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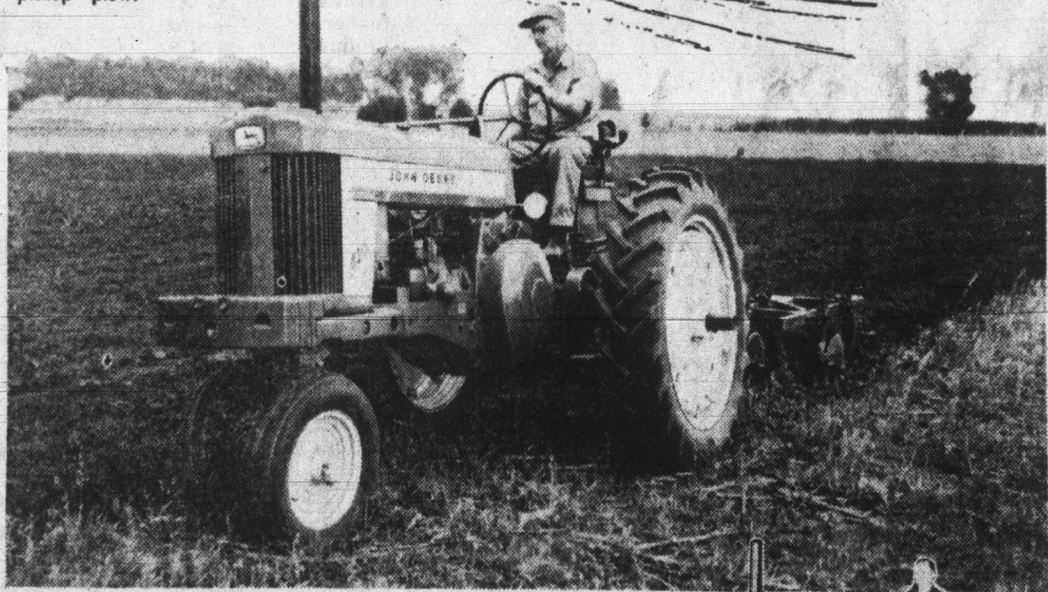
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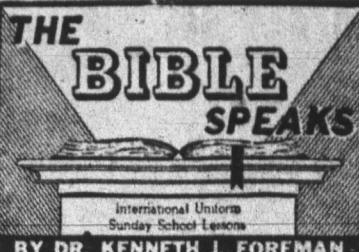
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In God's School

Lesson for April 20, 1958

YOU can study for almost any profession you choose—business, farming, medicine, law, the ministry; all except one. As a college president said once: "There are no courses leading to the presidency of a college." Where are the doctors of tomorrow? Look in the medical schools. Where are the ministers? Look for them in the seminaries. Where are the college presidents? Almost anywhere—in business, in graduate school, practicing law, preaching. They don't realize they are being prepared for a big job, but they are. This is true of all sorts of leaders. Man can prepare professionals; but only God can prepare a leader.

Learning by Failure
What we call "Providence," God's ordering and controlling the circumstances of life, becomes his way of preparing and educating those whom he raises up to be leaders. The story of Moses is a case in point. There was one unique feature of his education that was peculiar to his case. Perhaps it has happened to no one else in the history of the world. Thanks to his mother and the Egyptian princess together, he not only had the best of education in the capital of the world's then greatest civilization, but he also was brought up to know the true God. Secular education and religious education: he enjoyed, free, the best of each. Not many leaders have been so fortunate.

But Moses shared with most men who have risen to leadership an educative experience very hard to take at the time, namely the experience of failure. He must have learned by it, for he never tried it again. In his eagerness to help his fellow-Hebrews he committed a murder. He thought it the perfect crime, no doubt, for "he looked this way and that, and saw... no man." But it was known, all the same, and he had to leave Egypt. The point is, he learned by that tragedy that simple blind brute force is not the way to change a bad situation. The power of leadership does not depend on power of killing. The most violent man is seldom the most valued leader.

Learning by Familiarity

The forty years Moses spent in the wilderness, as Jethro's hired man and son-in-law, were a complete contrast to all his earlier life. No doubt Moses must have acquired what nowadays is called an inferiority complex. We do know that when God called him, he put up a number of excuses. But in those long years "behind the beyond," Moses was learning everything about the wilderness of Sinai. The whole region was home to him. He knew the hard life of the desert tribesman, he knew every little creek and water-hole, he knew which plants could be eaten and which were poison, he knew the friendly tribes and the treacherous ones. What he did not realize at the time was that God was seeing to it that he became familiar with the details of the scenes of his great life-work.

Learning by Hardship

One difference between a good leader and a "phony" one is that the false one demands much in return—wealth, comforts, luxuries, adulation, fame. He does not care much about the people he leads, indeed he despises them; but he cares a great deal about himself. The true leader, be he a Garibaldi or a Saint Paul, does not ask others to do what he will not do himself, and he is willing to suffer a great deal if only his people can win through. Moses also, though brought up in luxury, was a poor man when he set out to lead Israel to the Promised Land; and he died just as poor. His salary during all the long years when he was Israel's leader was just nothing at all. They lived hard and he lived hard. The point is, God was preparing him for that, by his long hard years as Jethro's sheep-herder. He was learning that a man can live on little, and like it. Every hardship and privation which he experienced in the back country—and it all must have been specially hard for a man of his lush background—was just another lesson in the Course in Hardship, a required course in the University of Hard Knocks. Not every one knows what Moses did: the head of that school is—God.

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Rural Churches

ST. PAUL MISSIONARY CHURCH

Robert R. Welch, Pastor

Sunday
9:15 Morning Worship.
10:15 Sunday School.

Wednesday
7:15 Choir Practice.

7:30 Prayer and Bible Study.

Thursday

Ladies Aid will meet in the parsonage for an all day meeting.

PLEASANT MILLS BAPTIST

Oakley Masten, pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Lowell Noll, S.S. Supt.

Read Mark.

ST. LUKE EVANG. and REF. CHURCH HONDURAS

Louis C. Minsterman, minister

9:00 Church service. Sermon by the minister.

10:00 Sunday School.

ST. JOHN EVANG. and REF. CHURCH VERA CRUZ

Louis C. Minsterman, minister

9:30 Sunday School.

10:30 Church service. Sermon by the minister.

UNITED CHAPEL EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Lawrence T. Norris, Pastor

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9:30 Sunday School. Warren Nidlinger Supt. Rolland Gilliom, Assistant.

10:20 Worship Service.

"Evening Service"

7:30 Evening Worship.

"Wednesday Evening"

7:30 Prayer Meeting. Omer Merriam Leader.

MONROE METHODIST CHURCH

Willis Gierhart, Minister

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

"My Presence Shall Go With Thee."

10:30 a.m. Church School.

2:00 p.m. County S. S. Convention.

7:00 p.m. M. Y. F.

7:30 p.m. Pleasant Mills High School Choir.

Wednesday

6:30 Junior Choir.

7:15 Special Study Course.

8:15 Adult Choir.

Thursday

Conference W. S. C. S. Meeting at Kokomo.

6:30 p.m. M. Y. F. Banquet.

PLEASANT DALE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

John D. Mishler, Pastor

Service an Standard Time

8:30 a.m. Sunday School with Mr. Loren Liechty as superintendent and Mrs. Valers Liby as Children's director. Classes for you and your family.

9:30 a.m. Morning worship with attention being given to Christian College Sunday. Rev. T. Quentin Evans, professor of Sociology at Manchester College, will bring the message, "That They May be Educated."

The Flue-Ultra S. S. Class will meet at the parish hall at noon Sunday for a carry-in dinner and afternoon meeting.

6:30 p.m. evening worship service.

Wednesday Cottage Prayer service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yager at 6:30 p.m.

MT. TABOR METHODIST

George D. Christian, pastor

Morning Worship — 9:00 a.m.

Church School — 10:00 a.m.

Mid Week Service — Thursday 7:30.

MT. PLEASANT METHODIST

George D. Christian, Pastor

Church School — 9:15.

Morning Worship — 10:15.

Evening Service — 7:30.

BERNE CIRCUIT UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

D. C. Johnston pastor

Apple Grove

9:30 Sunday School.

10:30 Morning Service.

8:00 Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting in charge of Mrs. Ella Ulrich.

Winchester

9:00 Sunday School.

10:00 Class Meeting in charge of Miss Esther Hirschy.

7:30 Evening Worship.

7:30 Wednesday evening Prayer Study. Topic A Christian and his Church.

SALEM EVANGELICAL and REFORMED CHURCH

H. E. Settlage, Minister

R. F. D. 1, Decatur

9:00 Sunday School. Classes for all age groups. The assistant teachers will relieve the regular teachers.

10:00 Worship Service. Sermon, "Marvellous Grace."

Wednesday 7:30 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Saturday 10:00 Childrens Choir Rehearsal.

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Hoagland

Robert L. Whitenack, pastor

Russell Jones Sunday School Superintendent.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

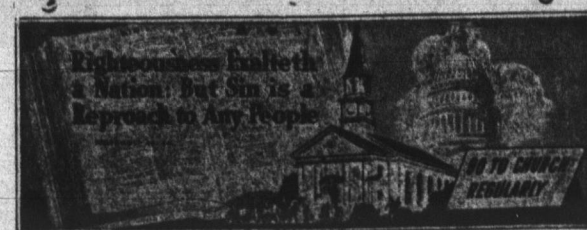
Monday 7:30 Sunday School Teachers meeting at church.

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Luther League meeting at home of Pat Hoffman — topic leader Arlo Hoffman.

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WREN CIRCUITS E.U.B. CHURCHES

A. N. Straley, pastor

Bethel:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Lesson: "God Prepares a Leader."

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

The Rev. Evon Hedley, Wheaton, Ill., Guest Minister.

7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship.

8:00 p.m. Evening Worship.

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Sermon by the Pastor: "As Many As Received Him".

Wood Chapel:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Sermon: "As Many As Received Him."

Thursday

Bethel:

8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Wood Chapel:

8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Count Your Blessing

Rev. J. R. Meadows

One of the duties of all of us is to recognize our blessings from Almighty God. We have them, and many of them each day. In fact, we have become so accustomed to them that we take them as matter of course, and grumble if we are deprived of them. It is very easy to feel that we have a right to them, instead of recognizing that they are a gift of our heavenly Father's love to undeserving children, and that therefore we ought to be very grateful for them, and do what we can to show our gratitude. Thankfulness is a duty as well as a blessing, and he who refuses to acknowledge his obligations to his heavenly Father for

the blessings of life is undeserving of them. Let us thank Him every day.

How thankful we should be that that we have the freedom of worship in these United States today and let us show our appreciation by being in the church of our choice next Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE VERSE

"Blessed be the God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

Ephesians 1:3.

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