

Jesus Changes Lives

By Sherri Walker

My mind was full of confusion and I sought relief.
My life was filled with turmoil, my soul was full of grief.
My head had been filled with so many lies, I didn't know what was truth.
I just wanted this pain to go away, I didn't feel like I could survive it another day.
I was sick to my stomach when I thought of the life I had led.
I felt so all alone, my eyes had no tears left to shed.
If only I knew of someone I could meet.
All I needed was a little help in getting back on my feet.
I cried out for help and threw my hands in the air.
I wondered if there was help for me anywhere out there.
Then as I walked along the road with my head hanging to the ground,
I saw a piece of paper blowing around.
I picked it up, it was a gospel tract,
The title said, "I can help you win your life back"!
I thought to myself, how, and who could this be,
inside the booklet it said, my name is Jesus, just call upon me.
This person said He was the way, the truth, and the life,
and if I trusted in him He could make things right.
As the tract instructed, I got on my knees,
and cried out to Jesus saying, "Will you help me, PLEASE"!
I don't know you but I am willing to seek you as you say,
and give my life over to you and trust you all the way.
From that day my life changed, my days no longer were grey,
Oh how thankful I am I found my help in JESUS on that fateful day.

A Seventeenth Century testimony
He is a path, if any be misled,
He is a robe, if any naked be,
If any chance to hunger, he is bread,
If any be a bondman, He is free,
If any be but weak, how strong is He,
To dead men life He is, to sick men, health,
To blind men sight, and to the needy wealth,
A pleasure without loss, a treasure without stealth.
(Giles Fletcher)



LINDEN LODGE WORSHIP SERVICE

July 11, 2010

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Linden Lodge Worship Service

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Thought for the Week:

Jesus understood the individual, and had leisure for him (T.R. Glover)

Key Verse: "Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee." Luke 17:11

Opening and Prayer:

Songs:

Dare to be A Daniel 605

God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall 574

Scripture Reading:

Luke 17:11-19

Psalm 40:1-8

Message : Nic:

Jesus reaches out to the unlikely.

Closing Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness 90

Benediction: Hardy

Postlude: Jean Thiessen

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point in their journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt and said nothing but wrote in the sand, "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking until they came to an oasis where they decided to take a bath. The one who got slapped got stuck in the mire and began to drown but his friend saved him.

After he had been rescued from the near drowning he wrote on a **stone**, "Today, my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand but now you wrote in stone. Why?"

The other friend replied, " When someone hurts you, you should write it in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it. But when someone does something good for us we should engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

Learn to write your hurts in sand and to carve your blessings in stone.

How Time Heals by Henri Nouwen

"Time heals," people often say. This is not true when it means that we will eventually forget the wounds inflicted on us and be able to live on as if nothing happened. That is not really healing; it is simply ignoring reality. But when the expression "time heals" means that faithfulness in a difficult relationship can lead us to a deeper understanding of the ways we have hurt each other, then there is much truth in it. "Time heals" implies not passively waiting but actively working with our pain and trusting in the possibility of forgiveness and reconciliation.