen, but the home has fallen, and all that God had designed it to be has fallen. Because we have read the Bible, we have some idea what a beautiful home it was to be, but alas, they are out from under God’s authority, and powerless. Many today find themselves in the same condition. Whatever degrees of loss and confusion you find your home in, it is for the same reason. But “thanks be unto God,” He will always make us triumph, through Jesus Christ our Lord. “We are more than conquerors, through him that loved us.”

Recovery and restoration are some of the main purposes of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The recovery of this home that was devastated by the fall should be one of our lifelong pursuits. We all know that home-life is where the rubber meets the road. Our Christianity must affect our homes or it is in fact pseudo Christianity (not genuine). Brothers and sisters, there is a great battle raging over our

homes. I believe that if the spiritual veil were removed, and we could see the evil forces set against this recovery, we would be shocked and awakened to action. Just as the Devil knew the far-reaching effects of destroying one home in the garden, so now also he knows that generations will be ruined by one home that he turns out of the way. But brethren, we should not despair. God is brooding over our homes, and He also knows what is at stake. Generations of godly people can come forth from one home that is totally given up to God and His Word. History records many examples to validate this truth. May God stir the vision of recovery deep in our hearts, and help us to know that all heaven is on our side of the battle.

I would like to look now at a few lessons that we can glean from the text in Genesis. Practical help for our modern day homes, gleaned from an ancient example of failure.

The Darkness and Disorder of a Home Without God.

Let us begin by acknowledging this fact. A home without God is destined for destruction. Adam and Eve cannot see what they have done, and how it will affect their future. However, we have read further on in the holy record of man's history, and we know. Darkness and disorder prevails over every home that turns away from God as the true center of every man's life.

Adam and Eve Did Not Face Their Failure

They should have humbled themselves and waited for God

to come and visit them as usual, and then simply told Him what they had done. Instead, we find them hiding, covering, excusing, and blaming. Does this pattern sound and feel familiar? From this account, we can see how much their character has been altered by the fall in one short day. They have already become self-centered. Why? Because they have lost their God. He is no longer at the center of their lives. Restoration in my home comes, when I first of all face the fact that something is wrong. Then confess my sin, "what hast thou done?" asked God. Then thirdly, I must be willing to give God His rightful place in my life and my home.

Adam Failed to Lead Out in His Home

This was a grave error with many consequences. God had clearly given him the position and responsibility of leader in their home. We have no idea what would have happened, had Adam stopped the subtle rebellion by refusing to eat the fruit. That would be a good question to ask the Father some day in heaven. It's not like he turned the leadership over to Eve. However, by following Eve's suggestion, and knowing it was wrong, he accepted her leadership by default. This same pattern of neglect is happening all over this land of ours. Most of us fathers and mothers are the product of two generations of failure in these areas. Oh husbands, let us rise to the call of God to return to our place and lead our homes in righteousness. And dear wives, let us be careful

what we do with our husband's attempts at leading.

The Woman is the Weaker Vessel

Even in her perfect state, Eve was weaker, and God had made her that way. Her role in life was to be one of support and encouragement. Satan, who is always looking for the weak points in all of us, focused in on Eve for the first suggestion of rebellion against God. This is not a popular teaching today. Whole denominations are rising up to distort the place God gave to the woman in the garden. This is a grave error, which will lead to much more confusion and deception. Millions of (Christian women) are disgusted at the thought of submitting to their husbands, I Tim. 2:11-15. While we are warned in the scriptures concerning this weakness, we men are also admonished to deal with our wives tenderly and with patience, I Pet. 3:7.

She was Only Trying to Help

As Eve was being deceived, I don't believe she had any evil intent in her suggestion to her husband. We can only imagine how the conversation went with her husband Adam. She was deceived, and to be deceived is to be thoroughly convinced you are right when you are wrong. Eve must have proceeded to explain to Adam how they had misunderstood what God had said, using all the words that the serpent used on her. A woman has a very powerful ability to influence her man, and so it was that fateful day. I wonder how

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Sports-A-Noma

The Malignancy of the Sports Craze

by Paul M. Emerson



A *sinister disease has crept into the church over the last few generations. It has life-destroying tentacles that variously and randomly attack the vital organs of a local body of Christ. It eventually redirects the attention of the body from primary function and duty to secondary activities. Like cancer, it destroys the individual not from without as being wounded by a bullet but as the result of an internal battle wherein the cells become renegade. Then the body goes to war with itself. The priorities of the spiritual life are altered and the malignancy of idolatry spreads and kills the healthy cells. By the time major symptoms appear, the situation is usually terminal. Early detection, radical surgery and eradication are the best defenses against this disease.*

Sports-a-noma masquerades in the guise of healthy exercise, necessary diversion, and good entertainment. Intemperance is the first indication of a problem. When what started out to be just a friendly game for exercise becomes highly competitive, when a simple hobby becomes pervasive, or when checking sports scores and wins becomes habitual, the malignancy has set in. Denial usually accompanies those early signs of disease. Statements like, "It's not that important to me," "It won't interfere with my devotional life," "It will not impact my faithfulness to the church," "I don't spend money on it like some people," or "I can quit any time I decide to do so," demonstrate the blinding power of the disease. Little by little the malignancy intensifies and eventually every item of the earlier denials is compromised. Temperance in the use of these "pastimes" is discarded and the disease moves into the "craze" phase.

Idolatry plays a major role in the damage caused by sports-a-noma. Our understanding of the sin of idolatry is predicated upon the foundational principle laid down in the Old Testament. Strictly speaking, idolatry is not replacing the true God with another. It is adding the worship of another god alongside Jehovah. The commandment literally means, "Thou shalt have no other gods beside (or in addition to) Me." Anything or anyone that occupies our thoughts, time or resources in a consecrated or devoted sense is an idol. Sports easily becomes such an idol. Sports-a-noma plays to the

appetites of the fallen mind and body. Winners and heroes become the little gods in the satanic scheme to rob God of His glory in our lives. Christ teaches that the healthy person has a single eye. Loyalties must not be divided. We either serve Jesus with our whole heart or we turn from Him. There is no middle ground where we mostly serve Christ but also serve another passing fancy. Christ speaks of the cancer of sports-a-noma when He says, "No man can serve two masters." When cancer attacks our bodies it uses a system of divided loyalties. The healthy cells are following the "head" in normal functions of growth and preservation while the renegade cells are extremely busy reproducing themselves and following their own agenda. The end result is the destruction of the body. So it is with sports-a-noma, except the stakes are eternal—not merely physical.

The Scripture pictures idolatry as spiritual adultery. The whole book of Hosea speaks to this issue. The Old Testament people were spoken of as the wife of Jehovah. The New Testament believers are presented as the bride of Christ. Adultery as amplified in the Sermon on the Mount occurs when a married person's attention is diverted from his or her spouse to another. That diverted attention usually includes studying the other person, spending extra time alone with that person, and extensive interpersonal conversations. These lead to infatuation and result in a quicksand effect, which drags us into more and more involvement. When the Lord

(our Bridegroom) has to compete with athletics for our attention, we have become spiritually adulterous and are dangerously ill. When the sports page becomes more exciting to us than hearing the Savior's voice through the Scriptures, the illness has become critical. This being true means that there are many in the church today who are critically ill with sports-a-noma.

There are varieties of sports-a-noma. There is the strenuous physical activity family, which includes the various games of ball, track, and field events, etc. Then there are the mental gymnastics maladies, which use such games as Chess. Some are deeply infected by the hobby type where man-made and developed toys such as boats become the focus. There are the hybrids which use the toys plus varying levels of physical activity and even result in occasionally obtaining some food (e.g. hunting and fishing). The spectator strain infects a wide spectrum of churchgoing people in which involvement is visual and generates excitement and emotional fulfillment in a surrogate way. It is not that most or any of these are wrong in themselves. Rather it is when the normal cells (occasional sports activities) intensify by lust into renegade cells (highly organized and demanding sports activities) that disease occurs with an acceleration into devastating spiritual adultery.

The informal use of sports at family gatherings, school recesses, church picnics, et. al. can be beneficial educationally, physically, and emotionally. In the right setting, these activities can

teach that “winning is not everything”. Children can actually be taught the unselfishness of losing with dignity which prepares them for much of life in Biblical terms. However, the more organized sports get, the more dangerous they become to the soul. It has been said in the sports world, “Winning is not the main thing—winning is the ONLY thing.” That philosophy has exacerbated the selfism of the sinful nature and developed a generation that is uncomfortable with the Biblical work ethic. It appears that many in the world today hold down a job merely to finance their sports interests. They put in their unhappy forty hours at the workplace each week to enable them to play the rest of the time. What could be a

wholesome momentary diversion from work has taken center stage and work has in some cases become the diversion from nearly universal play.

Rather than assisting the Great Physician in prevention and treatment of sports-a-noma, many congregations have encouraged the spread of the disease by organizing formal athletic leagues, celebrating Super-Sunday, etc. This sort of thing has the ring of apostasy. Churches must administer massive doses of the preventatives, LOC (Lordship of Christ), PDL (Personal Devotional Life), P&F (Prayer and Fasting), and WDO (Witnessing & Discipleship Outreach). Congregations must deal aggressively with those who have the disease by treating with

SBE (Systematic Biblical Exposition), CTR (Calls to Repentance), SFSD (Spirit-Filled Self-Denial), NFA (Not Forsaking the Assembly), and CCD (Corrective Church Discipline).

“For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” I Timothy 4:8

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many times this scene has been played over and over in the histories of husbands and wives. Two warnings are in order here. First of all to the men. Let us be alert, discerning, and careful when we find ourselves at places of decision. I am not saying we should be fearful and full of doubt toward our wives. We should be prayerful and watchful. The second warning we extend to the wives. You have a tremendous ability to sway your mate. Use it wisely, with much prayer. Grave mistakes have been made, out of a good desire to help.

The Poison of Pride was Injected into Our First Parents

Satan fell from his first glorious estate through pride. I am

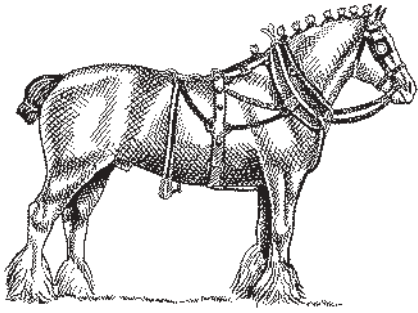
better, I know better, I will be like God and take His place as ruler. The serpent in the garden truly bit Adam and Eve with the destructive venom of pride and it is in our veins to this day. Oh, the conflicts that still run wild at times in our homes through this devilish attitude. “Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.” Healing comes through humility. Through repentance and faith we can seek our redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we allow Him to take control of every area of our lives, healing will come.

Oh Adam, what hast thou done? Oh beautiful home, where did you go? Is this beautiful home lost forever? Is there no restoration to be found? The God of the

Bible would answer us back with a resounding NO!! We see glimpses of this home springing up again and again in holy writ. It emerges with clarity in the New Testament along with the revelation of Jesus Christ, the savior of our homes.

Dear Heavenly Father, by grace through faith, we bring our homes to you right now. We see how our enemy hath done his destructive work in our homes. Have mercy on us, oh Lord, and on our children. Let Thy will be done in our homes, even as it is in heaven. Stay his hand, we pray thee, and grant us a vision of restoration, and the grit of grace to rise up and change our ways. In Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

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Meekness is power
under control.

The Apostle Paul encourages us in I Tim. 4, to do exercises in godliness. Or, exercises that produce godliness. With each issue of *The Remnant*, we are presenting a holy activity that will stretch and strain our spiritual muscles. There is an American proverb that says, “no pain, no gain.” This is very true in the realms of the spirit also. We have a family exercise this time that you and your family will find quite challenging. The exercise is on meekness. The term 101 refers to the beginner’s course in any given subject.

In Matt. 11:28-30 Jesus said, “...learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” In the Sermon on the Mount, He also taught that a great blessing would come on the ones who are meek. So, what is meekness? The Vines dictionary defines meekness as “that temper of spirit in which we accept Gods dealings with us as good, and therefore, we accept them without disputing and resisting.” Now when we choose to bring this definition down into our everyday life, this can be quite revealing. A general

Meekness 101

definition for meekness is yield-
edness. I have given up. I have
yielded my life, my plans, my
rights, my possessions, to God
and His will. Now this is where
the school of meekness begins.
At this point, because God is
sovereign, He now has the right
to test the depth of this commit-
ment. This is where the learning
part of the class begins. In reality,
it means we are going to accept
everything that comes our way as
coming from God. It means that
we are willing to yield ourselves
unto God, and obey His prompt-
ing throughout the day. Are we
like a wild horse, with all the
power and ability still out of con-
trol? Or, are we like the trained
horse, with all our powers and
abilities given up to God?

To begin with, plan out when
you are going to start the class.
One week before you begin, have
a couple of days of instruction on
meekness so everyone knows
what they are going to learn.
Then get each one down on their
knees in prayer, to tell the Lord
that they want to enter this class.
Lord, we give You the liberty to
order our lives however You
wish. We are willing to be taught
whatever You feel we need to
learn. You will be amazed at the
way God will personally direct
the circumstances of your lives
during the following week.

In preparation of the class,
choose about five hymns that
deal with surrender, consecra-

tion, and God’s sovereign rule
over us. I suggest you sing one of
them on your knees every hour
on the first day. A good song for
this exercise is “I Surrender All.”
Get ready though, this is a very
probing song to sing on bended
knee. Family devotions should
center on this theme all week
long. Subjects like the life of
Christ, or David the king, or
Joseph will be very helpful. As
you move into the week, you
want to discuss what God is
doing in each life as He orders
the events of each day. This
should be a good family time of
openness and honesty. Each
member of the class should be
alert to feelings of anger, irritabil-
ity, and frustration. These are
usually indications of areas of
unyieldedness. The family talks
and singing of songs can take
place at meal times, and before
bedtime at night.

Dear brothers and sisters,
this can be a very holy exercise
in the life of your family. You
should be prepared for more
than you expected. I am fore-
warning you. Attitudes may sur-
face that you were not aware of.
Humiliations may be ordered by
the Lord for the whole family’s
benefit. You will be a closer fam-
ily after this exercise and the
children may ask to do it again.
If all enter in with an earnest
spirit of brokenness, deep lessons
will be learned.

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Testimony of Colorado Bible School

by Phil Lapp

*"I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene, And
wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.
Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how
wonderful! And my song shall
ever be: Oh, how marvelous!
Oh, how wonderful Is my
Savior's love for me!"*

This song accurately describes the musings of my heart as I ponder over the week of Bible School. Truly God has been amazingly good to His people. He has fulfilled many promises throughout the week. He promises us in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." The Lord brought this verse into fulfillment in this week of Bible School. We have seen many young people humble

themselves, and pray, and seek the face of God, and turn from their wicked ways. Then we beheld as God met with them in a way that astounded all. And not only with the young people, but also with many others. In fact, it seemed He didn't pass any of us by, but rather all who sought Him earnestly, found Him in a real way. He forgave our sins and truly healed our land.

I would like to share with you a little of what happened behind the scenes. Things that I believe contributed greatly to the revival that we experienced. First of all, there was much prayer and fasting that ascended to the throne before the Bible School ever started. For many weeks prior to this week, the church here at Hope Christian Fellowship sought the face of God for revival. We earnestly prayed that it would yield a harvest of souls and bring joy to the heart of our Lord Jesus. So the

Lord started to prepare our hearts for this week. God began to do a deep work in our lives as we prayed. It seemed every Sunday morning was a revival service. A brother would preach for an hour or so, then we had time to share testimonies and pray one for another, which sometimes would last for two hours. The services began to stretch into three and four hour services instead of two hours. Frequently people were anointed for sickness and prayed for by the elders (James 5).

God was preparing His people for a great work. And so we entered into the week of Bible School with much anticipation. It was a big step for our small congregation. But we all poured our heart into it and trusted God for the rest. And so Monday morning arrived and the young people came. Twenty-three states were represented. So you can image the differences of backgrounds and cultures that

came with that. But God is no respecter of persons and we were thrilled as we saw these differences break away after about the second day. As the Word of God began to work in their hearts it seemed to bring everyone onto one level. And as they began to share hearts together, it provoked others to open up their lives also. And so the Spirit of God moved amongst His people.

On Tuesday evening the Lord broke through to many and around five souls were born again. By Wednesday afternoon all of the leaders of the Bible School sensed that God was about to break through in a powerful way. Not knowing how to proceed we sought the face of God. The schedule was planned to not have any service on Wednesday evening and let the students go to their host families to rest and get to bed early. But as we sought the face of God we felt moved by the Holy Ghost to keep the students at the church house and spend some time in praise and worship. So we proceeded with anticipation and trembling. As the Bible School coordinator, I opened up the service with prayer and songs. Then I opened it up to the students to share testimonies and songs. I also told them that if anyone wanted to seek God in private, they were welcome to leave the auditorium and go to a private room. Also the counselors were available if they desired to have counseling. As they began to share, the presence of God filled the building. Men and women began to weep and leave the auditorium with counselors. Others kept sharing

testimonies and singing. Soon some of those who had left the room came back with their counselors. Their faces were aglow with joy and peace. The counselor announced that they had met with God and were freed from the bondage of sin. Others were born again. At these announcements the whole building rang with songs of joy, praising God for His salvation. As all of this was going on, Reuben Esh, the principle of the Bible School, came up front to tell me that a young man we all knew well had gone out with a counselor, and was wrestling with God. So we all prayed for this dear young man. A while later Reuben again comes up to tell me that we needed to find a trash barrel. This young man had gotten through to God and needed to destroy a lot of evil music, in both CDs and tapes. So we found a barrel and put it up in the front of the room and here comes this young man with all his ungodly music. With this stage set, I asked if any others needed to get rid of ungodly music. Soon there were others. And so the evening hours flew by. Before we realized it, it was 10:00 P.M. We had started at 6:30 P.M. and how quickly the hours had flown by. Truly revival had come to God's people. Of course no one wanted to go home. But we knew tomorrow morning would be another day of Bible School and so we tried to gently close this meeting. How do you close a meeting like this? You don't. All you can do is tell everyone to go home and rest for tomorrow is another day. But the Spirit of God is brooding

over His people and some go home to wrestle with God on their beds. Others go home, gloriously set free from self and sin, with too much joy in their hearts to sleep. Nevertheless, the evening came to a close, leaving all who were there staggered at how God had poured out His spirit upon His people.

This, of course, set the stage for the rest of the week. The Lord brought forth sermons that were filled with rich, practical truth and seeded it gently into the hearts that were made tender by the evening before. On Thursday evening God again brought forth His Word in a powerful way, and more souls were added to the kingdom. It seemed to climax on Friday evening as some souls wrestled with God into the wee hours of the morning. Saturday afternoon we again had a time of sharing testimonies and songs for a few hours. Then after eating dinner at 4:00 P.M., we all headed out into the country (Brother Don Campbell's place) to have a bonfire. We heaped all the CDs, tapes, magazines, books, etc., onto a pile and burned it. What a sight it was! As it burned, 200 or more people gathered around the fire and sang songs till it had all burned and only a pile of hot ashes remained. With our voices hoarse from singing, but our hearts bursting with joy, we returned to our respective homes at around 8:30pm. Sunday was the last day, and what a day it was. God spoke to us through Brother Denny Kenaston, on living by faith, and then through Brother Keith Daniel on spiritual warfare. God

Book Review

by Andrew Weaver

The Calvary Road

by Roy Hession

Roy Hession's profoundly simple little book, *The Calvary Road*, is evidence that great power can be contained in small packages. Mr. Hession writes about revival, especially continuous, personal revival, in a style that even a child can understand; yet his simple message contains truth to challenge the most mature believer. The victorious Christian life is described in such simple terms, it makes the reader quite sure that such a life is attainable. At the same time, the standard of holiness and consistent victory is raised so high, it makes anyone despair of attaining it in his own strength. But the very positive nature of this little book's message then helps the reader look beyond his own inadequate strength to the abundant provision of the heavenly Father. Consider these lines from the very first chapter, titled *Brokenness*: *We want to be very simple in this matter of revival. Revival is just the life of the Lord Jesus poured into human hearts...the first thing we must learn is that our wills must be broken to His will. To be broken is the beginning of revival...Being broken is both God's work and ours. He brings His pressure to bear, but we have to make the choice...All day long the choice will be before us in a thousand ways. It will mean no plans, no time, no money, and no pleasure of our own. It will mean a constant yielding to those around us, for our yieldedness to God is measured by our yieldedness to man...You see, the only*

life that pleases God and that can be victorious is His life—never our life, no matter how hard we try.

A later chapter uses the simple analogy of the human heart as a cup, which we can continually lift to Jesus for Him to fill with the water of life. In this chapter, Mr. Hession addresses an extremely important but unpopular subject: *Only one thing prevents Jesus from filling our cups...and this is sin in one of its thousand forms. The Lord Jesus does not fill dirty cups. Anything that springs from self, however small it may be, is sin (emphasis mine)...Self-pity in trials or difficulties, self-seeking in business...self-defense when we are hurt...self-consciousness, reserve, worry, fear, all spring from self and all are sin and make our cups unclean.* In answer to the question whether sin is not too strong a word to apply to such things as self-consciousness, reserve, or fear, the author replies: *If these things are not sins, then we must put up with them for the rest of our lives; there is no deliverance. But if these and other things like them are indeed sins, then there is a Fountain for sin, and we may experience cleansing and deliverance from them, if we put them immediately under His precious Blood, the moment we are conscious of them.*

This theme of immediately taking a sin to Calvary as soon as we are conscious of it is emphasized throughout the book. And with good reason, for that is the life of revival in its simplicity: no confidence in self, absolute confidence in the power of the blood of Jesus, and no tolerance for revealed sin in one's life.

[Revival] is not good Christians becoming better Christians—as God sees us there are not any good Christians—but rather Christians honestly confessing that their Christian life is a valley of dry bones and by that very confession qualifying for the grace that flows from the Cross and makes all things new.

How revival affects our human relations is covered in a chapter titled *The Way of Fellowship*. He writes: *The First Epistle of John...insists on testing the depth and reality of a man's fellowship with God by the depth and reality of his fellowship with his brethren...The only basis for real fellowship with God and man is to live out in the open with both. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another..."Such a walk in the light cannot but disclose sin increasingly in our lives, and we shall see things to be sin, which we never thought to be such before. For that reason we might shrink from this walk...But the verse goes on with the precious words, "and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Everything that the light of God shows up as sin*

we can confess and carry to the Fountain of Blood and it is gone, gone from God's sight and gone from our hearts.

Another chapter says: *The message and challenge of revival, which is coming to many of us these days, is searching in its utter simplicity. It is simply that there is only one thing in the world that can hinder the Christian's walking in victorious fellowship with God and his being filled with the Holy Spirit—and that is sin in one form or another. There is only one thing in the world that can cleanse him from sin with all that that means of liberty and victory—and that is the power of the Blood of the Lord Jesus...the only beautiful thing about the Christian is Jesus Christ. God wants us to recognize that fact...so that in true brokenness...we shall allow Jesus Christ to be our righteousness and holiness and all in all – and that is victory.*

The Calvary Road also contains some beautiful insights into the humility of Jesus, taken from Isaiah 53, and explains why our perfect Example was called the meek Lamb of God. You will want to read this life-changing little book for yourself and be blessed by the many inspiring truths that I cannot share here. Prepare to be challenged and humbled as you read the chapters titled *The Highway of Holiness, Are You Willing to Be a Servant?* and *The Power of the Blood of the Lamb*, among others. If you sense that God really intended the Christian life to be simple

and uncomplicated, and are tired of all the unimportant little issues that distract your focus from Jesus Christ, I urge you to read this book. I believe it will renew your appreciation for the beautiful simplicity of God's plan for His children, and inspire you to walk with Jesus 'The Calvary Road'.

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always meets the need of the hour, and truly He did with these two sermons. As the Word came forth in the power of the Holy Ghost, it left all who listened stunned. The revival fires had climbed to a new height and God still wasn't finished with His people. And God is still not finished with His people and never will be till we see Him coming in the clouds with great glory and power! Praise His Holy Name.

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before

the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." Revelation 7:9-12

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Working in the Vineyard

by Daryl & Rebekah Nolt



God has truly been very good to us in these recent months and we have experienced His grace in greater measures than ever before in the work here. It seems that sometimes the trials come so thick and heavy that we feel we can hardly bear the pain of another blow...such as we recently experienced with the sudden death of Kristina's father and her emergency trip back to Pennsylvania in the midst of Rebekah's bedrest pregnancy, harvest season, bouts of malaria, pink eye, boils, Rachelle's critical hospital stay, vehicle breakdowns, etc. BUT GOD! We have found when another situation comes there is strength and grace available that was not there before, and when it is all over we look back in amazement and can say from the bottom of our heart that it was not I, but Christ! It seems that the depth of our commitment has come up for testing through some of these times, but praise God, that the sun is always found shining on the other side and Christ's name is being exalted. The Lord is teaching us about trusting Him more deeply as He puts His finger on those who are dearest to us on earth. A confidence of His closeness grows in our hearts as we realize that He will be here for us no matter what we face in the future. There is no doubt that a missionary is called to give up his family into the safe keeping of the Lord more earnestly than what is normal in everyday stateside life.

Looking through the eye of faith it has been interesting to watch these numerous attacks while at the same time sensing that it would all bear fruit if we would just be faithful and hold on. At the present time the doors seem to be opening in so many surrounding villages at once that we'll need

to beg for more laborers to meet the needs presenting themselves. The local brethren are extremely excited to see interest stirring among their own Dogomba people. We find ourselves excited and sobered at the same time...we want to stay out of the way of God's plan and recognize His hand in the springing up of events. Of a truth HE is the one doing the work, these people are too satisfied in their sin and religion for it to be possible for a man to convince them to come to Christ. God Himself must draw them and show them their need. He is allowing us to get into villages where the chiefs wouldn't grant permission even for the Jesus film folks to come in and set up. It seems we hear the rustling in the mulberry trees and the move is ON!

The crusades started here in Gushiegu on Mon. and about 300 people showed up! That is more interest than we have ever had at crusades held here in the market square! It takes Jacob about 2 hours each evening to set up the lights and PA system beforehand, and about the same to tear everything down. We heard many positive comments after the first night including some favorable ones from our neighbors. People were saying that we teach differently than the imams (Moslem leaders) and that the messages go right to the heart and are so sweet. Please do keep these crusades in your prayers. We will set up at a different strategic location each week for three nights, in a total of eight locations, which will take us two months to completely saturate our town. Tonight is the last night at the first location. Daryl opens the crusades the first night by preaching a message that lays the foundation of the creation facts, centering on how God looks at sin from the Old Testament stories. Latif preaches the second night on the life of Christ, then Joseph preaches the third night tying it all together and presenting a clear gospel message. This will be the set schedule at each of the 8 different locations. It was encouraging to see and hear of such interest right here in our own town after being here for 2 1/2 years. The first location was close to our house, but people from the other side of market said they could clearly hear the message at their homes. We are praying that everyone will have an opportunity to hear the message this way even if they do not come to the services! There are many older people who always stay in their houses who could never

actually come out for a service but who are in desperate need of hearing the gospel. The chief was very helpful and agreeable to the services being held when Daryl talked to him. He said, "You just let me know if anyone here causes you any trouble at all and I will take care of it!" To have earned the trust and confidence of the authorities through the testimony of the church and clinic work is proving to be invaluable.

We'd like to share a bit with you about how the work in Manacheti is progressing. It seems like the people are at a very crucial point right now and need to be prayed into the kingdom. They have had almost 3 months of clear biblical teaching and therefore have become very accountable for what decisions they make. Since the gospel has been being preached now for the last couple weeks, 8 people (mostly stable men) have made clear decisions to follow Christ. Since they are a Konkomba village, the people are very caught up in idolatry. Their chief recently died and so right now the village is full of witches to help them decide on a new chief. Many of the people who have been attending regularly are wanting to follow Christ but are afraid to make a public decision because some of the witches are also in the audience and they are afraid that a curse will be put on them if they publicly make a decision. Pray much for them. We have been asking the Lord specifically for 40 believers there. There have been that many adults at all of the teaching sessions each week. Since they preach two messages each Sat., (Latif preaches one and Daryl the other one), Daryl wants to preach one message for the believers and the other message on sin and salvation until all 40 have come to Christ. There are adults attending from about three other villages so we are looking at a total of 4 new churches in the future! Do it Lord! How we need your prayer support, people who are willing to wrestle with us on their knees to bring these people to Christ. God is doing a work here but the devil is not happy and it is him whom we must wrestle against. These people (the Dagombas and Konkombas) have been his for so many years and nobody has challenged his possession of them. But! Jesus died to purchase them for HIMSELF and they have been deceived again and again as to whom their rightful owner is. Let us join together to fight this battle to the end that their eyes may be opened

and they will crown Christ as their Saviour and Lord of their lives and be set free from the bondages of generations of sin and idol worship!

Much of our time these months has also been devoted to the completion of The Creation to Christ translation, which we'll now refer to by its appropriate Dogbani name of Nama Hali Ni Yisa. It is a tremendous sense of accomplishment to have all 50 of the lessons completed and on their way to the states to be printed. It would have been interesting to have logged our combined hours to see just exactly how much time went into the project! We are so thankful for the youth workers from the states who assisted us in the many months of typing and correcting and for the Lord's provision of helpful natives here who cheerfully labored by our side through the strain of finding the most precise word to use in each illustration and example so that the clearest understanding could be presented. Our school teacher friends would find our literacy lessons a challenge we think! We have always appreciated the Beginning Steps to Reading program back home, and began using a similar format here...hmm, some major snags...Dogbani doesn't have any words that begin with their vowels except for Aa! There are NO words for Hh and only two of the words for Ff can be pictured. Our clipart range is pretty limited also, and it feels quite strange to put a picture of a dog on the letter page for Ba, but Baa is dog, so that's where it belongs! We need much wisdom and patience to effectively create a program that will enable our people to be able learn to read and write in their own language so that they will be able to read and glean from the Word of God!

It's a full life and a very full schedule of outreach ministering to each village on a weekly basis! Please pray that we will be able to discern which direction to go as these new opportunities arise. We're grateful to be serving Christ where we've been planted,

Daryl & Rebekah Nolt

P.S. Concerning baby Nolt...as of Nov. 5th Rebekah will have excitedly reached week 38 of the pregnancy! We hope to share baby news with you in the next Mission Newsletter! Thank you for all of your prayer support! □



The Foolish, Weak, Nonexistent Things

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The Wise, Mighty, and Existing Powers

by *Daniel Kenaston*

In 1 Corinthians 1:25-29 we read about the battle plan that God has laid out for the conquering of all the powers that do not bow to his rightful Lordship. Surely a quick look around us in our respective locations will convince us that the forces massed against the rule of Christ as King of Kings are formidable, and we would expect in our human understanding to find an impressive list of the troops and tactics that our Captain plans to use in the battle ahead. At our first perusal we are shocked to find that all of the forces listed are not what we would call forces at all, but are rather made up of the lowest of the low. These battalions, listed as the conquering force, are hardly what the average captain would name as his slaves, much less depend

on to win the most decisive battles of human history! We could quickly assume that given the power of the enemy and the lack of all that we deem essential on the part of the Captain's forces, the outcome of the battle is clear and the prospects for victory bleak indeed. But as we read the words of our Captain, there seems to be no doubt as to the eventual end of the war in a resounding victory for the forces loyal to the King, and we are inspired by the tone of his words to look with hope to the battle.

As we take a closer, more contemplative look, we find that the ranks of this army are filled with men and women like ourselves, and this knowledge sparks faith and courage within us. Maybe there is still a place in the ranks of the renowned for us, weak and unknown as we are. Would not most of the trampled down, forgotten masses love

to join in such a venture, the surprising conquest of the mighty things through an acknowledgedly weak force? And yet as

we read further we come to verse 29 which gives in clear, concise words the purpose for this seemingly weak force being amassed to fight with the powers that be; 'That no flesh should glory in his presence'. Ah, yes, we see even in our recognition of our lowly estate a desire to rise to fame, even if it be with humble comrades such as we see listed here. Even within our desire to support the king we find the seeds of the rebellion that we seek to destroy. We observe that the Captain is not choosing this seemingly motley crowd

because he has no better options, for surely the powers of the world are at his control, nor is he picking them purely out of compassion for the forgotten, though he is nothing if he is not compassion. He chooses with a plan that we do not know and a wisdom that we do not understand, and his aim is that when the last battle has been won, quelling forever the rebellion of mankind against their Creator not a single glory-usurping atom would remain to steal the least ray of worship from its rightful recipient, the Creator, Sustainer, and Master of the universe!

I have found the various feelings and emotions of my heart over the last weeks expressed in one



aspect or another of these verses and the thoughts that they bring up before our mind's eye. My desire is that as we look at the conflicts that we are engaged in, we would not on the one hand hide from the fact of our weakness nor on the other be overcome with despondency because of it; Rather that we would see God's jealousy for his glory, take hope in the final victory and the promised infilling for need, and humbly take our places in the war! Hopefully this heart will come through as we share a bit about the battles and victories of the last weeks.

The Foolish, Weak and Seemingly Nonexistent Things

Several times in the last weeks I have been faced with the reality of our weakness in the face of such incredible odds, and I have been struck by the daunting nature of approaching such a task with such limited resources in size and strength, both spiritually and physically. Christy and I spent several days in a bush village with a youth team from America giving them a taste of village life, and ministering alongside our brothers there. During those few days and the ministry that they involved, we got our 4WD Land Rover stuck not less than three times. The bush roads here are incredibly rough and are very muddy this time of year and they proved to be too much for our aging but faithful Rover. One of the times was at midnight when returning from a crusade, and another time the tractor that was to help us out got stuck on the way in, requiring the services of yet another hard-to-find tractor! In these and a dozen other vehicle and tire problems in the past weeks, I have felt our 'littleness' when compared to the difficult task of ministry in a remote area.

On the spiritual side, the difficulties of the work and problems that we encounter keep me always aware of my own inadequacies in the face of this spiritual war. Sometimes I wonder why I am

the one who is here, mentally citing others who I feel would be more competent. At times when I sit with our brothers in the village discussing strategy for ministry, I am overwhelmed at how incredibly small we are when compared with the people who we seek to reach. In the above and many other circumstances we are reminded of just how weak and insignificant we are when seen against the job of breaking the centuries-old powers of darkness that rule this tribe.

The Wise, Mighty, and Existing Powers

We have also had some opportunities recently to recognize the size and power of the foe that we stand against in this battle for the souls of Konkomba men and women. We were asked the other day to take a man to the hospital who had been bitten by a snake, a common occurrence during farming season. We drove to the nearby village and to our shock met the whole family angrily shouting and fighting over whether or not the man should go to the hospital! A sooth-sayer had been called in and had implicated a woman in the village as having 'thrown' a curse on the man. In the end, because of the belief that witchcraft was the cause, they refused to send the man for treatment, which resulted in his death the next day while the accused worked feverishly to 'save' him through juju. I drove home with such a feeling of helplessness in the face of such darkness and spiritual oppression, as the devil claimed yet another soul.

We also faced these realities during the recent outreach with the team from the US. Through the numberless difficulties that we encountered trying to hold a crusade in a village, the influence of the enemy and his power to 'wear out the saints' was manifestly clear. We were attacking an enemy position and he did everything possible to turn us back. These windows into the spiritual battle that is going on leave no doubt about the immensity or might of the forces we are against. The enemy has the wisdom gained from centuries of battles, the might of



having masses of supporters in this tribe, and all the power of hell and its demons behind him.

Christ Glorified and Victorious!!

God forbid that we should stop here, for the story does not stop here! Christ is and will be victorious! In the same weeks that are described above, we have also had striking glimpses of Christ's progressive and eventual victory over the enemy among the Konkombas. The crusade was finally carried out in the village of Nalingmado and that labor has already begun to yield fruit to God's glory. During follow-up over the weeks since the meeting there, several have chosen to yield to the call of Christ and the seeds of a church are now meeting there every Friday, where before the darkness was unbroken! We have also had the joy of watching Christ continue to be formed in the believers here and with the eye of faith we can see the day when the beauty of Christ's character will be reflected from many who have lived their whole life in service to the devil, but now have met the Savior! We have seen the forerunners of what we desire to be a multitude of Konkombas, signifying with their lives the future victory of Christ, and there is victory in the air!

What is the connection between all of the weakness described in the above paragraphs and the victories of the lines just written? Why does the story not end with the dismal view we just surveyed? The reason that it does not is hidden in the fact that it is GOD who has chosen these seem-



ingly weak and ineffective things to do his work. He does not send these inadequate vessels out to stand alone in their weakness against the masses of the enemy, rather he outfits them with his fullness so that they can and will conquer, but when they succeed, they and all that watch will know that it is because the Lord fights for them! God not only desires and deserves glory in the outcome of the conflict, it is his rightful due to receive glory throughout its entire accomplishment!

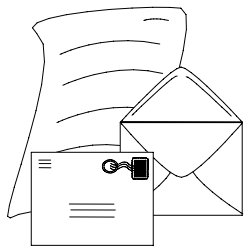
We know that we cannot give an adequate description of the task in this short space, nor do we claim to understand the depths or to have felt the worst onslaughts of our opponent. We also know that the victory of our Captain will be more glorious and far-reaching than we could ever imagine, much less put into words! We only share from what we have seen, recognizing how limited our view is in scope and depth. Maybe it can draw your heart as we are praying and trusting it will ours, to a fuller emptying of ourselves, knowing that of ourselves we can do nothing, and to a greater trusting in our great Commander who alone knows the battle and can provide all that we need, even as he moves ever closer to a final, sure, and decisive victory! These are the lessons we are working on right now and we thank you for walking through them with us both through this article and through the avenue of your continued prayers for us and for Christ's victory here.

Desiring our emptiness and His infilling,
Daniel & Christy Kenaston



Oh, it is joy to feel Jesus living in you; to find your heart all taken up by Him; to be reminded of His love by His seeking communion with you at all times, not by your painful attempts to abide in Him. He is our life, our strength, our salvation...He is our power for service and fruit-bearing, and His bosom is our resting place now and forever."

• J. Hudson Taylor •



Precious Letters from Our Readers

Dear editors,

Thank-you for the new Remnant. We are enjoying it very much. We read it from cover to cover with much interest, and we are sharing many of the articles with other saints here in the Netherlands. As I read the testimony of Rose Ann Lapp, my heart reflected back to the Lords healing in my life. For most of my adult life, I have been afflicted with recurring back problems. At times, the pain seemed more that I could bear. I have been to many Chiropractors through the years. Three years ago I had a fall that laid me up for weeks. I thought that I would never be able to sit normal again. We prayed to the Lord for his healing hand. With joy I can testify, the Lord has healed my back completely. I haven't needed an adjustment for three years. Thanks be unto God.

*Ralph & Nellie Kouwen
The Netherlands*



Dear Heartbeat of the
Remnant,

Thank-you for sending us
the Remnant and encouraging

so many souls to keep on pressing on in the race for Jesus Christ. Bro Denny might remember the Stolk family from Oregon, John & Mary Stolk. They are my in-laws. I'm married to their 3rd son David. It was so encouraging and healing for us to read the account of Daniel Kauffman's death and funeral. You see, exactly one month after Daniel went home; our Daniel Stolk went home. He was the youngest of seven children. Their testimonies are very much alike. Our Daniel was 22, and all he wanted was to live his life to the glory of God, and be in the center of His will.

It was God's perfect timing to take Daniel home, not an accident. It happened on the top of a mountain. He, two of his brothers, and some young people, were hiking. Daniel lost his footing and started to slide. Some rocks were knocked lose and started to slide also. Daniel's head was crushed beneath the stones, and instantly he was on higher ground. He loved to climb in the mountains, and always wanted to go higher. He has now gone up higher.

The Funeral was like Daniel Kauffman's funeral. The Lord was there in a very real way and everyone knew it. God was glorified. We were all challenged

by Daniel's life, by his death. He was so pure and ready to meet the Lord at any time. He was always seeking after God, and wanting only to please him. In all Daniel's belongings, we could not find one ungodly thing. What a challenge for all of us, the young and the old.

The two Daniels are having a wonderful time together in heaven, with the Lord, I'm sure. Oh that we may join them soon to see our Lord, face to face. What a wonderful day that will be. Are we ready?

Do something you would like to be doing, when Jesus comes. Say something you would like to be saying, when Jesus comes. Go somewhere you would like to be found, when Jesus comes.

"Therefore, be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh" Matt 24:44. Or, He will call our name like He did Daniel's and Daniel's.

We send our love and greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May he bless you all and you ministry abundantly.

Love in Christ,
David & Esther Stolk
Silverton, Oregon

I didn't Turn

Look back? - What sorrow for the soul
Who turns from God who made him whole
Who turns from Christ's own holiness
To lead a life of wretchedness.

Look back? - ah no - that cannot be
My child the world is past for thee
The pleasures, friends of yesterday
Are left behind upon My way.

Look back? - on sin, depravity?
Take heed my child, I cry to thee
'Tis forward into victory
If you would only follow Me.

"Look back? oh no - when all is done
And I the crown at last hath won
T'will be my joy to testify
I didn't turn, my God deny."

-Jennie Daniel



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