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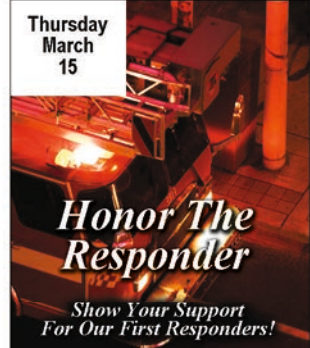
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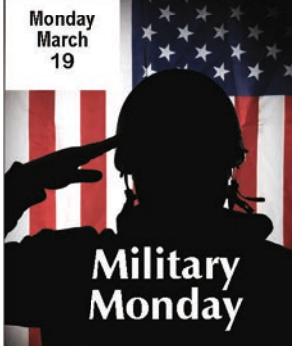
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The Signature of God

Dr. T. D. Worthington

There are certain things that have the signature of God all over them. It might be a beautiful sunrise, a star studded evening sky, or the power of the crashing thunder. To me, all of these things give testimony of God. However, it is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ where I see the hand of God at work in a most profound and powerful way. In other words, it has His signature all over it.

Two of the clearest examples of His signature are in the *paradox* and *power* of the resurrection. Let's consider first the paradox.

There Was A Paradox Signature.

In other words, God will often do things which defy human logic or understanding. The Bible states that

God's ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts. Clearly we do not have the understanding to know why God does things the way He does. For example, sometimes God reveals things that might be downright embarrassing. The Bible is not written as a man would write it, especially when dealing with heroes. Consider the account of Noah, Elijah, David, Peter, or Thomas. There were certainly many embarrassing moments in their lives that were recorded in the Scriptures. This is also clearly demonstrated in the resurrection. Consider for example:

The First Eyewitnesses were Women.

All the Gospels note that the first individuals to discover the tomb empty were women. Although you and I

may not see any problem with this, it was a problem in that era. Women were not held in high esteem. In that culture, a woman's testimony was not admissible in court. In Jewish circles, it took the testimony of two women to equate to that of one man. If one were to invent a story, the last people one would place as the first witnesses would have been women. But that sounds just like God to me!

Historically speaking, embarrassing details add veracity to a historical claim. The fact that women were the first witnesses, generally speaking would not have been a good idea. Apparently, God thought otherwise.

Another embarrassing detail would be that a member of the Sanhedrin (the

same Sanhedrin that executed Jesus) had to give Jesus a proper burial. The fact that the disciples were fearful and fled serves as an embarrassing factor for the resurrection account. After His crucifixion, Jesus was buried in a tomb by Joseph of Arimathea. This fact is highly significant because it means that the location of Jesus' burial site was known to Jew and Christian alike. People were free to go and publically witness the sealed tomb, and later the empty tomb.

But, that's not all. As a member of the Jewish court that condemned Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea is unlikely to be a Christian invention. There was strong resentment against the Jewish leadership for their role in the condemnation of Jesus (*I Thessalonians 2:15*). It is therefore highly improbable that Christians would invent a member of the court that condemned Jesus to be a hero. Strangely, it was a member of a group antagonistic to Jesus who honored Him by giving Him a proper burial instead of allowing him to be dispatched as a common criminal.

Another paradox was that there was no human motive for the resurrection. Well, some think the disciple's created a conspiracy to

start a new religion, but this makes no sense. When a conspiracy is formed, three motivating factors are usually behind such a move; power, greed, or lust. It may be one of these, two of these, or all three of these, but they will be somewhere in the equation. The disciples would not gain any *power* behind claiming the resurrection as history. Their preaching was making them strong enemies. They were constantly threatened by the Jewish and Roman authorities. Their power as citizens was actually decreased because of their preaching. *Greed* certainly could not have been a motive. They taught one should not desire earthly possessions, but spiritual ones. There is no record of a thirst for riches by the early disciples. *Lust* was not a factor, either. Their message taught celibacy before marriage and fidelity after marriage. So what was the point of a conspiracy? There was nothing in the earthly realm to gain.

The conclusion is that in the resurrection the disciples had no tangible motivation behind claiming Jesus had risen from the dead. We can find no reasonable motivating factors existing for these disciples to invent such a story. The only reason the disciples proclaimed the resurrection

of Jesus as a fact was because His resurrection had actually occurred.

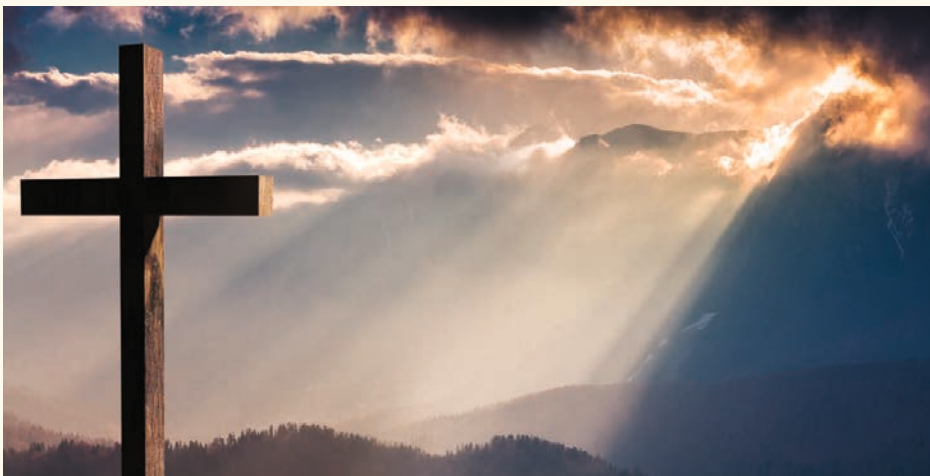
Secondly, There Was Also A Power Signature.

First, this was a real resurrection. You might be thinking about Lazarus or others, who just like Jesus, were resurrected from the grave. Well, not exactly. Jesus did not, like Lazarus, simply get up and walk out from the burial crypt and resume life in ordinary time. With Jesus, His closest friends didn't recognize him, not even Mary Magdalene. He was different now, no longer mere human flesh. Jesus could walk through closed doors. Lazarus couldn't do that. Jesus was not bound by the earthly laws of gravity and matter, Lazarus was. Although any resurrection qualifies as a miracle, the resurrection of Christ was different.

Second, there was life transforming power released. God changes things. Changing the water into wine is just one example. But, God has always preferred to change people instead of things. For example, James, the brother of Jesus, was changed from a skeptic to a believer because of the resurrection. James along with his brothers did not believe in Jesus during His early ministry (*John 7:5*). However, after the resurrected Lord appeared to him, (*I Corinthians 15:7*) James became a leader in the early Jerusalem church.

Paul is another example of one who was completely transformed by the resurrection of Jesus. Paul had been a persecutor of the church. After witnessing the risen Jesus, Paul became a great evangelist for the infant church.

The resurrection of Christ changed, and continues to change lives. Of





course, it also changed a few other things in the process. The practice of the early church in observing baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Sunday worship all point to the resurrection. Baptism is an illustration of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. The Lord's Supper is a symbol of Christ's sacrificial death. In addition, it is quite odd that faithful Jews would move their worship from Saturday to Sunday unless something major had occurred on that particular day. The major Sunday morning event that changed their day of worship was the resurrection. All of this attests to the power of God at work changing things that only God could change.

Also, the resurrection is one of the major evidences that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Paul affirmed that Christ is **“declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead”** (Romans 1:4).

The resurrection also represents an assurance that we can have forgiveness from our sins. Paul contended: **“And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain;**

ye are yet in your sins” (I Corinthians 15:17). The reverse of the apostle's affirmation would be this: if Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel.

Next, the resurrection tells the world that the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. But the founder of Christianity sixty years after his death appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: **“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, Behold I am alive for evermore”** (Revelation 1:18).

The resurrection proves that physical death is not the termination of human existence. God, who is the giver of life, has the power to reanimate and glorify the human body. Christ's triumph over the grave is Heaven's pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the **“firstfruits of them that slept.”** (I Corinthians 15:20).

Finally, the Lord's resurrection previewed the ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies. In the

book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again. This same Lord was **“the lion of the tribe of Judah”** that had overcome his foes. Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb's sacrifice and victory over death (**Revelation 12:11**).

The resurrection of the Son of God should be a constant reminder to us of these wonderful biblical truths. We honor our Master's victory over death, not just once a year but every day, and especially on the Lord's Day. The earliest Jewish allegation that the disciples had stolen Jesus' body shows that the body was in fact missing from the tomb. The earliest Jewish response to the disciple's proclamation, **“He has risen from the dead!”** was not to point to his occupied tomb (*they clearly knew where it was*) and to laugh them off as fanatics, but to claim that the disciples had stolen the body. Thus, we have evidence of the empty tomb from the very opponents of the early Christians.

Actually, the resurrection only requires us to believe on one thing: it requires only one belief: that God exists. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian faith. If there was no resurrection, Christianity is a hoax, and we are wasting our time. But the truth is, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the clearest facts of human history. After all, it has the signature of God all over it!



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Our **Spring Share-A-Thon** will begin on **Monday, March 12th**. With your help in meeting our goal during our last fall fund drive, we are able to decrease our goal this time and aim for a total of **\$260,000.00** to meet the needs of the ministry. At this time, we are once again asking you, our faithful listeners, for your prayers and financial support. Although **Share-A-Thon** may not have started yet, you can still give us a call, visit us online, or use the form on the back of this magazine to get your gift in early. The earlier we hear from you, the quicker we can wrap up **Share-A-Thon** and get back to the regular programming you enjoy!

Also, just as in the fall, we're setting aside a special day of fasting and prayer for the **GoMix Spring Share-A-Thon** and we hope you'll join us. We firmly believe in the power of prayer and that great things can happen when Christians join together in prayer! This special day will be **Wednesday, March 7th**, so please go ahead and mark the date on your calendar. You can even free to call or email us and let us know you'll be praying with us!

Thank you for all you do. We can't wait to hear from you!



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A Sound Mind

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

II Timothy 1:7

God wants us to have a sound mind. He wants us thinking clearly. I could put it this way; God wants us to be sane! I see the news today, and so often I want to say to people; *“Are you nuts?”* or *“Have you lost your mind?”*

The word for *“sound mind”* means to be safe-minded, having a prudent and sensible behavior that *“fits”* a given situation. It means having sound reasoning that is always under control. It expresses a settled state of mind that reflects the mind of Christ. We don’t have to understand it, we don’t even have to agree with it, but we still accept truth as God defines it. That is having a sound mind. Today, America has confused thinking with feeling. We do not stop to think. We just react. We don’t reason things out. We don’t put things in context. We let our personal likes and dislikes be the only influence.

We are fighting a civil war in America today. We are divided. We may call it the red states and the blue states. We may call it the liberal and conservative. Whatever we call it, we are fighting over two radically different and ultimately irreconcilable versions of America. They cannot coexist. Only one will triumph. It’s not simply America at stake here. It’s sanity itself. The choice is between right reason and madness.

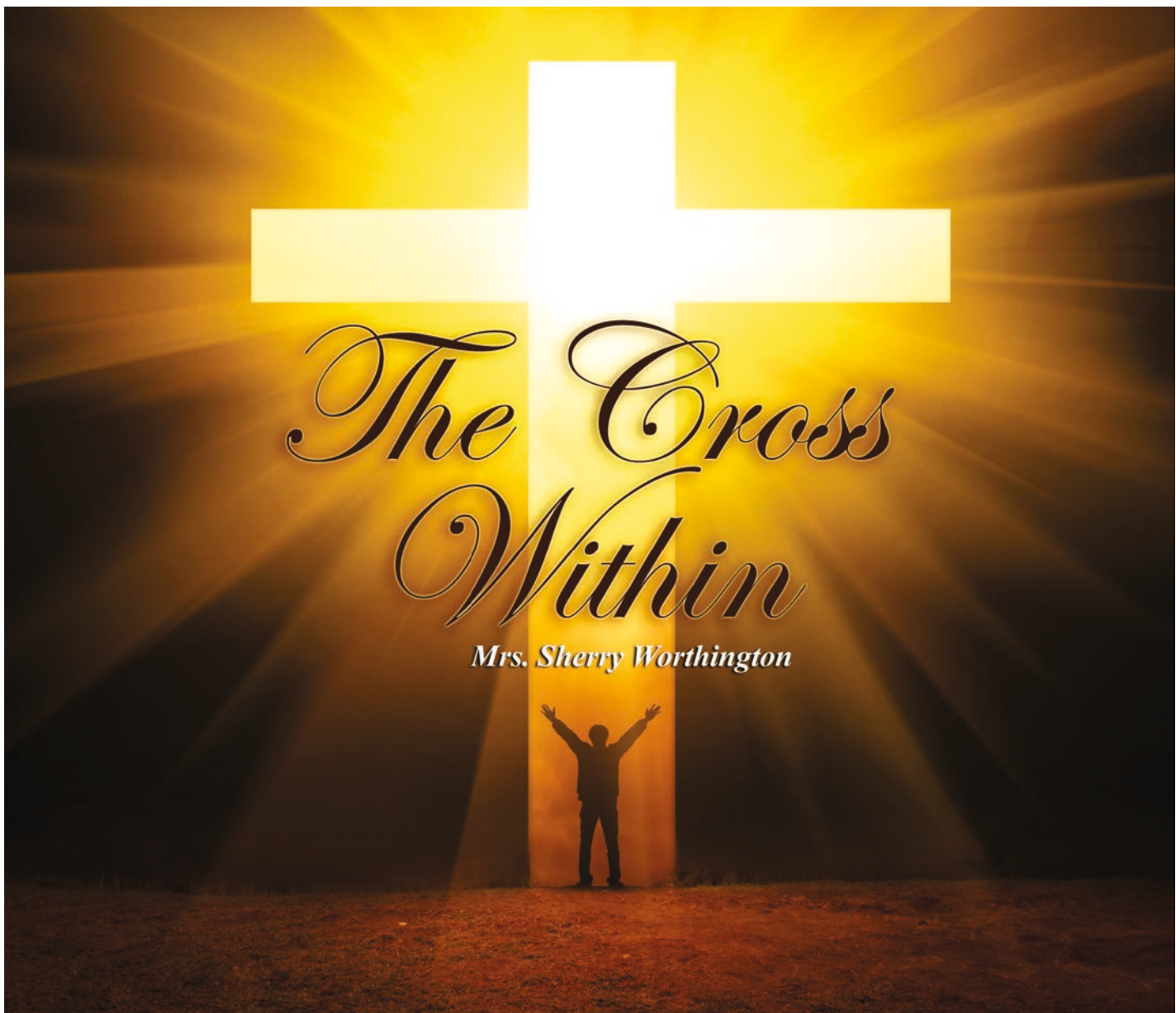
In this civil war, no one is anything other than what they wish to be, what they claim to be; all based solely on how they feel.

There is no real history or precedent. These things are rewritten to suit the need of the moment. There is no objective reality based on physical or natural law. There’s only the government of feelings, and others are not permitted to disagree. It doesn’t matter that fire will burn you. We think if we choose to believe it will not, then that is our new truth. If that is our new truth then that is the truth the press will report, the courts will legalize, and the schools will teach our children.

Creeping out of the sewers are those bent on eradicating any vestige of American history. These are rebels keen on reinventing the past. These are radicals convinced in their truth and are willing to do whatever it takes to promote their twisted vision of perfection. This new truth says that a girl who feels like a boy, is as much a boy as any boy, and every *“real”* boy must now cater to that delusion. Any boy who thinks that his maleness has something to do with his physical body must be made to feel guilty that he has such an intolerant notion. We must learn to cater to the delusional psychosis of those who think differently than we do—as long as their thinking is based on insanity.

Sane thinking does not enjoy the same protections in modern America. Sane thinking is now associated with hatred, bigotry, and intolerance. Who wants to bear those labels? So, by default, who wants to be sane? Sanity has become downright dangerous! We’re living right now through the attempted remake of the human person into a creature defined only by feelings and delusions. Every human relationship will also be remade and renamed in order to make the insanity seem kind and sanity seem cruel. The apostle Paul plainly gives a cause for wrong thinking in **Romans 1:21**: *“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (thoughts, thinking), and their foolish heart was darkened.”* Paul describes the end result of deliberately rejecting the existence of God in verse 28: *“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind.”* A reprobate mind is not a sound mind.

On the spiritual level, right thinking can only come through the Holy Spirit. Of course, people can learn to reason clearly and develop common sense on the physical level. But on the spiritual level, right thinking can only come through obtaining the mind of Christ, and that comes from the fullness of the Holy Spirit. So the challenge for all Christians is to use this resource to the advantage of our families as the world continues to spiral into insanity.



Young children are so amazing! They are filled with wonder and amazement at the simplest things, yet they sometimes ask very difficult questions. As a Christian, we have a language that is foreign to people that are not saved and to the very young as well. In John 3, Nicodemus was confused by the term “*born again*”. He asked our Saviour, ***“How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?”*** Nicodemus was trying to picture a grown man being physically reborn. It just wasn’t possible! As always, our Saviour did a beautiful

job of explaining that the second birth was a cleansing by His Spirit. Nicodemus must accept Christ as Saviour! Once He allows Jesus in his life, he will be a new Creation born into God’s family.

The young have trouble understanding Christian terminology as well. On the way to school one morning, my grandson asked me a question that I had a hard time answering for his young mind. He asked, “*Grandma, how does Jesus live in your heart?*” Of course, I proceeded to explain how to ask Jesus into your heart. My grandson

interrupted me and said, “*I know Grandma, but isn’t Jesus big.*” He wanted to know how Jesus could fit in his little body, or in any person’s body for that matter. He was five at the time, and I was struggling to find a way to explain it to him. I did my best. I explained how Jesus’ Spirit lives inside of you and not His whole body. He then asked what a spirit was, and I had just as much trouble answering that question. Fortunately for me, my grandson’s attention span was short, so he changed the subject and started talking about one of his favorite toys.

I have had many interesting conversations with my grandchildren. One of the most amazing things about children is that you can learn so much from them. After our conversation about Jesus being too big to live inside of you, I began to ponder. Isn't it exciting to know that our great God would be willing to live inside those that are His children? His Son left the throne of Glory, was born in a manger, and died on the cross. He was beaten and abused by the humans He created. God is willing to let His Spirit live inside of our imperfect body where He is exposed to our imperfections and sinful lives.

The Holy Spirit lives inside of me. Isn't that awesome! If that doesn't blow your mind, I have something to add to that magnificent privilege we have in Christ. We showed the video at school, "How Great is Our God". Louie Giglio preached the most magnificent sermon. Throughout his message he spoke of the awesomeness of God. He shared about the different stars and related their size to the earth and sun among other amazing information exclaiming how great our God is. Mr. Giglio spoke of the human body and how wonderfully we were made. I encourage you to watch the presentation on YouTube.

The most exciting part of this movie was when he spoke of Laminin.



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I had no idea what it was so I listened intently. Laminin is a cell adhesion molecule. It is the protein molecule in our bodies that holds our membranes together. He explained how Laminin is the glue that keeps our bodies together. We have trillions of cells in the human body. This was all just interesting facts until I saw the image of Laminin. I was excited to learn it is in the shape of the cross. Do you realize what that means? We have trillions of crosses holding our human bodies together. It keeps us from physically falling apart. Laminin holds us together!

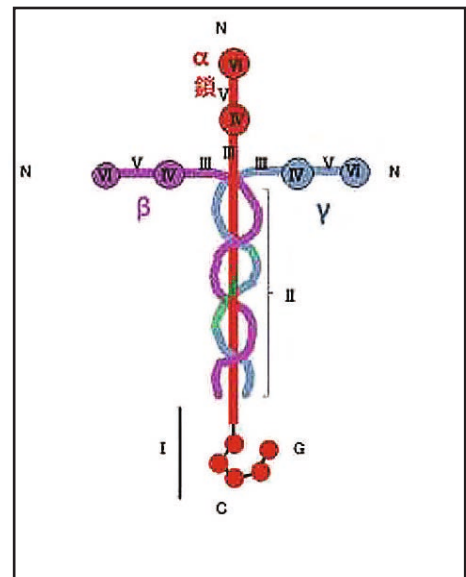
Isn't that amazing? The Holy Spirit lives in the saved, but the cross of Jesus holds each of us together. It doesn't matter if you are His child or not, He still holds your cells together. Jesus has His gift there for you to embrace. It is in every cell of your body. Those who reject Christ need to be aware of this fact. I guess they would say it was a coincidence. But as Christians, we know better.

Laminin makes the words in Colossians 1:16-17 even more alive. The Scripture says,

"For by Him were all things created, that in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

Colossians 1:16-17

Wow! Doesn't Laminin bring a new dimension to this verse! We have a reminder today that no matter what we are going through or what difficulty we face, Jesus is in every



cell of our body. It doesn't mean our problems go away, it means He is there with us in every facet of our lives. We just have to embrace Him.

Jesus died for each of us and desires for us to accept Him as Saviour. He wants to forgive your sins and bring you to live with Him one day. From the beginning of time, we were created with Jesus' signature in our cells. He will cover your sins with His blood if you just let Him. For the Christian struggling, His love will bring you through. We just must remember that He is there with us. Won't you embrace Him?

Come to Jesus today. He is amazing! His cross is within us, and His Spirit desires to indwell us! What a wonderful God we have!

Have a safe and joyous Easter season!



Mrs. Worthington has five children and eleven grandchildren. She serves as Principal of Pathway Christian Academy in Goldsboro.



I recently came across a name I have never heard before. It was in a short video I watched about World War II. The man's name was Janusz Korczak. He was a Polish-Jewish Educator, a WWI Military Doctor, and an author of several children's books. For years prior to WWII, he ran an orphanage in Warsaw, Poland. Mid-war, the children of his orphanage were forced to move to the Warsaw Ghetto created by the Nazis. Although Korczak was given the option to stay outside the confines of the ghetto, he chose to go with the kids. He had heard what these ghettos and camps were like and knew they would face harsh conditions, so he wanted to be there to give the children hope and encouragement. It was said that different resistance groups often offered Korczak a means to escape once there, but he always refused. The children needed him.

As history states, in July of 1942, the extermination of the Jews began in the Warsaw Ghetto. On August 5th or 6th of that year, the German soldiers came for the approximated 192 orphans in the ghetto. Korczak knew what this meant. They were to be loaded on the train and taken to the extermination camp, Treblinka. Wanting to help ease the fears of the children, he calmly told them to put on their best clothes and quickly pack their belongings as they would soon be leaving. When the time came, Korczak, dressed in

his best with head held high, and held the hand of a small child as he steadily led the rest onto the train. It is said that an SS Officer recognized Korczak just before reaching that final destination and offered him one last means of escape, and once again he refused.

As I saw the short film about Janusz Korczak and read a little more about his life, I was intrigued. What a hero! Did he beat the bad guys? No. Did he show that good always wins in the end? No, not really. Did he fly in with a cape and mask and save the day? No, he didn't do that either. So what did he do? He gave hope. He gave encouragement. He gave a little bit of love and respect to some kids that were seen as worthless to those around them. He showed that some things are worth standing up for regardless of the consequences.

The world we live in right now is looking for a hero. People are looking for someone, anyone to give them a little bit of hope. People are in need of encouragement. People are longing for love and respect. They are searching for truths, real truths they can stand up and believe in.

There may be a day we are called to sacrifice as Korczak did. I hope and pray, as Christians, we will be found faithful. As for now, we still have the opportunity to be someone's

hero. Your age, sex, or race doesn't matter. Maybe you are a teenager reading this. Did you know you could be someone's hero just by standing up for someone else to a bully or encouraging someone facing peer pressure to do the right thing? Are you an older person that doesn't get out much? Do you know how much power you hold at your fingertips just by writing a note of encouragement to a young person in your life? If you're a middle-ager, I know you've got a lot going on. You might be balancing aging parents, kids, and maybe even grandkids along with all the other stressors of life. You're at the perfect age to see the big picture! Out of all of us, you probably have the clearest picture of all the ages of the lifespan at one time. As you see that "big picture" that sometimes the rest of us don't, you can offer prayers on our behalf that truly come from a place of knowledge and understanding. My point is, regardless of your age or circumstance, you can be someone's hero today.

Unfortunately, from my readings I learned that Janusz Korczak was a professed agnostic. I do hope he met the One from Whom all hope came before it was too late. Even so, imagine if you will, the hope we have to give through

the Good News of Jesus Christ that Korczak didn't have. Also imagine what greater things he might could have accomplished if he had of known Christ. As Christians, we have a great power and potential within us today. Let us not waste it...

"I exist not to be loved and admired, but to love and act. It is not the duty of those around me to love me. Rather, it is my duty to be concerned about the world, about man."
- Janusz Korczak

*** (Treblinka was an extermination camp built by the Nazis and located in a forest northeast of Warsaw, Poland. It is said that between July 23, 1942 and October 19, 1943 an estimated 700,000 – 900,000 Jews were killed in its gas chambers along with 2,000 Romani people.)***



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K. M.

I worked in a Woolworth store from 1953 - 1955 while going to high school. I went every day after school and on Saturdays. Back then the stores did not have air-conditioning or electronic cash registers. I had to add everything up myself and figure change. I guess it kept my mind sharper without using a calculator! I loved working in the jewelry department and always had the latest style earrings. I still have some of them! I think I worked in every department they had in the two years I worked there. I remember it was such an honor in those days to be picked to work in their stores.

S. A.

I remember Wright's Pharmacy from when I was a kid in South Carolina. I remember you could get

a cherry Coke and grilled cheese for pocket change, but it was the early 1960's. Those were the days when the pharmacy also had a short-order grill and soda fountain!

C. D.

In my hometown of the 1960's, the A&W Root Beer Stand and Noel's Drive In were the hang outs. They were also favorite cruising stop offs. We ordered hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, and cokes through a drive-in type speaker, and a car-hop would deliver your food and drinks on a tray that hung on your window. I remember the Papa Burger, the Mama Burger, the Teen Burger, and the Baby Burger were popular at A&W Root Beer Stand.

E. P.

"Mother's Day"

We'd like your help for an upcoming edition of "And Finally..."

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