

IS YOUR LIFE A YES OR NO TO JESUS?

Jno. 21:5

The world to day loves excitement. Let us go back to a day when there was some real "Shore nuff" excitement. When we go back to the particular time we have in mind we find the whole country round about stirred as it had never been before. What is all about? Why a dead man got up out of his grave and is walking around over the country. You talk about people being thrilled they had one in those days. If the same thing would happen here in our town the people would be frantic. To add to it, it was not only a man who had stepped out of death but it was now evident in the face of peoples hither to doubt that the one causing all this excitement was the SON of God.

Just here it will be well to say that around the character of Jesus there is enough excitement for any body. It is the kind of excitement that will not hurt people either. And here is something for us to think about. If we do not get this kind of excitement which clusters around the being of Jesus and which does not hurt us there will be a day when it will be changed around. The excitement will happen out yonder where we will cry for the rocks to fall upon us and hide us from the face of HIM who sits on the throne of judgement.

In all this stir some of the disciples who had been with Jesus learning to fish for men had gone back to fish for fish. This pictures if you please quite a big fact in human life. If people can in a way kill the Son of God and get Him laid under the earth out of sight, as they are trying to do in many places today, it is easy for people to slump back from that greatest of all vocations of life--fishing for men and go to fishing for fish--the things that they can see.

I can hear the disciples talking for they had much to talk about. Jesus had been seen twice by the disciples since He arose from the dead. They toiled and fished all night with no success. But next morning as they no doubt still talked of Him He appeared on the bank. The same fact holds good to day that when people think and talk of Jesus and yearn as no doubt they yearned He appears. *The Trip to Emmaus*

As He appeared and stood by their toil He asked them, "Children, have ye here any meat?" They answered Him, "No." Jesus was no doubt asking them about just plain fish. But the real meat which Jesus is most interested in is to do the will of Him who sent Him and to finish His work. In Jno. 4:34 we have these words, "Jesus saith unto them, 'My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work.'" As Jesus stands by the toil of the world As He stands by the professions of the world. As He stands by His church to day He is ever asking, "Children have ye here any meat?"

And we have to answer either "Yes" or "No." If we have something in our lives that we are proud of we are glad to say yes when people ask us if we have it. This just seems to be natural. On the other hand we hate to say no that we do not possess the good thing asked for. The case of my knife when I was a boy. I walked half a mile to get it. But now if you are guilty of some crime and brought before the court and asked "Guilty or not guilty" you hate to answer "Yes". If you are in a strange community or a revival meeting and some one asks you if you are a member of the church, you are mighty glad to be able to say "Yes". A whole lot of embarrassment can be kept down to us and our family by just doing the right thing.

Here was their Lord at breakfast time and asking if they had any meat. I know that they were sorry to say "No." To Jesus who is all and in all to us we would surely be sorry to say if He should ask us if we had any meat "No."

Teher was a reason why they had no meat. They had been fishing on the wrong side of the boat. Their position was wrong. There are people in our churches today who are not catching people, who are not doing God's will, and who are not helping to finish His work because they are in the wrong side--in the wrong attitude. It was my experience to know a woman in my church who worried because people would not send their little children to her S.S. class. But a father talking to me let the cat out of the water when he said "Brother Wroten you are going to have to get another teacher for the little folk's class." I said "why?" He said the parents are objecting to a woman having charge of their children when she is running all over this country to every dance she hears of. I talked to the lady about it and she said that she saw no harm to dancing. I said well the parents want you to give up one or the other so for two years she gave up the church. But her conscience sent her back. Your attitude toward what the church has stood for all these years will determine whether you win souls or not.

Some one says that he has to get down where the people are to win them. That is all right but in getting down where they are you must not make the mistake of becoming what they are. We must never fail to show our sympathy and at same time must not fail to show our religion.

Jesus told them where to fish and by fishing where He said they caught an abundance. To day we are fishers of men. Now if we fish under the direction of Jesus we will catch fish. "He that abideth in me and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit." Jesus tells us where and how to fish. We know where to fish by seeing the open door. The door opens for me to preach at Indianola. It opens for Brother Tanner to teach here. It opens for Brother Livingston to teach here. It opens to others to do this or that. If we enter consecratedly we catch men and women. "Children, have ye here any meat."

We can have this meat-- which is doing the will of God by making the world better. No one wants to come to the end of life and have it to say that the world was made continually worse by his living in it. The biggest sinner really wants to go to heaven and usually expects to.

We can catch men and do God's will by making the world wiser. People need wisdom which is applied knowledge.

We can bring forth meat for God by making the world happier.
We do not want to be a greuch but a Christian.

DO YOU WISH THE WORLD WERE BETTER?
LET ME TELE YOU WHAT TO DO
SET A WATCH UPON YOUR ACTIONS
KEEP THEM ALWAYS STRAIGHT AND TRUE.
RID YOUR MIND OF SELFISH MOTIVES
LET YOUR THOUGHTS BE CLEAN AND HIGH
YOU CAN MAKE A LITTLE EDEN
OF THE SPHERE YOU OCCUPY.

DO YOU WISH THE WORLD WERE WISER?
WELL SUPPOSE YOU MAKE A START
BY ACCUMULATING WISDOM
IN THE SCRAPBOOK OF YOUR HEART.
DO NOT WASTE ONE PAGE ON FOLLY
LIVE TO LEARN AND LEARN TO LIVE
IF YOU WANT TO GIVE MEN KNOWLEDGE
YOU MUST GET IT, ERE YOU GIVE IT.

DO YOU WISH THE WORLD WERE HAPPY?
THEN REMEMBER DAY BY DAY
JUST TO SCATTER SEEDS OF KINDNESS
AS YOU PASS ALONG THE WAY
FOR THE PLEASURES OF THE MANY
MAY BE OFT TIMES TRACED TO ONE
AS THE HAND THAT PLANTS THE ACORN
SHELTERS ARMIES FROM THE SUN.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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determined to
leave off those things
that will hinder
you bearing fruit
for Jesus come let
us covenant to -
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Jm Fournier
E. G. Tanner
Wm Lockhart*



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