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Peter & John Leaders in the Early Church
Acts 2: 37-41
3: 1-7
4: 13-21

controversy
case of
abuse

ST How when they saw the boldness of Peter & John perceived that they were unlearned & ignorant men they marvelled, but they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus Acts 4: 13

Essentials of Christian Leadership

Intro - We are studying today the essentials of Christian Leadership?

1) Had Peter & John come very close to Christ?

(2) Had Peter & John been filled with the H. S.? Acts 2: 1-4
- Did not give them a love & a passion for souls?

(3) Had Peter & John consecrated all their gifts, capacities, & powers to the service of Christ?

Did they have natural abilities? Yes
Is consecrated ability still changed?

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Is it an essential to leadership to be able to rise to a great occasion?

(4) Did Peter Rise to a great Occasion? Read Acts 2:37-41

1. Is a mark of a leader shown in his ability to make use of situations as they arise?
2. To what does "this" refer in Acts 2:37? (Peter's sermon at Pentecost)
3. Could Peter answer their questions? v38
4. Does every preacher arouse people to say "what shall we do?"
5. Did others help Peter preach? v42
6. Does a true leader do everything himself, or secure help of others?
7. Do true leaderships a lowly position, overshadowed often by the activities of others?

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Is it an essential to leadership to be able to seize an opportunity?

(5) Did Peter + John seize an opportunity? Read Acts 3:1-8

1. Should we welcome an opportunity to minister to a physical need? yes
2. Will the church be faced with such a task when the war is over?
3. Will the church have to help our national enemies?

Is courage an essential to leadership?

(6) Were P + J courageous in their leadership? Read Acts 4:13

Were P + J arrested + tried because of their preaching? Acts 4:4, 5-12
Does courageous leadership force hidden issues out into the open where they can be examined + discussed?

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Is steadfast leadership essential?

⑦ Did Peter & John exercise
steadfast leadership?

Read Acts 4:18-21

Discussion Points

1. It is easy to talk in general terms about the world turning to Christ, but do we need leaders to show us how to do it?
2. May we have to suffer for Christ perhaps in the near future, & shall we hail them?
3. Are Peter & John good examples for us?
4. What was Peter's preparation for leadership?
5. Pope Innocent IV was leading Thomas Aquinas thru the rich gorgeous robes of the papal palace. He said,

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"The church can hardly say now 'silver & gold have I none'"

Thomas answered "Neither can it say 'Arise & walk.'" "

6. Does Acts 4:13 in any way remind us of John Knox the great Scottish Reformer?

7. L. Campbell Morgan is a great English preacher, so are all of his four sons, especially Howard who took his father's place in N. Y.

When they were all together in their home a friend said "Who is the greatest preacher of you all?" Without hesitation he answered "Mother."

8. "Coward & wayward & weak
I change with the changing sky
Today so eager & brave
Tomorrow too weak to try."

But He never gives in
So we too shall live - Jesus & I"

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Peter & John Preach to Samaritans. Acts 8:14-25

GT Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest. John 4:35

Intro

1. How many years after Pentecost did events of this lesson occur? 6 yrs after Peter's great sermon when 3000 were converted
2. Had the Christians been persecuted?
3. Had Stephen been stoned?
4. Who was preaching in Samaria?
Philip the Evangelist Acts 8:4-13
6:5
5. To be an apostle? No
6. Was there any race prejudice in those days?
(against Samaritans?)
7. Was Simon combining church & commercialism?

Let us read about all this

I Were Peter & John Sent to Samaria? Read Acts 8:14-17

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1. Why were Peter & John sent to Samaria?
2. What 3 problems would the conversion of Samaritans, present to the mother church at Jerusalem?
(A) Would many devout & tious at Jerusalem object to fellowship with the Samaritans?
(B) Would many good & tious feel that the Samaritans were not prepared to be church members?
(C) Since Philip had preached in Samaria without being appointed by the apostles, might not that be another problem?
3. Does the laying on of hands have anything to do with the coming of the Spirit? (c)
4. Was it a ceremony which bound the 2 churches more closely, perhaps?
5. Do we know what the visible signs were of the coming of the Spirit to the Samaritans?
6. Does this show the importance of the visit of Peter & John?

How Did Peter & John Stand for the Honor & Integrity of the Church? Acts 8:18-24

1. Read Acts 8:18-24
2. Where do we get our word "simony"? ^{buying & selling ecclesial} ^{real rights}
3. Is any one on a plane with Simon who uses his church membership for material gain?

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4. What verse shows that Peter was not too
hast on Simon? 1:22

III Did P. preach to the Samaritans? Read Acts 8: 25

1. What is the force of this verse?
2. Is it clear that P. had no doubt of the
wisdom of giving the gospel to Samaria?
3. Has the gospel thus broken down another
barrier?

Discussion Points

1. Does this lesson prove that the gospel is
not for any one group or race?
2. Who told us to go into the whole world + preach
the gospel to every creature? Jns 3:16
3. Have we obeyed?
4. What has the war brought to us
in regard to races?
5. Must racial problems be settled by the
principles of Christ?

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6. Is Christian leadership the only
leadership capable of settling the
world's problems after the war?
7. Were the Samaritans an alien
+ inferior race in the eyes of the Jews?
8. Must we have love + understanding
to attack racial problems?
9. Does this lesson teach us to live with +
work with others?
10. Is Christianity often a "Common Denominator"?
"Just today we chanced to meet
Down upon the busy street,
And I wondered whence he came
What was once his nation's name,
As I asked, "Tell me true
Are you Pole, or Russian Jew,
English, Irish, German, Prussian,
Belgian, Spanish, Swiss, Moravian,
Dutch or Greek or Scandinavian?"
As he raised his head up high
"What I was is naught to me
In this land of liberty;
In my soul, as man to man,
I am just American."

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11. Peter & John worked together. Lesson?

12. What have foreigners done for America?

Jews - religion

Phoenicians - alphabet

Arabs - numbers

Greeks - love of beauty

13. Are there any racial problems in our community?

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Second Quarter Series VIII May 23, 1943

Bible Teachings on Wine's Deceitfulness.
Prov 20:1, 23:29-35, Matt 24:45-51

G.T. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Prov 23:32

Intro.

1. To the point to be stressed in this lesson the deceitfulness of wine?

2. In the liquor business, one business that does not display its finished product?

3. Should we so love our fellow man that we will seek to prevent any temptation from falling in his way?

4. Should we pray that our soldiers be kept from temptations?

5. Should we pray that our chaplains be given wisdom in all this?

6. In this lesson do we see that the Bible understands the hidden peril of wine?

7. Does this lesson give us a picture of the finished product of wine? Prov 23:35, 37

8. V 30 - what was mixed wine? Something added to wine to make it more intoxicating.

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9. If the Bible so understands the drink problem of our day and of ages gone by, may it not understand other modern problems as well?
10. Do we need any one to explain these 3 passages to us? No! Clear!
11. Do we live in a country pretty well saturated with liquor?
12. Can we be blind to its results?

Let us read our lesson

Read about

I The Folly of the Use of Wine. Prov 20:1

1. Does the book of Proverbs examine different follies of men, so we can judge them for ourselves?
2. Does it also hold up the ways of wisdom, so we can judge wise ways for ourselves?
3. Is it a book of practical guidance?
4. In my day college people memorized Proverbs - !! What good to megal? Duvce?
5. Does this verse show the folly of intoxication?

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b. Read Prov. 20:1 in a wise occasion
+ get 2 things about wine

- (1) Is it a mocker?
Does it make fun of the best things of life?
Do those under influence of alcohol often mock sacred things?
Are they ashamed when told what they have said, ^{as in a still life} ^{like a} ^{bride on boat,} talking silliness, tried to get off the boat, ^{bridegroom} holding her out of the dangerous water. no one told her what she said, next morning she came to breakfast just as happy!!!

(2) What else is wine? a brawler?

Do quiet people often become very quarrelsome when drunk?
Does the writer of Proverbs think a person wise to get drunk?

Oh, witty + entertaining when drunk
men get him drunk so they can laugh?
is this so hard to resist, but they hold their + give him enough to make him know nothing but to drink more.

Now let us read about

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I The Deceptive Duality of Wine Prov 28:

1. Is it good to look at?
2. Is it of a beautiful color v31 reversed
Does it sparkle? v31 reversed
3. Does the devil make many evils attractive looking?
4. Are we safe in judging anything by outward appearance?
5. Does wine taste good?
6. Has the devil done a good job of advertising liquor in our magazines?
7. Besides beauty, what did the writer of Proverbs see in a glass of wine? read verse 29
8. He asks all the questions in v29 - does he answer them all by one sentence in v30?
9. Has any one thing caused more sorrow, accidents, poverty than alcohol?
10. Then why do we permit it to be?
11. Do verses 32-35 describe a person completely under the control of liquor?

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12. What is one of the most distressing things about alcohol? last clause of verse 35?

13. Are there rich sanitariums for people who wish to be cured of the drunk habit?

Let us read now what our Master said on this subject -

III An Observation of Our Lord ⁴⁵⁻⁵¹ Matt 24:

1. What is our Lord contrasting in this passage - a faithful servant & an evil servant?
2. From verse 49 our Lord seemed to think drunk contributed to the servant's failure, did He not?
3. Was this servant thinking of his responsibility?
4. Was he trying to care for the servants who worked under him?
5. Instead, what did he do?
6. Do such actions prepare us for Christ's second coming?
7. Do fine spiritual qualities and alcoholic indulgence go together?

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8. Can a man be filled with wine & filled with the Holy Spirit?
9. Did wine deceive the servant of the story?
10. Did wine lead this servant into consequences he had never even dreamed of?

DISCUSSION

1. Are the American people being deceived by the liquor business today?
2. Are we told that the government profits from the tax on liquor?
3. How large is the liquor business in the U.S.? \$3,500,000,000.00
4. True, it does bring in a large revenue, but what does it take out?
For Poor houses, Sanitariums, Hospitals, Prisons

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5. We are told that it is a necessary evil, for we cannot enforce prohibition -

6. Arent we enforcing other prohibitions?

What about tires?
gasoline?

7. We are told that the beverage use of alcohol makes a contribution to human well-being!!

Are there scientific books written on the virtues of alcohol?

Do they dwell on the wreckage of human life made by alcohol? No!

8. Are the American people being deceived as to the economic importance of the manufacture of liquor?

1) Does the farmer make money by selling raw materials to the liquor factories? (maybe)

2) Does said farmer employ labor?

BUT, what all raw material needed for food for everyone now?

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9. Who is the more dangerous driver the man who has been drinking a little or the man who has been drinking heavily? The former - He thinks he is OK & he is not. The latter seldom are allowed to drive - Exonerating the blood of men in car accidents many had only 1 part alcohol to 1000 parts blood - & yet -

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Peter's Council to Scattered Christians

1 Peter 1:1

1. 2:11-25

5 T. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood - Fear God & Honor the King 1 Peter 2:17

Would these 4 things be appropriate for Christians the world over today?

Intro 1. Did we be thankful that these instructions have been preserved for us today?

2. How long have we had this message of Peter & John? nearly 1900 years what have we done with it?

3. Let us read the Lesson

Read Now

Peter Writes a Letter to Christians

Read 1 Peter 1:1 Revised version

1. What do we learn from this one verse?

(1) That Peter is the writer of the epistle

(2) That it has the authority of Christ, because written by an apostle of Christ

(3) It is written to the elect, the people of God. Can only spiritually minded people take in spiritual lessons?

(4) That these Christians are co-governors of the universe

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Discuss

1. The Christian as a citizen -

A. Will he strive to obtain the best government possible?

B. Does he have responsibility to the government?

C. Does he believe that government exists for the well being of humanity?

2. The Prayer taught Dr Wilfred Grenfell by his mother

"Teach me in the path of life I shall walk, always, to do the thing that pleases not me but Thee."

3. How can we make our nation more Christian?

obey its laws

make one good citizen (myself)

Keeping God's laws (for the good of my neighbor as myself)

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4. What Woodrow Wilson said to boys & girls -

"your education will not be complete unless you learn to be a good citizen"

5. What is true patriotism?

6. The Athenian Oath p 315

"God Bless America"

1. Can he bless all aspects of our life? he

2. Does he want to bless America?

3. If we do not correct the wrongs of our nation may we have great tribulation?

8. Do Americans have more privilege than citizens of other countries?

they did have

9. "In God We Trust" god to read in these conditions?

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Peter Comforts Persecuted Christians

1 Peter 3:13-17

4:12-16

5:6-11

J. T. Is it better if the world will be so that we suffer for doing beautiful evil things. 1 Peter 3:17

Intro. 1. Is the G. To a Comfort to persecuted Christians?

2. Are we ever persecuted? Do we ever persecute people?

3. Who are the most persecuted people in the world today? Jews.

4. Are the Chinese being horribly persecuted by the Japanese?

5. A young man was coming down the street. He saw an old colored woman carrying a basket of apples. He accidentally (not really accidentally) bumped into her, spilling all the apples.

He expected her to become angry & make lots of fuss for the crushed apples. Instead she stooped and picked up the apples - no resentment on her face. As she turned to go she said "God forgive you son as I do." The boy was

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ashamed & tried to make amends by giving her money. He said "I'll never do it again."

6. What a good way to take persecution?

7. Did Jesus know from the beginning that He would be persecuted & that His disciples thru the centuries. Yes & as that why he taught us so much about persecution & suffering?

8. Are there 2 kinds of persecutions - official & social?

9. What is an example of official persecutions in Rome?

10. Social? When a man in a community refuses to do all his neighbors do & they ridicule him.

11. Today we have 4 distinct teachings about Persecution

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The first teaching is

I Principles for Persecuted

Christians - Read 1 Pet 3: 13-17

1. Is a person who lives right apt to be persecuted, and yet are there times when he may be persecuted? v 13 + v 14
2. What great American illustrates suffering amounting to persecution? Robt E Lee
 - A. Did he keep his V-train ideals even in war?
 - B. What did his biographer Bradford say of Lee? "Everywhere he had God in his heart as a God of love, breathing loving kindness into the intolerable hell of war?"
 - C. Must America face the danger of hearts filled with hate instead of God in this war?

3. Then the first principle for persecuted Christians **is live right** v 13-16

4. The second principle **yield yourself wholly to Christ** v 15

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5. The third principle - **It is better to suffer for doing right than to live wrong** v 17

Are there any advantages in persecution?

II Advantages of Persecution to the Christian

- Read Pet 4: 12-16
1. Does it help a persecuted Christian to remember heaven? see v 13 (1 Pet 4: 13)
 2. Does it help to remember how Christ suffered?
 3. Does persecution increase in our own strength?
 4. There are these 3 things advantages?

III The Christian Way of Meeting Persecution

Read 1 Pet 5: 6-9

1. Shall we accept it with humility v 6
2. "Cast all care upon God" v 7
3. Must we always be on guard? v 8
Why are there guards marching all night?
Long in soldier's uniforms?

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4. Are we the only ones persecuted? v 9

now we come to the most beautiful part of our study

IV A Promise for Persecuted Christians 1 Peter 5:10

1. Must we remember the X'tian as heir to eternal glory?
2. Are the sufferings of the X'tian temporary?
3. Will God perfect us?
4. Will He give us strength?

Discussion

1. I Hg story of girl persecuted for being lonely
 - (1) at a tea her mother was giving she overheard
 - (2) didn't go to college the smart - librarian
 - (3) developed muscle - a wonderful character
 - (4) married a horridly man - went to work
 - (5) they had a beautiful child

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2. Are X'tians being horribly persecuted in Japan & Germany? The same persecution for Japan said when work was going a piece before.

3. If we have not felt any tension between us & the world, what may it mean? (we are living too close to the world)

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God's Exceeding Great Promises.

II Peter 1:1-11

G. L. thereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature. II Peter 1:4

Prayer. We thank Thee for Thy exceeding great promises. Give us faith to claim them, strength to meet their conditions, understanding of them, that we may indeed have something of the divine nature -

Intro

1. A study on spiritual growth.

A. Is sp growth subject to the same laws as physical growth?

- (1) Must there be nourishment?
- (2) Must there be good atmosphere - fellowship with Christ & Christians?
- (3) Must there be exercise?

2. Will the life of Dr Moody help us to understand this lesson? p. 355

3 Just 3 things today
God's Exceeding Great Promises

(1) Our response, (3) consequences

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Read about

God's Exceeding Great Promises 1-4

II Peter 1:

1. What does Peter call these promises?

exceeding great & precious

Ex. maybe Matt 11:28 ^{come unto me} ^{and ye shall have} ^{rest}

- (2) To whom are they made? v1 ^{to you}
- (3) Are the promises of God like His character, righteous? v1
- (4) Is divine power back of the promises? v3
- (5) Are the promises made with the idea of the needs of man - v4 - life + godliness?

(6) Is the purpose of the promises to help us to become partakers of the divine nature, v4
meaning what? Grow like God?
Is this important? Do we constantly ask God for things without any thought of developing our character to become like His?

Read about

Our Response to God's Promises

II Peter 1

- 1. Are we apt to look on God's promises as something beautiful & do nothing about it?
- 2. Does it require effort to be a genuine Christian?
- 3. Is this a magnificent cluster of ^{promises}
- 4. Do's each spring out of another?
- 5. Compare Paul's fruits of the Spirit
- 6. What does Paul begin with? ^{with holiness, brotherly love, etc.}

7. What promises would help us acquire these virtues? "I am with you always" "His eyes shall see the Father in my name, believing, eye shall receive"

9 set us see the

III Consequences ^{Three} of responding to God's promises - Read II Peter 1: 8-11

1. Is it true that if we respond He will fulfill?
2. " " " He cannot fulfill unless we do respond?
3. Then on whom rests the responsibility?
4. How can we be absolutely sure of living right? v. 10 "shall never stumble"
5. What other reward ³ have we? v. 11

also Discussion

1. Some of God's promises ^{John 2:1:45} " 23:14" ^{1 King 8:56}
Do they ever fail?
2. God's way by F.R. Meyer - in the darkest hours walked on the sea nearly time to be executed - angel came to Peter's cell

Scaffold for Mordecai complete - God sends rather near to the king
Does God keep us waiting sometimes before His promise is fulfilled?

3. Let your care on him. He will carry the burden
4. Just as I am without me plea
5. "What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to God"
6. A woman worker said "I have hopes of Luigi" another said "But he is so ignorant" just answer "But he is not discontented with his character"

John Describes True Christians

- 1 John 2: 1-6
- 3: 12-18
- 4: 15, 17

Prayer - unless there will look upon us in pity and relief come to our relief, the evil forces of this world will overwhelm us. The hope of the world is within. Exalt thy name among the nations and save us.

G.T. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, & the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Story of little girl, obedient family, ill, at time of putting blood on door post for angel of death to pass over -> The Blood of Jesus Christ

- Intro
1. who wrote 1 John? John the apostle
 2. how we are to have a picture of True Christians

I True Christians accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour? 1 John 2: 1, 2

1. Must the true Christian confess his sin? v 1
2. He rely on the death of Christ for forgiveness? v 2
3. Can we understand why? No
4. Does the true Christian realize Christ died for the whole world? v 2

II True Christians Strive to Keep the Commandments of Christ? 1 John 2: 3-5

1. What is the true motive for obedience to the commandments? v 5 love
2. How do we recognize a true Christian?

III True Christians Have Christ as Their Example? 1 John 2: 6

1. Can we ever attain the perfection of Christ? No
2. But were there principles & practices in the life of Christ which may serve as an example to us in our living?
3. What about that word "ought" in verse 6?
4. Does this sense of "ought" send a Christian to his knees in prayer for help/guidance?

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5. That word "abideth"? He lives in Christ. Christ is his all in all.

IV True Christians Love the Brethren?

1. Read 1 Jn 3: 13-18
2. Do all Christians, regardless of race, social standing, wealth, stand in the same situation before God?
3. If we fail in our love for a fellow Christian, do we fail in our love for Christ?
4. What are the tests of this love?
 - (1) v 16
 - (2) v 17
5. Is talking about love sufficient? v 18

V True Christians Give Themselves to Godliness? 1 Jn 4: 15-17

1. How does John describe a unique relationship between God & the Christian? Read v 15 Revised
2. Is the love of v 16 a greater love than love of the brethren?

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3. Does this love include love from enemies?
4. Love for the whole world?
5. Does the Christian try to be perfect?
 - a. In this love do we fear the judgement day?

Discussion

1. After studying the 5 things a True Christian Does

Who is a Christian?

"Is a Christian one who has accepted Christ, as his saviour, has given him the central place in his life, tries to carry out in daily living the principles & precepts of Jesus, seeking the guidance of God through the Holy Spirit."

2. Does this make a Christian a channel through which God's love flows to the world?
3. Do we need to scold, reprimand & condemn, or just love people?
4. Read Gen 22: 1-14 rules for stewardship

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5. Is happiness the mark of a X'tian?
Story of Agnes - X'tian carry their
religion above carries a headache
6. A very young man, just a boy was conducting
a bit 10 miles back in the woods, and some
horse + buggy, 3 hrs each way, nobody, and
go with him, smile of satisfaction
7. The marks of a true Christian show -
Lady Hare! travelling in China, obliged to
stop in a village for the night, asked for
a X'tian house, were no X'tians nearer
than 5 day journey - she found a house
where a X'tian was - the light of his
life showed down the 5 day journey.
8. A little boy said I want to be a X'tian
like Father, for nobody know if he is
a X'tian or not.
9. Am I a Christian? Matt 7:21
(not every one who says Lord, Lord
but he will do the will of his Father)
- 10 - A wonderful X'tian house, poor,
mother worked
Father worked away all day
some delivery papers before +
after school - daughter in 11 5

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The son told his friends behind him and
the mother said "What have you" - He
gave her a bunch of vegetables
The father told a funny story
The daughter brought a bottle from
the library
There was a cigarette + good time
all were X'tians

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Lesson VIII

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John's Counsel to Christians.

II John 4:1-8 III John 5-12

4 T. Beloved, I wish above all things that those nearest prosper & be in health, even as they should prospereth. III John 2

Intro

1. Would our personal letters be helpful if they were stored away & kept for future Christians to use?

2. Did John write to Hollett Lady & to Gaius in today's terms? were they helpers?

3. Did he mention Diotrephes? III Jns 1? Was he a helper?

4. Could we say Domineering Diotrephes?

5. A Chicago judge fined a man \$100 & put him in jail for 90 days for impersonating a Dr & practicing medicine without a license.

If there were a law fining those who pretended to be Christians but really are not — what then?

Set no read over lesson -

Remembering that personal letters are valuable

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Does
I John write to the Elect Lady?

Read II Jns 4: 11

1. In these verses John mentions love - what did Dwight L. Morrow say he was going to do in Mexico when the reporters came to him to ask his plans as an ambassador to Mexico?

Love the people.

Does

2. Verse 4 tells us why John wrote this letter?

3. Had he met some of the Elect Lady's children in Ephesus?

4. How were they living?

5. Do you think Ephesus was an easy place in which to live right?

6. What would the Elect Lady feel over such a letter?

7. Would she treasure it?

8. Is there anything in the world which makes parents happier than good reports about their children?

9. Does it remember to write such letters?

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- 10 - nurse at Crystal City - I write her mother - her son at Kelly Field - man in Missouri with whom her son the South America
11. What does "walking in truth mean"?
v 4
- 12 Could you say John defines it as obedience v 4
and love v 5
- 13 Now, as her pastor, John warns the elect lady against something - what is it - v 7
- 14 Does John think Doctrines important? v 8 + 9
- 15 Have you heard people say "it matters not what you believe if you are sincere?" What about taking prison out of a bottle you thought was medicine?"
- 16 Does John advise her about hospitality in verses 10, 11.

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- 17 Do we learn from this study to write the best things we can in our letters?
18. Could you do this?
Gen Robert E. Lee was asked by President Davis about a certain officer. Lee praised him to the skies. Later another officer who had heard the conversation said, "Don't you know that that man you praised is your bitterest enemy?" "Yes but he asked my opinion of the man, not the man's opinion of me."
- Read about
II John writes to Gaius III v 12
1. From these verses, what kind of man was Gaius? a fine Christian, no?
 2. Had visitors come from him to John?
 3. Does John counsel Gaius to Diotrephes?
 4. In v 9 does John think it is good to try to have preeminence?

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Discussion

1. The story of Jack minor p 378
Canada, bird sanctuary,
interested in boys, bases for baseball,
club house for boys,
Wanted his name taken from church roll -
Pastor asked why,
He had a difference with a man, became
angry & nearly struck him
"Why didn't you hit him" said pastor
"The fact that I was a church member & a
Sunday school teacher kept me from it -
"O see! then don't take my name
off the roll!"

2. Of what value are personal letters?

3. Of what value is doctrine?

4. In our Y train life where there are
binders & helpers, what harm
does provincialism do to the church?

5. Some African children called the
Y train in the community "The
Tribes of God" Is that a good name?

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6. What lesson from Doctrine?
Dr. Bredemeyer said he saw a peak of
counterfeit holiness ^{the} did go to the
windows & throw away the good dollars?
Do many reject Christianity because there
are hypocrites or counterfeit Christians in
the church?

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Prayer - #402

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A People in Distress, Ex 1:6-14 2:23-25

5.T. "They cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of their bondage." Ex 2:23

Intro

1. Do we begin today, a study, God's part in making a nation in the land of Egypt today.

2. How long have the Israelites been in Egypt? about 430 years.

I The Descendants of Jacob Prosper in Egypt? Ex 1:6-7

1. Read Ex 1:6-7
2. Were Jacob's sons given rich pasture land for their flocks?
3. Had they increased greatly in number?
4. When Joseph died was there a change?

II A New King Introduces a New Policy? Ex 1:8-14

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1. Read Ex 1:8-14

2. Did the prosperity under former King make strong character?
3. Do hardships develop character?
4. A young man worked very hard to produce a large peach orchard. The trees grew and blossomed for first time. A frost killed every blossom. The young man quit going to church. Said it was not right for God to let frost destroy his crop. His minister talked with him like this: "God is interested in you not peaches. God knows peaches do better without frost, but that it is impossible to grow the best men without frosts. God's object is to grow men, not peaches."

5. Did the New King favor Egypt for Egyptians only?
6. How did he try to get rid of Israel?
7. What good came out of this terrible oppression?
 - (1) The Israelites were given unity?
 - (2) Made them dissatisfied with Egyptians?
 - (3) They began to realize their destiny?
 - (4) They turned to God?

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5. When tempests away, bend me low
I turn to Thee, no help I know

"God keeps me when the days are fair"
"In their O, have me in thy care"

6. Does this encourage us, living
here in wars dark days?

III God Care for Enslaved Israel?

1. Read Ex 2: 23-25

2. Are these comforting verses?

3. Does God always hear us when we
cry to Him?

4. What 4 things does God do when
we pray? Verses 24, 25
Hears, remembers, sees,
understands.

5. If we do God's way will He bring
us out of all trouble?

Joyful

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6. Read Isa 30: 18 "The Lord waits to be
gracious unto you"

V19 "As soon as He hears He will
answer you."

- Discussion -

1. Were you ever in the mountains early in the
morning when some high peak stood out
of the mist?

2. As far as we have studied today does that
describe Israel? Only a part shows, but
enough to know a great nation is there.

3. The children of Israel in a bad fix?
Was there any way out?

4. Do we ever become hemmed in by circum-
stances till we can see no way out?

5. What do we do? wait & pray?

6. As God cared for oppressed Israel
shd we care about oppressed peoples?

7. What is the most oppressed nation today? Jews

8. Shd we care for the " " of Europe?

9. " " people in economic
distress, only benefits

What can we do about these things?

- Deal with Europe?
- Pray for Jews?
- Study persecution of economically burdened?

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Prayer #13
 God Calls a Leader Ex 3:1-12

G.T. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people out of Israel. Ex 3:10

Intro

1. Give how many how long periods does Moses' life fall? three

- 1) Egyptian 40 yrs
- 2) Midian 40 yrs
- 3) Leader 40 yrs

2. Is preparation important for anything?

Did God Prepare Moses to be a Leader? Ex 2

1. Did Moses realize he was being trained to be a great leader? No
2. Do we? Should we accept every bit of training we can?
3. Do you think Moses' mother may have given him his splendid knowledge of Hebrew scriptures?
4. How old enough was Moses given over to his foster mother? What did he learn in her palace?
5. Did Moses come as all of us do, to a time of choice? Did he select the palace with the comfortable life?
6. Why did Moses flee to Midian?
7. What good was there for Moses in Midian? (much quiet for meditation & prayer)
8. When God wants an important thing done in the world, how does he send the messenger, or a baby?

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7. Did Moses heed God's Call?

A gentleman was calling Cory de la Cruz an important message, young Cory took part of message, called her mother - the young man tried to be logical his message, he could hear her talking, but she could not hear him - she did not have the volume at her ear -

are we ever like that when God tries to give us an important message?

Does
If God has Moses a definite

Call for Service? Ex 3:1-12

1. what 2 important things transpired
(a) that God hears the cry of his people
(b) " " is preparing a leader for them

2. A. How did come to Moses in the burning bush? Read Ex 3:1 - ^{burning bush} ^{in P.P.}
① Was God concerned for Moses financially? 14
② God is too holy for man 15
③ God draws near to man

B. Does God make his purpose known to Moses? verses 7-9

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C. Does God call Moses to His Service?
verses 10-12

Discussion - God's Call to Service

1. alone? "Certainly I will be with thee"

2. Shall we think of our own inability

of God's power?
3. Easy for Moses? no!

4. Explain God's Call today:

1. Is there a need?

2. " " a person fitted to meet that need?

3. " " an opportunity for that person to give himself to that work?

4. Does he have a sense of duty towards it?

5. " " Yield?

6. " " Do that task by the help of God?

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5. What did Wm Carey say his call was?

an open Bible & the trap of the world

6. David Livingstone's call? a sense of duty only.

7. In preparation for leadership, isn't there nearly always a time of quiet?

Jesus age 12 till 30

Paul - 3 yrs in desert - Arabia

Moses - 40 yrs - Midian

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8. Will Roger was a natural born humorist - yet did he have to be trained for radio?
9. Are we trained gradually?
10. If going up stairs on which step do you put your foot first - lowest or highest?
11. How do some people read that promise "You have been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things?"
"You have been unfaithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over everything."
12. If God calls a person will He qualify him?
13. If God qualifies a person will He call him?

Third Year Lesson III July 18, '43

God Encourages Moses

Ex 3: 13 - 16, 4: 10 - 17

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Intro

1. Do the change in Moses after Midian one of the outstanding things in this lesson?
2. Do our lesson a continuation of the talk between God & Moses at the burning bush?
3. Do difficulties bother Moses?
4. Do we ever grow discouraged?
"I will set my face like a flint!"
5. A young man had done wonders in a mission Sunday school class, still he became discouraged. He went early & was arranging his papers in the little office of the building, expecting night's return. Two little boys came into the auditorium & one said "I'm quitting. Teacher is going to quit." The other denied it. He said finally "Teacher told us God was with him helping him - He just doesn't quit." He didn't either.

Let us look at 3 ways in which God encouraged Moses.

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I Did God Provide Moses with a message? Read Ex 3: 13-16 What was it?

1. Does God reveal His Name to Moses?
 - (1) Does that name declare God exists on real?
 - (2) That God is personal? He said "I."
 - (3) That God is eternal? Timeless?
 - (4) Self-existent?
 - (5) Self-sufficient?
 - (6) Absolute?
 - (7) Reveals Himself?

2. Was Moses to tell Israel that "I Am" had sent him? v14

3. Was Moses to tell them that this was the God of their fathers? v15

4. Eternal? v15

5. He understood their misery? v16

See a 2nd way God encouraged Moses

II God Provide Moses a spokesman?

1. Read Ex 4: 10-11

2. Even tho he now has a message did he feel unable to deliver it?

3. What did God do?

4. Do we all feel our limitations?

5. Should we study v12

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was this encouragement del

III God Provide Moses with Credentials? Read Ex 4: 17

1. His Shepherd's Rod

2. Miraculous signs

snake
separates
water of my blood

Discussion

1. What is our chief source of encouragement?

A. Does the bright optimism of our friends meet the situation? Do they feel the difficulties?

B. Does the fact of God's helping others encourage us? Based?

2. Is the world filled with discouraged people?

3. Over how today are intimate glimpses into a man's life as he faces problems?

4. Does that combined with God's solution of the problems, make this a valuable study?

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Bible Teachings on the Cost of Drinking

Lev 21:18-21
Lev 23:20, 21
1 Cor 6: 9-11

Intro

1. Is alcoholic drinking worth what it costs?
2. Is prevention better than cure?
3. What about play grounds, & attention paid to boys & girls?
4. A boy wanted to go on a camping trip in which part of the program was to shoot some dangerous rapids in a canoe. His mother refused permission on that account. She said "Why throw your life away?" The boy answered "It's my life - I'll do what I please with it."
5. Do those who destroy their lives in drink believe that?

6. Let us look at the Cost of drink in money. all that pay it when we don't prevent it. accidents diseases hospitals
1941 - US paid \$3,827,664,370 for drink + at least 6 billion in all
In 8 yrs since repeal US has paid drinks at least 8,258,347,717,312 all of us work so hard

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now, besides cost in money, what is

I The Cost in Character + Life?

1. Read 21:18-21
2. Is that law discarded many years ago?
3. Has the tragedy for which the law was made been discarded?
4. Do you see it in every newspaper?
5. Does drink cause ruin of character + life?
loss to society?
heartache for parents?

Read

II The Cost in Poverty Prov 23:20-21

1. Is prevention of poverty one of the social problems of our day?
2. Does drink deprive any one else besides the drinker, of food + clothes?

Added to the cost in money, character, poverty

III The Cost in Spiritual Values

1. 1 Cor 6:9-11
2. Do drink + spiritual living go together?
3. Do moderate drinking + spiritual

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living go together?

Discussion

1. What does the drink habit cost?

- (1) When a man buys anything, he first counts the cost, does he not?
- (2) Are we counting the cost of drink in our social set up?
- (3) What is the argument for permitting drink to exist legally?
- (4) What is the relation of drink to our war effort?
A absent from work
B Health
C Intoxicated soldier

2. Can the social question of drink be treated as an individual matter?

3. What shall we teach children on this point?

4. Do you ever think of the unborn babes crippled by their fathers' drinks?

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5. Is it right to say "well, this man drinks, let him take the consequences."? What takes the consequences? His wife & children?
6. Some years ago Christian Ben Athlete was visited by his millionaire father who told him he hoped his son wd rather prefer to drink. The son said "I would not hold a > to the world records as heathen, if death rumbled or drank."

22. If you looked at your present or future life, as one life - maybe that is why the "saints" look about immortality?

23. Road June 20, 19.

When doors are shut does the living Christ still come & speak to us

24. Can Christ come into any situation?

25. - But - does He ever come into any single cell, unless the door be opened from within?

26. Does Christ force Himself on anybody?
"Behold I stand at the door & knock"

27. There is a door in standing at the door shall we let Him in
power give us ability

Second Year Lesson 1 April 4, 1943

Peter & John Become Disciples of Jesus

John 1: 29-42 Mark 1: 16-20

Mark 1: 16-20

G. T. And Jesus said unto them
Come ye after me, and I will
make you to become fishers of men -
Mark 1: 17

Intro - For what kind of reading matter, today,
is the greatest demand, fiction, history,
biography or what? Fiction 1st
Biography 2nd.

Today we have the biography of two wonderful
men -

"1st - men been disciples of anyone else? If so
property
elegance

"one of the greatest needs
of our time is insight that leads
us to Christ. Today's religion
is reformatory, not enough spiritual
insight"

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4. When they followed Jesus, did they
know exactly what they wanted?

No! it was necessary. Jesus gives us
what we need. Did they want Him?

5. What lesson is there for us in this lesson
regarding bringing men to Christ?
Don't we look at what men are?
Doesn't Christ look at what they may become?

Peter & John did not have much capacity, but
they followed Jesus, but -

6. May there be extraordinary possibilities
in ordinary people?

7. To that why a democracy has a
public school, to bring out the best
in the boys & girls?

8. Can we argue & explain people into
accepting Christ?

9. What do you think of the Come-and-
see-Method of Philip (a natural)?

10. Should all Christians follow Andrew's example
& bring over whatever first fall?

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11. Does speaking to ~~others~~ about Christ
have much effect if our lives are not
evangelical?
12. ^{was} Andrew ~~was~~ only Second Fiddle beside
his great brother Peter who was First Violin?
13. Who brought the great Wm Carey to Christ?
A shoemaker's apprentice!
Carey, India, Ceylon, Burma, the Scriptures
in several languages!

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Peter & John Witness Christ's Glory

Mark 9:2-8

II Peter 1:16-18

G.T. A voice came out of the cloud saying,
This is my beloved son. Hear Him. Mark 9:7

Intro

1. How long had it been since Peter & John
transferred their allegiance from John
the Baptist to Jesus? About 2 years.
2. For how long had they been his constant
companions? 1 year
3. And how far away is Jesus' death? ^{1 1/2} less than
4. Had these two been with Jesus ^{during} the sermon
on the mount?
Raising of Jairus' daughter?
Many miracles?
Many quiet times of teaching?
5. Was the Transfiguration the most
glorious experience of all?

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6. From the stage to the kitchen
@beramungu player
transfigured face

7. "Beautiful thoughts make a beautiful
soul
and a beautiful soul makes a
beautiful face."

Let us see what the Transfiguration did for
Peter & John.

I Did the Transfiguration
Make them Sure that Jesus
was the Christ? Mark 9: 2, 3

1. Read Mark 9: 2, 3

2. Why Peter, James & John & not some
of the others?

3. Perhaps they were better prepared, had a
fairer spiritual development.

Does John show this in Jn 1: 14?

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II Did the Transfiguration
give Peter & John a new light on the
Death of Jesus? Mark 9: 4

1. Read Mark 9: 4

2. Did they listen to their conversation? Heb 9: 31

III Did Peter & John Find
the Glory of Christ a
Satisfying Experience? Mt 17: 5

1. Read Mark 9: 15

2. Peter did not want to go back to his work?

3. Do our present day Religion too full of work
with too little of heaven?

IV Did the Transf. Bring an
Obligation to Peter & John? Mt 9: 7

1. Read Mark 9: 7

2. Why want to repeat Christ's teaching about
his death?

3. Did God tell them to "Hear ye Him" -

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V Did the Transf. Give the
Three Disciples a Better
Understanding of Jesus?

1. Read Mark 9:9

2. They are slow-witted Jesus but it is never
the same Jesus.

3. When dark days of the future came
would they ever forget this Jesus
of the Mt. Top?

VI Did the Transf. Give
Peter + John a Treasured
Experience? II Peter 1:16-18

1. Read II Pet 1:16-18

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Discussion

1. What can a vision of God do for us?

2. We may never witness a transfiguration
but may we not witness many transformed
lives?

A missionary in India in a Kobby District
saw one ex-Robber lead a morning service
of ex-robbers before they went to work in the
fields.

2. "Some folks are lookstake such a pride
they never think of what inside.

But as for me, I brush my face
I can never be a thing of grace,
and so I think that I shall see
How to fix the inside of me
As folks will say "She looks like sin
but ain't she beautiful within?"

3. Why the boy in the primary class
did not see the picture

"I saw only Him."

2nd Year Lesson III Apr 18, 1948

Peter + John in Gethsemane

Matt 26:36-46
John 18:10-12

G.T. Watch & pray that ye enter not into temptation. - Matt 26:41

Intro. - Let us read Matt 26:31-35

2. Today we are to study Jesus' agony? No
3. Are we to study the human side of Gethsemane some find it in Peter & John?

4. What did Peter & John do in Gethsemane?
Did they sleep?

5. What will you do when your Father comes?

6. Will you do what Jesus did?

- A Suffered
- B Prayed
- C Submitted
- D Was strengthened

7. Did Jesus often go to Gethsemane?

8. Did Jesus crave companionship in the dark hours?

Matt 26:36-46
John 18:10-12

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I Had Peter & John a Wonderful Experience in Gethsemane?

1. Read Matt 26: 36-38
2. Was this a night of peril because of Judas?
3. Did Peter & John know Jesus was greatly troubled? *yes*
4. Is it a rare privilege to help friends in time of sorrow?

II Did Peter & John Fail Their Lord in Gethsemane?

Matt 26: 39-46

1. Read Matt 26: 39-46
2. How many times did Jesus come to them from his agony & prayer & found them sleeping? (3 times)
3. Did it mean that Peter & James & John really did not enter in to Jesus' suffering?
4. Were these men very weary? *yes!*
5. How do mothers keep awake at night with sick children?

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6. thru all their failure did Jesus speak harshly to them? Only he must have been hurt - *no!*
7. Did Jesus understand that these disciples were not faithless, only weak?
8. If Peter & John could have watched with Jesus might not the next few hours of their history been different?
9. Can anything make up for lost opportunity?

III Did Peter Show Zeal for His Lord in the Wrong Place, Wrong Time? Jm 1: 10-12

1. Read Jm 1: 10-12
2. If we spent more time in prayer wd we be saved from these divine procedures?

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Discussion -

1. Discuss standing by Christ today.
2. Do we hurt our God by failing to watch?
3. By not interpreting Christ correctly to the world, throw our own acts?
4. Does the world read the Bible?
What the world knows of Christ must come from our lives, etc.

5. Does this story show Peter's weakness & strength? (Dinnering)

A rough old briar rose grew in a ditch. The gardener came and planted it in the best part of the garden. The old briar said "what a mistake!"

Later the gardener cut a slit in the briar's stem and bushel a fine rose there. Later on the old briar was covered with roses. The gardener said to the briar, "your beauty is not due to that which came out of you but to that which I put into you."

Second Quarter Lesson IV April 25, 1943
The Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

John 20:1-17 See page 9

G. T. He is risen, Mark 16:6

Notes

1. The Easter praises may falter
and die with the Easter Day.
The blossoms that brighten the altar
in sweetness may fade away -
But after the silence and fading
there lingers a blessing unpriced
Beyond all changing and fading
The love of the Living Christ.
2. Sir Isaac was very intellectual but
when he cut a big hole in the door
for the big cat + a little hole in the
door for the little cat, he did not show
much intellect. The miracle is like
that. If we believe in the resurrection
of Christ, we have to believe in
all the other miracles.

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3. What 3 things do we learn from Christ's appearance to Mary Magdalene?

(1) Why weep at them? v. 15 He cared

(2) Mary: He individualizes

all in the world in the way a name is pronounced -
with girl at station pronounced her with the name minister remembered 25 yrs

(3) Adjust your faith. Mary's new confession v. 17
learn to do without physical presence of Christ
Rejoice in spiritual reality

4. Since the resurrection story has so much of Mary Magdalene let us look at her at moment:

(1) Had she been restored by Jesus to normal living? (Jesus cast 7 devils out)

(2) Did she give Jesus material aid? Luke 8:2

(3) Why you think she was a woman of means? Luke 8:2

4) Is it a mistaken idea that she was an immoral woman? Luke 7: 37, 38

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(5) Was she at the cross? Mark 15: 40

(6) at Jesus' burial? Matt 27: 61

(7) Since she followed & served her lord with such courage & willingness, what does it show as to Mary Magdalene's character, strength & singleness of purpose?

Let us read the verses

I Did Mary Magdalene Find the Tomb of Jesus Empty? John 20: 1, 2

1. Read John 20: 1-2

2. Why did not M. M. recognize Jesus? ^{front} _{found}

3. Did the stone being rolled away & the empty tomb mean resurrection to Mary? No! meant removal of the body to a hollow tomb.

I Did Peter & John Investigate the Tomb? John 20: 3-10

1. Read John 20: 3-10

III ^{did} Mary Magdalene See Angels
in the Tomb? Jno 20:11-13

1. Read Jno 20:11-13
2. Was she a nervous, excited woman
or was she a graceful woman wishing
to give proper burial to her dead?

IV ^{man did} Mary Magdalene See the
Risen Lord? Jno 20:14-17

1. Read Jno 20:14-17

Discussion

1. Let us discuss what the tomb revealed to John
1. Read verse 8 followed what? ^{John had seen}
(2) Did you think John realized that no one would
move the body of Jesus without taking the
many wrappings of linen with which
the bodies were wrapped in "bandages"?
2. Did John believe the testimony of Mary?
3. Did Jesus wish to teach Mary a lesson we
too should know - to love Him the unseen?

Was the Son of God?

4. Mary expected to find Christ in the
sepulcher - when He was not there she
wept.

Are we like that?

Have we ever expected to find Him in our
own way, + when He appears some other
way, do we recognize Him?

Do we ever think He is a gardener?

How long will it be before God's people
will recognize Christ everywhere?
in every honest endeavor for right living?
on every page of history?
in every step of civilization?
in every church?
in every soul quipping for the light?

5. Did this lesson be precious especially
to Christian women? Why? Because to
a woman was given the first commission
to go & tell that Christ is risen -

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6. Now, can the resurrection of Christ be proved absolutely?
Did Columbus have absolute proof that there was another continent? No
Must we have faith to believe the resurrection?
How does one acquire faith? Is it sold by the yard?
(muscles)
7. Did the resurrection make the disciples into changed men.
8. Three 19 centuries men have proclaimed the resurrection. That's a long time
Do men still believe it?
(1) Do men believe it because it is a tradition?
(2) Do men " " " in every generation there have been men to whom Christ is still a Living Christ?
9. Is that empty tomb the symbol of a highway between this life and the next?

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10. Did you ever try to stop up a spring? You piled sand over it but by + by the water would come through again + again - That's a symbol of resurrection, the spring came again, no less. It had to be.
11. Mary was a witness to the resurrection. Are we? An old African once said "A good example is the best kind of preaching."
12. What does it mean to have the Living Christ with me? What does it mean to a child to be on Broadway, N.Y. for the first time, but with his father holding tight to his hand?
What does it mean to a sad, discouraged man to have his wife near him, knowing she will help him, work with him, sacrifice for him?
And it means infinitely more to have the Living Christ with us

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The Risen Lord - Jno 20:1-17

⁴T He is risen - Mark 16:6

Intro - Sir Isaac

2 - Since our lesson centers in Mary Magdalene - let us look at her

3 Why called Magdalene?

4 Was she the sinful mary? Luke 7:37, 38

5 - Had Jesus ^{she been devoted to} cast out? devils? ^{normal living?}

6. Was she a woman of means? Luke 8: ^{aided Jesus materially}

7. Was she at the cross? Mark 15:40

8. At Jesus burial? Matt 27:61

Let us study today 3 things we learn from Jesus words to Mary Magdalene at the resurrection time

I "Why weepst thou? Jno 20:15"

1. He cares

2. No need to weep

3. He must care

4. "Learn to care"

5. Selfish girl

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 II "Mary" Jno 20:16

1. He undisciplined
2. He wonders what tones he used -
3. Everything in the way a name is pronounced -
 minute 25 yrs before still remembers how a little girl at RR Station pronounced her sister's name as the sister got off the train.

III "Touch Me Not" Jno 20:17

1. Mary must be without the physical presence & must cultivate the spiritual reality.
2. How develops spiritual reality?
 1. Bible - and a system of reading, study, regular
 2. Prayer Bible is our food. Don't eat 1 day, pray 2 days
 - Faith - use what you have -
 - Muscles - Game Proctor
 - How learn to pray
 - Look up 20 ways

How to have power with God? 4/25

- How to have our prayers answered? *How about faith?*
- 1) Must have faith: How about faith?
 - 2) Persistence? *There were prayers - why? Perhaps ye shall ask the Father in my name, I do will*
 - 3) In Jesus name *Does a banker have a name? Give it, you'll write a check for \$10,000 with the banker's signature and cash it?*
 - 4) Unselfish, Intercessory prayer 209
 - 5) Regular
 - 6) In secret, alone Jno 3:24 p. 145
 - 7) If ye abide in me, my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
 - 8) Definite
 - 9) In spirit & in truth (more than sincerity)
 - 10) Like the model prayer - study it
 - 11) With confidence - ask & it shall be given
 - 12) Remember God gives more than we ask
 - 13) Filled with the Holy Spirit
 Closed House, windows darkened
 all but one room
 - 14) according to His will
 - 15) Believe that ye have received "or the faith that takes"
 - 16) Fasting, perhaps Prayers fasting
 not fasting as a form, but prayer
 so eager that we forget to eat.
 - 17) Forgiveness

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- (18) united prayer with others
- (19) power for working
- (20) That the Father may be glorified
The chief end of prayer
- (21) Study the Bible "if my words abide
in you" John 15:17 p. 175
many read the Bible but do not interpret it in their
daily lives.
- (22) Bear fruit 182
- 23 Pray without ceasing
or
A life of prayer

Discussion Questions 4/25

1. What do you think that a person who cal-
longer death wd have some great
message to say, the first time he
spoke after death, instead of just
"Why weepest thou"?
2. Do we ever weep needlessly for lost
joy, lost hope, lost ambitions?
3. Does God have better things for you
than those which you have
lost?
4. Do you think Mary had more opportunity
to do Christ's work than she had been
given to women of her capacity, or do you
think ordinary people may have
extraordinary possibilities?
5. Was Tom Carey an ordinary shoe-
maker's apprentice? Could an ordinary
man have given the gospel to India,
Ceylon & Burma, & translated the Bible
into several languages? Why different?

6. Why did not Mary Magdalene recognize Jesus?

7. What does it mean to have the living Christ with us? What does it mean to a child on Broadway with his hand tightly clasped in his father's hand?

8. What is the significance of v 8?
Had anyone ever taken the body of Jesus without the grave clothes?

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Christ's Charge to Peter John 21:15-24

8. The ^{greatest} love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

Intro. v 15 who is "they"?

Christ + 7 of his disciples by the sea of Galilee.

1. Do we see John as a man of depth of character?

2. Do we see Peter as a man who does things?

He said let us go fishing

He swam a race to meet Jesus

He drew the net to land.

3. Was Peter a leader already? yes

4. Do these verses show the intimate relationship between Peter + John?

5. Did Peter have a special need? (He had denied)

6. Did " " probably feel that he could no longer be a disciple because of this?

7. Does this lesson prove to Peter that he is now reinstated?

Is Peter Given a New Charge?

1. Read John 21:15-17

2. Why does Jesus say "Simon" 3 times + not Peter?

3. Was it because he was not yet a rock as Christ had said when he first called him Peter? Peter = rock

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4. Does Jesus ask him "more than these"
if Peter loves him more than these other
disciples did

or
Is He asking Peter if he loves him more
than these things, fishing etc?

5. How did Jesus express it the second time?

6. How did Jesus express it the third time?

1st question $\alpha\gamma\alpha\pi\alpha\omega$ = love in its
noblest form.

2nd question $\phi\iota\lambda\epsilon\omega$ = human
love of friendship

Peter uses $\phi\iota\lambda\epsilon\omega$ in each of his replies.

7. Is Jesus giving Peter a chance to declare
his love 3 times, just as he had
denied 3 times?

8. Does it mean that Jesus requires
love for service?

9. Was Peter this time speaking without
thinking, or had he had time
to think over his denial & how
much he really loved Jesus?

10. He said the Lord knew his heart
ought we be glad the Lord knows our hearts?

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11. Everytime Peter confessed his
love, did the Lord give him a
Commission?

III What would Peter's love make him do?

1. Read John 2:18-22

(1) make Peter do what Christ wanted
not what Peter wanted

(2) lead him to martyrdom
tradition said he was crucified
head down (at his request)

(3) led him to follow Jesus as long
as he lived.

2. How did Peter prove his love by his
life?

Discussion —

1. In the love of 1 Cor 13, the love Jesus
wanted Peter to have?

2. Does every Christian stand in
Peter's shoes? yes

3. Did Peter succeed after failure?

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4. How many failures did Thomas Edison say he had?
1000.

5. Do you believe in the
Success of defeat?

6. Can beautiful polished furniture
be made from knotty gnarled trees?
yes. Should that encourage us?

7. Tom told his uncle Jim that Joe Porter
had been dishonest in High School
so that he would not have anything to do
with him, & he wd keep him out of any
college club he could.

The uncle said Joe Porter had confessed
his wrong, made restitution & was living
right, tho very sorry for what he had
done.

Tom persisted that he wd never change
toward Joe Porter.

The uncle began to talk of automobiles
"How do you like your old hauler?" said the uncle "Don't call
it 'old hauler', call it rebuilt, for all new parts are re-
placed by new ones. It is as good as new."

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"Then is Joe Porter rebuilt or second hand?"
"If it is wrong to call your car second hand
it is wrong not to accept Joe Porter as rebuilt
too."

8. Shall our failures discourage us
till we will not try again?

The Arabs say that an angel was
flying over Palestine with a bag of
stones & he let the bottom fall out over
Palestine. It is a rocky country.

So is our life road in every land.
Our path upward is stony.

Shall we make these stumbling
stones, or stepping stones?