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A Personal Explanation

By Norman Grubb

The life of faith has had a fascination for me for over twenty-five years. So far as I remember, this interest was first quickened through the study of George Müller's life; then by the fact of a clear call from God to join a "faith" mission, which was at that time best known by its earlier name of Heart of Africa Mission, but is now known by its enlarged, though clumsier, title of Worldwide Evangelization Crusade. Obedience to this call meant that fascinating theory must now be translated into action. Straight away the challenge came from the one who had toiled and sacrificed to give me a good start in life: Would I not be wiser to join some society, enter some denomination, which, if ill-health invalidated me from the mission field, I might find some guaranteed sphere of ministry and livelihood at home?

But the call had been so clear that adherence to it was not difficult, except for the momentary pain it caused to loved ones, and that was not of long duration, for when they saw that the decision was definite, they gladly and warmly commended me to the will of God.

Twelve years passed, spent partly in the Belgian Congo, partly on journeyings oft as emissary from field to home-end mission matters, and partly in translation work. Not much opportunity was afforded for the practice of faith in

any specialized sense, or rather it may be more correct to say that the secret of the application of Scriptural and achieving faith had not yet been seen, and therefore the many opportunities for applying it were not perceived. Personal needs were regularly supplied, mainly through the channel of the mission; and, as I have just said, the meaning and use of faith as

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God's instrument of deliverance in all the other problems of life, internal and external, had not yet dawned upon me. The pull of faith, however, its attraction and fascination, never left me. It had become a deep inner conviction. I had glimpsed and tasted. It is my belief that in each member of Christ's body, from the time of the new birth, the Holy Spirit begins to develop some special characteristic

through which God may be glorified in a particular way, some aspect of His grace and truth through which the whole body may be edified and enlightened. Such are the gifts of the Spirit, and in one's own case I humbly believe that it was God who maintained in one this special thirst and attraction for the way of faith, this readiness to absorb all light concerning it, and to venture one's life in the exercise of it. Real opportunities were bound to come, as well as real enlightenment, at the right moment, and that moment was when I was ready to

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see and take them; for the real fact was that those intervening years had first to be spent in internal adjustments: the secrets of faith had to be discovered and applied in the solution of one's own inner problems, in the satisfaction of one's own soul-thirst, in the snapping of the chain of one's own self-centeredness, in the transference of oppressing heart burdens to the One who had given Himself to bear them. These experiences also will be woven later into our whole examination of the texture of faith, for that aspect of the life of faith is antecedent to all others. A faith that works first in our own lives can then, and only then, be applied to the problems around us.

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There is a school of faith, and there is a life of faith. At school we are private individuals: we learn, we experiment, we try things out by ourselves and on ourselves, we gradually grasp a technique. In life we take responsibility, we are in the public eye; other lives depend on us; we are supposed to know our job and apply our knowledge; the wheels of our particular industry are kept going by us. My years in the school of faith lasted till 1931, my thirteenth year as a missionary. As I now look back, I can see quite clearly when the transition took place in my experience; the school was left (although in another sense we are very much permanent pupils), the life of faith begun. With the key to my inner problems in my hands through the grace of

God and illumination of the Spirit, a clear cut position of faith was taken in a certain matter, under pressure of the Spirit involving my wife and myself to our financial limit. There is no need to go into details which were comparatively trivial. The duration of the test was six months. The day of crisis came in the middle when I almost succumbed and was only saved by walking to the post office and sending off a letter which once again staked everything on God's faithfulness. The deliverance actually began to come to me within ten minutes, on the pavement outside that post office, starting with a trickle and rising to a flood. It was all very mundane but to me it was a landmark. Schooldays were nearing their end. The master key which could open a very little material door could just as easily be applied to great gateways of world-wide opportunity in the Kingdom of God.

Then followed three years of great illumination in the way of faith. It was as if that which had been seen dimly as a series of separate peaks of faith which might occasionally, with much effort, be scaled, was now seen to be a broad high road in the uplands, a route of the Spirit, a way of life to be steadily traversed, and no range of rugged peaks at all. The Scriptures were marvelously opened up: Hebrews 11 especially became alive, and faith was seen to be the permanent element in which the men of God lived, men who themselves had first to pass through the school into the life of faith—Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, David, and so through all the list into New Testament days. They were days of great revelation; it was like the thrill of a new discovery, the exaltation of the explorer whose eyes are resting for the first time in his-

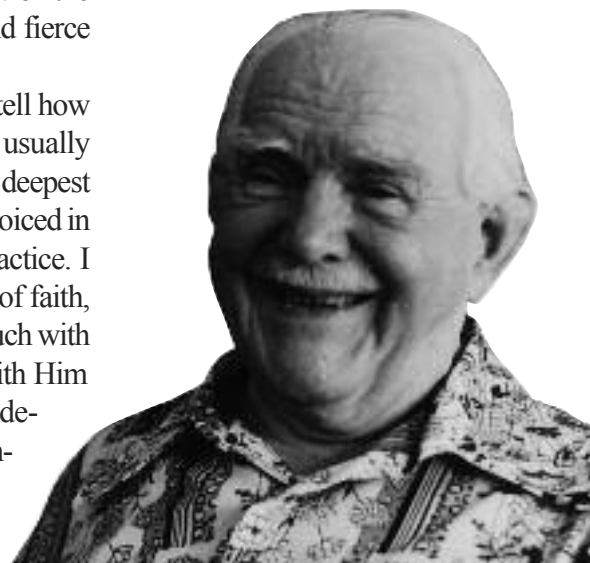
tory on some magnificent landscape. Experiments were made, feebly made, but the feet were not firm enough yet on their new road to take one to the destination, and nothing came of it. But the light had truly dawned, Scriptural light, borne witness to by the inner assurance of the Spirit, the consummation without doubt of the gropings and inner preparations of years. Failures could not quench those certainties. All that was needed was a firmer grasp of method, and, above all, those special sorts of circumstances in which living faith through all history has thrived, those necessary conditions for its healthy growth—difficulties, frustrations, impossibilities, for “when I am weak, then I am strong”: “in hopeless circumstances he hopefully believed.”

And they came. There is no need to go into them in detail! Days of agony and darkness. Days when one’s life’s work seemed in ruin around one, when the mission one loved seemed collapsing, when the hand of practically all friends and fellow Christians seemed against a tiny remnant of us. And I myself, with my wife, was called to take a stand completely alone, on behalf of the few on the field, surrounded by criticism and fierce opposition.

Then in the travail, I cannot tell how (indeed I have learned that one usually cannot trace the “how” of God’s deepest dealings), what I had seen and rejoiced in in theory became my own in practice. I saw how to walk the broad road of faith, how to have and maintain that touch with God, that living fruitful union with Him which in infinite grace and condescension He has given us as our inheritance in Christ; and we began to go that way.

Fifteen more years have now passed, years when, by God’s grace, these vital principles have been ever more strongly built into one’s life. Others, many others, have learned them, practiced them, and rejoice with us to see the marvelous truth of them in their concrete result. In the ranks of the Crusade, tremendous transformations have taken place: God’s word has forged ahead, increased and abounded: souls have been saved worldwide: tens of thousands have heard the Gospel who had never before heard the blessed Name: Christians by the hundred have been revived and stirred into action: Christ Himself has become increasingly the all in all; all fresh springs have been found in Him; all hunger and thirst satisfied according to His Word; desire increased beyond measure that He only should be glorified; His Word become the joy and rejoicing of the heart.

Details need not be given, for this is no place for them; but gradually this truth and that, concerning the inner life abiding in Christ, and the outer life of service in His name, have fitted into place, have been tested, examined, adjusted. Much has been learned by fail-



Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this magazine is to further the great high calling of the Lord Jesus to carry His Gospel to the whole world. This calling is known in the Christian world as the Great Commission. Our interpretation of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ is the second member of the Trinity, fully God, made manifest in the flesh. He was tempted in all points as we are, but totally without sin. He was crucified for the sins of the world, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He gives the power to become the sons of God to all who receive Him.

Beyond this forgiveness of sins, *The Intercessor* is committed to proclaiming to every creature the mystery of the Gospel, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27). The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost means that Christ has joined Himself to us as one spirit (1 Cor. 6:17). Thus we see that Christ has reproduced Himself in our flesh, and we Christians are really Christ living as us (Gal. 2:20).

Therefore, there is not only the forgiveness of sins but also a life in Christ of knowing we are dead to sin (Rom. 6). Furthermore, we are dead to the Law (Rom. 7), since the power of sin is through the Law. Christ is the only Lawkeeper (Rom. 8), and there is no independent human nature that can keep the Law, though we are continually tempted to believe so.

Belief in an independent human nature is Satan’s lie and the root of sin. Non-Christians are really Satan-indwelt, expressing his lusts (John 8:44), just as we have come to learn that Christians are Christ-indwelt, expressing His righteousness (2 Cor. 6:16). Humans have no moral nature of their own, meaning that we are simply expressions of the indwelling deity nature, either of Christ or Satan (the fallen created being who is the spirit of error). Sin in a Christian is a result of believing again Satan’s lie that there is a human nature which can do good or evil.

Our full restoration, then, is to see ourselves as Christ in the world and to labor and travail to see Christ formed in others according to the mighty working of the Spirit. This is “intercession,” the definite laying down of our lives to present every man perfect in Christ (Col. 1:28). *The Intercessor* is committed to this great and thrilling commission, the cost of bringing it about, and the resurrection joy of reaping the harvest!

ures, and some things remain inexplicable: until the time seems to have come to try and put on paper something of what one has learned. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." That is the touchstone. We believe that the Scriptures are God's final revelation to man, the words that He speaks which are spirit and life; and all that we say here is only reliable in so far as it is an exposition of God's revealed truth. This is not autobiography. It is to be a humble examination of faith, what it is

and how it works. It seemed necessary, however, to give this brief preliminary sketch of how and why such as I, who am not a trained theologian but a missionary secretary, should write on such a subject. It is just my contribution, I trust to God's glory, of one ray of God's truth which has steadily shone in my heart and on my pathway these twenty-five years.

—*The Law of Faith*

For many years after his retirement as General Secretary of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, Norman

Grubb traveled extensively sharing the truth of our union with Christ. He was the author of many books and pamphlets, a number of which are available through the Zerubbabel Book Ministry. Norman P. Grubb entered the Kingdom at 98 years of age.

Editor's Note

Let us begin this issue with an analogy. Imagine a parent who has every design in hand to take care of their child one day. In fact, they have taken care of the child day after day since they were born. But the child comes to the parent every day, saying "Please, please feed me today!" Then, while the parent is preparing the food, the child continues to come back, still asking over and over again. At this point the parent is feeling annoyed. Then the child brings friends over and the friends begin begging for the parent to feed the child. The parent has never neglected to feed the child before. If this were you, you may now be feeling insulted that all these people don't trust you enough to know that you have this need met.

We have been taught that prayer is mainly going to God to ask for what we need, right? However, many will ask Him for the same thing over and over again. Some will even elicit others to

pray and ask Him for these same things on their behalf. After all, the Bible says "ask and ye shall receive." Yes, it does. But, Jesus has more to say about this in the book of Mark. "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours (Mark 11:24)." Notice that He says "have received," not "will receive." So, as in the previous analogy, why would we continue to ask God over and over for something He's already done? This issue of *The Intercessor* provides examples of how to trust that God has supplied our need before we see the evidence of it. Our part is to count on it and offer up prayers of thanksgiving. For faith is the "evidence of things unseen (Heb 11:1)."

Norman Grubb starts laying the foundation for this new way of faith-prayer in our lead article, "A Personal Explanation." He describes his God-given fascination with the life of faith and how, step by step, the road was paved for him to apply his new "method" of faith—first, in his own life, then to the problems around him. He had found that the "master key which could open a very little material door could just as easily be applied to

great gateways of world-wide opportunity in the Kingdom of God."

Next, in "Zerubbabel Ministries: The Torch We Carry," Joanna Coatney tells how our own ministry operates by the same faith methods used by Norman Grubb. He set the example of how to use this "way of faith" in his own mission, the World-Wide Evangelization Crusade. It is a fascinating account of how his small band of missionaries simply counted on God's provision to continue their mission, though the supply was unseen and the appearance of continuing seemed impossible. They began "launching out in faith...acting now and taking for granted the supply would come." We are grateful to Norman for paving the way and passing this torch on to us.

Having stated our need to God, Norman says "we never repeat it again in the form of a request; we don't ask, we thank." But our next article has him addressing "What if it Doesn't Happen?" So, you've believed and continued to thank God for the answer, but the thing you've believed for hasn't come to pass. Now what? Read-on to get your answer!

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Q&A

Question:

If we, as you state, “have never been independent, self-relying selves...” then who is to blame for our sin?

Answer:

Firstly, we are all slaves, either to righteousness (Christ) or sin (Satan)—See Romans 6. We are only responsible for who operates us. The sin deeds or righteous deeds that are a result of that choice, belong to our owner/master.

In plain terms, we only have one choice—to believe God, and what He says about us (“...he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him,” 1 Cor. 6:17; “I am the Vine you are the branches,” John 15:5) or not. As born-again believers, if we do believe what God says about us, Christ lives out through our members (Vine-branch—John 15:5). If we do not believe what God says about us, we are committing the sin of unbelief (“For whatsoever is not of faith is sin,” Rom. 14:23). This gives Satan control of my members/soul-body. He can then misuse me to live out his sin deeds—“Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father ye will do” (John 8:44).

So—who is responsible for sin? I am responsible for the sin of unbelief (about who I am/God says I am). But Satan is responsible for the sin deeds that he lives out once I give him control: “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” Rom. 6:16.

I hope this helps. If you want to read more, here are some relevant quotes from Page Prewitt’s booklet: “Life: The What, The Who, The Why” and Norman Grubb’s book *Yes, I Am*:

“The Bible simplifies sin when it makes the bare bones statement that everything not of faith is sin (Rom.

14:23). Or to put it another way, all unbelief is sin. (Unbelief means that we do not believe what God says about us—that as Christians we are joined to Christ, and He is one spirit with us). In view of this fact, the first thing Satan must accomplish in his effort to get any believer to commit a sinful deed is to tempt him and get him to believe he is an independent self-operating self. In other words, to see himself as an “alone I” or “just me.”

When/If Satan is able to lure us by this lie into the sin of unbelief, he gains the power to boss us on the soul-body level and lead us into any sin deeds he chooses. Our union with Christ is not broken; however, our sin temporarily blocks the Holy Spirit from living through us.

The good news is that we can avoid the Satan sin trap by simply remembering and, if necessary, stating the truth that thoughts and feelings are not the real us. They are factual but not real in the eternal Spirit sense. This is the way the Bible says it: The things that are seen are temporal [fleeting] and the things that are not seen are eternal [everlasting] (2 Cor. 4:18).”

—“Life: The What The Who, The Why,” by Page Prewitt
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“‘You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do.’ When I read that, my eyes were opened to the second phrase as well as the first. The first says that we humans—all of us who have not yet become children of God by faith in Jesus Christ—have Satan, not God, as our father. But the second phrase especially struck me: ‘...the lusts of your father you will do.’ Not that we are doing our own lusts, but the lusts of our father. Then all we are doing as humans is not a product of

Zerubbabel Ministries

The Torch We Carry

By Joanna Coatney

Zerubbabel is a faith-based ministry, founded by former secretary of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, Norman Grubb, and commissioned to share the Total Truth with the whole world. What do we mean by faith-based? Who is our founder? And what exactly are we commissioned to do? This article will answer these questions and hopefully give you a better understanding of the purpose and history of this magazine.

C.T. Studd, the founder of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade (WEC) died in 1931. His son-in-law, Norman Grubb, took over the mission. Without its founder the mission was in shambles. There was little money available for the thirty five workers on the field. It seemed obvious they should call it quits. Norman, his wife (C.T.'s daughter), and two others who made up the home base, asked themselves "What commission did your founder have, which has passed on to you?" (*Once Caught, No Escape*, by Norman Grubb). They knew the answer was to evangelize the world, but faced with the present conditions they wondered "How can we? How did the men of the Bible do the impossible?" Their answer: "By faith." God led them to the Bible to examine Joshua, a fellow pioneer who had, like them, just lost his leader. Joshua knew what God was calling him to do (really what God was going to do through Joshua) and he stepped out in faith. What caught their attention was that Joshua fleshed out the details of achieving God's ends without specific instructions from God: "Joshua knew because he was at God's gen-

eral disposal to do His will, He puts Himself at our disposal to fill in the details" (*Once Caught, No Escape*). This is the faith principle upon which the WEC was rebuilt.

These lessons in operating by faith were further tested and refined throughout Norman's later years and were the subject of his teaching, writing and sharing as he traveled the U.S. These God-given revelations became what he referred to as the Total Truth—the full revelation of Galatians 2:20 and related scriptures that there never was an independent self; that we were once Satan operated; that now as born-again believers we are Christ-operated, He living His life by me. One of his last commissions was to share this Total Truth with whomever would listen. But how? Here's how his lessons from Joshua were applied again. He fleshed out a word of faith that one million people would be reached with the Total Truth. He spoke this word among some of his closest friends and commissioned these friends to start a new faith-based ministry that would pick up the torch he had been carrying. Norman suggested this new ministry be named after Zerubbabel, pointing to Zechariah 4:6: "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts." Part of his vision for Zerubbabel was a magazine devoted to sharing these truths. His charge:

"I commission you to make sure you keep the magazine exclusively for the presentation of our unique and total truth in its

different forms, and allow nothing less than that to be published. It doesn't matter how plain or simple it looks, the point is it is the living word based on the scriptures. That is God's commission entrusted to you...Keep at it! Now my thrill is that God has called us to being as an army in action. A rising and enlarging army, and totally bold both in our knowing of the truth we share, our biblical basis to it, and our ability to present it to others. All of us doing that in our different ways." (Excerpted from a letter written by Norman Grubb in January 1987).

So this is our commission at Zerubbabel, given to us by our founder Norman Grubb. *The Intercessor* is one of the tools he envisioned to reach his one million people with the Total Truth and we continue to carry this torch. (Of course, the internet is a tool that we are grateful to have that Norman knew nothing of in his day of typewritten letters!) We follow the lessons Norman learned from Joshua: we see other means and methods to fulfil our commission and take it for granted that this is God working through us to achieve His ends, filling in the details just like Joshua.

Let's take a closer look at Joshua's story and what exactly he did. In Joshua 1, Moses has died and his assistant, Joshua, is commissioned by God to lead the people over the Jordan and into the promised land. God tells Joshua that "every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I

have given to you, just as I promised to Moses...No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them" (Joshua 1:3, 5-6). There is no mention of how this will happen, but Joshua trusted God's word and commanded: "Prepare your provisions, for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess" (Joshua 1:10). Where did he get three days? This was the part that caught the attention of Norman: "Who gave him the authority to say that? Then we saw that when we are at God's general disposal to do His will, He puts Himself at our disposal to fill in the details. So it was Joshua who fixed on the three day's limit and God came through with the opening of the Jordan at the time fixed by Joshua" (*Once Caught, No Escape*).

This method of operating is so different to the "normal" way of operating a mission. Typically, you look at what funds you have and do what work you can with them.

However, this was looking to see what God was about, what He wanted to achieve, and launching out in faith to fill in the details of how, taking for granted the resources needed would be there. Not waiting for the supply before acting, but acting now and taking for granted the supply would come. As Norman likes to say "Need is the evidence of supply" (*The Law of Faith*, by Norman Grubb).

In the rebuilding of the WEC this is exactly what that little band of pioneers did. They needed more workers for the field and the money to support them. They decided on a number of workers and the amount of money. They fixed a deadline, the first anniversary of C.T.'s glorification,

and trusted in God alone to call those missionaries and to send the money specifically for them. They claimed Mark 11:24: "Whatsoever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." When they met again, someone started to remind God about the workers and asked Him to send them. The Spirit corrected them and told them not to ask for what they had already been given. So instead of asking they began thanking. Another test came when Norman realized he should let the field know to start preparing for the new missionaries. He did not want to look like a fool should they not come and so he considered not telling them. Thankfully, he recognized it as an attack from the devil and immediately mailed a letter to them.

The riveting details of how the missionaries and the money came are written about in *After C.T. Studd*, by Norman Grubb, but suffice to say they did come and within ten days of the date they set. In Norman's words "the thrill of this was not so much the completion of the ten as the confirmation that we were on the main line of the Bible principles of faith" (*Once Caught, No Escape*).

Norman applied these lessons to countless situations, on a ministry-level and personal level throughout his life and he has written about them in his books. Some quotes that illustrate these lessons are: "faith declares a thing done before it is done"; (*The Spontaneous You*); "Faith is action" (*The Law of Faith*).

At Zerubbabel it is our privilege and commission to share these lessons in our magazine, books and on our web site (www.zerubbabel.org) and to operate by faith in the day to day running of the ministry. We do not look at our funds and ask what shall we do with this? We look at what God is calling us to do and trust God has already provided for it. We thank Him.

Our Board of Trustees at Zerubbabel have recently faced some very challenging circumstances. It wasn't immediately clear what God was doing in the circumstances, but we trusted that the larger aim had not changed: to continue the commission of our founder, Norman Grubb, to share the Total Truth. As we continued in faith, taking the practical steps to address the challenges at hand, God's purposes became clearer. We now have several new goals we would like to achieve that we believe fit into this commission. We know there will be expense involved but that does not cause us to put the brakes on or continually ask God to provide the funds. God says: "...before they call I will answer" (Is. 65:24); God has the answer already in place (in the Spirit dimension) and we are just waiting to see the visible evidence (in the physical dimension). We proceed with our goals and trust God will have the answers and funds in place as they are needed. Thank you Lord!

From Joshua, those WEC rebuilders found what Norman describes as "the key to the practice of Scriptural faith—that where we are in the calling of God, as we are at His disposal, so He is at ours; we can ask what we will and believe that we receive what we have asked" (*Once Caught, No Escape*). And this is how we operate at Zerubbabel, with Norman's example as our blueprint.

So this is who we are and why we are here. Any time you pick up this magazine or visit our web site, you are a part of God's commission being fulfilled. Our founder Norman Grubb showed us the Biblical, Joshua-inspired way to operate by faith and run a faith-based ministry. Our commission is to share the Total Truth of our union with Christ (explained throughout this magazine) and to reach one million people with it using whatever methods God inspires us to use—taking it for granted that God will back us up!

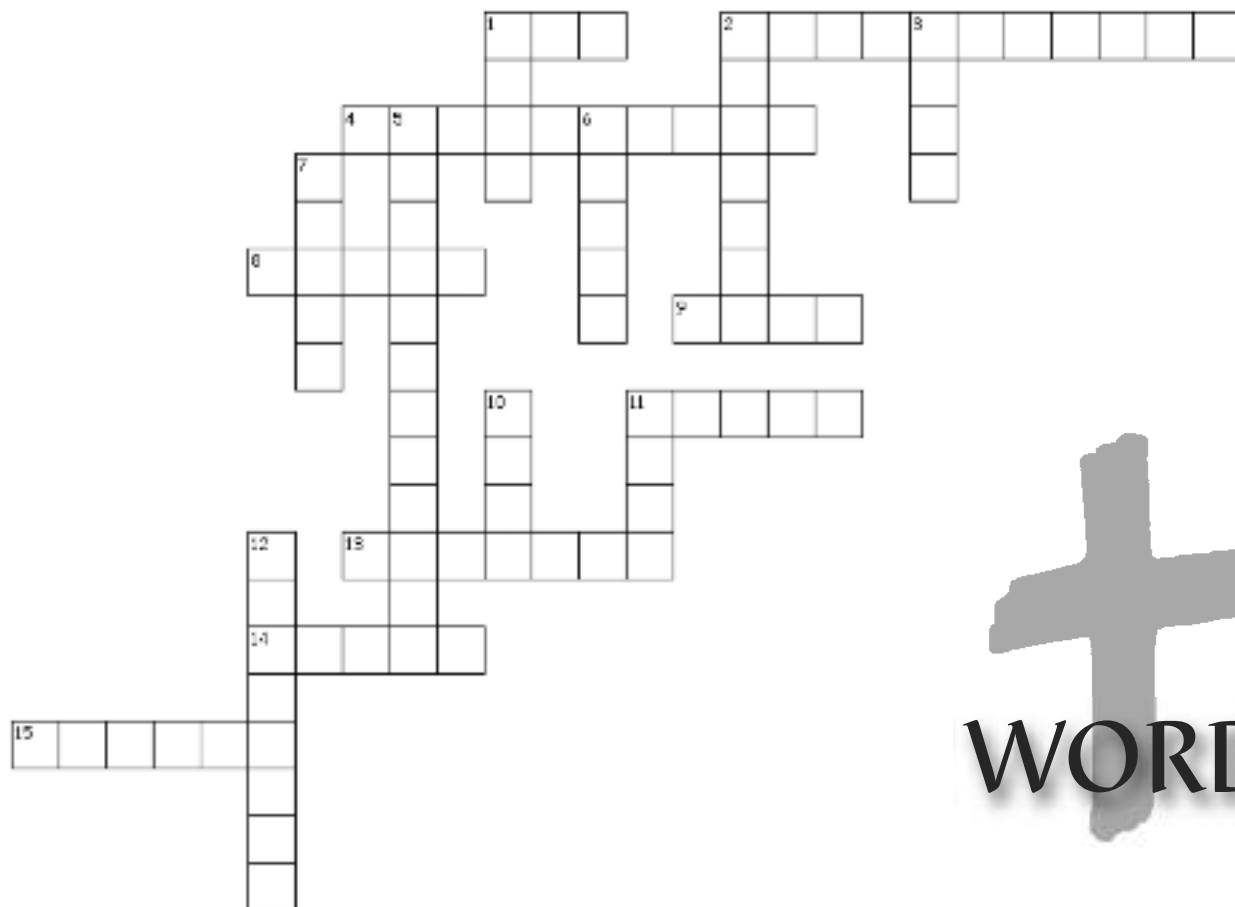
GOD: HE IS THE SUPPLY IN OUR TIMES OF NEED

As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 12:10, "When I am Weak, then I am Strong." No matter what troubles we encounter in life, God means every minute of it to perfect our faith in Him. Norman says it perfectly in *The Deep Things of God*:

"God has always had His fullness in readiness to replace our emptiness, His perfection our imperfections, His light our darkness, His life our death. He has always intended, planned and provided total supply for every human need, and the supply has always been there...The need is the proof that the supply is there, and is merely God's means of conditioning us to be

agents of faith. It is God who confronts us with every kind of problem, inability, difficulty, that, in our weakness, He may flash the spark of faith into our hearts."

So trials, difficulties and weaknesses are what call us to faith. How can we remain faithful through these promised trials in life? The only answer is trust in God's truth that all that comes to us is perfect Love from our Heavenly Father and that Jesus Christ is the only One who can live His victorious life in us and as us no matter what we are facing. Let us look at what God says in His Word about how He intends our trials to perfect us, refine us, and bless us.



ACROSS

1. Our sufferings can be used to help others as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 1:4, "Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of ____."
2. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers ____; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." (James 1:2-4)
4. God's purpose in the trials in our life is made clear in Isaiah 48:10, "Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of ____."
8. In 1 Peter 1:7, Peter prays the trials in our life have this result: "That the trial of your ____, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."
9. God rebukes Israel in Hosea 5:15, "I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and ____ my face; in their affliction they will ____ me early."
11. Paul encourages the Corinthians that our troubles benefit us, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of ____." (2 Corinthians 4:17)
13. Paul gives the truth of God's sovereignty in our lives in 2 Corinthians 4:7-16, "...the power may be of God and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed...that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our body...but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is ____ day by day."
14. Paul's encouragement in 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 is a help to us, "For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not ____ in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead."
15. We see God's design of the Israelites' (and our) troubles in Deuteronomy 8:2, "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to ____ thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no."

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1. May we trust God as Job did, as he proclaimed the fact that, "When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as ____." (Job 23:10)
2. God wants all to turn to Him in times of need as we see in Jeremiah 2:27, "... But in the time of their ____ they will say, Arise, and save us."
3. In 1 Kings 8:33, we read how God means troubles to guide us back to Him, "When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall ____ again to thee, and confess Thy name and pray..."
5. In the midst of our sufferings and trials, we can remember, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your ____." (Lamentations 3:22-23)
6. In James 1:12, we are reminded that, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the ____ of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."
7. Jesus made this promise to His disciples in John 16:33, "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have _____. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
10. Paul speaks from his personal experience in Romans 5:3, "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, ____."
11. We can always remember God's promise that "...all things work together for ____ to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)
12. In James 5:10, we can find encouragement, "Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of ____."

A Letter from Norman...

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Brenda dearest,

Yes, it is just wonderful to look back to the fear and trembling days when you and Henry were first going to Union City, and the normal "formalism" you found there (not that folks all want that, but know no better)—and NOW—springtime has come, and you have proved and seen God mightily at work in your first church appointment. Glorious prospects—so long as you and Henry face and accept that there will always and must always be an offence of the Cross as well as an acceptance of it. There is no other way except Jesus's way on earth. If you are kept ready to pay the same price over and over again, and not be frightened off by the fact that you will invariably offend some if the Spirit is going to get through to others, then OK for continuous movings of revival! Resurrection is only the product of the cross, and can come no other way. The secret of life is through death to resurrection, and some will always kick violently when they smell death around. So that's why I'm thrilled—so long as you see the permanent principle in this "law of harvest," and expect to find the same wherever you go. I can only bear witness to that after 50 years in the "without the camp" way God has taken us (quite different from yours), I am only more thrilled to bits all the time, and wouldn't change and by no means regret!

And the stirrings of the waters is giving you refreshing glimpses of the life that has been flowing into hearts often I expect unrecognized by you.

So this is just to say that it is great to be out on a limb with God. Not many can stand the cold winds blowing there and rush for shelter in some more secure position. I know those who started out gloriously free but without human backing, and after a bit couldn't stick it (or the wife with the family cares couldn't take it) and they slip back into a safe denominational burrow. So I say, you dear ones, as God, not you, has taken you this way, don't rush back hastily to some human shelter. Wait for God. Wait on God, He has prepared a door of wide-open ministry. I can only testify that after 55 years since I turned down episcopal ordination, with Pauline to the wide open spaces of a WEC worldwide ministry with that wild man C.T. Studd, we are only thankful still to be unfettered—and what open doors and hearts. So just keep going—ONLY where GOD TAKES YOU.

Ever lovingly to both of you,

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Faith Notes

"Having made the declaration once, do we repeat it? Continually, in the sense of thanking for what is coming. To go back to asking would be dishonest. If I have received by faith, I have received, and the proof of my having done so is constant thankfulness."

—The Spontaneous You

"We must coolly, deliberately, definitely transfer our faith from the lower set of realities, things visible to us in our inner lives and outer conduct, and place it in God's spoken word: 'ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God.'"

—The Law of Faith

"The more uncertainty there is, the more passion in your decision of faith, for there has been a bigger doubt to conquer."

—God Unlimited

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"...I find there is one central obedience in the Bible—'the obedience of faith.'"

—Yes, I Am

"I have accepted myself because He has not only accepted me, but put me back where I belong as being really a form of Him. Now I am no longer busy, certainly not trying to find the One who has found me, but not even fussing around trying to hold on to Him; because He has got hold of me, joined Himself to me, and what He holds, He keeps."

—Who Am I?

The Total Truth in Letter Form

by Pat Downs

Following is a letter my mother wrote to a friend of hers in August, 1988. I found this letter in the past year among some papers my mother had given to me and I have read it many times since finding it.

From November 2014 up until her death on June 16th of this year I spent a great deal of time with my mother and read it to her on more than one occasion. I knew she was in her last days on this earth and I wanted her to be reminded of the truth that she had communicated so clearly in this letter.

This letter is precious to me because it says so beautifully what I believe and what God wants us to know about Him and His Son, Jesus Christ. He is our Lord and Savior, but also dwells in all born again believers. He lives His life through us and as us.
—Becca Graham

Dear Sam,

With all the million things on my mind and on my agenda, somehow this letter to you is taking priority...really what is on my mind is you. Somehow God will not relieve me of this. What I have to say right now is that I long for you to see all this—not from a clinical viewpoint, so to speak—but from your heart. I know that this message we have from God in the Bible can't be confined to scholars to interpret...it is for us all...and the beginnings of the message went to such a heterogeneous crowd. I was reading the preface to Phillips Revised Translation and noted where he said something to the effect that the scholars had all

but exeged the life out of the truth.

Sam, I know that you believe that Christ lives in you. So did I...for years before I came to see things as I do today. What I finally asked was "What is He doing there... Why is He living in me?" It makes no sense to me now to believe that He is just there beside me helping me along etc. I know that He is there to live out His own life in me...and I no longer wrestle with the fact that it seems strange to add that when this living comes out, it surfaces as me. When you read this letter, or someone in my presence hears my voice, it is me you read, and it is me they hear...the hidden mystery though is that were I unzipped it would be revealed that the Operator within doing the works, speaking the words, etc., is Another...of course I am there willingly and consciously present. My self is not gone and neither do I have myself confused with the self of Christ. It is NOT my self that was replaced by Christ. But the spirit of disobedience—that is Satan—was replaced by the Spirit of Truth—that is Christ. In some mysterious way we operate as one...but I know me, and I know Him, and the two are one but always distinguished. It is not my self that died and even needs to...my self is the same as it was from birth...my self merely now has another Operator. My "old man" was not Satan...my "old man" was my self in some form of link-up with Satan...my "new man" is not Christ...my

"new man" is me in union with my new Operator Christ. (And of course I understand the corporate teaching of the "new man" in Christ and the "old man" in Adam...just as I understand the hidden mystery of the Christ in the individual and the other hidden mystery of the Jew and the Gentile becoming one in Christ.)

I don't know that I have ever stood in front of a mirror and said to myself that I am Christ in the form of Pat Downs...but I have made that remark many times—to God, my self, to others. It is a BOLD thing to say—but until I dared to SAY it, it took no shape in my life. It is the discovery of who I really am, because Christ lives in me by His Spirit, that has completely changed my life. The only thing I have changed is the way I believe...the way I have come to believe about God and about myself. When I got my self in focus, life opened up. Maybe you will never have the courage to stop and say..."Yes, I Sam, am the re-expression of Jesus Christ in the form of Sam." But this I know, if you ever did, your life would never be the same to you again...or the same to others. I know that once I have tasted of this truth, it kills me to see other Christians struggling through life...it kills me right now to visit with my son and his wife who are truly born-again, zealous believers, but who admit to being miserable...who admit to not being able to work this life out to their satisfaction. But I

in no way mean this life is a “bed of roses,” just the opposite. It’s just that like Paul, though perplexed, I am no longer in despair. To know what I know and to operate from what I know and to watch countless others come to discover this truth for themselves, is to watch and see lives absolutely change.

I have poured over Paul’s letters and I have seen stuff I had overlooked before. Paul did not have a popular accepted message. He was maligned and called a member of a sect and labeled a “pest” and despised by “the Church” of his day. By that, I mean the synagogue, not the true Church...but the established Jewish form of organization which was even then still recognized as “of God.” The synagogue would let him in, but wouldn’t let him remain. The scribes remained as in Jesus’ day and not wanting to enter in themselves, also took away the key of true knowledge from the people. I believe with all my heart if Paul suddenly reappeared to day, he would be unacceptable to the established church. Just as Jesus: when he did not fit the image of God people of His day had in mind, they crucified Him.

I wish you could come to one of our conferences...experience the reality...listen to the questions...watch what is really happening...small and insignificant in one sense...tremendous outworking of Spirit of God in another. I wish you could sit and listen to and come to know the man Norman Grubb; even read some of his later books...you stopped short in your reading...he has really expanded his knowing and teaching. His latest books are *Who Am I?*, *Yes, I Am*, “Romans Six to Eight,” “As Simple As This.” I know there are passages where his exegesis is imperfect, but who I know is the man. I know his heart and his bent for God and I believe with all my heart

that God has given him a commission for our day and that he is fulfilling it amidst much opposition. While walking this morning I was listening to one of his tapes and the immensity of his vision and of his insight into the whole picture of God, for the church, about the self—it all but overwhelms. Norman is out-poured love in expression. Sam, I know I am a whole, integrated person. I do not think of myself as “compartmentalized.” Please believe that. But in looking separately at “soul” and “spirit” for my edification I learned something invaluable about my self. About my humanity. I do believe that essentially I am spirit, just as God is Spirit. And that the “real me” which is essentially spirit comes to expression through my soul and body. But I am a whole and know it. But what I learned about self, by understanding the soul part of me, and the spirit part of me, and the body part of me has opened my eyes. But I know I am always an integrated whole person. It has put me in touch with my self...with my feelings...and for the first time in my life I have been delivered from “self-consciousness.” Do you hear the beauty of that? There is no feeling I have that is not valid—it is a part of my humanity. I can feel any manner of things, and now experience no guilt feelings—until, so to speak, soul plugs in to spirit, soul can go nowhere. Until spirit acts on or from those feelings, there is no sin. I may feel angry, depressed, worried, lustful, etc. That is part of my being human...but I now know that I am not my feelings, or accountable for them. They just are!! I don’t like feeling angry, worried, lustful etc., but I am at least honest now and admit to any feeling that arises because of my humanity. And I know that until I act from those feelings by my free choice to do so, that there is no sin. I guess Calvinists have a harder time with

choice than I do. I believe that in me as an essential part of me because I am in His image...that in me is the capacity to make a choice...the choice I believe I have in me as a capacity is the choice to accept God and any truth I have from Him. I made this initial choice when I was born again. Since then, as a believer, all I do now is continue to faith in to this initial choice. And now understanding my self and Him I continue to choose Him and His truth. (And when I don’t so choose, I go into unbelief and sin.) Then all sub-choices are made by Him in me, with me consciously and willingly going along with His choices. Deep inside of myself, I know that I have this freedom of choice...I know that it is not rigged. I believe that what distinguishes man from the other forms of creation is that man and man alone has this capacity...that it is the freedom that we have from God, the same freedom that is in Him...except that I know my freedom of choice is derived from Him.

I just know Sam, that I was free to either choose God initially, or to reject Him initially. And I know in the same way, that now as a believer I am under no coercion...but that I have freedom of choice to continue to faith in to Him. Sin is unbelief. So even before the act of sin is visible, the sin has been committed in my heart...and the “bottom line sin” in my view is committed when I see myself in independence of Him, and act as if I am an independent person. I have come to believe that when I so act, what has really happened is that I have temporarily given myself over to my old operator Satan, and he then accomplishes by me what he wants done. Once I enter into unbelief about who I am, my options for what can be done through and by and as me are up!! Satan then begins to operate his own desires (lusts KJV) through me. I go along willingly but

as long as he deceives me in to thinking I am just a self-operating person, I falsely think it is “just me” when all along it is he!!

God cannot lie and Satan is a liar (John 8:44 NASV margin). He (Satan) speaks the lie and is the father of the lie... a liar is one who is out for himself at the expense of another. Satan is the expression of self-for-self. God, who cannot lie (i.e. be one out for himself at the expense of another), is out-poured love for others. Satan a self-loving self; God self-giving-self. My image of Satan has also changed. I see him now so much clearer in his devious deceptive ways—bottom line: Satan is just self-for-self and once my eyes were opened I found him in the nicest places! My husband does not believe there is a Satan... and he often says to me, “You believe that a spirit named Satan is Mr. Self-for-self.” “I believe,” he says, “that I am Mr. Self-for-self.” And I always answer him by saying: “Dear husband, you have bought the enemy’s lie. That is what he wants you to think. If he can just get you to believe that it is just you operating your own life when you are in unbelief, he has scored! He always goes by our name when operating us. Jesus always says ‘Here I am... it is I.’ Satan on the other hand, never reveals himself. He never even so much as whispers ‘This is me: me Satan.’ He always wears the disguise of ‘just me’—‘just Pat,’ ‘just Fred,’ ‘just Sam.’”

The reason, Sam, that I believe sin was not just a “something” sitting around but instead believe sin originated in God’s negative agent Satan, is that I hold to my idea of freedom of choice given to every creature. Satan, when Lucifer, had in himself this same freedom of choice; he made the choice to become independent of God. His choice was not rigged. His adherence to stay as God’s

Lightbearer was not forced upon him. God loves freely and in return He wants His creatures to love Him freely. Satan as Lucifer made the choice to not love God, but to love himself, and the original sin was therein committed. And all sin of unbelief since then has the same root. I disagree with you about Norman not explaining the source and root of evil. I have to say this—until I met him and talked with him, I never really had any kind of handle on “good and evil” and their origins. Now for the first time I have some grasp on evil and its origin and its wherefores and whys etc.

I’m going to bring this to a halt. But not without saying I do pray, and believe everyone I fellowship with does. Maybe the form is now different. But when over and over through the day God brings you to my mind as He thinks through me, I know when I stop and think about you and talk about you to God in me, that this is prayer. Maybe I am driving down Camelback Rd and not on my knees at 4 a.m., but it is prayer. All my reflections with God coming from a heart torn for others as I think of them and of Him and of myself and my role... oh, Sam, this is prayer like I never knew before. But I pray also aloud with others and in groups led by Norman or someone else. (And I have lots of “conversations” with Christ as if He is in the next chair! He is IN me and OUT there!)

From my personal experience I can now say I have the answer to who I am and who you are. I accept my precious humanity which He formed to be a glory unto Himself, and I use it (more correctly, He uses it) to put into expression the treasure who lives in my earthen vessel. It is my delight to watch others latch on to this truth and emerge as expressions of the Expresser. He

is being in me the way, the truth and the life. And what I have today in a real and practical way came from reading Norman’s books and listening to him, and to others who have glimpsed this same truth. I have to say, it is a life I never got from all the commentaries I poured over... that I never caught while I was constantly attending the established church... that no winter institutes on theology ever brought to me. If there is anyone who can come in to my life and offer me something that surpasses what I have in Christ, I wish they would knock down my door and come offer it to me. But if not might they come to me and listen while I share the secret of the One who lives in me, through me, as me... and let them also become rivers of living water... water is that which satisfies our thirst... I thirsted to know how to live—I have an answer. I love to tell it out!!!

Don’t bother with answering my letters... I am the one who has been told by God to stay in touch with you... and until He tells me to drop it, the letters will continue to flow!!!!

Love in Him,
Pat

p.s. Oh, how I wish instead of dissecting Norman’s books, you would just stop one time and ask: Have they got hold of a truth I know not—that I have not yet seen? Could what they say be God—the truth? Oh how I asked this—for a long time—how I questioned and wondered. And now the inner knowing that though this we share be called cultish, heretical, or whatever, it has become my life. Sam, could you just stop and say, God if it is true, would you speak to my heart that it is? What have you got to lose? Just your “life”—and God says when you lose your life you find it.

Bible Bedrock

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

2 Corinthians 5:7

We must “labour to enter into that rest.” Through faith and patience we inherit the promises. By every means in his power Satan will seek to cut the lifeline of our still flimsy faith. He will trip us into sudden sin and then mock our newly-made confessions of identification with Christ. He will lie to us that we are not different. He will tempt us through all our appetites and faculties, and then tell us to stop talking such foolishness as that we died with Christ. He will play upon our feelings to try and persuade us that the idea of an indwelling Christ is a phantasy. But we must learn to “walk by faith.” Not just to take the first step of faith, but to take a million steps, and then another million! For faith, as we have already pointed out, is a God-given natural faculty. Just as every natural action is taken by faith, so every human attainment is gained by faith, but only gained painfully and slowly. The first steps in learning a trade or a language are very hesitating. Often it seems to us we shall never get hold of it. The thread of our faith often wears very thin, but it must not snap. If it does, we give up. If it doesn’t, we crawl on, until, almost unrealized by ourselves, a natural miracle has taken place. What we were seeking to get hold of has got hold of us! We just know it. We are at home in it. Effort and strain have disappeared. A long series of separate efforts have changed into a natural habit. That is the process of faith. So if we gain human attainments by faith, constrained by human incentives, how much more our heavenly goal by the constraint of the Spirit and the authority of the Word. Persevere, and we shall find, who

can tell when or how, that what we seek to know of unbroken union with Christ, what we perhaps strain and strive to maintain by repeated acts of faith, what we may almost despair of finding in fullness, finds us! He will reveal Himself to us by the Spirit: we identified with Him, He in us, as clearly and certainly and unchangeably as He has already come to us with forgiveness of sin and adoption into the family of God.

This is the crisis of union. There are many points to examine about the daily walk which follows, but the road is not firm beneath our feet, “the highway...called the way of holiness,” unless there is the realized union. Romans 6 brings it to a head for us. No longer coming to an outward Saviour, but joined Spirit with spirit to Him in spiritual death and resurrection, we in Him dead and risen, He is us as our life. We are back now in the central meaning of our creation, in the mystery Paul said had been hid from ages and generations, but is now revealed to His saints, which is “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” We are freed in Calvary from Satan and sin, flesh and world, the same feeble little creatures to the outward eye, but within princes with God, with One for ever dwelling in us, of whom it is said, “Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.”

—The Liberating Secret
by Norman Grubb

From Strength to Strength

Two years after the death of their "Bwana," C.T. Studd, Africans gather for a "Makutano," or large meeting.

"Have you ever heard 10,000 people shout 'Hallelujah'? We have just had the greatest Christmas of our lives (wrote Mr. von Staden). We came here for the annual conference. Fifty missionaries and 10,000 natives gathered. I have never seen a more out and out number of missionaries. They have the fire of the Holy Ghost. During the meetings there is a prayer room all the time. No wonder that miracles are happening. The spirit of sacrifice of their glorified leader is here. When company after company of natives arrived, singing hymns and shouting 'Hallelujah,' our hearts were deeply touched and we shed tears of joy. Can one ever forget the feeling of standing before 10,000 souls waiting to be fed?"

South African friends, Mr. and Mrs. von Staden, had arrived at Ibambi, in the heart of Africa, in time for the great "makutano" in 1933. Never had they seen such a sight in their lives. Those forest glades that had echoed through the centuries with the shouts of the drunken revellers, the weird cries of the devil doctors, the ghastly wailing of pagan mourners, were vibrating with the trap of a new army and ringing with the melody of a new song, the glory songs of the redeemed, the praises of Him who had called them out of darkness into His marvellous light.



"I shall never forget that day (wrote Edith Moules, one of the missionaries). I am sure that you cannot adequately imagine the sight. The roads were all black with people. First one crowd would arrive, and then another, and as each appeared their hallelujahs rent the air. Forty-five of the lepers from Nala came, having walked, in spite of their crippled limbs, for about 50 miles. My! It was a sight to see them all."

No building could contain them, but a great open-air church was roughly erected in a square of mango trees, 70 yards by 30. "Thousands of poles were cut and carried from the forest, also bamboo and leaves without number (wrote Ivor Davies). The poles were made to stand in the ground in long rows, then bamboos tied across the tops of them, and over these thousands of palm branches. The whole had the appearance of a large carpet and proved an excellent shade from the sun."

"The ground was black with people (wrote Mr. Harrison, who had taken Mr. Studd's place as field leader), yet, in spite of the tremendous numbers, they were not at all out of hand. Dead silence and perfect reverence during prayer, and attentiveness and responsiveness to the messages showed that God was with us in power. It is all so beyond description. The crowds, the beaming faces, the eagerness, the singing, the roars of hallelujahs. One could only stand before them amazed and awed. To see the multitudes dispersing after each meeting was something to be long re-

membered. Perfect stillness during the benediction, followed by another brief pause and then the thousands stood on their feet.

"Native-like they carried their small stools and chairs above their heads as they left, and so to us on the platform it just looked like a great waving forest of arms. At night time the sleeping places were worth seeing. Inside, every available inch was packed tight with human beings; outside, hundreds of little fires peeped out of the dark. Those in one shed would be singing some hymn quite different from the people in the next shed, and so it was impossible at a distance to tell what they were singing with so many tunes going at once. The whole station night and day was just vibrating with prayers and praises."

Near that tremendous scene was a quiet spot, shaded by palm trees. Beneath them was a simple oblong block of concrete. Here had been laid two years before the earthly remains of the man who, seventeen years previously, had been the first messenger of Christ to penetrate these regions and had written home, "Day after day they run along in front and behind our cycles, shouting, laughing, and singing their chants; you never heard such a din nor saw so great enthusiasm. It was like an excited

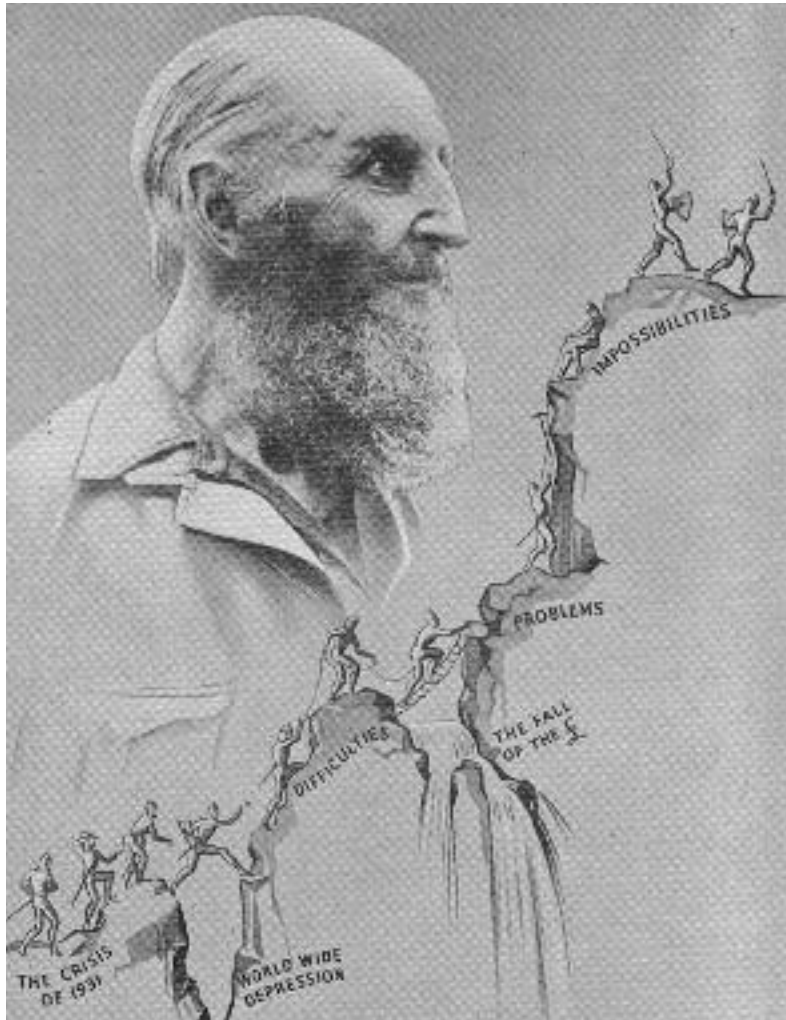
crowd surging round the pavilion at the conclusion of a great cricket match. They didn't speak Bangala and we didn't speak Swahili, so we had to talk dumb-crambo. Fancy, there were hundreds of them all round us, sometimes 500, all running; we often cycled fast too, but the women and girls ran and laughed and shouted as fast and loudly as the men and boys. Well, here is our 'Eldorado.' Here is a land

and a people to whom the Blessed Name has never been known throughout all time. Shall we leave them thus? We will not. We will sell our pottage and buy therewith our birthright to declare the glory of God to this people. They shall hear and hear to purpose by the power of the Holy Ghost."

C.T. Studd was not beneath that block of concrete. With "the great cloud of witnesses" we have no doubt that he was sharing full-throated in the worship and praise of that African concourse, and with what inconceivable triumph and adoration as he looked on the fruits of obedience, toil and daring faith, and

worshipped the Saviour who gave the grace for it. In his own lifetime he had seen crowds of 4,000, but here were 7,000, and then 10,000. Life out of death indeed!

—After C.T. Studd, by Norman Grubb



"Let us go up at once and possess it."

What if it *Doesn't* Happen?

By Norman Grubb

Faith is consummated in our word of faith. For third-level living requires a catching on to the mind of God through our minds in a situation, replacing our negative thinking; then boiling it down to a clear, specific objective; then stating that objective in its direct, practical form by my word of faith; then believing that it is already in existence, because there is no time factor (past, present or future) in God's "fourth dimension." So we also, as He, call the things that be not as though they are.

Then, having done that by our word of faith, we never repeat it again in the form of a request; we don't ask, we thank. We continue repeating our "thank you" in our inner recognition of what is coming, for our faith has within it a "sense" of the thing anticipated. We already "see" in faith as well as speak that word of faith.

Never, of all things, do we ask, "Why hasn't it happened?" We surely give ourselves totally away, if, when the answer has not yet come (or even after it "cannot" come, for the

time for the answer has passed with no answer) we say, "He hasn't done what I believed for. It hasn't happened. Faith doesn't work." By that we would imply that the answer depended on our faith, and this has failed; or we have believed amiss, or something. But it is *His* faith expressed by us, and we are saying *He has done it*. Not we, but He. Therefore, if it is a done thing by the word of faith, we never say it hasn't been done. Never! For our word of faith means that we have said it has happened in the spirit. It *has happened*, and if someone says it hasn't happened, we *still* say it has happened. God will fulfill His own word. It was He who told us to say to that mountain "Be gone!" and to believe that, when we pray, we have received. So *it has happened*. Hold on! Even if we do not see things until the other side of the grave! For it was said of the men of faith in Hebrews, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them." But even if they did not receive the fullness, they did have a good slice of the cake en route! I believed God for a solution to a problem in our missionary work forty years ago. I expected the answer, but did not see it come, and was tempted to say, "No answer. I must have been mistaken." But just *now* the answer is appearing.

Of course the temptation is to question. "Was it my faith at fault?" "Was my motive right?" "Was I mistaken or presumptuous in speaking that word of faith?" Never accept those questionings which come from our souls. They come from the recurring temptation to move back into "separation"—as if it is not God speaking by us in our fixed union, but that we still have our separate, self-condemning selves. Condemnation accompanied by darkness comes from beneath. Conviction accompanied by light and peace comes from above. Go back to our spirit-centers where the word is "Be still, and know that I am God." If I totally trust Him with a single eye, I shall see that what

appeared to me to be a mistake, or to have had some flesh motivation behind it, is not; God will give the perfect and fully satisfying fulfillment.

Such times, when apparently faith does not become substance, are given us to establish us more thoroughly in the fact that we have the mind of Christ and must not recognize the false possibility that we are back in our old, divided, self-motivated outlook.

As for “presumption,” what that really means is that my word of faith had behind it a desire for my own satisfaction or self-display, rather than being solely for the glory of God or the benefit of others, or perhaps was meant to test God’s faithfulness. Don’t be frightened by such a barb. Don’t accept that in our union relationship with Christ our motives are flesh-centered. Stand to your “launch out in faith,” and believe that God meant it.

Sometimes, as with Paul, the exact desire, as first named, is refused: not with a *No* but with a far vaster *Yes*.

Because if Paul had gotten the removal of his thorn in the flesh, we should all have forgotten about that as an incident of history. But we never forget the answer he received—a support to the whole church of Christ in all of the pressures of life—that “God’s strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:7-11). And so inwardly conscious of this did Paul become that he went on to say, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in *necessities*, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake”; and then, no longer mentioning God in it, “...for when I am weak, then am I strong.” That is *union*. That is Paul *speaking and living*

as God. A far vaster answer for the centuries than a temporary healing. So here it is. Keep speaking the word of faith, as I do, all the time. Say again and again, “This has happened, that has happened, for I inwardly see it *has* happened.” Watch for the happening, and enjoy the many times you see it happen.

By now it is surely clear that this is radically different from the normal underlying faith by which all who are born-again live. In that sense all Christians walk by faith and not by sight. But on the third level, “father” grade, of which we are now speaking, faith is the operating agent, the one

and only means by which every situation of life is authoritatively handled. We are mountain-movers. Like those in Hebrews 11, we are stopping the mouths of lions; out of weakness we are made strong. We have an appetite for “tight corners,” as C. T. Studd said, to “give us the luxury of seeing God deliver us out of them.” We are now in permanent faith-action, as Jesus was on earth. This is the commissioned third-level life, using the word of faith as naturally and con-

tinually as we make normal human decisions. It is our common habit and practice.

We say this to underline that *third-level living*—with the rivers flowing outward, with the Spirit “mighty in us” towards all—means *life is constant faith-action*, way beyond the normal way of life in which, on occasions, prayer or faith is a useful resource. On this level, *all* life is faith-in-action. We are “fathers in action.”

—Yes, I Am

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by
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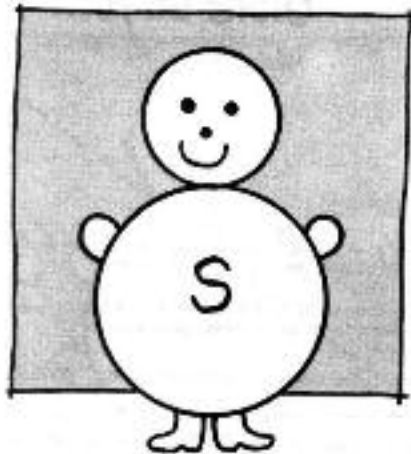
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You always thought
you were...



"Just me"
or
an alone person.

Note: "S" stands for your Human Spirit

The
Bible says...

Man became joined to Satan when Adam fell.

1. "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all have sinned —"

Romans 5:12

2. "You are OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, and you want to do the desires of your father . . ."

John 8:44

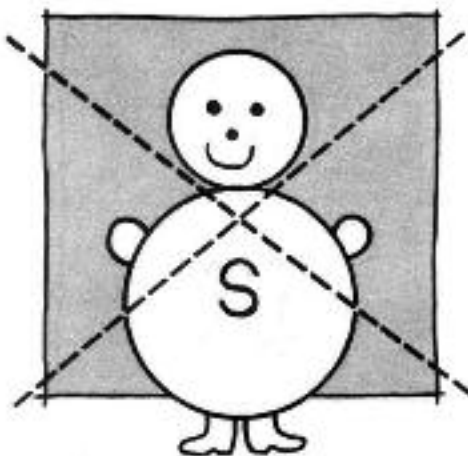
3. "... the whole world LIES IN THE ... EVIL ONE."

1 John 5:19

4. "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according . . . to the prince of the power of the air, of THE SPIRIT THAT IS NOW WORKING IN THE SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh . . . and were by nature the children of wrath."

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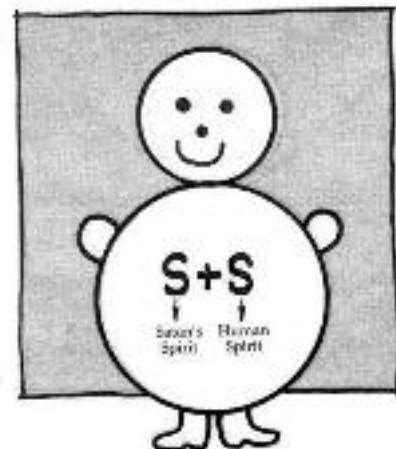
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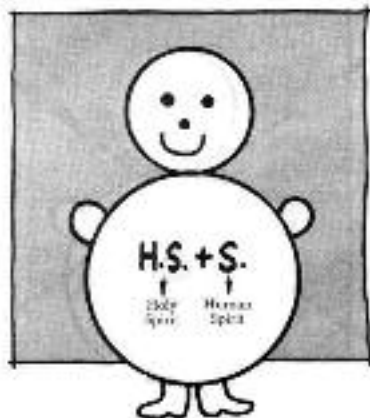
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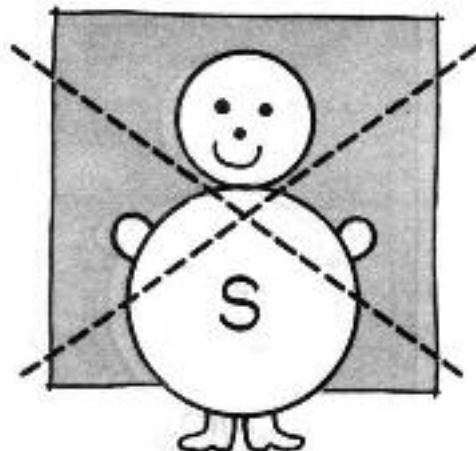
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the spirit of Satan,
Sin.

when you were born again,
Jesus Christ came IN to live,
and Satan moved out.



1. "Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things passed away; behold, NEW THINGS HAVE COME." *2 Cor. 5:17*
2. "For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them YOU MIGHT BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE..." *2 Peter 1:4*
3. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." *Galatians 2:20 A.V.*
4. "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory." *Colossians 1:27 A.V.*

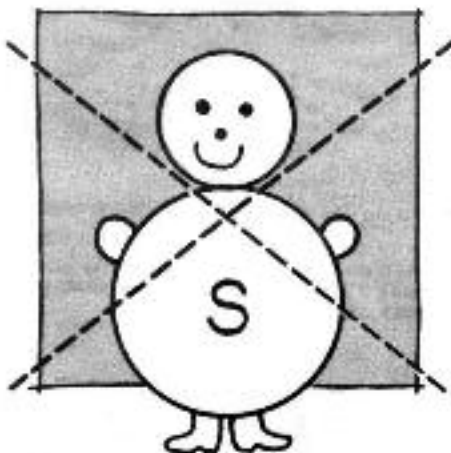
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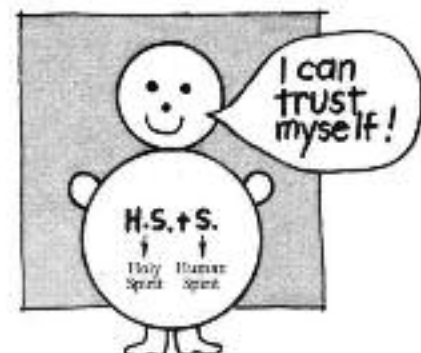
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1 Corinthians 6:17

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement: because AS HE IS, SO ARE WE in this world."

1 John 4:17 A.V.



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In addition to our regular features, other notables for this issue include "The Total Truth in Letter Form," a fabulous letter which is a pure, clear example of our Total Truth message. As well as a personal testimony, it is a passionate plea for a friend to break the fetters of constrained, traditional thinking and simply let God speak the truth to the heart. Along with a personal introduction by the author's daughter, we are excited to provide you with this gem of Truth.

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So, in our own lives, do we seek God to supply our needs? Absolutely! But, I'll leave you with a quote from this issue's "Faith Notes": "Having made the declaration once, do we repeat it? Continually, in the sense of thanking for what is coming. To go back to asking would be dishonest. If I have received by faith, I have received, and the proof of my having done so is constant thankfulness" (*Spontaneous You*).

-The Editor

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some supposed human fallen nature, but actually Satan himself expressing his own lusting nature by us! All we are,

therefore, is merely the outer expression of this spirit of error, this god of this world, living his own Satan-form life by our humanity. That was revolutionary. I had always thought I was fulfilling my own natural desires; but not so, because we have no nature of our own. We have all been fulfilling the lusts of the god of self-centeredness, and what we think are just our sins are ours only in the sense that we are joined to Satan as branch to false vine, expressing his thoughts and deeds. So when the Bible says 'All have sinned,' the real inner truth is that the sinner is Satan, and we in a secondary sense are participating in his sinning."

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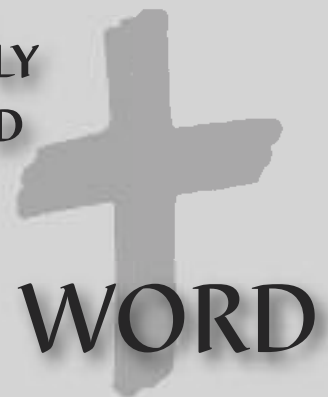
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**Help Us
Serve
You
Better!**


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