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Camping With A Purpose

Ken Hay, President of Hemlock Hills Christian Association, Inc. and Director of THE WILDS is a graduate of Bob Jones University where he earned his B.A. in Bible in 1955 and the M.A. degree in 1957. Upon graduation in 1957 Ken Hay became the Director of the newly organized Institute of Christian Service, a three-year, non-credit program offered by Bob Jones University.

Since 1955, he has spent a large portion of the summers working in Christian camps and has been athletic director, assistant director, and camp evangelist for camps from North Carolina to California. In recent years, he directed Christian Belts Camp and Conference Center in Decatur, Alabama, the Civitan Fresh Air Camp in Cleveland, South Carolina; and the Ohio Baptist Acres, a large campsite built by the Akron Baptist Temple in Massillon, Ohio.

May 24, 1967, God burned into his heart that now was the time that God would have him work toward creating a high-quality camp in the southeast. God led Ken, Carl Blyth, and Joe Henson into this venture. They organized Hemlock Hills Christian Association, Inc. and broke ground for The Wilds Youth Camp and Conference Center, June 1, 1968. On August 4, 1969, the first campers arrived. Since that time, approximately 9,000 young people and adults have enjoyed the facilities, the campsite and the outstanding program that has been offered to them through this camping ministry. In 1971, he resigned from Bob Jones University and is now working full time with The Wilds.

The philosophy is quite prevalent today among people who work with our youth that you have to "join them to win them." For approximately two years now, THE WILDS Youth Camp has been going against this trend and has seen over 3,000 decisions made for Christ either for salvation, dedication to Christian service, or yielding totally of their lives to Christ for whatever He would have them to do. I receive letters almost weekly from campers whose lives have been reached through a disciplined structured program. One young lady wrote recently, "I have never before experienced such a drastic change in my life." She says she plans to spend at least three weeks at THE WILDS this summer. I have learned in dealing with young people that they expect a strong standard and look for those setting the standards not only to live it but to enforce it.



I remember during the summer of 1970, two people, obviously hippies, came to the camp. After we had our opening meeting where I present the fact that we do not smoke, drink, have any kind of necking or petting sessions at THE WILDS, I went to this couple and talked to them personally concerning their (See Page 3)

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As you read books of the Bible that you have read many times before it is wonderful how new thoughts and new blessings come to you. This is one of the things that proves to us that the Bible is not like any other book. You can read a book that is just a book of a man, and if your brain is as big as his brain, the first time you read it you will get perhaps 90 per cent of what it is he is trying to say. Of course, if he is much smarter and has more thinking power than you, it may take several readings, but eventually if you read it enough, you can learn everything he said. This is not true of the Bible, because God's mind is so much greater than our minds: His wisdom, His

power are so much greater that you cannot ever know all that the Bible says or teaches. Every time you read it, something new will stand out to you. As you grow, you are able to comprehend and understand more of the Word of God, and the next time you read it, still more things come out. This is the way the Word of God ought to be. It is a treasure. It is like a diamond mine with a vein that continues on and on, and every time you dig you get fresh jewels from it. So we ought to read the Word of God and study and prove it and make it a daily part of our lives.

Now, I want to read the first six verses of the third chapter of Esther, and then we'll look at

the book as a whole.

1. After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.

2. And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

3. Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

4. Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and they spake daily unto him, and (See Page 2)

Christian School Principals

Help Your School and Help Your Parents

The parents of children in your school need to keep up with the issues of the day. The Christian philosophy of education and discipline plus the issues which concern Christian education in general are found throughout each issue of THE PROJECTOR.

THE PROJECTOR in every home of Christian school children is our goal. Do yourself a favor—promote THE PROJECTOR in your school NOW. You'll be glad you did! (See letter in Editor's column)

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INTRODUCTION

On December 9, 1970, Dr. Dayton Hobbs interviewed two special guests on his daily broadcast, "Your Gospel Broadcaster," over WSRA-AM, Milton, Florida, and WONF-FM, Pensacola, Florida. Dr. Gerry Johnson, veteran missionary of eighteen years on the foreign field, and Mr. Ken Becker, Executive Secretary of Gospel Fellowship Missions in Greenville, South Carolina, answered questions regarding faith, Bible missions as contrasted against the modern, apostate, social mission programs of the ecumenical movement at work today. That interview painted a vivid picture of the perils of apostate missions and the great responsibility of Scriptural missions. The text of that interview is offered herein with the prayer that fundamental Christians will become better informed of the issues involved and will rally to the cause of getting the Gospel out according to the principles of the Word of God.

DR. HOBBS: Good morning folks, we're glad you tuned in this morning. It is certainly good to come your way with another

Gospel broadcast. We have with us in the studio Mr. Ken Becker, Executive Secretary of Gospel Fellowship Missions in Greenville, South Carolina—an arm of the ministry of Bob Jones University—and Dr. Gerry Johnson, who is under that mission, and who has spent a total of some eighteen years in two different fields—Japan and Korea. So we have men here who have quite a lot of personal contact with missions, with missionaries, and with what is going on in the world today.

I'd like to talk with these men about the religious conditions in some of the countries, not only pagan but also Christian religious conditions. Ken, as fundamental preachers, we are often called fanatics and such things because we still believe the Bible, stand upon the Word of God, refuse to compromise with sin and evil, and preach the Gospel as it has been

preached historically by fundamentalists. Yet today we have in this country neo-evangelicals and compromisers—men who claim to be Bible believers and yet who compromise with all kinds of evils. What about the fields? Is this just peculiar to the United States of America, or do you meet some of these problems in the foreign fields?



Ken Becker

MR. BECKER: You know the Bible is just as plain in spelling out the work of missions as it is in this matter of salvation and other Christian doctrines. The Bible tells very plainly what our job is: in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me"; and in Matthew 28:20, "Go ye therefore, and teach (or disciple) all nations"; Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Now one thing that most people do not take time to realize is that just because something is called missions (See Page 6)



EDITOR'S DESK

Well, it's September again and schools all over the United States are opening for the 1972-73 school year. Christian schools are also among those that are opening. Many new Christian schools will be beginning their first year of operation. It is an exciting time. I personally believe that God is raising up the Christian school movement in these last days to salvage the lives of young people. If young people are going to stand in the days ahead, they are going to need, not only to be born again and have a good church to attend, but also a thoroughly Christian education. We praise the Lord for the new schools that are opening as well as the old schools that are continuing to educate our youth upon the principles of the Word of God.

Santa Rosa Christian School has just completed its fourth annual Christian Teachers' Institute and it was a tremendous success. Faculties from ten schools gathered for a week of challenge and instruction, and according to their own testimony, are going back to their schools better prepared to do the job in Christian education. Dr. Stuart Crane, Dean of the School of Business Administration of Bob Jones University and Mr. Frank Garlock, Chairman of the Music Theory Department of Bob Jones University, were special speakers for the week. In order that more principals and teachers can attend, the Institute will be a week earlier next year. Many principals and teachers stated they were unable to attend because the Institute was too close to their school opening. We hope you will be making your plans in preparation now to attend next year's Institute. The dates will be August 13 through 17, 1973. Circle these dates on your calendar.

Below is a letter from a principal and how he is using THE PROJECTOR. Why not consider this in your school?

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

I have enjoyed THE PROJECTOR very much since you have started printing it.

On August 14, I am going to be having a Christian Education Rally here at the Southview Christian School. I am going to encourage parents to subscribe to THE PROJECTOR because I feel it would be a real encouragement and blessing to them and would help them in understanding the philosophy of Christian education.

I would appreciate your sending me 75-100 copies of THE PROJECTOR so that I might give them to the parents to acquaint them with your paper.

Thank you very much and may the Lord continue to use you.

Sincerely,
Larry J. Wiedenbenner (signed)
Principal



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Rock — Noun or Verb

Abraham Lincoln said of the liquor traffic, "It has many defenders, but no defense." The same thing can be said of ROCK music.

ROCK music was conceived in the womb of rebellion and formed in the bowels of atheism. It is the marching music of armies of Satan that cry, as in the Second Psalm, "Let us break their banks assunder and cast away cords from us."

The vulgar, pelvic gyrations of Elvis Presley and discordant attacks of the Beatles were appalled once by churches, educational institutions and cultural organizations alike, but green has caused more blindness than snow and the clang of silver more deafness than a jackhammer.

In the churches we saw the SWAP-OUT.

The great swap-out was guaranteed by a Spock permissiveness and no convictions. "I'll go to church," said the young. "If you let me keep my Rock records." A superb solution! The parents not only agreed, but increased their allowances so they could buy more records.

Then came the SELL-OUT.

The way to insure a high crowd in any revival campaign is to have a worldly world-wide celebrity give some sort of non-controversial testimony that leaves no doubt in the mind of the listener that there needs to be very little change, after all, in a conversion experience. It's all right to sing, A BOY NAMED SUE on Saturday night if you make sure to sing, THE OLD RUGGED CROSS at the big rally on Sunday afternoon.

The SELL-OUT is a two-way street; bring the flesh into the church and go visit the flesh that won't come to church. "Make the scene" at the Rock festivals, assuring Jesus was also a revolutionary and they should "get high" on Him.

The only thing about the SELL-OUT is nobody believes you.

Now we have the COP-OUT. "Cop-out" is sure to make Mister Webster's next big book. It means to quit your own position and swallow up the opposition by total surrender. The best graphic illustration would be a snake consuming its own tail with a smile of victory on its face.

The COP-OUT is choreographing the

songs about Jesus (Providing dance steps and motions to accompany the rhythm).

The COP-OUT is a nationally known Evangelist having a nationally known entertainer sing "SHE'S GOT KISSES SWEETER THAN WINE." on his national T.V. "religious" program.

The COP-OUT is the song-writers we thought we could count on for scriptural, spiritual and musical accuracy and consistency turning to the "new art form" (Rock music) for the vehicle to convey their lyrics...words that would no doubt bless if the voo-doo rhythm didn't confuse them.

The COP-OUT is the professional quartets putting cliches to the ROCK beat and refusing to sing without a guarantee.....singing WITHOUT HIM I COULD DO NOTHING then doing everything without Him.

Church musicians point to the negro spiritual being used extensively with its steady beat and various tempos. We should not forget that the spiritual was born in the breast of God-fearing black people who wrote their songs as they hoed and picked and carried, expressing their only hope was the "chariot swinging low" and some day getting to "walk in Jerusalem just like John."

ROCK was conceived in satanic and demonic jungle rites and delivered by infidelic, rebellious ROCK cultists. ROCK is not music, it is a religion... a pagan, lewd, demanding religion. ROCK is, at best, the flesh "that cannot please God, that is enmity against God and is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Rom. 8.

ROCK is blasphemous because it has chosen a name that is one of the precious names of our Marvellous Saviour.

Jesus Christ is that One Rock, hewn out of the mountain, rejected by the builders that has become the Head of the Corner. Acts. 4:11-12.

Christ is that One Rock that shall crush the unbeliever or be the Refuge to the believer.

The two demands of the church musician in whatever he sings or directs should be that (1) the message be scripturally sound and (2) that the message be understood by the hearer.

ROCK music will confuse the message and God is not the author of confusion.

—Rill Harvey

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Dr. Hobbs is available as his schedule allows for lectures to Parent-Teacher Organizations, Churches, Schools and Colleges on a variety of subjects dealing with Christian Education. Some of these include Philosophy of Christian Education, Christian Philosophy of Discipline, Parent Responsibility in Education, Decay of the Public School, and others. His services are on an expense and love offering basis.

he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

6. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

Now, let's reread the latter part of the second verse, "But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence." "But Mordecai bowed not." Now just briefly let me refresh your minds of the story in the book of Esther. It is

one of the most wonderful stories of God's providence for His people. In the beginning of the book, the Queen Vashti, who was on the throne, embarrassed the king, King Ahasuerus, before many rulers and guests by refusing to come when he sent for her. So she was taken off of the throne as an example to the people of a woman who would not obey her husband. It says in verse 17 of chapter 1 that "this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes." And then it says in verse 20 that he put her off the throne "that all wives shall give to their husbands honor," and in verse 22, "he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the

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A Personal Observation Of EXPLO 72

By
Buddy Woolbright

Explo 72, What is it? Who is involved in it? Is it doing any good? Should we take part in it? Perhaps these and other questions have come to your mind concerning the highly publicized event which is taking place in our Dallas county area at the time of this writing.

When I agreed to put into writing my thoughts and findings on Explo 72, I immediately began to ask the Lord for leadership and wisdom. A factual, objective article without malice or compromise was the only kind which could be of any real value. By God's grace the following is offered without meaning to be unkind toward anyone, but also realizing that truth is of utmost importance.

My qualifications for writing this article are as follows. The office where I work is less than two blocks from Fair Park in Dallas where most of the Explo events are taking place. I have personally talked to many of the youngsters who are here for Explo 72. To the best of my knowledge I visited and at least observed every booth in the building set aside for the various groups involved in this venture to display their wares. Literature was gathered and read from over half of these groups. Conversations were held with many of those tending the displays. Finally, I have tried to follow the various news media reports on this event which has drawn people from all over the U.S. and many foreign countries.

The following opinions and observations are for your consideration.

1. The friendliness and congeniality of everyone involved in Explo 72 is very impressive.
2. Nearly every exhibit was attractive and eye-catching and evidenced much ingenuity and hard work in its structure and function.
3. Most of the people involved seem sincere in their efforts.
4. The main theme of Explo 72 was majored on a part of God's message to mankind seemingly to the ignoring or discounting of the rest of it. Much was said about faith in Jesus, little about repentance toward God and from sin. Much was said about the good life in Jesus, virtually nothing about the Hell facing those without Christ.
5. Every effort appeared aimed at offending no one. Any doctrinal stand taken was very weak, general and ambiguous. One display advertised, "Life above doctrine." A heavy emphasis was placed on the psychology of witnessing rather than the truth of God's Word.
6. Pentecostalism, tongue talking and such had much influence in the message of Explo 72.
7. The dress of most of the delegates was certainly less than pleasing to the Lord. There was no evidence of scriptural convictions concerning modest dress. Many of the boys wore only cut off blue jeans and undershirts. A large number of the (men?) had hair so long that only Revlon or Toni could appreciate them. Girls abounded in miniskirts, hot pants, short shorts, bare midriffs, and about any other mode of undress popular today. A busload of young people from Minnesota parked in front of our office. This was a reworked school bus in which boys and girls stayed together. There was no evidence of a separation of quarters in the bus. The girls were seen daily in our shopping centers wearing blue jeans and tight fitting undershirts and T-shirts and no undergarments.
8. All of the hymns which Christians have sung for years to the glory of God seem to have been discarded for the modern music with the Beatle beat. I could not understand the words. The melody was the same found in any discotheque.
9. The number of and wide variation of displays would lead someone to think that the local church was no longer needed. There were groups with special callings to have special ministries to everything from Officers in military service (enlisted men had to be reached by another group), to people who own campers. Some work only with high school young people, others only with college students.
10. Most of this nation's truly fundamental and Bible believing colleges and churches were noticeable by their absence.

To recap briefly, in spite of the friendliness, sincerity and psychology, EXPLO 72 is entirely too anti-scriptural to bring glory to God. If the Word of God is true and meaningful in all its teachings, then we as members of the Lord's church could not cooperate in the colossal compromise of the efforts of EXPLO 72.—Rogers Baptist Bulletin.

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writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house." How about that? "That every man should bear rule in his own house." That's the way a home should be. That's the way God intended it to be.

So because Vashti would not obey the king, she was dethroned and a search was made for a new queen. Now Esther, niece of the Jew Mordecai who raised her, replaced Vashti and became the new queen, selected because of her beauty and favor and spirit. She, of course, was also a Jew.

Now, something took place (that the Bible just gives only a few verses to, but it became a very important part of this story. Earlier there was a plot made against King Ahasuerus to kill him. Mordecai sat in the gate, which means that he was on the ruling body of the city. Mordecai was not just an ordinary, common Jew, walking the streets. He was a leader and sat in the gate on the ruling committee. He sat in the town council, so to speak. So Mordecai got word that there were some fellows plotting to kill the king. He warned the king and the men were apprehended, but Mordecai was not rewarded or recognized for his deed. You know that is an interesting thing—it didn't seem to bother Mordecai that he wasn't rewarded. So many times we want to be patted on the back

and rewarded. I think it's right to reward people and pat them on the back for deeds or jobs well done. We need to encourage people and give them recognition when they do a good job. We ought to: it's good to do. But if the recognition doesn't come, how do you react? It didn't bother Mordecai. He did it for the Lord. He wasn't doing it to be seen of men. He was a loyal subject of the king, and it was his responsibility. He was simply doing his duty and fulfilling his responsibility. But when he didn't get any recognition, he didn't pout; he didn't go around saying, "Nobody cares for me around here. They don't recognize my talents. They don't recognize how good I am, how great I am, and what my talents are. I don't get any recognition around here." He just felt that that was all part of the Lord's will, too. "If the Lord wants me to get recognition, I'll get recognition." He wasn't out seeking recognition as the Pharisees were in Jesus' day. Jesus said of them, "They have their reward;" that is, their recognition. If all you want is recognition and you get the recognition, that's all you get; but if you serve the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully for His recognition, then you'll get that. You may get some recognition here or you may not; that's unimportant. But you'll get His recognition then, and that's what is important. That's living by faith.

Then Haman rose in power and became a powerful man. Now remember his desire was to kill all the Jews, not just to get rid of Mordecai because Mordecai wouldn't bow down to him. Of course, Mordecai as a Jew was not allowed to bow down to Haman in this fashion, and he made known to him that he was a Jew and that this was contrary to his principles to bow down to men. It wasn't that he was trying to be mean and ornery with Haman. It was a conviction with Mordecai, and he refused to bow down. It made Haman mad, of course, and Haman set his heart to get rid of Mordecai, and all the Jews.

Then God woke Ahasuerus up one night. The king couldn't sleep, and he said, "Send for the Chronicles," (that is, the history books, the accounts of all that had taken place). You know, when you can't sleep at night, a good thing to do is get the Bible down to read. The Devil will let you go to sleep quicker that way. If you read trash, he might let you stay up all night; but if you start reading the Word, you'll probably go to sleep. Now if you're a king, you don't have to read; you can get somebody to read to you. So Ahasuerus had some people come in, and they started reading the Chronicles. As they read, they came to the account of the assassination plot and about Mordecai turning in the culprits. The king said, "What honor and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for

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feelings about these rules. The young lady looked at me very sincerely and said, "This is the first time we have been involved with any kind of Christian organization that told us exactly what they expect of us and what we can expect of them. We like it. You won't have any trouble from us." After the boy was saved later on in the week, he mentioned to me that he knew that his life was a phony and that when Christian people tried to be like he was in their dress, their talk, their music, etc., it made him realize they were phonies, too. One of the things that impressed him so at THE WILDS was that we told it exactly like it is, and this played a big part in his conversion. In order to reach young people today, it is necessary for the Christian leaders to have conviction, not merely conformity. Conformity to a set of standards is hypocrisy and will not go very far with young people, since they see through this very quickly. Many people talking about "telling it like it is" are living a sham.

I feel that Jesus Christ gives us the example we should follow in working with young people; for all that we know about Jesus Christ from age 12 until age 30 is found in Luke 2:52, "And Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature, and favor with God and man." This fourfold development should be the pattern for any youth program. Jesus grew in wisdom—here is mental development. He grew in stature—here is physical development. He grew in favor with God—here is knowledge of the Scriptures. He grew in favor with man—here is social development. Too many camp programs simply are interested in getting the camper to Christ.

When the camper has an emotional experience with the Lord, which is well and good, but is not followed up with a strong Bible teaching ministry with an emphasis on the faith walk, the camper will many times yield to the temptations he had before because the emotion of the camp experience has worn off.

I feel that young people need to become involved, for if the camp or church does not provide the program, the young people will, and, as Teddy Roosevelt said, "Every child has inside of him an aching void which demands interesting and exciting play. And, if you don't fill it with something that is interesting and exciting and GOOD for him, he is going to fill it with something that is interesting and exciting and ISN'T GOOD for him."

In order to reach the young people on their own level, a camp ministry, as an arm of the local church, can strengthen the young person in his Christian growth, his evangelistic fervor, and his interest in various activities. For instance, young people can come to a camp like THE WILDS and receive training in nature studies, crafts, first aid, grooming, and other types of educational programs. In doing so, campers can learn hobbies that can be of interest to them and enlarge their scope of learning, giving them something interesting to do during their leisure time. With special skills offered to reach the individual needs, each camper has an opportunity to develop skills in areas in which he has aptitude. He is not just herded around and lost in the crowd. It is our feeling that facilities and campsite are not what make a camp. What

makes a camp outstanding is the staff. I have pastors tell me that in other camps they have taken their young people, that campers have come back and talked about the food and the fun and the meetings, etc.; but, when they came back from THE WILDS, the big news is that the counselor is such a great person, such a help to them, and such a real genuine person. Each counselor who comes to THE WILDS has to take a three hour college credit program in counseling and camping. He is more than just a policeman and a chaperone, but becomes a real "pal" to the camper and is able to help the person to be in the process of solving his problems.

With campers coming from Arizona, Texas, many midwest states, east coast states as well as the south, there must be something to draw teenagers, and we have found it is not a soft, leisurely, wishy-washy approach but a strong, structured, disciplined program that campers look forward to and that keeps them coming back. With an emphasis on small group Bible studies, personal devotions, as well as evangelistic outreach, soulwinning opportunities and missionary seminars, the spiritual growth of the camper has proved to be phenomenal.

We are not interested in running a camp just to give Mom and Dad a vacation from their children; we are interested in training Christian leadership. The outdoors is one of the greatest teachers we can find anywhere; and by utilizing this out of doors, we can see self-reliance, independent spirit, and zeal developed in the young person's life.

The Church Scene



by Jim Jones

Five hundred guests packed the hall with applause, cheers and congratulations when Pat Montclair married Terry Black at San Francisco's Glide Memorial United Methodist Church according to Bob Rose, special reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer and Chicago Daily News. Mr. Rose reports that the bride was especially radiant in a \$400 white wedding gown while the groom was smartly attired in a fancy mod outfit. The wedding, accompanied by a rock band, was never reported in the society pages but was considered newsworthy by Mr. Rose in view of the fact that both bride and groom are males.

One of Glide's staff of ministers, Rev. Lloyd Wake, states "such weddings aren't unusual here, we call it confirming their commitment". Mr. Wake further declares that "Glide Memorial has long been known as a church where boy meets boy, boy wins boy and boy marries boy." Such shameful promotion of debauchery has established this church with the reputation for depravity with a religious flavor. It has also made Glide a haven for every variety of social castoff—prostitutes, drug addicts, hippies, winos as well as homosexuals. The popular pastor of this congregation is Rev. Cecil Williams, 40 year old black, whose weekly "celebrations" (services) often draw standing room crowds.

The average church-goer would find little recognizable in the "celebrations" held at Glide. Christian hymns have been discarded for "We Shall Overcome" or "If I Had a Hammer" or some excerpt from the obscene musical, "Hair". AP writer, Edith M. Lederer relates that Glide offers its worshippers "a sometimes ear-splitting combination of live jazz music, light shows, singing and rock dancing at each Sunday's 'celebration'".

Scripture is read by Rev. Williams but introduced as "quotations from the little red book of chairman Jesus". Williams not only quotes Che Guevara in sermons which he calls "revolutionary messages" but, together with other ministers of the church staff, has appealed for financial support for the Black Panther Party, the Angela Davis Defense Committee and the Gay Liberation Movement.

One would certainly wonder how much worse this child, this spawn of Methodist apostasy could get. As if things were not bad enough at Glide, the United Methodist Church, instead of defrocking these 'pastors of perversion,' have allowed a 72 year old peacenik rabbi to be added as 'rabbi in residence' to the church staff. It would appear that many in Methodism

approve of that which is happening at Glide Memorial. Dr. Carl McIntire (CHRISTIAN BEACON, May 4, 1972) states that when the General Conference of the United Methodist Church met in mid-April of this year, Cecil Williams was given the most stirring ovations of the entire conference.

How sad to observe the tragic blindness and indifference of religious leaders and denominations to such ungodliness and blatant immorality. I wonder if Mrs. Lizzie Glide, widow of an oil millionaire and crusader to help fallen women, ever dreamed that the church she founded 50 years ago would become the Satanic monstrosity that it now is?

RELEVANCE is one of the most frequently USED but most often ABUSED words voiced in religious circles. This hauntingly familiar word is defined as "bearing upon or relating to the matter in hand; pertinent; to the point." Its religious usage commonly implies an approach to moral and spiritual questions which is up to date, in step with the times and appeals to the mind of modern man. It appears many churchmen regard no price too dear or sacrifice too great which would assure RELEVANCE.

A church in North Carolina in quest of the 'holy grail of relevance' has recently established a prayer room at the local golf course. It was provided for the convenience of golfers who choose to spend Sunday on the links rather than in God's house with God's people. With the availability of this prayer room, they can now PRAY and PLAY. What some might call a thoughtful innovation in the achievement of relevance, I simply label as absurdity. There may be time for both golf and prayer in the life of a Christian but golf (or any other interest) must not be allowed to pre-empt the Christian's fellowship with God and his brethren in Christ. How foolish then for a church to attempt to provide a simple and convenient substitute for such a vital experience in the name of relevance.

One final comment—it is my sincere conviction that the game of golf (as the Christian life) requires intense concentration and dedication. A person who attempts to divide his attention on the golf course between prayer and golf (and few there are who go to the golf course to pray) will most certainly end up a 'pitifully poor putter.' Likewise, a Christian who forsakes God's house in favor of a golf game is a 'surely sorry saint.' (Hebrews 10:25).

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this?" "What recognition did he get?" They said, "None." And he said, "Oh, that's not good. We have to give some recognition to this man!" Now Haman was standing in the courtyard waiting to get permission from the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows he had built for him. The king beckoned, "Come in, Haman. What would you do to the man the king wanted to honor?" And Haman immediately jumped to conclusions—"Oh, he wants to honor me!" That's pride you know, assuming that no one else around would be worthy of honor but himself. "Oh, he wants to honor me," and Haman got all excited. "Why I would let him wear the king's royal robes and ride the king's royal horse. I would put the king's crown on his head and parade him through the streets and proclaim, "This is the man the king wants to honor!" Old Haman really fixed it up, because he thought it was all to be for himself. Then the king said, "All right, I want you to do

all that for Mordecai!" Just imagine how Haman's spirit and expression fell! His enemy! The man he wanted to destroy! Haman had come there to ask the king to kill Mordecai. He had wanted to get rid of that Jew. True, at Haman's insistence a decree had already gone out from the king that on a certain day all the Jews were to be killed, but Haman hadn't even wanted to wait for the massacre. He wanted to hang Mordecai on the gallows very day. But instead he had to see that great honor and esteem were given to Mordecai! God wonderfully turned the situation around so that all the Jews were to fight against their enemies on the very day they were to have been slaughtered. God put His forces at their disposal and reversed the pending doom. The Jews had a victory—not a compromise—but a victory over their enemies!

This is such a wonderful story, because it ends so well. I never did like those old stories that end with the hero lying

there dying and everything is all a mistake. That leaves you with such a bad feeling. I like stories that end good. That's one thing wonderful about the Christian life and walk. It's all going to end right for the people of God. It may look like it's not many times, but it's all going to come out right. You can be sure of that, and so it did in this particular story.

Now, God's providence is very evident in this story. I want to point out a few places that especially show God's mighty hand. First of all, the overall purpose of this book is to show how God works to deliver His people, making even the wrath of men to praise Him. Mordecai is an interesting person; Esther is an interesting person. They're wonderful people. Haman is interesting, and so is Vashti, but that is not the purpose of the book. The purpose of the book is to show you how God works in behalf of His people to overthrow the odds against them and bring victory for His people.

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Stars of the Morning

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A corner nook of hints and tidbits for folks who love boys and girls and want to win them to the Lord Jesus Christ.



"Do It Yourself"

Ted was fascinated with the hardware store. He hoped his Dad's business took a long time, because he surely was enjoying looking at all the kits and materials. The more he looked, the more "Do It Yourself" kits he saw. If he could just get started, boy, what he could build!—Tables, desks, boats, fishing rigs. His head was spinning with ideas.

Riding home in the pick-up Ted fairly babbled about all he had seen. He convinced Dad he was ready to begin a boat right away—and he wanted to do it all by himself. "Well, O.K. Go right ahead, Ted. It will take a lot of work and determination. I'll be glad to lend a hand when you need it, but the more you can do by yourself the better. Come to think of it, while you're building a boat by yourself you might also be thinking of some spiritual 'Do It Yourself' points for your Christian life."

"'Do It Yourself' as a Christian?" mulled Ted. "Well, you sure can't save yourself from sin, Dad."

"No, that's true. Jesus said, 'I am the way the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.' But after you have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, God doesn't want you to be weak and spineless. He wants you to be stalwart, aggressive and strong for Him. He will help you, but there are some things God expects you to do for yourself."

"Like what?" questioned Ted.

And Dad gave him a list that went something like this:

DENY YOURSELF. If you are really going to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and do His will, your wishes and desires will have to be laid aside. You may have to pass up rest or play, pleasure, wealth or friends to do God's will every (From Page 4)

day, but Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him DENY HIMSELF, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.

BUILD UP YOURSELF. Grow daily as you study God's Word and pray. If you are to give the Gospel to others and stand for God, you must be strong in the Lord. "...building up yourselves on your most holy faith, and praying in the Holy Ghost." Jude 1:20.

KEEP YOURSELF IN THE LOVE OF GOD. As you study God's Word and obey it every day, you will be close to the Lord and you will have His power to stand for Him and be a witness. Jesus Christ saved you and is the only one who can keep you, but how close you walk to Him depends on yourself. "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Jude 1:21.

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF. You have no right to be a "glum bum" if you're a Christian no matter what troubles, trials or problems surround you. "...David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." I Samuel 30:6.

ADORN YOURSELF—I Peter 3:5. Dress as a true representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. A Christian boy or girl should be dressed outwardly and adorned inwardly so as to be a good testimony for the Lord. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart." I Peter 3:4a.

ARM YOURSELF. Arm yourself to stand for Christ whatever may come. "...take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and

having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:13. The way the young people of the world are going and the way the pressures are being put on Christians to compromise and do wrong, it is going to take more and more grace and courage for Christian boys and girls and young people to stand and do right. So arm yourself with the whole armour of God to "stand" and arm yourself to suffer, if need be, for Christ's sake. "Forasmuch as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, ARM YOURSELVES likewise...." I Peter 4:1. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." II Timothy 2:12.

SUBMIT YOURSELF. A young Christian has much to learn; therefore, we should listen and learn from our elders and heed what they teach us. There is no room for pride or cockiness in God's service. And there is no room for a "generation gap." "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." I Peter 5:5.

HUMBLE YOURSELF. There it is again. If a young person wants to be used of God he must be willing to do the most lowly job, the most humble task. He must be willing to work without praise or reward, but be determined to be faithful in the job and loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." I Peter 5:6.

Now Ted has his mind on two "Do It Yourself" projects—(1) to build a boat, and (2) to build up his own Christian life and testimony. He accepted his Dad's challenge, and you can, too.

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Now, Ahasuerus and Haman are simply pawns in God's hand; just pawns that God moves at His discretion as in a game of chess or checkers. He moves them knowing, of course, the outcome. We know that God is going to be the winner. There are no accidents in God's plan. Everything for a child of God works according to God's plan.

Another lesson we learn from this incident is that odds are simply unimportant in God's work. It doesn't make any difference how the odds are stacked against you. You don't go with a side because it is more popular or because there are more people on that side. You don't go with a movement because it is popular or there are more people or a lot of big churches behind that movement. You don't go along with a group because the odds

are on that side. The odds were pretty bad here. It started out with just one man—Mordecai. And Mordecai got Esther—he raised her right, by the way—and so he had two. He raised the odds a little. But before it was all over, God won a victory with very small odds, and let this be a lesson to us. God's people are always a minority people—I'm talking about people who stand for truth, but we don't have to have big odds to win a big victory. All we have to have is a big God and somebody with unbending knees!

Now look at the steps here to victory. First, look at Esther and Mordecai. They're in the right place at the right time. God had His people where He wanted them when He wanted them. Mordecai yielded to God and to God's will. He was obedient to God. So he was

where he should be, when he should be, and so was Esther. Folks, this is so important. Young folks, please learn early in life to submit yourself to God's will, and let God put you where He wants you. Let Him have His way in your life so He can move you, put you where He wants you to be, when He wants you to be. Mordecai said to Esther, "Stand fast there in the castle, Esther. You've got to stand now. It's up to you. Your own people are depending on you. Who knows but you came to the palace for such an hour as this."

Now, young folks, God has a place for you. He has a place for you right now. Maybe it's just a place of training now. It may seem dull and uninteresting, but be faithful and somewhere down the line, God will move (See Page 7)

YWCA Buys \$30,360.00 Controversial Ad In Time Magazine

Look at TIME magazine for May 22, 1972 and you will find a full-page advertisement placed by the YWCA in 3,870,000 copies at a cost of \$30,360.00 with the upper half of the ad depicting police brutality and the lower half devoted to a call for destroying "social injustices."

The ad says:

"We invest heavily in black banks and seek out minority businesses to support. Our Racial Justice Institutes continue to explore areas where racism exists. Our members are court watchers, Prison watchers, City Hall watchers, Environment watchers, Board of Education watchers. Stopping injustices when and if they hit helpless people. We even monitor the media, to make sure the picture isn't all white."

"Some of our members came to the YWCA just for fun. They all got what they wanted: Guitar lessons, Art courses, Modern dance, Exercise classes, Swimming, all kinds of mind-openers, and all kinds of friends. And they all got more than they bargained for."

Within the next several months the Church League of America will have off the presses a documented case history on the YWCA and the YMCA, showing just how far both have strayed from the original purposes for which they were founded as "Christian" institutions. Then, our readers can understand why the national council of the YWCA voted several years ago to eliminate the "Christian" requirement from membership and why hundreds of former generous supporters and officers have quit the organization in disgust.

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From the President of Bob Jones University

Today I shall finish quoting the letter I started last month. If you will remember, the writer told of his hatred of Bob Jones University fourteen years ago because of efforts to reach him for Jesus Christ. He goes on to say:

"Five years ago, one Sunday morning, I was won to Christ by a Bob Jones graduate in an Independent, Bible-believing church. The message was the same. 'Sin was sin, and only through Jesus Christ and His blood is there true salvation'."

"There are no shades of gray for Christ or Bob Jones University. Either you will love or hate. There is no middle ground."

"Yes, graduates of the 'World's Most Unusual University' are successful because they have been taught to finish the job. They refuse to be discouraged by difficulties, or stopped because of opposition. They will not be turned aside from the purpose of God for their lives."

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"Give us Christians who will go to the streets, and preachers in Independent, Bible-believing churches. The world needs them now!"

Rarely have I read any letter more thrilling than this one. Or more challenging. This voicing of the need for ever-increasing numbers of personal workers for Christ and for more and more fundamental preachers strikes a responsive chord; for this is the task to which God has called Bob Jones University.

As the time remaining to us grows ever shorter, we must labor harder to send out the message of salvation through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Realizing that fact, we are more intent each year upon preparing our students for this mighty task.

I pray that today everyone reading this article will see the great need and will take a part in meeting that need through the ministry of Bob Jones University.

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Apostate Missions Exposed

it does not mean that it is, in fact, Bible missions, and this was the reason why Gospel Fellowship Missions was raised into existence by the Lord's grace. Worldwide missions needed to come back again to New Testament standards of Christianity and of foreign missions. Now let me lay a little historical foundation to illustrate it.

The first 100 years of missionary activity was performed by denominations. The Baptists in England, the American Baptists and the Congregationalists in the United States, and also in England, the Anglicans, formed the original mission boards. Then the Presbyterians, the Methodists, and later the rest of the major denominations all developed a mission function. The first 100 years was activated by denominational missions. They began the ministries through pioneer work all around the world.

Now about the 1900s, after missions had passed its 100th year, there developed a spirit of ecumenism on the mission field. For instance, the Chinese began to say, "What is the sense of our being known as the Chinese American Dutch Reformed? All this denominationalism makes no sense; let's have a united Chinese Church." In South India, a united organization was formed in 1900. Then China, Japan and other mission fields formed a United Church. This developed into a growing ecumenical spirit that came back to affect the mission-sending countries like England and the United States—so that ecumenism didn't develop primarily out of the west, but on the mission field.

Well, the ecumenical movement was apostate. The social Gospel transplanted the Gospel of Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now missions began to concentrate in humanitarian works, to become engaged in welfare, to raise the standard of living, and to specialize in education and medicine. All of these have a certain function and, of course, are good things, but are not necessarily Bible missions. Missions is the work of evangelizing.

Upon the departing from the faith by these denominational missions, which, by the way, seemingly was a deliberate strategy on the part of their leaders for the last 60 years, the faith mission movement came into existence. These boards grew very rapidly into a great wave of evangelism on the mission field. Now in recent days, the faith mission movement, which represents born-again evangelical missionaries and orthodox mission boards, has been

compromising or working together with the older established liberal missions and liberal Churches.

It reminds me of the condition of the Laodicean Church in Revelation Chapter 3 where the Lord says, "I know your works, that thou art neither cold nor hot, . . . so then because thou art lukewarm, . . . I will spue thee out of my mouth." The lukewarmness came on the mission fields, because of the hot of evangelism mixed in with the cold of liberalism produced a mild Gospel that was acceptable to everybody. So this is one of the great problems now in all of the mission fields around the world, and a pure fundamentalist testimony has to go forth now, to which Gospel Fellowship Missions is pledged.

DR. HOBBS: That is basically the story of what has happened to the Gospel in this country as far as mixing the lukewarmness, and the trend toward trying to satisfy everybody. Gerry, when you were in Japan, did you run into this problem? Did you find a lot of good fundamental missionaries, pastors, and Churches to fellowship with, or did you find yourself as a fundamental Bible preaching missionary rather alone there and in Korea?

DR. JOHNSON: The ecumenical problem is a very great one in Japan and also in Korea. For example, in Japan during the Second World War, great pressure was placed by the Japanese Government on all the Churches and denominations of Japan to form one great Church. This was formed and they called it in Japanese "the Kyodan" (the United Church of Japan). This Church, of course, came underneath the thumb of the military Japanese Government and they "kow-towed" to the Government. Leaders in that Church went to the Shinto shrines, worshipped at these Shinto shrines, mixing their nationalistic idolatry together with their Christianity. It was an apostate Church.

After the war was over this apostate ecumenical movement called the United Church of Japan continued in existence. Today in Japan the United Church of Japan is the largest Christian organization in the entire country. It embraces all the old time denominations. Thus the majority of the national Churches in the country of Japan belong to the ecumenical movement hook, line and sinker. They are completely divorced from the Word of God and therefore this organized apostasy is one of the greatest problems fundamental missionaries in Japan must face. We have to take a stand against this apostasy in order to build a



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testimony for Jesus Christ that is completely separated from evil. Of course, when we do this, new evangelicals who try to straddle the fence, look down their noses at us.

We have the same thing in Korea today. The ecumenical movement is making great strides, and efforts are being made to get all the churches in Korea inside the ecumenical movement. In our ministry in Korea we distributed thousands of pamphlets exposing the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement. Many pastors have been enlightened and are taking a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., President of Bob Jones University, was over with us for one week and spoke to some 400 to 500 Korean pastors in the Seoul area. He went right down the line and exposed the ecumenical movement for just exactly what it is, an apostate movement. We thank the Lord that many of the pastors today are taking a stand for Jesus Christ and for the fundamentals of the faith.

DR. HOBBS: Well, that is the same kind of problem we have in this country. For some of you folks who are not familiar with the word "ecumenical," or what we mean by this term, we are talking about the effort of all the churches to get together into one great denomination. This is not of God, it is of the devil; it is the setting up of the program of antichrist, getting ready for the end of time. We fundamentalists preach that men have to be born again, that they have to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. We are getting folks ready to live in another world—not this world. We are concerned, not with social problems, not with solving the poverty problem, not with trying to build urban renewal, getting rid of the ghettos, and erasing all the injustices in the world; we are concerned about getting men right with God and getting them ready to live in another world. This is the basic difference between us fundamentalists and the ecumenical men in the National Council of Churches or in the new evangelical movement.

They are involved and concerned with the social aspect, whereas fundamentalist Bible preachers are concerned with the hearts of men and getting them right with God. As Paul said, "if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." We make no bones about the fact that we are concerned about life after death—heaven and hell. These are the issues that are important. These are the issues that are eternal.

One other thing I'd like to ask Ken about is concerning this matter of individual missionaries. Now under a faith mission, a Church knows the missionary personally rather than just putting money into a pot and the people not knowing who they support. Is this correct?

MR. BECKER: That is the great advantage with faith mission work. These missionaries are not so much missionaries of a board. Now they do have a board behind them, but they are missionaries of the local Churches and of the individual Christians who pray for them and support them. Every family can have a part in the ministry of the Lord Jesus on the mission field. Every fundamental Church can have a part; they know them and pray for them and are personally yoked with that missionary in fighting the gospel fight on the mission field.

DR. HOBBS: Then, Gerry, the people who support you know you, is this correct?

DR. JOHNSON: That is right. It is a policy completely different from the big denominational missions, where many of the Churches never know who they are supporting. When I return to the States, if there is a Church supporting me \$5.00 a month, I go to that Church and preach to the people, telling them about the work on the mission field. I try to stir them up about missions and encourage their hearts. In this way, no matter how small the Churches may be, we have a direct personal relationship with the Churches at home. It is a real blessing for local Churches to be able to support missionaries whom they know personally.

DR. HOBBS: Gentlemen, we appreciate your being with us and talking about the work of missions. In one sense of the word, our ministry here has been a type of missions, because of our youth ministry and many other aspects of the work. This is in effect home missions, so we are very much concerned about missions.

If you folks who are listening have further questions, or would like

further information about missionaries you can know and support, please write us. We would be glad to hear from you in this matter.

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What Some Sing, And How They Feel

"Jesus Paid It All"....Why should I sithe and give offerings?

"Anywhere With Jesus"....unless it means Sunday School in the rain or prayer meeting when its hot or visit a lost soul.

"I Need Thee Every Hour"....except this hour, maybe tomorrow!

"Rescue the Perishing"....is just what the church staff is paid to do.

"Stand Up for Jesus"....unless someone is looking.

"Take My Life and Let It Be"....yes, Lord, let it be!

"If Jesus Goes With Me"....it may be embarrassing to both of us!

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"....with everyone else.

"Living for Jesus"....is fine, if it does not mean that I cannot live for myself, too.

"I Love to Tell the Story"....and the preacher had better not take more than 25 minutes to tell it either.

"Nothing Between My Soul and the Saviour"....except my job, my lost loved ones, company on Sunday, and my planned week-end trips.

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Darkest Africa Fights The Mini-Skirt

MINI-SKIRT The S.F. Chronicle for June 8, 1972 carried a six-column article: "Kenya's Hot Debate on mini-skirts." "Threatening to ban mini-skirts, President Jomo Kenyatta told a rally that wearing such clothing was a wild habit that had propelled the pace of prostitution in Kenya. Appealing to parents to eradicate mini-skirt wearing, he declared, 'If this step will not yield fruit I shall not hesitate to pass a ruling to this effect—so that foreigners who frequent our country may not leave with the notion that Kenya is a prospering market for prostitution.' Congratulating to this leader.

Another country in the heart of Africa is trying to do something about this heathenish trend. "Kenya's president could take some comfort from ruling in neighboring Uganda. There President Idi Amin ordered a ban on mini-skirts, hot pants, and maxi-skirts with a V-shaped slit down the front." One leader in Kenya said, "Let our women wrap up their bodies from head to toe, instead of showing us their privacies in the streets. These lustful clothes must go in order to save our beloved country from prostitution." Strange how political leaders from the dark continent show more moral discernment than many people in Fundamental Church today in America!



The Other Side

with Dave Johnson

TRUTH At Any Price

"Patrick Henry's advice on the cold war . . ."

"They tell us, Sir, that we are weak—unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed? . . ."

Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs, and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? . . ."

Sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of Nations . . . The battle, Sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave . . . There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! . . ."

Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace!—but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! Why stand we here idle? What is it that Gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

IS LIFE SO DEAR, OR PEACE SO SWEET, AS TO BE PURCHASED AT THE PRICE OF CHAINS AND SLAVERY? Yes! This is the answer we get from the news media. This is the answer found in the "training union" quarterlies and other denominational literature. This is also the answer we find being hammered into the heads of school children in tax supported government indoctrination centers which we call public schools.

Everywhere we look we find the same attitude—PEACE IS ESSENTIAL. We do not have peace because we have conflict. We have conflict because of differences in our attitudes, our philosophies and our thinking. There is only one way for the world to have peace according to the mind manipulators of our society. We must destroy the differences, eliminate conflict, and peace will be inevitable.

What kind of differences are causing the conflict in our world?—Political, Economical, Religious, Racial, to name a few.

The "peace at any price" promoters have sought to achieve equality in every phase of life in order to destroy the differences which produce conflict. Economic equality which makes everyone equally rich in reality makes everyone equally poor. The unions tell their employees to produce no more than the lowest producer in the

factory. In other words, the workers who are equally fast are in reality equally slow. Our racial differences must be dissolved to produce equality. This is done by mixing the races until no racial differences can be distinguished. Politically we must destroy the foolish belief in a Constitutional Republic and accept socialism which again will destroy differences.

Our main concern however, is the religious differences which cause conflict in the world. There are some religious bigots who believe that when Jesus said, "He that is not for me is against me," He meant it. These same bigots are responsible for producing guilt feelings in the hearts of people by promoting the antiquated moral values of the Bible. The main thrust of the social manipulators is, produce moral equality and religious equality. When everyone is equally moral, they will be equally immoral, and when everyone is equally religious, they will believe nothing.

The Christian home and the Christian school need to be aware of the powerful influences in the world which are doing all that is possible to produce the kind of peace which is, in reality, the absence of true fundamental Christianity.

Truth has always been more important than peace, but few people are willing to pay the price for "TRUTH AT ANY PRICE."

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you into the place where as a rook you take the queen. I don't know a thing in the world about chess and I get less interested the more I hear of this world championship match. I just hope we win, that's all. Old Bobby Fisher is some kind of a nut; but I'll tell you one thing; he must be a brain. I don't admire his antics and his crazy doings, but I'm glad he's on our side; I'm glad he's beating that Russian. I don't know much about chess, but I know that if you get in the right position one of the little fellows can take one of the big fellows if you get the thing set up and get him jammed just right. And God may use you, too. You may be just a pawn, just the littlest thing on the board, but God may use you to take a big victory for Him if you are in the right place at the right time. Oh, it's so important to yield your life to God. There are no accidents in life, young folks. Be yielded to God so He can put you where He wants you to be.

That is one step to victory in this story. Esther and Mordecai were in the right place at the right time. God moved them into position for His victory. Moving in God's will is basic.

Here is another step. Mordecai was loyal to the king in the job that he had. You say, "Well, he was a heathen king." It makes no difference. Mordecai was in a heathen land, yes, and he had certain responsibilities. There were certain things that he could not and did not compromise. But wherein he was supposed to do his job, he did it. He didn't say, "Well, this is a heathen king, and I don't have to do a good job for him." He did a good job for that king. He was loyal to him, and when he heard about an attempt to take his life, he told the king. He was a tattletale! You know, the philosophy of the world today is,

don't squeal, don't squeal. A lot of Christians believe that it's not right to teach boys and girls to tell. But we teach them here at Santa Rosa Christian School that if you see another boy or girl doing something that's not right, you tell the teacher. We don't mean just running around talking and telling about every little unimportant thing that comes along, but if there is some sin committed, some wrong is done, or something is said that you know is not right, you tell that teacher. It's your responsibility. If you work in a Christian organization and you hear of things going on—somebody saying something about the leadership, somebody saying something about somebody and it's not right, somebody grumbling and griping—if you don't report it you're just as disloyal as they are. Don't you go around talking pious about what a nice person you are if you won't even tell something you know when you know it might harm and hurt the ministry and work of God. If you keep it in and then you go around talking pious, you're a dirty, rotten rascal, that's what you are. Mordecai was loyal to his employer, the king, and he went to that king and told him about the plot. Listen, that's the thing that God used to open the door for the victory. You say, "Loyalty is important?" Yes, it's that important! It's vital to be loyal, loyal to God, loyal to His truth, loyal to His Word. If you work for somebody, be loyal to that person, faithful in the job that you have to do. Mordecai was loyal to the king and reported the plot.

Reward was delayed, but that was part of God's will, too. Mordecai got the reward, but suppose he had got all pouty because he didn't get it immediately. God had a reason for not rewarding Mordecai at that

time and waiting until later to do it. Did you ever stop to think that if you don't get a reward at the time you think you ought to get it, maybe God has a reason for you to wait and He has something better. Joseph is an example of this, and remember that the things that were written afore time were written for our learning. That's the reason that this story was written. That's the reason the story of Joseph is recorded in Scripture—so we could learn how we ought to be in Christian character. I want to tell you we are short in character today. We're long on evangelism in this country today, but we're short on Christian character. Praise God for evangelism; praise God for every soul that is saved; but God give us some institutions and schools and churches that will put some character into some young folks! We've got to have it if we're going to survive.

We've got to have some character in the backbone of our youth if we are going to survive. That's one reason God raised up this institution and by the grace of God we are going to win as many souls as we can possibly win. And I want to tell you, we don't have an accurate count, but we've already got close to 400 who have been saved this year—since January—in this ministry. We don't go around blowing and snorting and tooting about all the folks that get saved and all the things that go on, but praise God for folks that are being saved. You don't have anybody to train if you don't get them saved. I know that. But you also have to train these young folks; you've got to get some character into their lives, you've got to build some backbone into them while they're young or we're not going to have anybody to stand in the days that are ahead.

So Mordecai was loyal to the king. He did his job well and didn't expect reward. Now, Haman rises to power. Sometimes it bothers us when we see the wicked rise to power, but remember this, a balloon has to get pretty full before it will pop. It has to have enough air to make it burst. Pride is just like that in people's lives. You give them enough room and they will hang themselves. That's what Haman did, literally. He got enough air to make his balloon pop. So don't be surprised when the wicked rise in power and authority and seem to be promoted in worldly places. They'll pop. God used this element of pride in Haman to bring about this victory for His people Israel. He just let it ride until Haman exploded, and as a result of his explosion, God wrought a victory for Israel.

Then how important was the psychological effect on Haman and his family? Esther 6:13 says, "And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, if Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him." It had such an effect on them that it upset the whole balance psychologically. That was important. This gave God's people the psychological advantage over their enemies that eventually brought about a victory.

Another interesting thing is (See Page 8)

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The Unbending Knee— Key To Victory

that Mordecai didn't have to build the gallows for his enemy. His enemy built it for himself! You don't have to plan the destruction of your enemy. I know some Christians who sit around and try to figure how they can get even with somebody else. You do the job, you be faithful; the fellow will fix his own trap. It's all right, he'll hang himself. God's enemy, the man who is fighting God's Word, will eventually hang himself. You don't have to worry how you are going to get even with him or how you are going to get revenge, or how you are going to cut his throat; let God take care of that, and he will end up cutting his own throat. You know, sometimes we as Christians are accused of being harsh and hard-hearted, but God's enemies bring the judgment they get on themselves. A Christian may praise God for the victory, but God's enemy hanged himself by his own deceitful heart and deceitful ways.

Now look at something else. It looked like Haman might have victory even in his death, because his command to kill all the Jews was still in effect even after he was killed. But God wanted more than reprove for His people. God wanted more than a reprove or a compromise. He wanted victory! There is no substitute for victory! As far as political or military victory, there is no substitute for it. There is no substitute for victory on a ball field. I don't like draws. Who

wants to draw in a ball game or whatever game you play? You want to win. There is no substitute for victory, and there is no substitute for victory for God's people! God wanted to give His people victory, not compromise, not a reprove or a cancellation of his death decree. Ahasuerus had signed and sent out with his seal. Just a reprove was not enough. God wrought a victory. His people were armed and other people of the land helped them and when their enemies rose up, they killed them.

By the way, Haman was an Agagite, a descendant of Agag. You know who Agag was, don't you? Agag was the first fellow we know was sissy in the Bible. He was a real sissy fellow. He came out "delicately" and said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past," when Saul was supposed to have killed him along with the other Agagites, but had spared him. Then you know what happened to him? Samuel chopped him up in pieces. That's right. That was God's judgment upon him. Now Haman was a descendant of this king. He was one of the ones that was spared. Haman was there because of the sin of Saul in sparing him many years before, and now they were reaping it. So God wanted to bring this victory to completion upon the Agagites that Saul had not carried out. He used Haman to feed them into the trap. Then a decree was sent out to all the Jews to arm themselves, the other people also joined with the

Jews, and they killed all the Agagites and finished the job that Saul had not done years and years before. What a wonderful victory! How sweet it was to God and His people and how we see another lesson here that God will triumph over His enemies, even if some of His people are not faithful like they ought to be in doing the job as Saul had not done.

Now I want to point out something to you here because I think this is the key to this victory. It comes right here when Mordecai refused to bow to Haman. That's the key to this whole story. Mordecai refused to bow to Haman. Now this was a matter of religious or spiritual conviction. It would have been so easy for Mordecai to say, "Well, I'm the only one; I don't want to stand out in the crowd. No need to cause a disturbance. I don't like people to look at me and call me names."

Folks, every victory for God's people in the Bible hinges on some man or men who would not bend a knee. You read it, study it, look through the Word of God. Every victory for God's people through the Word of God hinges upon some man. God says, "I looked for a man among them." Somebody to stand in the gap. I look for a man, not a church, not a multitude, not a big church, not a lot of people—a man. If I can find a man who won't bow the knee, I can bring a victory." He found Mordecai, and Mordecai wouldn't bow his knee; and because he wouldn't bow a

knee, what happened? Haman got mad and brought contention. You also have to have that to have victory, people. Don't be afraid of it. People hate this ministry; they hate me because we won't bow the knee up here. You folks who are moving into this area might as well get used to that unless you do not want to be identified with this ministry. A woman came in here the other day and said, "I came to see what this place is all about. Everybody in my neighborhood hates you. They had me even talking and saying some of the things we had heard. My husband said, 'Wait a minute. Something's got to be wrong. Look what they are doing up there. Look at the kids they are turning out. You'd better go see for yourself and sit down and talk to them.'" That was a wise man. "See what they have," and she was flabbergasted at what she saw and heard. We do cause dissension; we do stir up trouble just like Elijah stirred up trouble. Elijah said, "Lord, don't let it rain here in this land for three and one-half years. It was dry in that country anyhow, and three and one-half years without rain was terrible. So finally when Ahab caught up with Elijah he said, 'Art thou he that troublest Israel?' It was not Elijah at all; it was Ahab and his sin. So the people of an area where a minister stands for God, say, 'Yea, that preacher up there is the one that's causing all the trouble.'" No, he's just the one that won't bend. He is the one

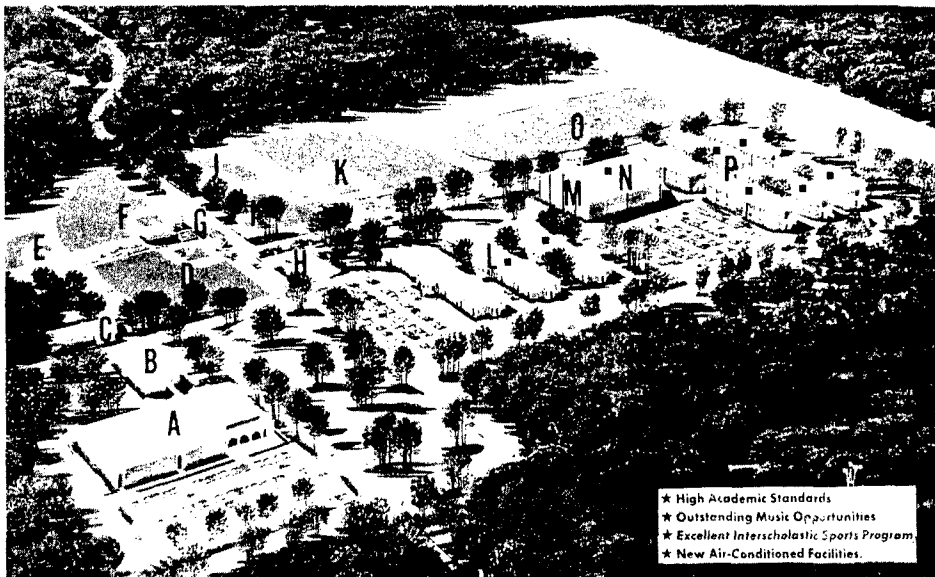
who stands for the Word of God. He is the one who stands for standards, for righteousness, for truth, for the Word of God. He turns out young folks that have some backbone and conviction, and the Devil hates it with everything he's got.

Mordecai is the key to this victory because Mordecai would not bow. If Mordecai had simply bowed to Haman, there would have been no problem. But when Mordecai wouldn't bow to Haman, he gave God His opportunity to work a victory. Don't you see it? You can give God His opportunity if you will bear the reproach of the cross, if you will bear the reproach for His Name, if you are willing to have some backbone. You can give God His opportunity in your town, in your community, or your home, as the case may be. You can give God the opportunity for a victory, if you will just say, "Oh God, I won't bend, I won't bow." I want to tell you something else, you won't burn, either. They can't get rid of you. They can't stop you. Don't worry about the oppositions to God's ministry. As long as those who are in the heart of the ministry—the inside folks who carry on the work—as long as their hearts stay true and right with God, don't worry about the outside opposition, because nobody can touch you. They may cuss you. Years ago there was a lady of a prominent local family who wanted to be popular. Somebody invited her to come over for a service we had during the day time. She said, "Oh, I wouldn't let my car be seen parked there." That was years ago. There is nothing new; we're just the same old way, going right down the same road. We haven't changed a bit except maybe got a little meaner, a little more determined, a little more courage, a little more strength. We trust a little more grace. There are more people praying for us, more people standing with us. Mordecai took advantage of the opportunity that he had not to bow and gave God His opportunity to bring victory. We've got to have somebody who will be faithful. Another point important to this victory was that Mordecai raised Esther right. The Bible tells us in the second chapter, verse 20, "Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him." He raised her right, obedient to him, so she was ready to fill a position. Parents, if you don't raise your children right they are not going to fill any place for God. I can assure you of that. They won't have the backbone and the courage for the job. They have to be raised right in order to stand in the gap. There are many other noteworthy aspects. The jobs involved in getting the message out were so important, as well as the faithfulness of the people, whatever their tasks were. The key to victory in this whole thing, though, was simply this: Mordecai would not bow his knee to Haman. This gave God His opportunity to work. To win a victory there must be a person that God can depend upon not bending the knee, but standing faithful. That gives God His chance to work a miracle, to work victory for His people!

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