

A Letter to Exiles

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Scripture—II Kings 24:18; Jeremiah 29.



Jehoiakim dies and his son, Jehoiachin, succeeds him, continues the war with Babylon and is carried into captivity. Jehoiachin becomes king of Judah. II Kings 24:18.

Jeremiah writes the exiles to make the best of things, to settle down, build homes, raise families and pray for Babylon's peace and welfare. Jeremiah 29:1-7.

False prophets among them should not be hearkened to, for after seventy years the exile will end and God will return the Jews to Palestine. Jeremiah 29:8-23.

Jeremiah's letter ends with a final warning against the promises of false prophets who denounce him. Jeremiah 29:24-28.

MEMORY VERSE: "And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace."—Jeremiah 29:7.

DEFEAT, DISCOURAGEMENT

God's Message Of Hope

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following material relating to tomorrow's Sunday School lesson is based on copyright material produced by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches in the U.S. and is used by permission. By R.H. RAMSEY Today's lesson covers the last days of Judah's history, up to the time of the final invasion of Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C. Jehoiakim, placed upon the throne of Judah by the Egyptian ruler, at first paid tribute regularly, but after Nebuchadnezzar conquered Egypt, Jehoiakim became a Babylonian vassal. Eventually he rebelled against Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar gathered Judah's ancient enemies—Syrans, Moabites, Ammonites—together and made war. Jehoiakim died while the war was going on (588 B.C.), and was succeeded by his 18-year-old son, Jehoiachin. Though he reigned but three months, Jehoiachin was a "hanging" king who did evil in the sight of

the Lord. He continued the war against Babylon and the Lord allowed Nebuchadnezzar to take Jerusalem and send 10,000 inhabitants of the country—including the young ones, Jehoiachin—to Babylon as captives. Giving the Hebrews one last chance, Nebuchadnezzar put Zedekiah upon the throne. Zedekiah, however, was also sinful, and the Lord aused him to rebel unsuccessfully against Nebuchadnezzar. Now Nebuchadnezzar's patience was completely exhausted. He besieged Jerusalem, the city fell and was burned to the ground. Though the Jews had been set apart by God for a definite spiritual purpose, they had repeatedly deviated from His will, and ignored the warnings of the prophets sent by Him to bring them back to His way. As punishment God caused the nations to the north of Judah to band together, invade the country and carry the Jews into captivity. The first of the deportations took place in 598 B.C., and it is to these that Jeremiah's letter is written.

Though the Babylonians did not enslave the Jews, but allowed them to settle in their own communities and continue much the same type of life they had led at home, there is no doubt that the people were deeply discouraged and depressed at being in a foreign, idolatrous land. It must have come as a shock to read Jeremiah's first letter advising, as from God, that they settle down where they were and establish themselves firmly, for adults in exile would not be coming back to Palestine. They would remain in exile for 70 years—the exile actually lasted 49 years—and few of the older captives would survive. But their children and grandchildren would return to a new land with a new spirit. Jeremiah urged them to build houses, plant gardens, take wives and beget children, and to seek peace for the city of Babylon. This last exhortation is not so strange when you consider that the Jews' welfare for the entire exile was bound up in the welfare of Babylon. The Jews

needed a time of peace, and the only way to have it was for Babylon to remain at peace. "What could not be cured had to be endured." They could not change the situation. Therefore they had to submit patiently. Jeremiah had read them against hearkening to false speak in the name of God, but actually had no message from Him. Such false prophets had brought them trouble in their own land and, being taken captive with the others had, necessarily, followed them to Babylon. There they were creating false hopes among the people and Jeremiah exhorted his people to ignore them. The third and final portion of Jeremiah's letter is a prophecy concerning the future. First, after the 70 years had been passed in Babylon, the Lord could come for His people and return them to Palestine. It must be remembered that, at this same time, there were Hebrews from the Northern Kingdom of Israel also living in Babylon, descendants of the ten tribes which had broken away from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in 922 B.C., but this promise of restoration in no way applied to them for they had forsaken Jehovah and worshipped golden calves. Only Judah and Benjamin remained faithful and would survive.

Distribute Scriptures In Indonesia

Bible news from several lands shows in capsule what is happening throughout the world. 250,000 copies of Scriptures were circulated in Indonesia in the first nine months of this year. This comes about as a result of a new supply of publications from a new printing plant established recently by the Bible Society of Indonesia. Opened in February this printing plant was paid for, in part, by contributions to the Canadian Bible Society during last year. A special Scripture Selection, "The Bible Speaks of Liberty," has been published in the Argentine in connection with the 15th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in Argentina, being celebrated this year. Financial contributions by Japanese Christians to the work of translating and distributing the Bible in Japan, increased by 66 per cent last year. The Zambia Episcopal Conference (Roman Catholic) has given permission for school children to use the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, originally published for Protestants. One-half a million copies of the Scripture Selection, "Promises" (Johns 14:1-17) are being provided by the Bible Societies in Peru for an Evangelism-Indo-Peru campaign planned for 1967. DAILY BIBLE READINGS Sunday, Nov. 20: II Samuel 1. Monday, Nov. 21: II Samuel 7:1-17. Tuesday, Nov. 22: II Samuel 7:18-29. Wednesday, Nov. 23: II Samuel 9. Thursday, Nov. 24: Psalms 14. Friday, Nov. 25: Psalms 110. Saturday, Nov. 26: I Kings 17.

French Change Electoral Law

PARIS (AFP)—The French cabinet has decided on a new electoral law likely to unleash a howl of protest from the country's opposition parties on the ground it favors the Gaullists. Under the law, only candidates who win backing from 10 per cent of the electorate in the first ballot will be able to stand in the second. The effect of the law, to be applied in next March's general elections, will be to increase the number of straight fights between the Gaullist majority and the opposition. If the law had been applied in 1962 general elections, it would have eliminated about 60 opposition candidates and only three Gaullists. Some observers said the only way the new law might help the opposition would be to spur it to joint action. At present, the opposition is split between the Communists, the non-Communist left led by Francois Mitterrand and the Democratic Centre led by Jean Lecanuet. Joint action now is held up because of disagreement over whether or not to team up with the Communists.

Siamese Twins Are Separated

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (Reuters)—Siamese twin girls, separated in a 30-minute operation, were lusty and kicking in hospital incubators here Thursday. Doctors said the girls—Nomswele ("twins joined together") and Welekazi ("twin girls")—had an excellent chance of survival. A 29-year-old medical team, headed by J. H. Louw, professor of surgery at Cape Town University, separated the twins, who were joined from the lower end of the breastbone to the navel. The twin's mother, Mrs. Nlungile Siyepo, 31, delivered them unaided six days ago, and then walked five miles to a hospital.

5,000 DEMONSTRATE

TOKYO (Reuters)—Five thousand persons demonstrated here Friday demanding the resignation of Japanese Premier Eisaku Sato's government and the dissolution of the House of Representatives. Sato has been under fire because of recent allegations of misconduct among his cabinet ministers.

Trinity Celebrating 102nd Anniversary

Trinity United Church, Charlottetown celebrates its 102nd anniversary of the Church and 157 years since the forming of the Congregation. "Trinity had its beginning in 1778 and 1806 when services were held in homes of men like Benjamin Chappell and Joseph Avar. In 1807 Rev. James Buppitt became the first Methodist Minister. In 1863 the present building was erected and known as the "Brick Church". In 1857 Grace Church was built on Upper Prince Street, but in 1918 united with the "Brick Church" to be known as the First Methodist Church. Later changed to Trinity. In 1925 when the United Church of Canada was formed, (a union of Congregationalists, Methodists and the majority of Presbyterians) Trinity became a large and influential congregation. In 1910 Hearts Memorial Hall was built and has served as a centre of religious life. In 1958 a new congregation was known as Park Royal was established from Trinity. In 1959 extension work began in Spring Park. A new manse was built there in 1962 and this congregation became a Pastoral Charge in 1964 and the new church completed in June 1965. Mt. Herbert and Clifton (Sunday) were added to Trinity in 1961 as preaching places. In 1964 a new manse for Trinity was purchased and dedicated at 28 Admiral Street. In the Fall of 1965 a new center for Trinity known as Trinity Hall was opened at the rear of the Church. There has always been a close association between St. Paul's Anglican Church and Trinity Church.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel 235 Cumberland St. at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—ADULT SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 7:30 p.m.—Speaker: RON HARRIS "The Old Book . . . the New Birth . . . the Precious Blood . . . the Blessed Hope"

The Kirk of St. James Presbyterian Church in Canada Cor. Pownall & Fitzroy Founded 1835 Minister: Rev. Malcolm R. McCuaig, B.A., B.D. Director of Music: Mrs. Rosal Raymond ORGANIST: Miss Elizabeth Taylor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1966 9:45 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship Sermon: "WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?" Church Miss Nursery 11:30 a.m.—Children's Corner 7:30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship You are invited to worship with us.

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Grafton Streets The Reverend Donald A. Campbell, B.A., D.D. Mr. Royston F. Mungford, A.R.C.O. Organist and Director of Choirs

9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages. 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class 11:00 a.m. Nursery School 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "TRIUMPHANT FAITH" Rev. A. J. Gowland, M.A. Secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action of the Presbyterian Church in Canada Solo: "Abide With Me"—Liddle Mr. Loren MacLellan 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "LAYMEN IN THE CHURCH" Mr. Ralph Balderson Solo: "There Comes Another Morrow"—Sibelius Mr. Frank Wood WEDNESDAY: NOV. 23rd—MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY. A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

Central Christian Church 219 Kent Street MORNING— 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper Sermon: Mr. Russell Carr Anthem: "Beside Still Waters" (Hamblen) 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Speaker: Mrs. Vida Cass, missionary to Brazil Minister: William Weale Organist: Mrs. Shirley Beck WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

Sherwood Church of Christ (Meeting in Sherwood Elementary School) 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages Nursery through Adult class 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and the Lord's Supper Presiding: Mr. W. A. MacRae Sermon: Mr. Floyd MacKinnon We extend an invitation to all. A Church-planting project Central Christian Church, Charlottetown

St. Peter's Cathedral Rochford Square Anglican Church of Canada Ven. Archbishop J. R. Davies, M.A., L.Th., Rector Rev. Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. LL.D. Honorary Assistant Priest Miss Suzanne Brenton, Lic. Mus., Organist Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director Nov. 26—The Sunday next before Advent 8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist. 8:45 a.m.—Mottos 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School (11 a.m. Nursery) 11:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon 7:00 p.m.—Evensong (Chapel) Visitors are cordially welcome at all services.

St. Paul's Anglican Church Established 1769 by Royal Foundation The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector Organist and Choir Director George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (Choir) A.R.C.M. SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT 8:30 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION 9:45 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Junior, Senior and Bible Classes. 11:00 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Crib Nursery, Primary and Beginners Classes 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON COMMISSIONING OF VISITORS SERMON: "HELPERS OF JESUS CHRIST" Anthem: "Thine, O Lord, Is The Greatness" James Kent 7:00 p.m.—JOINT SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER AT TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Rev. John Ball—Officiating Rev. L. Elias—Froescher YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES.

8:45 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors (ages 9-18) 11:00 a.m.—Primary, Kindergarten and Nursery (3-5) 11:00 a.m.—Crib Room up to two years (Social Hall) 11:00 a.m.—ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY Sermon: "WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) Junior Choir: "Beautiful Saviour" Healey Willan Junior Choir: "A Spring Carol" "Lauds una carmen" Intermediate Choir: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" (C. S. Lang) Senior Choir: "O Taste and See"—John Goss 7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "THE CHARTER OF CHRISTIANITY" Rev. Louis Elias Anthem: "Sing Alleluia Forth" Eric Thiman—Senior Choirs of St. Paul's Anglican and Trinity United Church. The combined choirs of St. Paul's Anglican and Trinity United Church will lead in the singing and St. Paul's congregation will join with us in worship and at the conclusion a fellowship hour will be held in the Social Hall. "You Are Welcome To Worship With Us"

The Salvation Army 176 Great George Street Capt. and Mrs. Ray Nelson Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness Meeting—11 a.m. Salvation Meeting—7 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Home League (Public meeting) Thursday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting. A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY

CALVARY TEMPLE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA Upper Prince Street Rev. Cyril Clarke, Pastor 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerdale station 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service You will receive a warm welcome at Calvary Temple

BIRCHWOOD FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (Birchwood St. near Longworth Ave.) Minister: Rev. W. E. Underhay, B.A. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship VISITORS WARMLY WELCOME.

Christian Reformed Church 135 Mt. Edward Road (The first church in Sherwood) Rev. M. Dornbush, Minister (Phone 4-4721) 10:00 a.m.—YOUTH SINS AS SCARLET: WHITE AS SNOW" (The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper) 11:15 a.m.—Sunday School 2:30 p.m.—"THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS" Come and Worship with Us.

SHERWOOD - PARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Meeting in the Sherwood Women's Institute Hall Maple Avenue The Rev. Ian C. Glass, B.A., B.D., Minister 9:45 a.m.—Church School Classes for all ages 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship Sermon: "THE CHRISTIAN—WHO IS HE?" Next Sunday 3:00 p.m. Official erection of the congregation. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

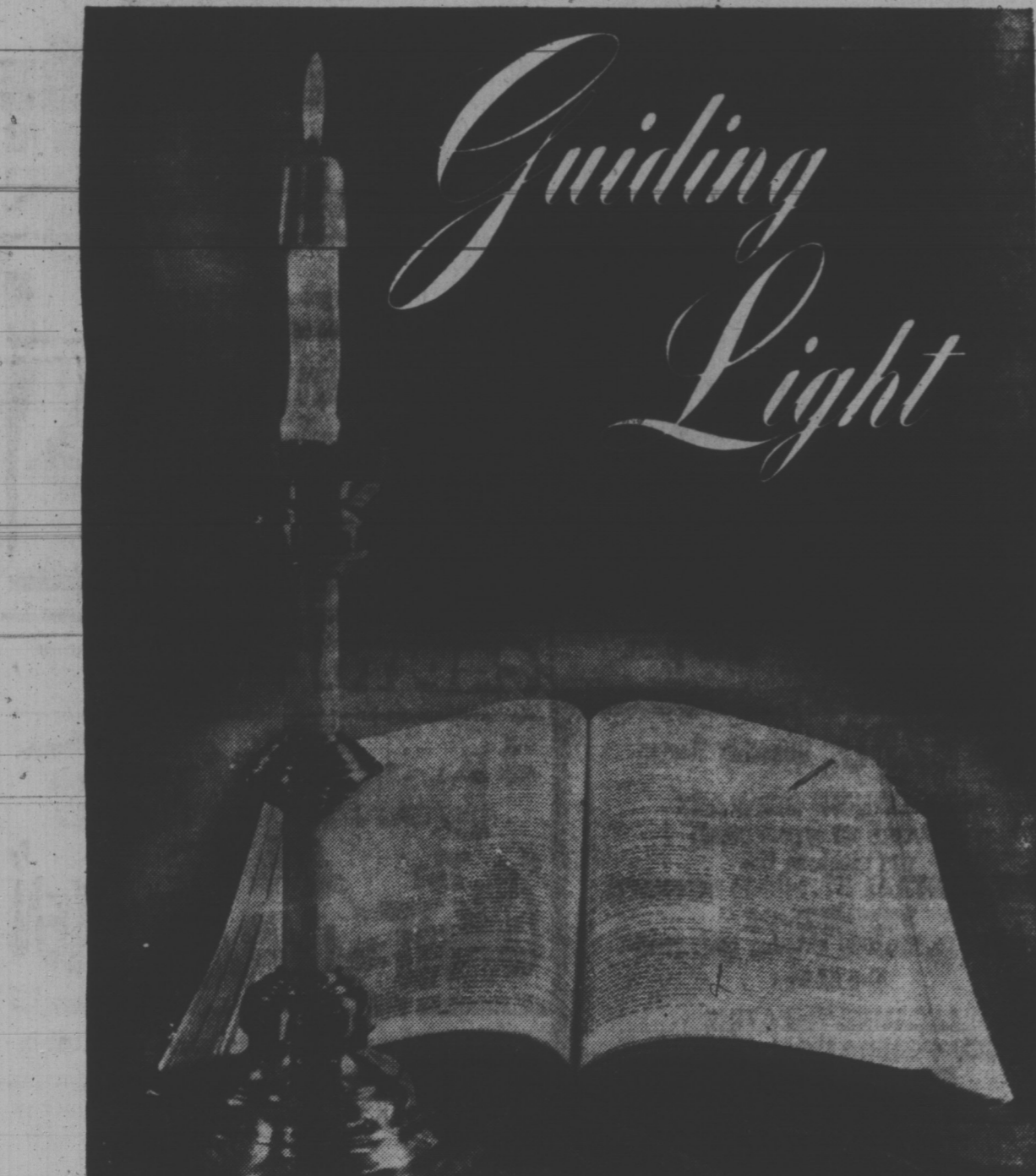
First Baptist Church Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets Rev. Malcolm F. Hazen, B.A., B.D., Minister Mrs. V. L. Dingwall, Organist and Choir Director 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—"SAVED THROUGH FAITH" Intermediate Girls' Choir: "All For My Sin" 7:00 p.m.—"FINGERNAIL CLEANER" Solo: Selected—Mrs. Douglas MacKenney Wednesday 7:30—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA (A Union of Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians)

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH (corner of Prince and Sydney Streets) Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyrras, B.A., B.D. Organist: Mr. Joseph E. Herdman 9:45 a.m.—Senior, Intermediate and Juniors (ages 9-18) 11:00 a.m.—Primary, Kindergarten and Nursery (3-5) 11:00 a.m.—Crib Room up to two years (Social Hall) 11:00 a.m.—ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY Sermon: "WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT" (Rev. J. G. E. Ball) Junior Choir: "Beautiful Saviour" Healey Willan Junior Choir: "A Spring Carol" "Lauds una carmen" Intermediate Choir: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" (C. S. Lang) Senior Choir: "O Taste and See"—John Goss 7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "THE CHARTER OF CHRISTIANITY" Rev. Louis Elias Anthem: "Sing Alleluia Forth" Eric Thiman—Senior Choirs of St. Paul's Anglican and Trinity United Church. The combined choirs of St. Paul's Anglican and Trinity United Church will lead in the singing and St. Paul's congregation will join with us in worship and at the conclusion a fellowship hour will be held in the Social Hall. "You Are Welcome To Worship With Us"

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH 28 Christie Drive, Parkdale Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. Leslie Elliott—Organist and Director of Choirs 9:45 A.M.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior Church School 11:00 A.M.—Nursery and Kindergarten Classes 11:00 a.m.—Crib Care in the Old Hall 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP Sermon: "NEW LIFE FOR OLD" Anthem: "Holy, Holy, Holy"—Tchaikovsky 11:00 a.m.—Crib Care in the old hall 11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School 7:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP Address: "THREE CHURCHES TODAY" —Mrs. J. H. Davies Anthem: "God who made earth and heaven" arr. Mattin ("The Junior Choir") YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH Kirkwood Drive Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Interim Organist: Mr. William Matthews 9:45 a.m.—Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: THIS IS OUR FAITH Men's Choir 7:15 p.m.—Adult Study Group YOU ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US



We no longer have to read the Bible by the light of a single candle. We can shine a whole battery of floodlights upon God's Holy Book if we want to. But sometimes we tend to interpret our lives in terms of technical achievement only. One night, while traveling, we stopped at a motel. In the stillness of the room, I heard my young son reading to his younger brother. I listened, surprised, for he was reading the motel's Bible. He stumbled over some of the words, but still there was a clarity to their meaning as he pronounced them. Passages, spoken in his childish voice, had a certain simplicity. Children approach things directly, with open minds and hearts. In this fashion, my young sons were approaching the Bible. In this fashion, so should many of us return to it again. Bring the Bible back into your life. You will find a guiding light to help you in the church of your choice.

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