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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."—HEBREWS 11:1.

Christian faith is an indispensable asset in overcoming the conflicts of life. It often determines whether we shall go down in defeat or rise in triumph.

Before writing his great masterpiece, "The Messiah," Handel was so disheartened by his tragic experiences that he almost despaired. He had lost his health; his right side was paralyzed; his money was gone; and his creditors seized and threatened to imprison him. For a brief time he was tempted to give up his fight. But faith prevailed and he composed his greatest work, "The Hallelujah Chorus."

The world is a place for growing souls, and all great personalities with faith emerge victorious from the conflict. Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." And St. John wrote: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

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The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it.

—GEORGE WASHINGTON

"I Understand"

From somewhere in the South Pacific, an Iroquois County Illinois family received the following letter, reprinted from the Iroquois County Times of Watseka, Illinois:

Dear Family:

It is nice to hear from you after such a long period of waiting, but it is unpleasant to learn of the many hardships brought about by your changed conditions of living—all of which I can readily understand because there has been considerable change in my living conditions, too.

It is too bad that you are limited in the use of the family car, and have to mess around with gas coupons and walk so much. I know how it is to have to walk, for my walking has been through miles of swamp and jungle. So I understand!

It is too bad, too, to have your choice of food so limited. I have experienced this also, except that there is no choice here. So again, I understand!

It is a shame that Willie has to work so many hours a day at the defense plant. But I have to work night and day at this defense plant. So again, I understand!

It is too bad that you all have so little time for amusements. But then I am deprived of

amusements, too. So I understand!

It is a shame that you are paid so little for the long hours and the hard work you put in. But I only receive a fraction of the pay you get. So, I understand!

It is too bad that you have to live under all the annoying little rules and regulations. But then we have rules and regulations here, too. So, you see, I understand.

Winning this war is hard on all of us. You work hard, put in long hours, have to limit your ordinary activities and forego much of the customary pleasures. And so do I, so I understand! But, during all of these long hours, hard work and changed conditions, I get shot at! DO YOU UNDERSTAND????

Your loving brother,
BILL

Sunday Divine Services

Protestant	1000	Memorial Hall
Roman Catholic	0615	Gerrard Hall
	1000	Hill Music Hall
Jewish	1000	Graham Memorial

Chaplain's Office Hours: Daily, 0830-1700; Monday and Wednesday, 0830-1800. Father Sullivan will be in Chaplain's Office on Tuesdays, 1845-1930. Confessions: Saturdays in Gerrard Hall, 1900-2015.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

G. I. Geneva

—(CNS)

