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**International Sunday School Lesson**  
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**"SONS OF THE KINGDOM"**

Memory Selection: "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body."

—(2 Corinthians 5:10)

Lesson Text: Matthew 13.

Studying the text of our lesson for today, we pause to reflect how best Christians can witness in this somewhat perplexing world of competing loyalties.

Matthew 13 a collection of parables (which was Jesus' way of teaching the multitudes who gathered to listen to him). The stories caught the fancy of the listeners, and oftentimes they puzzled them enough that they thought about them sufficiently to withdraw from them the essence of Jesus' text; when they

could not do that, themselves, Jesus' way of saying that Christianity was not to be approached with a frivolous mind, but soberly, and with much thought.

Be that as it may, today's lesson provides food for thought as we endeavor to interpret it and apply it to our own times and attitudes.

Every newborn individual may be interpreted as the "good seed" sown in the field—or this earth. And just as every plant is exposed to the danger of being choked by weeds, so every life is threatened by evil ways surrounding it. Perhaps, indeed, one of the essentials of the parable about the sower of seeds, is the fact that while he and his servants slept, the enemy crept in and scattered the weeds among the good seeds.

Therein lies a lesson for us—that we must ever be on the alert; if we are not, and we do not have high standards in regard to the life we live—standards of moral integrity and justice—then, too often, the "weeds" of the world sneak into our lives without warning, and before we know it the "just once" of unfaithfulness in marriage, the "just once" borderline act of corruption, takes root and the "just once" leads to another time, and then another, and before we know it, we are undermined.

There is another lesson in this parable for us, too. The servants wanted to gather the weeds; the sower forbade them to do so, un-

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While it is true, weeds do not change their nature, this does not necessarily hold true of mankind. Men CAN change; they have a brain, a heart, and a soul. They are also endowed with a conscience. No man, no matter how greatly he has sinned, should be condemned as worthless. He has the ability to change. Jesus realized this; this was why he went among those who were commonly held to be beyond redemption; his mission was not to save those who acknowledged the Kingdom and held true to its concepts; rather, his mission was to win converts to the Kingdom by giving sinners every opportunity to seize the glorious gift being offered them, and so benefit from it. Thus a greater part of his teaching ministry was spent among those who needed it most.

We must never lose sight of the fact that the practice of the Gospel was to teach; if we are to be worthy of the name of Christianity... if we are to be truly "Sons of the Kingdom"... we must pattern our lives and our concepts on the life of Jesus.

We should never judge, nor condemn. Judgment should be left to One higher and more wise than we. We must never turn our backs on a fellow man because we are of the private opinion that he is beyond help or hope. Rather we must go out of our way to discipline ourselves to the point where we will extend a helping hand time and time again, despite maybe repeated rebuffs or no discernible acceptance or appreciation.

We must ever be cognizant of the fact that weeds and plants DO grow side by side; good and evil DO rub shoulders daily. Indeed, even the most casual of glances at the front pages of any daily newspaper serves as a constant reminder to us that we do not live in a "weedless" world. But, on the other hand, almost daily, too, we come into contact with evidence of kindly concern and integrity—the "good seed"—the "Sons of the Kingdom."

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**YOUTH RALLY WALNUT PRES. CHURCH FEB. 6**

Film, "Red Runs The River" Will Be Shown On Saturday Night

"RED RUNS THE RIVER" will be shown at the Walnut Presbyterian Church on Saturday night, Feb. 6th at 7:00 p. m. This film is one that you will not want to miss. Its subjects is the Civil War, but its impact will be far greater than that of the strife between the North and the South. The Walnut church extends a warm and cordial welcome to any and all who may be interested in this evening of entertainment and challenge.

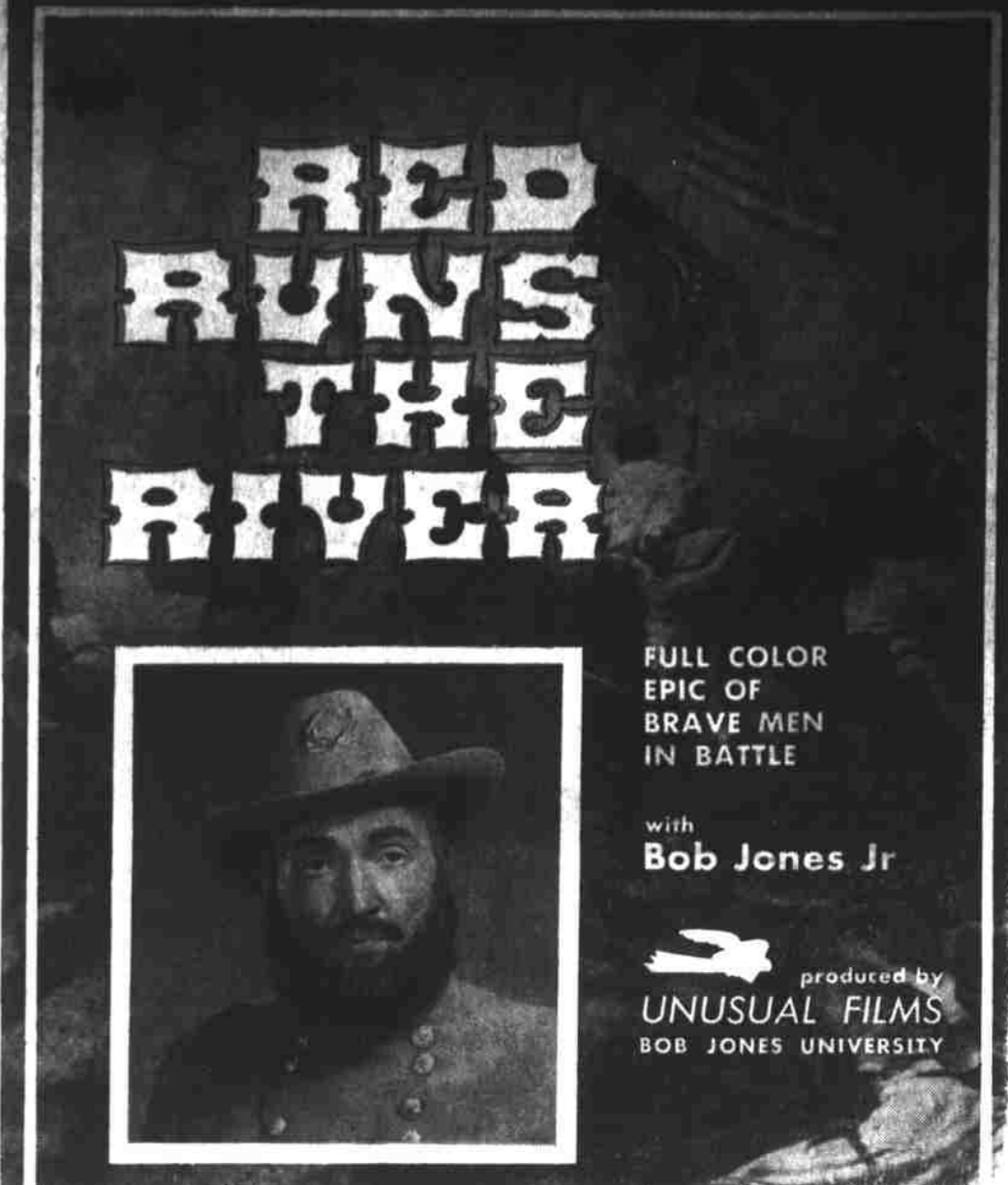
It has been said that "the waters of Bull Run ran red with the blood of valiant men as the rain washed over the fields of Manassas." "Red Runs the River" tells about brave men who shed their blood in defense of what they believed was right. But the film is more than a tale of conflict, of brother against brother; it is the story of warfare within the very soul of a man. The climax of the film occurs by the side of a little stream named Bull Run; but the real story is about a much broader river flowing through history, which determines the eternal destinies of men.

The American Civil War has been called "a war fought to music." Whether dressed in Blue or Gray, soldiers sang as they went into battle. Often, during a lull in the hostilities the opposing camps would "serenade" each other with "Dixie," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Just Before the Battle, Mother," "Goober Peas," and many more. They sang the majestic old hymns, such as "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," "There Is a Fountain," and "Amazing Grace."

Mood music is vital to any dramatic film but in a motion picture about the Civil War it is doubly important. Hence, the songs that were popular in the "singing 1860's" are heard throughout "Red Runs the River."

The showing of this film is a part of the week-end revival scheduled for Feb. 5 through 7, at the Walnut Presbyterian Church. Also, in conjunction with the meetings, there will be a youth rally on Saturday afternoon at 7:00 p. m.

**RED RUNS THE RIVER**



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"Over 14 million women 16 years of age or more are living in poverty in the United States," Miss Dianne McKaig, regional director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau said. This is 40 per cent of the 35 million persons reported to be living

in poverty throughout the nation. "These women are well acquainted with the kind of depressing, impoverished existence which is touching the conscience of America," Miss McKaig said. About 10.5 million live in families with incomes under \$3,000 a year, including 6.7 million wives living with their husbands, 2.3 more as family heads, some one half million 16- and 17-year old daughters who live at home, and about 1.2 million other women who live with relatives.

2:30. All youth in the junior and high school age are urged to attend. Bring your own sandwich and we will provide the rest of the meal. DON'T FORGET—that's at the Walnut Presbyterian Church Feb. 5, 6 and 7. Each service will begin promptly at 7:00 p. m.

"Recent Women's Bureau data also shows that 3.5 million women, who do not live in a family group, receive less than \$1,500 a year," the Women's Bureau official stated. According to statistics, women those who remain impoverished—include those who are poorly educated and unskilled, elderly or infirm, members of a minority group, and residents of an economically declining community.

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