

This Is One Job That Only You Can Do!

DOING IS THE GREAT THING. FOR IF, RESOLUTELY, PEOPLE DO WHAT IS RIGHT, IN TIME THEY COME TO LIKE DOING IT.

THE KEYS!

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Weekly Sunday School Lesson

For August 23, 1970 YOUR BIBLE IS YOUR MAJOR TEXTBOOK; STUDY IT

AN ADVENTURE IN FAITH

Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-3, 7; 22: 1-8; Devotional Reading: Romans 4: 13-25.

Memory Selection: Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Romans 4: 3.

LESSON OUTLINED: I. Divine Call. Vss. 1-3. II. God's Promises. Vs. 7. III. The Trial of Faith. Vss. 1-8.

CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Divine does not work apart from the human, but with it, and by it.

COMMENTS ON LESSON:

1. Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

7. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land; and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

1. And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8. And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering; so they went both of them together.

FOREWORD: The call which Abram received, whether spoken in a dream or not, was very clearly articulated. The summons called upon him to emigrate from Ur, and was regarded by Abram to be Divine; and so is the gospel invitation, which through the medium of a written word has been conveyed to men, essentially a message from the lips of God. The Divine has many ways in which He puts his hand upon men.

Abram's call was outstanding and selective—coming to him alone of all the members of Terah's family, of all the descendants of the line of Shem, of all the citizens of Ur, of all the inhabitants of earth. And, the gospel invitation which men now receive, is differentiating and elective, addressing itself to one individual and allowing another to remain uncheered by the joyful sound. In each case of surrender to the challenge of service, and the perils encountered, we are kept by an unwavering faith in God.

tested. He was to be the head of the faithful and type of the justified, therefore it was essential he should be tested. Entire obedience is the test of perfect faith. Abraham had shown his faith when he left his own land, and when he waited patiently for a son; now he was called upon to show it in a different way. In two former testings he had a promise to rest on; now he must go far without any promise to buoy him up in the perplexing sea of trial. But, one may ponder the sublimity of Abraham's faith. He was called upon to "Take now thy son," etc. This was agony, but somehow, by faith, the patriarch felt that God would see him through this ordeal. "My son, the Lord will provide!" And, the almighty God did provide a ram in the thicket, that would be used as the sacrifice, instead of his "only son." God went a step farther with us, he gave his only Son.

FOR MEDITATION SIDELIGHTS ON LESSON: Moral and Spiritual Excellence Only he who made the human heart can adequately search it; and he alone who has a perfect understanding of the standard of moral and spiritual excellence can pronounce upon the intrinsic worth of his creatures.

After all that had preceded, it might have been anticipated that not only were the patriarch's trials over, but that the need for such discipline in his case no longer existed. It shows that neither length of years nor ripeness of grace, neither conscious enjoyment of Divine favor nor previous experience of suffering, can exempt from trial or place beyond the need of testing; and that mostly "temptations" come at unexpected times, and in unlooked-for ways.

If trials are to be efficient they must be graduated to the strength of those they design to test. Only a temptation of great force could be of service in the case of moral heroism like Abraham's. The intensity of the strain put upon his soul by the astounding order to make a holocaust of Isaac, simply baffles description. Even on the supposition that Abraham was not unfamiliar with the practice of offering human victims, as it prevailed among the Canaanites and early Chaldeans. Painful doubt must have insinuated itself into his mind, as to the character of Jehovah, who in making such a barbarous and inhuman demand might seem little superior to the heathen deities around.

However, Abraham's faith enabled him to consent to this painful act of self-immolation with unhesitating promptitude. "Abram rose up early in the morning... and went unto the place of which God had told him."

III. The Trial of Faith: "Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." Abraham's great faith was

To Be EQUAL

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG

Myths About People

ONE of the biggest myths around these days is that there is a "silent majority" of Americans that supports the war and is against social reforms.

The center of the so-called silent majority is the white working class. Blue-collar workers who wave the flag and try to keep blacks out of their schools, neighborhoods, and unions, are portrayed as typical by the press and by political pundits.

But there is at least as much evidence to show that these white workers are hurting today, and that a lot of the bigotry some people show is but a symptom of their social and economic frustrations.

If this is so, then there is a good chance that blacks and whites can climb over the racial barriers to support programs of common interest. White workers have the voting power and the unified institutions such as trade unions, churches, and ethnic associations that could make them valuable allies in the fight for a better society.

Of course, getting through to some groups is no easy job. They've been fighting against their own interests for so long that a massive educational job is necessary. Just look at so many poor whites in the South, for example, who could be living much better lives today if they fought shoulder-to-shoulder alongside of their black brothers against the system that oppresses them both.

Working People Suffering

But the white working class today is no silent mass — it is increasingly restless. It suffers from the rising cost of living, from unemployment, expensive and inadequate medical care, crime, lack of decent housing, and all the other problems that hit black people, too.

It may give lip service to the war, but how long will it willingly send its sons to be killed for a cause it can't possibly understand? If it can be made to see that this ill-considered war is costing it economic security as well as the lives of its children it may be willing to see that real patriotism demands an end to the slaughter.

Young factory workers are different, too. News reports indicate that they are more restive, less willing to take orders, angry at boring, meaningless work, and no longer subject to union discipline and loyalty. Just as we have seen that there is a new breed of student, so too is there a new breed of worker. He's far less rigid, and might be willing to strike a coalition with blacks if that is the way he can get the system to respond to his needs.

There was a time when a truck driver and a hippie were seen as mutual enemies, and beating up on long-haired kids was considered a sport. But the recent teamsters' strike out West brought students and drivers together and the workers got a new understanding of the kids, and appreciated their support. Because the two groups had mutual aims, they were able to overcome mutual suspicions and hatreds.

Ethnic-groups too, can unite on issues. Italian-Americans recently demonstrated against what they called police harassment in New York. Well, blacks have been protesting police actions for a long time. Surely, if other groups feel the crunch, they will be in a better position to understand what blacks and other minorities have been yearning all these years.

Help Needed For Both Races

About 70 million people live in families that earn between \$5-10,000 a year. Most are white. When blacks call for economic reconstruction of the society to bring better conditions to poor and moderate income people, they are calling for measures that will help all those white people, too.

Economic security, meaningful jobs, expanded housing and medical programs, better schools, open admission to colleges — all these are measures black people are fighting for and are measures that will benefit most white people.

Many people in the Administration seem to be appealing to the bigotry and the ugly frustrations of that "silent majority." But you can't fool all the people all the time and sooner or later white workers are going to see where the action really is, and hopefully, they won't trade their lives and economic security for petty hatreds.

Now is the time for a massive educational campaign to be launched by civil rights groups and especially by white liberals, unionists, churches, and ethnic associations to forge the coalitions that will channel the aimless frustrations of white workers into action to make this a better society for all of us.

Christian Leadership

(By DONALD LOVE)

will soon be overcome.

In our society, we have many professions. There are physicians, lawyers, and businessmen just to mention a few.

The physicians are dedicated to their profession to the extent that they do not want to lose a patient, the same is true with lawyers in regard to their clients.

Can our Christian leaders make the same statement? Are they as interested in seeing that souls are saved as a lawyer is about a client in court?

If this isn't the case with our Christian leaders, then something is definitely wrong in this field.

"If one can chase a thousand, two can put ten thousand to flight." Why do we have so much violence, murdering and immoral acts in our society? God forbid.

When Man learns to carry out God's program the way God intends, rather than using his ideas, the world's problems

The word "faith" is so mistakenly used and practiced, it has become just a word, we live by faith.

Christian living today is not any better than non-Christian living and this is why Christian leadership has lost its saving power.

We possess the characteristic of human beings, we want to win rather than lose. The Christian family is one team and the non-Christian family is another. It is very important, necessary and imperative for us to make a decision on which of the two teams we are to play. As for me, I am a member on the Christian team and with my faith in this team, we are going to win.

I am willing to make all the necessary sacrifices required to be a part of a member of this team. I do hope and pray many more of you are willing to make sacrifices to become a member so that good and sound leadership can and will be established.

Primer For Air Travel

It is important for each of us to seek new ways to enrich our understanding of this fast changing world. Something new for tens of millions of people would be the experience of flight in a modern jetliner.

An advertisement appearing in the August issue of The Reader's Digest will be particularly useful and pertinent to successful living in the jet age since it provides the answers to questions which people who have never flown generally have about air travel. To the question, "Is it safe?", the Digest points out that you are 24 times safer in a jetliner than you are riding an equal distance in the family car. Another question that many people have is, "Does it cost a lot?". The answer is no. Two hours on a quiet, roomy, jetliner costs a family a good deal less than two days of nervous strain and hard driving in the

family car. For those with physical handicaps, air travel is actually many times more comfortable than any other form of transport. A phone call to any airline will get you all the information you want on schedules and service to any point in the world. The Digest piece even tells you what to do at the airport from curbside to reserved seat in the airplane.

To the final question, "Is it really as great as they say?", the answer is yes. The silver wings of the jet age are a magic carpet within the financial reach of just about everyone. The ease and economy with which they can move you or your family to far away places on business or pleasure cannot be imagined. The horizon broadening and personally rewarding travel opportunities of the jet age must be experienced to be appreciated.

FACTS ABOUT THE NEGRO

NEGROES CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1512!



THAT HE DIDN'T COME UNTIL 1619 IS ENTIRELY FALSE. HE CAME WITH THE SPANIARDS TO FLORIDA AND FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS HELPED PIONEER AS FAR WEST AS KANSAS AND CALIFORNIA AND NORTH TO VIRGINIA. ESTEVANICO, A NEGRO, LED THE EXPEDITION THAT DISCOVERED ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.



IN 1912, THE GERMAN REICHTAG BY A VOTE OF 208 TO 133, LEGALIZED MARRIAGE BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK IN GERMAN AFRICA, THEREBY RAISING THE STATUS OF THE NEGRO WOMEN WHO BEFORE THIS ACTION WERE ONLY CON-CUBINES.

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This Week In Negro History

ONE hundred and twenty-nine years ago (1841) on Tuesday of this week the first Negro to serve in the Indiana Legislature was born. He was James M. Townsend who served as a minister and teacher. Mr. Townsend died in 1913.

AUGUST 17 — John S. Leary, a leader of unusual ability, integrity and versatility, was born in 1854. Archibald Henry Grimke

(1846-1880), lawyer, journalist and U.S. Consul to Santo Domingo, born.

AUGUST 19 — Hannibal was accompanied by Negroes on an exhibition 218 BC.

AUGUST 20 — Twenty Negroes were brought to Jamestown in 1619.

AUGUST 21 — Nat Turner's insurrection occurred in 1831 in Southampton county, Va.