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## THOUGHTS ABOUT MISSIONARIES

St. John 3:1-21; 4:6-42

The missionaries, Nichodemus, the woman at the well and you. Nichodemus came to Jesus by night and evidently went away in the dark, spiritual darkness. The woman at the well came to Jesus at high noon and went away in the light. Nichodemus came asking hard questions and went away unmoved and evidently perplexed. He was next to the highest man in the Sanhedrin, next to the wealthiest man in Jerusalem, and full 70 years of age. No wonder he was poor timber as a prospective missionary. In fact, if he were a Christian, he was a doubtful one. He asked, how can a man be born again? He did not inquire, how can I be born again? It is not what we know that makes us good Christians and faithful missionaries, but what we are willing to be and do. Nichodemus knew much for the Bible classifies him—a ruler among the Jews. It is well to note here that the best preaching does not always make the best Christians: for Nichodemus got the best preaching. The preacher, the Lord Jesus. Hear the Master as He preaches the glorious Gospel of the grace of God to Nichodemus and to the world—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

If Nichodemus were a Christian he was a cowardly one. His backbone had no bone in it. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, but never resigned. His brand of Christianity was not obnoxious to the Christ hating Sanhedrin. The Bible states: Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, why have ye not brought him? (Christ) The officers answered, never man spake like this man. Then answered the Pharisees are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers of the Pharisees believed on Him? Nichodemus heard Christ maligned. Did he give a positive testimony? No! He was a cowardly missionary. Hear

Nichodemus' answer; which brands him as a vacillating, heterodox believer. Here is his statement: Doth our law judge any man before it hear him, and know what he doth? They answered and said unto him, art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look; for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. What an opportunity to witness and be a good missionary. But Nichodemus failed. For at this point the scripture states: And every man went unto his own house.

How different with the woman at the well she asked easy questions and went away to tell the answers. The moment she heard of salvation—this living water she asked for it, for herself. She went for a pitcher of water and got a well full. Christ's interview with Nichodemus may have made a believer of him—it made a preacher of this woman! Nichodemus brought himself — she brought half the town. She was an overflowing Christian, a good missionary.

If Nichodemus were a Christian, he was an empty one. He was never filled with the Holy Ghost. He never tapped the springs of eternal life. Poor Nichodemus! How much he might have had, how little he got. Without a doubt he was acquainted with this truth: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me as the scripture hath said, out of his inner most being shall flow rivers of living water." But this spake he (Jesus) of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive.

No, Nichodemus never had a draught of wine from the Heavenly Country. How about you? Are you willing to believe and receive? Jesus said: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him? Yes, it is possible to be an overflowing Christian, a good missionary. The Psalmist said, "My cup runneth over." It is possible to be filled to overflowing. Here is another promise concerning the rich, more abundant life: ye shall

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receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me. Ye shall be — good missionaries, speaking forth my word—hiding not your light under a bushel, like Nichodemus; but, like the woman at the well, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

It is related that once during the Civil War, Horace Greely wired Mr. Lincoln, the President, urging him to call a national day of prayer and fasting "that God might be on our side." Mr. Lincoln replied, "That is not the question—I will call a day of prayer and fasting that we may be on God's side, for God is on the right side."

Are you willing to be on God's side, believing and receiving? It will make you an overflowing Christian, a good missionary; for this will be your testimony; truly our partnership is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Paul L. Beck

**BIBLE STUDY LESSON**  
October 7

**The Christian Way Of Life**

Golden Text: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. Luke 10:27.

The lessons for the Fourth Quarter are designed to help the individual in the Christian way of life.

A lawyer asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life. Jesus said "What is written in the law?" The lawyer answers wisely, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind;

and thy neighbor as thyself." To this Jesus agreed, so, to create an argument, the man asked, "And who is my neighbor?"

The Jews had come to believe that they had no responsibility whatever toward Gentiles. Even if one fell in the sea they were not obligated to help him. Jesus taught otherwise in his parable of the Good Samaritan.

A man on the bandit-infested road from Jerusalem to Jericho was robbed, beaten, and left half dead. A priest passed by without stopping, then a Levite. A Samaritan came along and felt sorry for the poor fellow. He gave him first aid, put him on his own beast and took him to an inn (hospitals were unknown then) and left money for his care. Which of these three men was the good neighbor? "Love, it tells us, must know no limits of race and ask no inquiry. Who needs me is my neighbor."

The men in this story are said to represent four philosophies of life. Let us consider them carefully and be sure we represent the one best suited to active Christians.

**Bandit**—"What is thine is mine if I can take it." Surely we don't belong here!

**Priest and Levite**—"What is mine is my own and I must keep it for my own comfort." They loved ritual more than mercy. They put their own comfort ahead of the need of an unfortunate person who so obviously required help. Do we?

**Innkeeper**—"What is mine is thine if you pay for it." How willing we can be when it doesn't cost anything, when good deeds are reimbursed with cash!

**Samaritan**—"What is mine is thine if you need it." This marks the consecrated followers of Christ.

Hazel Gillam

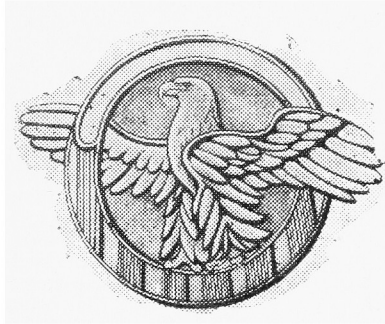
**QUARTERLY COMMUNION**

The regular quarterly communion service will be held at Stow Community Church this coming Sunday. All members are urged by the Minister to be present.

**EVENING SERVICE**

The Minister announces that evening services will be held this coming Sunday at 7:30 p. m. in Community Church.

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### TRAGEDY

Russell G. Rorabeck, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orin A. Rorabeck, 290 Marhofer Ave. was injured on Thursday of last week by his own shot gun in a hunting accident. He died Friday at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron.

A native of Stow, besides his parents Russell is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Skibiski, Mrs. Mildred Dye and Mrs. Doris Nighman, all of Stow, and two brothers, Sergt. Keith with the U. S. Army in the Philippines and MM2/c Orin G. with the Navy in the South Pacific.

Funeral services were held Monday from the McGowan Funeral Home, Rev. L. M. Gregory officiating. Burial was in Stow Cemetery.

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Tragedies such as this are hard to bear. To youth death came suddenly and unexpectedly. Few there are, unless they have gone through such an experience can realize the bitter blow to the parents. They have our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.—H. J. S.



### THESE ALSO SERVE

Recently on a bad morning the attendance at our church was considerably below the average. Yet on that morning the choir were in their accustomed places and rendered a beautiful anthem. I notice that they are there every Sunday and that they always have some special number for us. I want to take this opportunity to commend them for their good work. They are only one group who are responsible for doing the work of the church. There is

much work to be done in the church and the workers are sometimes too few. How much time do the teachers of our Sunday School classes spend preparing for their jobs of teaching us, who think we do well to get there for our classes? We usually take this service for granted until a good teacher passes on to another field or just gets too tired to keep on teaching. We listen to the anthem, we listen to the morning prayers, we hear the lesson taught, but do we ever think how much we owe these people or stop to tell them of our appreciation?

A church is a vital part of a community. Life in an American community would not be what it is without this institution. The church makes a community a fit place to live and bring up our children. Most of the people who do the work of the church and Sunday School receive no other pay for their services than an occasional kind word or an inner feeling of satisfaction for having served in a good cause. You and I can help furnish the kind words. Don't skimp on this pay.

Joe A. Mitten

### REPORT

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1. Around twenty-five young folks were either converted or rededicated their lives to Christ.

2. New chorus books were purchased (much enthusiasm was manifested in chorus singing).

3. Young people were sent to Cedar Lake, Indiana.

4. The financial report includes an item of over five hundred dollars given to the church for expenses of the meetings.

Dr. Beck has proved himself to be a very fine leader as well as a capable and efficient organizer of youth, and above all a thoroughly clean, God fearing Christian

gentleman.

Dr. Beck will hold evangelistic services starting this Sunday October 7th at the Lakemore Methodist Church. All who are interested are invited to attend these services which will continue for two weeks.

### BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of the church will be held this Friday evening in the church at 7:30 p. m. There will be NO supper preceding.

### P. T. A.

The Stow Parent Teachers Association will meet in the High School Auditorium Tuesday evening October 9th

The speaker at this meeting will be Mr. John Buennell, principal of the Crouse School, Akron. Mr. Buennell just returned from overseas where he was a Red Cross Field Director with the 99th Inf. Division. He will tell of his experiences in France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and Austria. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Wm. Large accompanied by Mrs. Cecil Rearick.

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A meeting of the Stow Band Association will be held this Monday, Oct. 8th, 8:00 p. m. at the High School.

### GRAHAM ROAD NOTES

Rev. J. A. Faile, Association Pastor of the Cullman Baptist Association of Cullman, Alabama, will preach both morning and evening at the Graham Rd. Baptist



Reading left to right: Mr. Guy Brace, wife and Guy Jr. This picture was taken at the shelter house at Adell Durbin Park at the farewell party given in their honor and for Mrs. Chapman and Carrie Chapman.

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Church. Rev. Faile is a candidate for the pulpit (now vacant) of the Graham Rd. Church. Every member is urged to be present.

A number of women from the Graham Road Church attended the Baptist Association meeting held last Friday at the First Baptist church in Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Derry have purchased a home on Klein Ave.

The Missionary Society and the Adult Bible met recently at the

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Reading left to right: Mrs. Harry Osman, Lieut. Osman, Mrs. Lena Osman, grandson Eddie Monteith and Mrs. Paul Monteith. This picture was taken one Sunday morning last spring after church.

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Sgt. Bob MacAdam is reported home on furlough.

Mrs. William Large, Franklin rd. has been ill with the flu this past week.

One birthday celebrated at Bible School last Sunday, that of Miss Sunya Thayer.

**For Sale: Heating stove—Morning Warmer—Used one winter. Tel. OV-8940. (Adv.)**

Lester McCurdy is now at home having received his discharge the latter part of September.

A baby girl, Donna Kay, was born last Friday morning September 28th to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Belknap, Sanford Ave.

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William Hamilton Jr. returned to Ohio State University this week where he is taking an agricultural course. This is his second year at Ohio State.

Moe Rearick received his discharge at Camp Atterbury last week and is now at home, wearing "civies" and one of those gold buttons in his lapel.

**For Sale: Eleven White Wyandott Pullets—five months old—ready to lay. Call WA-8121. (adv.)**

Mr. J. K. Widmeyer of Burton Springs, West Va., died Sept. 8th. He is the father of Mrs. L. B. McCurdy, 150 West Graham Rd., Stow.

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John W. Schultz, home on thirty day furlough, was recently granted a fifteen day extension making a total of forty-five days that he is able to spend at home. John spent quite sometime overseas.

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Spending a thirty day furlough at home after returning from Europe then being sent to Camp Cooke, California. Pfc. Warren Lashley is now home again on a fifteen day furlough.

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Harold "Ob" Robinson is now home on a thirty day furlough. At tending Bible School last Sunday morning he tells us he hopes for an additional fifteen days, at the end of which time he should be eligible for discharge.

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Sam Mason came home on furlough last Sunday night in time to see his brother Paul who had been home on furlough from Fort Dix the preceeding week.

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Mr. Dudley Nickerson, home to attend his father's funeral last week tells of seeing Mrs. Clifford Foote in Arizona, in fact he and his wife drove her around one day showing her the sights of that state. He reports that both Mrs. Nickerson and Mrs. Foote are enjoying the climate immensely. Both feel that they are on the road to good health being able to sleep well and enjoy the climate to the fullest extent.

Now is the time to order Christmas Cards. Twenty-five in a box, 5c to 25c each. Name imprinted on each card \$1.00 extra per box. Holt's Drug Store.—

Claiming not to be much of a letter writer, radio operator Miss Doris Gregory, daughter of Rev. L. M. Gregory, Stow Church of Christ, recently sent us an extra nice letter from the Municipal Airport at San Antonio, Texas. She had been transferred there from Houston by her employers, the Eastern Air Lines Inc. We should

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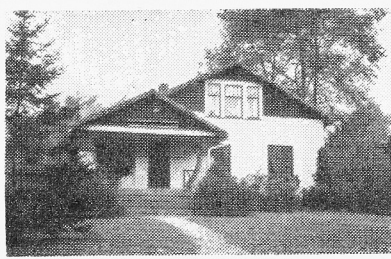
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Means.

**FICTION**—Abbott, Mary Patton's Daughters; Bassett, Silver Moon Cottage; Chandler, The High Window; Charles, Son and Stranger; Colket, This Is Beverly; Costain, The Black Rose; Fontaine, The Happy Time; Hilton, So Well Remembered; Lau Shaw, Rickshaw Boy; Loveridge, No One's Kindness; McMeekin, Black Moon; Sabatini, The Birth of Mischief; Sedgwick, The Rim; Stilwell, Border City; Sturgis, Half-past Yesterday; Ullman, The White Tower; Wadelton, Silver Buckles On His Knee; Widdemer, Constanca Herself.

**MYSTERIES** — Allan, First Come, First Kill; Beeding, Spellbound; Burks, Tight Rope; Hale, Midsummer Nightmare; Leonard, Expert in Murder; Gardner, The Case of the Dangerous Dowager.

**LETTER**

Manila

18 September, 1945

Dear Mr. Stockman:

A few words from the opposite side of the world. I would much rather be back in Germany. What bothered us most was going through the Canal and not seeing the States. Uncle Sam also says I'm not through traveling before I see the States again.

I have been receiving the C. C. News regularly and appreciate it. It makes home feel not quite so far away. Also in one of the Harold Ruggles letters, he said he visited Manila. I lost his address. Would you send it again? I may be able to look him up.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Cpl. Harold O. Ruggles 35922501  
Co. M—103 Infantry  
APO 43 c/o Post Master  
San Francisco, Calif.

Write again.—H. J. S.

### LETTER

Sept. 14, 1945

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I'm afraid I'm a little behind in notifying you of my change in address, since I arrived in the Philippines on the 29th of August. I left the States on the 24th of July and we were on the boat for 37 days. We were in the port of Eniwetok when Truman declared the war officially over, and we fellows had quite a celebration. The name of our ship was the Cape Bow. Some of the guys reading this may have come over on the same boat.

I was in Manila in the 22nd Replacement Depot for eleven days before I was assigned to an outfit. At the present I'm with the 72nd Bomb Squadron on the island of Samar. My address is:

Cpl. Wayne Myers 35922516  
5th Bomb Gp, 72nd Bomb Squadron  
APO 719 c/o PM  
San Francisco, Calif.

My brother, Melvin, is still overseas in France, but I'm hoping he comes home in the next few months.

Thanks for keeping the News coming so regularly. The fellows on my crew enjoy reading it as much as I do.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne

Ed. Note: And thank you for sending us your correct address. Yes, I hear that some of the fellows out the Pacific way had quite a celebration on VJ Day. It was rumored that several were accidentally killed and several more injured. But we are glad to know you came through OK and hope it will not be too long before you can come home.—H. J. S.

### LETTER

Sept. 23, 1945

U.S.S. Aulick

Hello Mr. Stockman:

Will send a few lines your way

and to the kind people of Stow in thanks for the C. C. News. It has sure been tops with me. I will say I have not written too often, but sure have thought of you a lot. We were quite busy out around Okinawa there for a while. Now we are on our way to the States, so you may as well quit sending the paper, for it will not catch me before I am discharged, which I do believe will be soon after we get to the East Coast where we are going.

I am sending my heartiest thanks for the paper and everything the people of Stow have sent to me during my time in the service. Hoping to see you one and all soon.

Yours truly,

Clyde Chandler

ED. NOTE: We are glad to receive this letter from you and know that you are on your way home. And we thank you for letting us know about the paper for it will make life easier for the Navy mail clerks if they do not have to forward your papers. We will be seeing you. H. J. S.

### LETTER

Wed. Evening

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Bob and I have been receiving the C. C. News regularly for several weeks. When we receive the C. C. News we all have a discussion about the local news.

Our training has eased somewhat since V-J Day, but it is still typical of Infantry training, plenty tough.

We should be home sometime near Thanksgiving.

We want you to know that we all appreciate the C. C. News very much, and hope to continue to receive it.

Always,

Bob and Jim

Pvt. Jim Weldon, 45001627

Co. 6, 6th Bn., 2nd Regt.

Fort McClellan, Ala.

Pvt. Bob Carlson, 45001652

Co. B, 6th Bn., 2nd Regt.

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ED. NOTE: We are much pleased to receive this letter from you and hope they do not keep you in the army too long. Write again. H. J. S.

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