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EDITORIAL

THE CHRIST OF THE EMMAUS ROAD

Two men on the brink of discouragement, find new hope and inspiration. Two cold hearts begin to burn. Two souls which have all but slipped their moorings are renewed and revitalized and faith is established.

It happened "as they walked, and went into the country." The agony of Calvary with its pall of darkness, the death struggle of the beloved Master, the sealed cave-tomb, and the subsequent sense of aloneness tortured their minds. Viewing the ruins of blasted hopes they sought an answer to the perplexing questions which crowded into their minds and demanded consideration. With burdened hearts and faltering faith they went on their lonely way when suddenly—"Jesus himself drew near and went with them." Immediately the atmosphere began to change. The very presence of Christ, even before they recognized Him, brought a sense of comfort and hope. The heavy load seemed lighter and a glimmer of light appeared on the horizon.

An hour in the presence of Christ, a renewed sense of His presence, will bring strength and blessing to the soul distressed. The word, "lo, I am with you," makes such a difference. The pain is more easily borne, the loss more cheerfully suffered, when He is near.

"All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Tho' my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! a spring of joy I see."

But not His presence alone brought help and hope. He also "talked with them." He inquired concerning their conversion, asked them to disclose their problem to Him.

It seems to bring relief when we can discuss our problems with interested friends. The sympathy they express and the counsel they offer bring comfort and strength to the troubled soul. "A word in season, how good is it!" And never does a word of encouragement mean so much as when it falls from the lips of our great Saviour Friend.

"He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing."

The crowning benefit of this wayside fellowship is referred to by one of the men who walked with him—"He opened to us the scriptures". The meaning of the strange and difficult experiences through which they had passed was made plain to them. "Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself." What a revelation! Is it any wonder that the hearts of the hitherto cold-hearted and gloomy disciples began to burn within them? When He of whom the Word speaks interprets the message the truth becomes life-giving and glorious.

Jesus brings help to the burdened heart. Those who have met with hardship, heartache, sorrow, and loss may find grace sufficient in Him. As we walk along life's way bowed beneath our heavy load, He wishes to join us and strengthen our spirits by the gracious influence of His presence, the cheering counsel of His word, and the enlightening revelation of His will. He is near you now, in this your hour of need. You need not walk alone for He is by your side.

"Just when I need Him, Jesus is near
Just when I falter, just when I fear;
Ready to help me, ready to cheer,
Just when I need Him most."

EDITORIAL GLEANINGS

THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised." (Heb. 10:23)

Often God seems to place His children in positions of profound difficulty, leading them into a tight corner—from which there is no way of escape—contriving a situation which no human judgment would have permitted, had it been previously consulted.

What should be the attitude of a child of God when placed in such a circumstance? There is but one! A simple and unwavering trust in God! A refusal to look at the circumstance, but above it! Our Lord dwelleth in the light and also in thick darkness—both are alike to Him. Our loving Heavenly Father is ever seeking the highest good of each one whom He has so dearly purchased. We must keep in mind that we are in the School of Faith, and lessons must be learned. His dealings with us, even the severe ones, are dealings in love! He "scourgeth every son whom He receiveth!"

Take your Bible and learn the secret of the victory in the lives of the Old Testament saints and of how God brought them through! How their example quickens us! Read the story of the Red Sea and its marvelous deliverance! (Exodus 14th and 15th chapters). Study the prayers of Jehoshaphat and Asa in the book of Chronicles, when they cried out, We know not what to do, "but our eyes are upon thee!" And Hezekiah, in his great distress, with his face turned to the wall! When these saints were sore-pressed and knew not what to do, they looked to their never-failing Refuge! Daniel in the den of lions, and the three Hebrew children in the midst of the fiery furnace have ever been a challenge to our faith! How steady they were! How unwavering! Take courage, tested and tried one, and you too shall come forth with a shout of triumph and will be able to say with the Psalmist, "We went through fire and through water, but

thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place."
—Editor Missionary Standard.

ARE YOU LOAFING, TOO?

The Gospel Messenger reports that all of the "old-line" denominations except three have lost in Sunday-school attendance during the last sixteen years. The decrease in one denomination was half a million; in another, 65,000; in another, 85,000.

The above should be a comfort to people of small vision who are satisfied with small Sunday Schools. They can say, "Everybody is doing it," or "All the schools are losing." But all the denominations are not losing in Sunday-school attendance. Some are gaining.

Where there have been losses or small gains, the reason, nine cases out of ten, can be spelled like this: I N D I F F E R E N C E—indifference on the part of the church membership.

Juvenile crime is in awful increase. Children grow up without God. They live unsaved lives and die lost souls.

Of the things which can be done to build the kingdom of God, to build the Sunday school is one of the most effective. The garden of child soul and child life is a fruitful garden. Still there is indifference. Have you a small school because you do not care?

This is a serious matter. Before the judgment sets in upon us and finds us loafing, let us be about our Father's business!—Editor Free Methodist.

RELIGIOUS GO SIGNS

God is undoubtedly speaking to his people today to go forward. He is saying: "Ye have dwelt long enough in this Mount. Great things have transpired here in this mount of religious experience that has meant much to you. But the time now is to move out into new fields to take new territory." God's go signs today are that his church cover four distinct spheres of Christian endeavor. They are education, social conquest, evangelization, and world-wide missionary endeavor. Our education must be made Christian. It has become largely pagan. Even in many church controlled colleges and universities the education of this day has become pagan.

We must advance in fields of social conquest. We are confronted today in the religious world with the failures of modernism and the tragedies of fundamentalism. The failures of modernism are many. One of the tragedies of fundamentalism is the lack of wisdom for social conquest.

God's go sign is for evangelization and soul winning. This is to be the foundation of every other program of the church. His command is: "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." There can be no hope for peace in the world until the peace of God is enthroned in the hearts of men. The future of mankind depends more upon a widespread movement of evangelism than any other single thing at the present time. And in order to move forward in a spiritual awakening, there must be a unity of effort and approach. We need to center and agree upon one thing, that of winning lost men to the Lord Jesus Christ. There should be an over-all unity in this forward advance, as in the case of the tribes of Israel with their different insignias, banners and names, when they moved forward as a unit with all twelve tribes heeding the voice of God.—Editor, Pentecostal Herald.