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TUNED IN

Television Repairman, Sears;

AT ONE TIME in my life I was sure that God wanted me to be an evangelist. I know now that I was wrong, and that my occupation as a television repairman has perhaps afforded more opportunities to witness effectively for Jesus Christ than if I had remained in the ministry!

I was born and raised in southern New Jersey. My parents and grandparents were Roman Catholic but I attended an Italian Pentecostal church. At seventeen I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and thought I'd like to become an evangelist someday.

Shortly before I entered the military service the Lord sent a young woman into my life and we were soon married. Over the years Mary has been a great blessing and encouragement to me.

After two years in the South Pacific I left the service and spent eighteen months training as a television repairman. When I got out of school Mary and I had exactly twenty-five dollars between us and I used it to start my own



AND TURNED ON

by DAVID W.
SPATAFORE, SR.

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TV service business in New Jersey. By 1948 I owned three shops and was grossing \$175,000 a year. But in my desire for prosperity I had left God out. I worked long hours, seven days a week, and never had time for Him or for church.

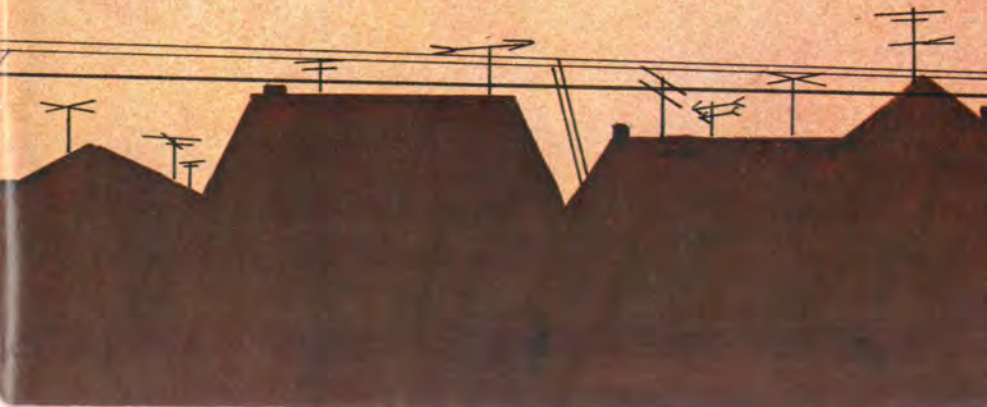
About this time, however, two traumatic events caused me to reconsider my relationship with God. Mary and I and our eldest son were coming home after dark from visiting her parents out in the country when we had a head-on collision. I was thrown from the car and could have easily been run over in the darkness, but God spared me and I came through the accident with only a few bruises. My wife and son had to be hospitalized, although they were not seriously injured.

When our eldest son was four years old he became very ill with what we thought was a virus. Then early one Sunday morning Mary got up because he was crying and saw immediately that he was in great pain. She felt his right

side, found a large lump, and called the doctor. We were directed to take our son to the hospital, and that morning he was operated on for acute appendicitis. The doctor said it was the worst case he had ever seen in his seventeen years of practice. In fact, he hadn't seen an adult with an appendix that large that was ready to burst.

I believed the Lord had taken care of our son, and this caused me to once again attend Sunday school and church. Shortly after, upon the advice of my doctor to move to a different climate, I gave up my business and we moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There I was offered three different jobs, finally taking one at Sears as a TV repairman. I have been with them ever since.

We started going to a Pentecostal church in Fort Lauderdale but it wasn't spiritual enough to suit me. One day while driving the service truck I passed another Pentecostal church and thought I heard a voice direct me to attend. Since I was by myself, I thought I





**"Coming home after dark,
we had a head-on collision."**

only imagined it, but when I heard the same voice the second time, I knew it was God speaking to me, and so we began attending services there.

One night, as an evangelist spoke on the second coming of the Lord, my heart was touched. Knowing I was in a spiritually backslidden condition, I went to the altar, rededicated my life to Jesus Christ, and have sought to serve Him faithfully ever since.

Soon after, Mary and I began a little ministry among sailors. We would go down to a ship and ask if there were any men who would like to go to a Protestant church service. Each Sunday we took six men in our station wagon to hear a good Pentecostal message, invited them out to eat, and then returned them to their ship. We did this for about six months and were greatly blessed of the Lord for our efforts.

On the job, when making a service call I would take along some good Gospel tracts and, when possible, give them out in the home. Sometimes I would simply leave some tracts on top of the repaired TV set.

Feeling a desire to enroll in Bible college, I took a leave of absence from my work with Sears and enrolled in Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee. I have always been interested in eschatology, and books like Daniel, Ezekiel and Revelation are still favorites of mine. I studied the Bible there for two years. During this time my wife came down with gall bladder trouble and was advised to have surgery. I told the doctor, "We have no money. I'm trusting God to supply the need, but we can't pay you now." The doctor said that it was fine with him, so we went ahead with the operation.

When Mary was in the recovery room I went home and fell to my knees in prayer. "Lord, you brought us here, you led us this far, now I believe you're going to provide the necessary finances right now." When I returned to the hospital, a man was there who said he wanted to pray for my wife. After prayer, he shook my hand and gave me a bill that I put in my pocket. When he had gone, Mary asked what he had given me. I reached in my pocket and pulled it out. It was a \$100 bill! From that moment, money began to come to us from up and down the east coast, including a check from a Jewish salesman who worked for Sears. We soon had enough money to pay both the hospital bill and the doctor's bill. God had taken care of us and met our every financial need.

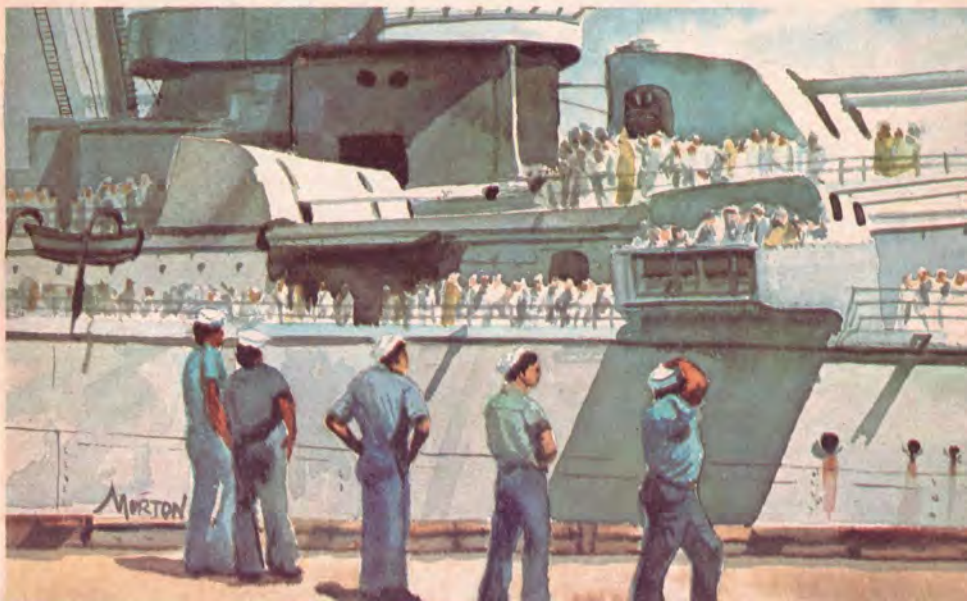
Upon completion of my college

courses, I thought the Lord wanted me to become an evangelist. I know now that I was wrong. It just didn't work out. I did do some evangelistic work in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida, but then when attending a regional convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Washington, D.C. in February 1963, I felt impressed of the Lord to return to Tennessee, which we did six months later.

One Monday evening I went to the TV department at Sears in Chattanooga and asked a salesman if they needed a serviceman. When he learned of my background he said, "You're a godsend. Let me call the customer service manager." When the customer service manager finished questioning me, he said, "You're a godsend." It was then I knew the Lord had something there for me.

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"Mary and I began a little ministry among sailors."





FLYING HIGH

by DENNIS H. WILLS

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WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER I vowed that when I became of age I would never enter a church again. Dad was a Methodist preacher and I was practically raised in the church. As time went on I grew to hate it. But I thank God now that my parents made me go because I grew in knowledge of the Word even though I didn't intend to.

What really fascinated me as a youngster were airplanes. Our church was close to an airport and at times during services I would stare out an open window, watching the planes take off and land. The more I saw of them, the more I wanted to fly. I pestered my folks for at least a ride in an airplane but their only comment was that it would be too dangerous.

However, through my persistence they gave me an airplane ride on my thirteenth birthday. Mother said later that she thought that one ride in a plane would scare me enough to end my

desire for flying. But that first ride only poured fuel on the fire. After that it was a night and day obsession until I was old enough to fly.

The next year, because of Mother's health, we moved from West Plains, Missouri to Washington state. By the time I was fifteen I had become so rebellious that I refused to go to school.

The next year we moved to Anniston, Alabama. While hanging around the local airport I found the solo course cost \$60.00. I made a deal with Dad that I would return to school if he would buy me the course, and I soloed my first airplane that summer. My lifelong dream had been achieved and I enjoyed it immensely. Later that year I quit school again, unaware that for any type of aviation job at least a high school education was required.

I was drafted into the armed services and by taking some tests received my high school diploma through the GED



program. However, I didn't like the military service and after two years was able to get out.

Pursuing my interest in the aviation field, I studied at night until I passed the government commercial rating and went to Montgomery to work as a fixed base operator at the airport.

Shortly thereafter I got a job with a construction company flying a twin engine airplane for them. That was my ultimate dream—flying executives around in their airplanes.

While on this job I became a husband and the father of two children. After seven years of flying I applied to Eastern Airlines as a pilot, went to Miami for interviews, and was turned down. I was thirty years old, the maximum age for Eastern Airlines pilots.

At this time Charlotte and I were having marital problems, were on the verge of divorce, and finally decided to separate. The problem was what to do

with the children. Neither of us wanted to give them up. Fortunately we had enough sense to agree that God was our only answer and that if we turned our lives over to Him He would work out the problems. That is exactly what transpired, and we became man and wife as Jesus planned for us all along. And we began going to church.

About this time I read an ad in a newspaper that Eastern Airlines was hiring pilots. Although now thirty-two years old, I called Eastern anyway, told them that I had applied two years earlier and had been turned down because of my age. They advised me to fill out another application. I did so, was called to Miami for an interview, and was accepted.

For the next few years I was a co-pilot for Eastern Airlines. Spiritually I tried to walk the middle of the road, not wanting to offend either my Christian friends

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*I determined to return
to the God
I had known
as a teenager . . .*



DETOUR

by TREVOR GUNSTON

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Chapter of FGBMFI, Queensland, Australia

WHEN I LEFT SCHOOL at age fourteen, my one ambition was to be a cattleman. I spent two years working in the local grocery store before I could get a job on a property, and on weekends I would work on cattle stations. In 1960 I landed a full-time job on a station owned by several brothers, for which my pay was \$50 and a pair of silver spurs for the first six months. During my time on that property, God did some miraculous things.

One day my boss drew a map to a cattle muster in the dirt, but I did not absorb it very well and when I rode away was uncertain as to my destination. The journey was enjoyable until I came to some unfamiliar mountainous and rugged country late in the afternoon.

Fear began to take hold, and I felt completely alone—just me and the screaming locusts. In desperation I prayed to God for help and shortly afterwards found a set of timber tracks leading to a creek. When I came out on the other side of the creek, timber tracks led in every direction. At this point God definitely impressed me to take the one to the extreme left, so I rode down that track for miles, feeling

completely safe as I threaded my way through hundreds of old timber tracks and cattle pads.

I was sure I was going to make it, but then I came to a fence not mentioned by the boss. Once again God showed me what to do. I followed the fence, found a way through it and came onto a set of tire tracks that led me to the camp. It was the only time I ever saw my employer concerned and the one time he did not swear at me. He had been sure I was lost.

On a week's trial period with a big pastoral company, I was moving cattle on a route to meet with the other men at a prearranged spot. There was a fence with an opening wide enough for one animal to go through at a time, but as I maneuvered the cattle close to it they kept turning and running away. This continued until my horse and I were exhausted and the animals were mad with rage. I remember weeping in frustration. I could see that my job was in jeopardy if I could not get all sixty of those cattle through the opening. I must get them through at any cost.

As they broke away again, I cried out desperately, "God, help me!" and then I

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AUSTRALIANS COMING TO JESUS

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA—More than 1200 people were won to Jesus last year through efforts of the Fellowship chapter here, estimates Chapter President Keith Kelley. He says, "Our high school ministry accounted for many of these precious, blood-bought commitments and our luncheon and breakfast banquets accounted for the rest. Glory to God for each and everyone of these."

One recent conversion: A technician who came to repair telephones in the chapter's bookstore heard about Jesus from various members. He came to a luncheon with them and was gloriously saved.

South African Chapter Gives Bibles to Red Chinese

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA—Two Chinese Full Gospel Business Men from this city drove a truckload of Bibles into Zambia—600 miles to the north—and handed them out to community Chinese doing contract work there. "Indeed, God is opening doors," says William Roeland, international director in Johannesburg.

Roeland also reports that Johannesburg businessmen have journeyed to the neighboring nation of Botswana and established a FGBMFI chapter in Gaborone, the capital city. "We are grateful to Brother C.J. Swart who did yeoman service in making the necessary contacts," Roeland says. "We saw a great hunger for the Holy Spirit and we intend to pay another visit to Botswana in the near future."

Italy Invites Third Fellowship Airlift

NAPLES, ITALY—Italian Christians have invited American Full Gospel Business Men to return to Italy this fall for ministry and fellowship in a series of meetings throughout the nation.

The third Italian Airlift to Italy in three years has been scheduled for Sept. 18 through Oct. 2, with the main convention to be held in Naples. From this bustling port city, groups of businessmen and women will be routed to nearly every provincial capital in the country. Thousands of Italians are expected to join the Americans through a laymen's evangelism program. Spearheading the airlift is Angelo Ferri, owner of a Yardley, Pennsylvania produce company and a Fellowship international director.

World Report



KOKOMO LEADERS ATTEND FIRST PRAYER BREAKFAST

KOKOMO, INDIANA—Over 400 community leaders and businessmen attended the first annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in this city of 44,000 people according to Wes Smith, Fellowship field representative for the area.

The October 1 breakfast was organized by John R. Thompson, press secretary to Kokomo's U.S. Representative Elwood Hillis. Thompson accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour at a Kokomo Fellowship chapter meeting in 1975. The breakfasters heard Dr. James Johnson, Fellowship international director from Washington D.C. and formerly Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Mayor Addresses Jacksonville Convention

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA—A Friday prayer breakfast with Jacksonville Mayor Hans Tanzler as one of the speakers was a highlight of the Greater Jacksonville Regional Convention, January 26-29 at the Hotel Robert Meyer.

Singer Archie Dennis, Jr. captivated the breakfast crowd with his moving rendition of "God Bless America."

About 100 people registered for the convention. There were articles in local newspapers three days. Speakers included Fellowship International Directors Joe Ninowski, Ralph Marinacci and Norvel Hayes. Minnie Coleman, wife of Southern Baptist minister Dick Coleman was the ladies' luncheon speaker.

More GOOD NEWS Coming Your Way

TORONTO, ONTARIO—TV viewers will hear how God can unravel their biggest problems when they see 13 new GOOD NEWS programs taped here and "on location" at the Newport Beach marina in Southern California.

The new programs begin airing in March.

Guest interviewed by Demos Shalarian include retired judge Richard Chambers, Atlanta disc jockey Warren Roberts, and Canadian baker Sydney Brazier.

Now in its fifth year, the Fellowship's weekly half-hour series is seen on 188 TV stations in the U.S. and Canada. Australia has just begun telecasts and a world-wide radio network carries translations of the program's audio portion to 50 nations in 21 languages.

DETOUR

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saw a miracle. All of those mad cattle stopped as though they had run into a thick glass wall. They turned, one by one, and walked through the opening in the fence.

I had met God in a most dramatic way—but then I left Him and decided to

where the project might work best, and I sold everything for a fraction of its value—half price for my truck, less for the car, and only \$600 for the block of land worth more than \$8,500 today. I sold the truck while it was mortgaged, and there was a bill of sale over it. It was fraud, and early the next day the phone rang and a voice said, “We know what you have done. Unless you can raise

“The mad cattle stopped as though

go it alone. In 1964 I moved to Rockhampton and went into business as a truck owner-driver, with financial backing from my family. I was twenty years old, and for the next seven years I lived it up, drinking and enjoying “the good life.” I was earning between \$250 and \$300 a week and spent it freely, buying my own car and a block of land, among other things. I thought I had it made. But very frequently God would say to me, “Enjoy it while you can, because I am going to take the whole lot from you.”

The only person I trusted at that time was one close friend, and it was through him that God did take everything from me, in a way that I could not have anticipated.

My friend became involved in a pyramid sales company in 1971, and convinced me that it was the best opportunity I would have in a lifetime to make really big money. Discontented after seven years in trucking, I thought I would give it a go, having faith in his judgement.

We decided to come to Brisbane

\$2,000 by 11:30 this morning, we will instruct the C.I.B. to pick you up.” I said, “It’s nothing I can’t handle. I’ll be back in touch with you.” That was the kind of confidence I had.

I could not call on my family for assistance after telling them that I was going to be a wealthy man, but I did manage to raise the money for the truck. I put the remaining \$500 into the pyramid sales company. My family and friends told me I was crazy—that I was being “conned”—but I had such faith in my friend that I could not believe anything could go wrong. We went to Brisbane brimming with confidence and hope, expecting to become a big financial success.

I did not realize it then, but God had allowed me to be led into this, to strip me of my self-assurance. He had warned me, but I was blind. I had to prove that it was going to work, so I was out on the streets seven days a week and sixteen hours a day, selling detergent during the day and recruiting people to come to the company pro-

motional meetings at night. I continued to play the part of a successful salesman, although I had holes in the soles of my shoes and only twenty cents in my pocket. Even though I had gone through all my money, my friend kept making money, so I continued to have faith that my breakthrough would come. But it never did.

Almost at the point of suicide after

When I told my flatmate that I was going to live for Christ, he moved out within a week! Even after years of living my old way of life I did not find it difficult to give it up, because I was in a new environment of people I liked and who were not superficial. My old friends did not think it would last, but as they continued to go further and further into making a mess of their lives, they

they had run into a thick glass wall!"

sixteen months of frustration, depression and anxiety, I gave it away. Without a cent and badly in debt, I had been stripped of everything. It was a big blow for me.

But I still did not surrender my life to God. Instead, I got a job selling life insurance, settled into the work with regular pay and good conditions, and began living it up again, ignoring my debts.

I organized parties for 150-200 people, drank too much and tried to have a good time—but practical tax problems caught up with me and I approached the edge of possible bankruptcy.

Finally one morning at 3:00 a.m. over a bottle of beer, I informed my flatmate that I was going to again try to find the God I had known as a teenager. Later that very morning I met a Christian couple, Bill and Judy Couchman, and after I told them about my situation, they told me about God and prayed with me in their flat. I felt a real release from my burdens as the Lord came into my heart.

have noticed the change in me as a result of my experience with Christ.

Soon after I met Jesus, I was baptized in the Holy Spirit at the Christian Life Centre in Brisbane. The minister, Trevor Chandler, helped me to see that the Holy Spirit would not come in and fill me until I had forgiven my former friend who had been dishonest with me in the business, and also concerning a grudge I was holding against my father. I contacted my old business associate and asked his forgiveness for carrying a grudge against him, and a tremendous sense of loneliness that I had been carrying for years lifted off me. I felt completely free. God's colossal power just filled me up and it was an experience that I will always remember. He completely cleansed me of my past sins.

On one weekend I wept most of the time and did not know why, but two weeks later I was told that my mother had cancer. God, in His kindness, had prepared me to receive this news. Now He comforted me and told me to praise

Him in all things. When I returned home for Christmas, my family was amazed at the change in my life. It was the first Christmas they could remember for years that I was not drunk. I was able to lead my sister to the Lord, and this gave me hope for the rest of my family.

God did not immediately bless me financially. He has made me wait and trust Him in this area. But as I continue to trust Him, He has begun to open things up for me.

Through my association with the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, I have seen many men converted at prayer breakfasts and other functions. I feel very close to my brothers in the

FCBMFI and am excited about what God is doing in our midst.

Each day I am approached by a number of men whose businesses are in ruins—one man with \$2.5 million in assets—and there are thousands of companies in Australia with liquidity problems. But as the pressure increases, I can see more and more men turning to God to find that their business and personal problems can be given to Him for His direction. I can see a great harvest of businessmen for God through the work of the Fellowship.

I thank God for the way He has allowed me to have His blessings in my life and to share them with others. ■

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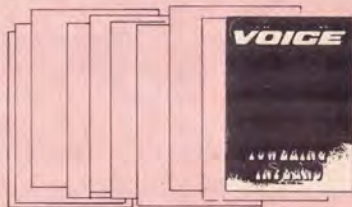
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my career became one of...*

INFILTRATION



by VICTOR MUNYER

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THE DELEGATES OF the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America were having their international convention in San Antonio, Texas. Delegates from United States and Canada as well as dignitaries from Texas were ready to stand for the invocation during the huge banquet. The master of ceremonies suddenly realized that the scheduled clergyman was not present. He was frantic, but when International President A. L. Spradling learned of it, he said, "Don't be alarmed. Get Victor Munyer from the Los Angeles delegation; he will pray." This was one of the many opportunities God gave me to testify for Him as a union leader.

It all began when I was asked to be a chaplain for Local 1277 of Los Angeles. I was saved at an early age and as a young man was baptized in the Holy Spirit

according to Acts 2:4, thereby receiving power to witness for Him (Acts 1:8). I was also motivated by such scriptures as: "Whatsoever your hands find to do, do it with thy might," and "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto man." The regular routine of a union chaplain was not enough for me. It became a career for me to infiltrate the Gospel of Christ in sick members' homes, in hospitals, at work and in union meetings.

One year the international convention was held in Los Angeles. A Christian publication was prepared for delegates as a guide attraction of the Los Angeles area and it also contained testimonies of several union members. On the first day of the convention during the lunch hour, I went to the hotel to check on our literature and noticed it was untouched. The rest of the union literature was

scattered around on the table, so I began straightening it out. While doing so, I became conscious of someone behind me, and turned around. It was President Spradling. He introduced himself to me and since I was in uniform, he knew I wasn't a delegate. That personal meeting resulted in our Christian literature being distributed personally to each delegate that year, and for every international convention on the North American continent for over twelve years. God opened doors for me to be a chaplain, a steward, executive board member, financial secretary, and a business agent for the union during that period.

One of the most outstanding opportunities to witness for Christ came during an international convention in Vancouver, B.C. The Holy Spirit had guided the writing of an International Convention Christian publication, the theme of which was "Crossing the Border." The publication indicated that just as preparation should be made to cross the border into Canada, prepara-

tion must likewise be made to cross the border (death) into heaven. The amazing fact, unknown to us, was that numerous key union leaders had died since the last international convention. The impact of the publication was so effective that many union officials took bundles of Christian literature to their own members at home.

At a convention in Washington, D.C., the International AFL-CIO President, George Meaney, was the guest speaker. He received a delegate's packet which included our Christian publication. Mr. Meaney wrote a letter stating that he was impressed with our Christian message, and that every union should have a similar Christian witness.

During the period I served as union leader, it was my privilege to witness to fellow employees, other union leaders and to the management. The Lord led me during negotiations, strikes and many grievances. He also led me to counsel union members and their families. It was a time of Christian witness in my life for which I thank God. ■

The Three-fold Purpose of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship

1. To witness to God's presence and power in the world today through the message of total Gospel for the total man, and by this to reach men for Jesus Christ, especially those having the same social, cultural or business interests as the person doing the witnessing.

2. To provide a basis of Christian fellowship among all men everywhere through an organism not directly associated with any specific church but cooperating with all

those of like mind, and to inspire its members to be active in their respective churches.

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International does not start churches. Rather we desire solely to be a service arm to existing ones.

3. To bring about a greater measure of unity and spirit of harmony in the body of Christ, where members are united in a common effort for the good of the whole body.



*I was reminded of God's promise,
"Before they call, I will answer"*

(Isaiah 65:24).

Rendezvous in the Sky

by **FRED LAWRENCE**

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MY RESERVATIONS for Chicago were confirmed for a p.m. flight, but early in the morning that day the Lord impressed me to take an earlier plane. I obeyed and left at 11:00 a.m.

I found myself seated next to an attractive young lady with a small boy. After take-off she said with a big smile, "Will you watch my things while I take my son to the restroom, brother?" When she returned I introduced myself and asked her what made her feel that I was her brother. This is the story she told me.

About a month ago she and her sister were visited in her home in California by two Jehovah's Witnesses. She was an Episcopalian. While they were talking she had an overwhelming urge to ask God to reveal His truth to her. If the Witnesses were telling her truth she

wanted to know, and if they weren't she wanted to know.

When they left she fell on her knees in her living room, felt a strong presence of the Lord, and began to speak in tongues, strongly and fluently. She had heard of the baptism in the Holy Spirit but knew nothing about the experience and was not seeking it. About a week later she had another experience when she began to feel the presence of the Lord and spoke in tongues rapidly and fluently for about five minutes. This was followed by a new interest in Bible reading and an urge to witness, and she was able to lead her mother to the Lord in New York City a couple of days before I met her.

Now she was flying from New York to Los Angeles and praying that the Lord would show her what to do about these

strange occurrences, and how she could get answers to some deep questions. The Lord had spoken to her sometime between New York City and Syracuse, and told her that a man who would board the plane in Syracuse and would be seated next to her, would be able to answer her questions. And that is just what happened.

We shared all the way into Chicago. Then as the plane was making its de-

scent we joined hands and began to pray. You never saw a more blessed Episcopalian! She really got happy and started to uninhibitedly praise the Lord, first in English then in the Spirit. You can believe we had some extremely curious onlookers—and that I made my exit as inconspicuously as possible!

When people ask what Spirit-filled Christians do for excitement, how can you really tell them? ■

GOOD NEWS: VIEWERS' VIEWPOINT

I am thrilled that the businessmen today are being "born again" and serving the Lord. A lady friend told me about the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship and your GOOD NEWS TV program. I said, "You have got to be kidding. Men today are too busy earning money, playing golf and everything else to be born again." I watched your program this Saturday morning and now I ask that you send me a subscription to the VOICE, so that I can further see what the men in the Fellowship are doing.

Mrs. K.H., Washington, D.C.

I have been incarcerated in the Virginia Penitentiary for the last sixteen years. About a year ago I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior and asked Him to enter my heart and take over the controls of my life. I have since become fantastically full of happiness. Even though I remain incarcerated, I am no longer "doing time" but am living a full life behind prison walls because of Jesus. Praise God for your GOOD NEWS program and the businessmen's testimonies that have filled my heart with joy.

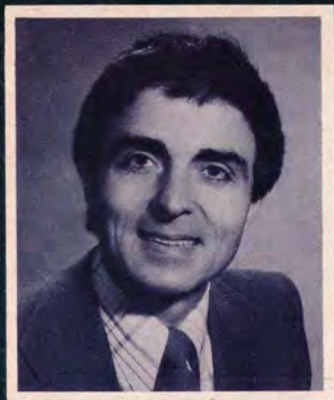
W.H., Richmond, VA

I am not a businessman or an adult. I'm a sixteen-year-old high school student. However, your programs are something I have learned to love and look forward to watching. About three years ago, the Lord baptized me in the Holy Spirit and it means so very much to me to be able to hear the testimonies of others who have found this blessed dimension in the Lord.

S.W., Newton Grove, N.C.

Sunday night after getting home from work, I turned on my TV and your inspiring GOOD NEWS program came on. I had never before seen it. I would give anything in this world if I could have the faith of the businessmen on your show. They made me see the "light" and have convinced me to pray. I'm not a religious person and ashamedly admit that I don't even go to church. For so many years I have neglected Jesus that it seems doubtful He could help me now—I certainly don't deserve it. But you can rest assured that I am anxiously waiting to keep an appointment with GOOD NEWS every Sunday night.

Mrs. R. R., Jacksonville, FL



by BERNARD HILLERAU

A BEAM, A NAIL, AND BLOOD

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A BEAM, A NAIL—and blood. Even today I find it difficult to believe what happened to me; especially in view of the fact that when talking to my wife prior to this experience I would always repeat, "I don't believe in fables! For me, Christ does not exist and I don't even want to hear Him mentioned." And yet in spite of that and without my realizing it, God's love never left me.

God loved the world enough to give His only Son, so that everybody who believes in Him should not die but have eternal life. Thus did God love me, the unlovable, and I would become aware of it in due time.

My childhood was not happy. Paying my way through college was possible only by great sacrifices. I worked hard all day and then went to evening classes for many years. For me life was a struggle, a tough fight where there was no

place for God. The idea of Christianity vaguely brought back to me the time when as a child I regularly visited a certain church, and the picture that came up in my mind was darkened by memories of sad experiences.

The years went by and I married Susan. We had two children, and it was because of our youngest child that I met Jesus under dramatic circumstances.

I had built our house with my own hands and was proud of it. In fact it was my idol, proof that I had finally managed to accomplish something solid and worthwhile. I also had a good wife who loved me, two adorable children, and a good paying job. Bernard Hillerau had nothing else to wish for. I had found paradise on earth—until the incident involving the beam and the nail.

Everything happened within a few seconds. A beam left there when I was



building my house fell on our two-year-old daughter, our youngest child. When I rushed to help her, I saw with horror that the beam was actually nailed to her head. And all my theories suddenly fell apart. I had said I did not believe in God and that for me, Jesus did not exist. Now, in the depth of my desperation, I cried out, "Jesus, Jesus—if you really exist, show me and I shall devote my life to you! Lord, save my child and I shall believe in you!"

With my brother's help I was able to pull the nail out of the child's head and together we rushed her to the hospital. I will spare you the details of the suffering and the bloodshed. Present during the operation, I still seem to hear the surgeon's voice when he spoke to me at the conclusion of it. "You were incredibly lucky. The nail slid right across the skull, without actually entering the

bone. And the skull of a two-year-old is not the hardest one!"

"Yes," I said to myself, "what incredible luck indeed."

We returned home and during the night our little girl slept peacefully, as if nothing had happened, and the next morning was outside, playing as before. The only visible trace of the accident was a bandage that covered the spot where the doctor had to stitch the wound.

That day an aunt came to visit us. "What happened to the little one?" was her first question. "Oh nothing, just a little accident," I answered casually. I had no intention whatsoever to speak about what I had gone through during those terrible moments. Further, I tried to rationalize everything as mere happenstance—the beam, the nail, the blood, the unexpected recovery. I was

just fantastically lucky, that was all.

You must understand that I entertained revolutionary ideas with strong Marxist tendencies; besides, I had practiced yoga and in my way was searching for truth. I was also a convinced vegetarian, consuming neither meat, eggs, butter, cheese or milk. All that was part of my search. That included getting up at five o'clock in the morning and moving furniture out of the way in order to assume strange positions of meditation.

The week that followed was one of extreme spiritual conflict, for I had promised myself to God with all my heart when the beam with the nail in it hit our child, yet here I was wondering if it were possible to break my word to someone in whom I did not really believe!

In my mind I had reconstructed all the different phases of what had occurred, and in so doing was consistently faced with the fact that the nail had entered her scalp and scratched across the skull without entering it, and that the immediate answer to my call for help could not have been sheer accident nor even plain luck.

Thanks be to God, one evening my wife suggested, with great simplicity, "Come, Bernard, let's kneel down in front of the bed and thank the Lord for the recovery of our child. It was *His* doing that she is well." At first my

answer was, "No, I cannot!" I knew what kneeling down and thanking the Lord would mean—all my atheistic-Marxist ideas and philosophical superiority would crumble. In short, it would mean unconditional surrender. What would I have left to hold on to?

And yet that same evening I did kneel down and pray—with some fervor—"Lord, I thank you for what you have done, because it was you who caused my child to recover."

A feeling of peace and joy invaded my soul in that moment. This was maybe the first time that I felt I had a soul. In one moment I had received a hundredfold—everything that I had been looking for in extremist ideas, in yoga, in transcendental meditation, in vegetarianism. I had received a gift from God. "He who believes in me, rivers of living water shall spring from his heart" (John 7:38).

Because of this gift I now knew that Jesus was alive and true to His promises, and that He would stay with us until the end of time, ready to answer prayers, even from a person who never wanted to believe.

A beam, a nail, blood; an entire life—mine—transformed. A beam, a nail, and blood—to make me understand that one day at Golgotha, two beams, three nails and the blood of our Lord had changed the course of history. ■

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VOICE ECHOES

About a year ago my husband and I met a young Irish couple—one Protestant and the other Catholic—and their daughter and decided to send them a gift subscription to the VOICE. Through the reading of your publication they came to understand their need of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Each month they could hardly wait for the next issue of the magazine to arrive.

We rejoice that the father and daughter have received the Baptism. Also, the mother, who has received healing for asthma, is desiring to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I am now sending a gift subscription of the VOICE to another couple of mixed religions. Praise God for what He has done.

D.R., Fairfield, ME.

Someone left an issue of the VOICE magazine where I work. After reading it from cover to cover, I turned to the page on which was printed six scriptural steps to salvation. I proudly signed my name on the dotted line to signify that I have made the greatest of all decisions—to accept Christ as my Lord and Saviour. *I'm sending you a zerox copy of the page, since, after nearly 1,000 employees have already read it, the original is still being passed around.* There have been more readers of that one VOICE than we may ever know.

I have several relatives in different parts of the United States that would highly benefit from your publication. If it is possible, I will be happy to subscribe for them. I am not a minister by profession, for only recently was I saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. But as the Holy Spirit continues to move in my life, I wish to work for Jesus Christ and be led into His perfect will.

H.L., Berwyn, PA

Although I accepted Jesus as my Saviour at the age of eight through the influence of a Catholic sister in the church, over the years I yielded to the world, the flesh and the devil. Before long my rebellion led to unbelief. Years ago, while in this state of mind, I picked up an outdated copy of the VOICE magazine that had been placed in a reception room and read some articles in it. Every time I would go there, I would read a little more. There was such love, peace and joy manifested in the lives of those of which I read. Through the reading of many testimonies in VOICE, the Lord made me realize that I needed help and that God was present, willing and able to help everyone who would believe in Jesus Christ. I now want to serve Jesus and to know more about Him.

T.I., Vancouver, WA.

I was wonderfully saved in 1961 in Ethiopia, but never heard of the baptism in the Holy Spirit until February, 1963, when I first received a gift subscription of the VOICE from one of my college professors. Reading its testimonies, I clearly saw my need to receive more from God. In September, 1965, Jesus baptized me in the Holy Spirit and for a time gave me a glorious ministry of evangelism among my people in Ethiopia, as the Lord confirmed His Word "with signs following."

O.S., Iowa City, IA.

I want to tell you how much I enjoy reading the VOICE which carries the most inspiring testimonies of victory through Jesus Christ. They are always so spiritually uplifting. I pray God's richest blessing on your ministry of reaching businessmen for the Lord.

M.P., Springfield, MO.

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or my worldly friends. As a result, I was a mediocre Christian, even though I was active in the church as an usher, then as a deacon and later as building chairman.

One summer, as Charlotte was reading Pat Boone's book, *A New Song*, she came to me in tears, saying we didn't have what Pat described in his book and that she wanted the same power he had. I told her that I had attended some Pentecostal churches many years before and had seen the power of God fall in the meetings, and I suggested that she phone my mother who was now a Spirit-filled believer. Mother asked Charlotte if she wanted to speak in tongues and my wife replied that she welcomed any experience that would give her power to live the Christian life.

Later on, as Charlotte read other books on the baptism in the Holy Spirit, one night she came running downstairs to where I was on the couch. "Guess what? God has given me my heavenly language," she cried enthusiastically. I knew immediately that I would have to experience the baptism if our lives were to grow together and we were to do what God had planned for us.

After three months of reading the Bible and books on the Holy Spirit, I went to bed about three o'clock one morning thoroughly confused. Then, in a simple, child-like way I prayed, "God, if you want to baptize me I'll give you the praise." At that instant something

warm spread over my entire body and I began to laugh with a holy laughter until I was afraid I might awaken my wife. My questions were all answered. I went to sleep praising the Lord and woke up the next morning doing the same thing.

Needless to say my life has not been the same since. Although I tried to subdue my exuberance, it wasn't long until the board of deacons requested that I seek fellowship elsewhere. We are presently attending an independent Baptist church where we may freely praise the Lord in the Spirit.

I hadn't yet spoken in tongues, which, according to the Bible accounts of the early church believers who received, appeared to be the initial evidence. Some months later, however, while reading one of Kenneth Hagin's books, it became clear to me that God had already given me this gift, and I fell on my knees, and thanked Him for it. Suddenly I began speaking in a beautiful language that I didn't understand but which was so edifying to me that I didn't want to stop. In that moment I experienced God in His fullness.

In addition to my flying job, Charlotte and I own and operate WORDS OF LIFE Christian bookstore which for over two years has proven to be a real ministry in the Covington, Georgia area. I also enjoy the privilege of being chapter president of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Madison, Georgia. Thus has God blessed me with good things—but not until I had come to the place of complete committal to Jesus Christ and His will for my life. ■

TUNED IN, TURNED ON

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I was directed to see the personnel manager the next day. Before that time arrived I asked the Lord to let me have Saturdays off if it was His will I take the job. The personnel manager told me they were in need of someone with my experience, and then said I could have the job—with Saturdays off!

Since working there I have had wonderful opportunities to witness to people in their homes. I carry VOICE magazines with me and give them out whenever I can. Over the years since 1963 I've given out literally thousands of copies of VOICE in this manner.

On several occasions the Lord has touched my physical body in a way that proved to me He is still the same today as when He walked this earth (Hebrews

13:8). One such incident occurred about three years ago. I became nauseated one morning about 2 o'clock and passed out. Mary called for an ambulance and I was rushed to the emergency room of the hospital and connected to a cardiograph machine. At first it showed my heart was beating irregularly, but soon the irregularity cleared up. However, I was placed in intensive care for twenty-four hours as a precautionary measure.

Later I told a doctor friend about my experience and he said, "Dave, I believe you had a heart attack but the Lord healed you." How I praise the Lord for delivering me in such a miraculous way. From experience I know that as long as we trust in Jesus Christ He will take care of us, and will bless us and make us a blessing to others. ■

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by DEMOS SHAKARIAN

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Jesus is not in the tomb! This is the Great Divide between Christianity and other world religions. He burst the grave asunder once and for all on that first resurrection morning. It was my privilege to visit the place where His body lay through those bitter hours that, to His grieving disciples, must have seemed hopeless. I stood in the garden

where the triumphant words were spoken: "He is not here, he is risen." I knelt beside the tomb and thanked Him for all that His life, death, and resurrection mean to me.

I visited the Mount of Olives from which our Lord ascended into heaven, and remembered His promise to return—the promise that has been the sustaining strength of every Christian down through the centuries.

Though His disciples could not fully understand, in obedience to His command they went back down the mountain to "tarry until" they received the promised endowment of power from on high. Then in that power they went forth

to preach the Gospel to all nations, to heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out demons. That same ministry of miracles is ours today.

Some ten years ago in Indonesia, when many native missionaries were gathered together for a conference, the speaker asked how many had witnessed the miracle of people being raised from the dead. Thirty-five missionaries stood up. Thinking that perhaps the interpreter had not made the question altogether clear, he asked again, "How many of you, in your ministry, have seen the dead raised in answer to prayer?" The same thirty-five stood up! Thirty-five different missionaries had had the experience of going to conduct a funeral service that turned

into a time of rejoicing. In some instances they reported the grave had already been opened to receive the body, but as the Spirit of God came upon them and they prayed in Jesus' name, a miracle was performed.

I believe that as this age draws to a close, we will see this phenomenon repeated with greater frequency. The power of the Gospel as taught and demonstrated by Jesus Christ when He walked this earth, and the Holy Spirit power that filled those early Christians, is the same today! My greatest desire is to see the works of the disciples repeated, in accord with the promise of our Lord: "He that believeth on me . . . greater works than these shall he do: because I go unto my Father." ■



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SIX SCRIPTURAL STEPS TO SALVATION

Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE:** "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

2. **REPENT:** "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. **CONFESS:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

4. **FORSAKE:** "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord . . . for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

5. **BELIEVE:** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

6. **RECEIVE:** "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11,12).

Why not make your eternal decision right now: "Dear God, I am convinced by Your Word that I am a lost sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died for sinners and shed His blood to put away my sins. I NOW receive Him as my personal Lord and Saviour and will by His help, confess Him before men."

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SEATTLE SEES GOOD NEWS TONIGHT

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—Pacific Northwest TV viewers saw 5 prime-time hours of praise, prayer, testimonies and Gospel music January 15 as *Good News Tonight* came to Seattle.

The Fellowship's "TV Convention" drew telephone responses from 3045 viewers. Of these, 75 people were led to salvation by counselors and nearly 1800 shared needs to be prayed for. In addition, callers pledged \$112,200 to support the Fellowship's world-wide outreach.

A mother of three children who said she was about to commit suicide happened to turn on the program, called the number on the screen, and was led to the Lord by a counselor!

"A man who was an alcoholic called in and received the Lord," says Major Larry Norris, an army senior aviator and president of the Tacoma, Washington chapter. "An hour later, he called back and talked to a different counselor and pledged a donation. Later, he called a third time and got still another counselor. He said he was still watching and had just poured all his liquor down the drain. The counselor asked him if he wanted to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and he said he would—and he received it."

Good News Tonight is a live TV special presented by the Fellowship in communities across America. Originating in a local television studio, the program fills an evening with exciting Gospel music and fascinating conversation. Demos Shakarian hosts. He talks with successful businessmen and community leaders about their personal encounters with God's love and power. Pat Boone, Graham Kerr, U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield, Oral Roberts, Rex Humbard, Connie Smith and other special guests appear in taped segments.

Viewers healed during Hawaii *Good News Tonight*

HONOLULU, HAWAII—*Good News Tonight* came to the Aloha State on January 8, drawing responses from 1,479 viewers who called in to talk with volunteer phone counselors in the TV studio.

"My first call was from a lady who had just had orthopedic surgery," says phone counselor Sandy Phillips, a housewife from Waimanalo. "That day, her leg had come out of its socket and she was in dire pain, but she told me she didn't want to go back to the doctor because she didn't have any more trust in him. "So I prayed for her and as she was being healed, she was describing the healing as it was taking place. She was telling me that she could feel her whole leg shifting up and moving into place!"

God Answers Prayer!



GOD WANTS TO HELP YOU

Did you know that God loves you and wants to help you with your problems? The Bible says so:

"What man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" —Matthew 7:9-11

Here are some recent reports of answered prayer which have arrived at the Fellowship's International Headquarters:

"He did it all."

I had nerve disease and was on 140 strong pills a month, and it would have just gotten worse instead of better. I also smoked about two packs of cigarettes a day. My sister and her husband took me to see a minister to have hands laid on me. God healed me and made me whole again. I now don't need medicine or cigarettes. It's all over—He did it all.

—Indiana

My life has made a remarkable change."

Since I have become acquainted with some of the dear Christians in this area and also attended a number of FGBMI meetings and really learned how to use the God-given power of the Holy Spirit, my life has made a remarkable change. Among the miracles has been a healing of my back by Jesus. Numerous doctors, including four at Mayo's, told me it would never be better and that I should wear a back brace always. In March of 1976, I took it off for good. Praise the Lord!

—Iowa

"I cannot express God's kindness."

I am the one who sent a prayer request that the Lord would provide a job for me. I thank the Almighty God for having answered your prayers on my behalf in providing a very high post for me. In fact, God's kindness to me is very great in such a way that I cannot express it.

—Nigeria

God will answer your prayers, just as He answered the prayers of the people who wrote the letters above. We invite you to write to Fellowship President Demos Shakarian and share your need. We'll pray for you and respond with a letter offering Bible-based counsel.

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"If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."—Matthew 18:19

The Apostles and the Resurrection of Jesus

by DR. HOWARD ERVIN

WITHOUT A DOUBT the greatest event in all of history is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For it is in the resurrection that God indelibly verified Jesus Christ as His Son and the Saviour of our souls.

Futhermore, it was the resurrection event which gave the apostles impetus to fulfill the call of God upon their lives. The Day of Pentecost is usually considered the birthday of the Church, for it was on that day that the Holy Spirit was poured out upon 120 apostles and disciples, empowering them for service as witnesses of Jesus. However, following the crucifixion of Jesus the apostles had become dispirited and were at the point of giving up their faith and hope in Jesus and retreating to their homes and former occupations. Had they done so, they would not have been gathered together obediently waiting to be baptized in the Holy Spirit so they could fulfill their callings.

But when Jesus appeared, raised from the dead to a body quite unlike

anything man has ever known, the apostles received the courage to follow His instructions and wait in Jerusalem for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Truly, the Church was born not on Pentecost, but in the power of the resurrection.

Since the days of the apostles many have doubted the resurrection of Jesus, and numerous skeptics have advanced an endless array of theories to try to disprove it. But perhaps one of the best proofs of the resurrection of Jesus is one that is often overlooked. The apostles themselves—despite the fact that Jesus had often told them He would be raised from the dead; and despite the fact that they already had seen the empty tomb—at first were enveloped with disbelief that the One in whom they had placed their hope had in fact been raised from the grave.

To understand the significance their doubt has in verifying Jesus' resurrection, we will pick up the resurrection story in John 20:19. We read, "On the

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evening of that day (the resurrection day), the first day of the week, the doors being shut (the Greek makes it quite clear that the doors were not only shut but *locked*) where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' "

Let's recap the situation. Jesus had been crucified. The disciples were hiding out behind locked doors. And the implication is quite clear that they were hiding out because they knew the Sanhedrin had issued warrants for their arrest, and if apprehended they would suffer the same fate that Jesus their Master had suffered.

Now there's something else that I think we need to see in this context. And I think it's very clearly implied. The very fact that they were hiding out with the doors locked indicates that they were *not* anticipating the resurrection. In fact, parallel passages like the one in Luke 24:13-35 give us the same implication. You will recall the story of the two

disciples on the way to Emmaus on the evening of the day of the resurrection. They were suddenly joined in that walk by a stranger whom they did not recognize as Jesus. They recounted the events of what had happened in Jerusalem, and thought it odd that the stranger did not seem to know what had happened there. And they said to Him, "We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel" (v. 21).

The pathos, the hopelessness, the despair in their words I think is clearly implicit in the context. And so the whole context of the crucifixion-resurrection narrative indicates that the disciples did not anticipate the resurrection as a matter of fact. This becomes one of the strongest apologetic strains in the whole of the resurrection narrative. The resurrection was not a wish projection or wish fulfillment on their part. The reappearance of Jesus was something they had not anticipated.

Thus, Jesus, knowing they were a band of broken, dispirited, disillusioned

and hopeless men hiding behind locked doors, came and stood among them, saying, "Peace be with you." And John continued, "When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20).

Why did Jesus show them the tokens of His passion? Because, you see, they did not anticipate the resurrection. They were still very much Jews in their outlook, in their faith. As Paul, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin said, "Jews demand signs" (1 Cor. 1:22). The indisputable evidence of the resurrection were the signs of His passion in His flesh. So He invited their scrutiny.

And when they saw His hands and His side they became believers.

Now you'll remember that the Apostle Thomas was not present on the evening of the resurrection day. When he returned and they told Him Jesus had been there, Thomas scoffed. "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the

nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

I don't know how you feel about Thomas, but I sort of respond to him. I tend to be rather hard-headed, a kind of skeptical person. Oh, not that it's a willful skepticism, but Lord give me some facts.

Thomas was a man who demanded empirically verifiable evidence for his faith. The skeptic must grapple with Thomas. He was demanding evidence, for saving faith was not an easy credulity for him. And eight days after His resurrection, Jesus appeared again and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing" (John 20:27).

As I reconstruct the scene in my mind's eye, I see Thomas fall prostrate before the majesty and the glory of the resurrected Christ. And I hear burst from his lips in terms of awe and wonderment and yet of faith, "Jesus, my Lord and my God." ■

PLAN NOW FOR THESE COMING EVENTS:

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"the price is right"

by MRS. JAMES GALLIER

TWO YEARS AGO my son, Ronny, lost his high school graduation ring while employed as a tree trimmer. He thought he had remembered putting the ring in his shirt pocket as he started up a tree. The next morning he missed the ring when he went to put it on. He felt badly because the ring meant a lot to him. He had worked quite hard for it. Now he felt he would never see the ring again.

About six months ago I was awakened in the middle of the night with the Holy Spirit telling me to get up and go pray with my son about the ring. The Lord told me that He was going to perform a miracle, that the ring would be returned and that I was to be obedient to His leading. Ronny was awake watching TV. I told him that the Holy Spirit had directed me to pray with him concerning the lost ring. I had been witnessing to my family about how God cares about the little things in our lives.

Later while listening to Paul Harvey's news commentary, I became excited about a woman who had discovered a class ring in a can of corn. This was the Holy Spirit's reminding me that the ring had not been forgotten. I told my family about it at supper that night and immediately Ronny said, "Do you suppose it could have been my ring?" I said no because it was an Oklahoma high school ring and we live in Texas. My son said, "Anyway, there wasn't any corn planted where I lost mine. Maybe someone will find it in their firewood." The ring was forgotten once again.

Three months later the phone rang. When I answered it a voice on the other end said, "Is James Gallier there?" I said no and the man said, "This is the police department. Do you have a son that graduated from French High School in 1972?"

My heart sank. The devil immediately let me think the worst, an accident or



some kind of other trouble. "Yes," I said.

"Did he lose his class ring?"

"Yes, sir, two years ago."

"Well, we have it down here."

"Praise the Lord!" I replied. "That's an answered prayer. My son and I prayed about the ring six months ago. Where did you get it?"

"We discovered it with some stolen items two weeks ago from a house about five blocks from where you live. Has your house been burglarized?"

"No, sir."

"Well, possibly the ring was left on the dashboard and was stolen."

After thinking back this certainly could have been the case as my son occasionally did leave the ring in his car while he worked.

I went to the police station to identify the ring—and at the same time was able to witness to the detective about the goodness and faithfulness of Jesus. The detective told me of all the trouble they

had gone through trying to locate the ring's owner. The jewelry store had been contacted and they had no record of a purchase. The school was contacted and they could not come up with a name to match the initials in the ring. Finally the detective got in touch with a former principal and he was able to give him Ronny's name.

You can imagine the joy we all received from this miracle. I just can't share it enough. I refer to the lost ring story as "the price is right" because the price on my part was obedience. That's all God wants. The things God tells us to do might look foolish in our eyes but if we'll obey Him we will have a joyful and abundant life. The ark to Noah seemed ridiculous but he obeyed. And Abraham must have been terrified at God's command to offer his son. The outward appearance may look all wrong but God looks in our heart and tests our faithfulness. ■

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