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Personal Messages of Inspiration and Faith

Edited by Norman Vincent Peale

HOW MY FAITH HAS HELPED ME

By J. C. Penney

J. C. Penney, whose stores dot the country, is a business man who believes that Christianity is the important part of every day's activity. He believes that faith works in human affairs and has demonstrated this belief countless times.

One of our store managers wrote me recently that these times tend to fill everyone with pessimism. That should not be.

We should recognize our times for what they are: periods of tribulation but not of pessimism. They should inspire us to re-examine our faiths and to re-establish our convictions more firmly.

As long as we have any faith at all in God, we must know that He is all-powerful, that justice and right are His will for the world and that eventually His purpose will be established here on earth. Good emerges slowly, but we must not doubt His final outcome.

And just as with individuals, so as a nation will our fate be determined by our choice of the hard right, instead of the easy wrong. America was founded in prayer, in faith and in the heroic spirit of sacrifice. Comfortable living in easy-going years tends to soften us, and both our spiritual and our physical muscles become flabby.

Times like the present are testing periods. The harder they become, the more determined we should be not to be infected by doubts and fears which bedevil the world.

The present state of the world, and of people in it, does not shake my faith in the ultimate triumph of freedom and justice, for I was reared by parents whose faith in God and whose belief that right will triumph are too deeply ingrained in me to cause me to doubt.

Humble Folk

From a worldly standpoint, my parents were humble folk. My father was an old-school Baptist minister who preached the better part of his lifetime and never took one penny of remuneration for it. He earned his living as a farmer. Though brought up very strictly, I have always been thankful that my parents were God-fearing, for I learned early to honor and obey them—and to work.

If I could get a message over to the youth of this country, it would be that success in life does not depend on genius. Any young man of ordinary intelligence who is morally sound, aboveboard in his dealings, and not afraid of work, should succeed in spite of obstacles and handicaps, if he plays the game fairly and squarely and keeps everlastingly at it. The possibilities before one are measured by the determination which is within one.

For many years I selected personally our store managers. After I had satisfied myself about a prospect's character and qualifications, I inquired about his home life. Was it happy and harmonious? Did his wife have his interests at heart? Would she stand at his side and help him to attain his ambitions?

If I did not believe that his wife measured up, I did not employ the man. If I found that his wife was a true helpmate, I felt that he would succeed, other things being equal, for a good woman's power to encourage is well-nigh unlimited.

A Shock

In 1910, the mother of my two eldest sons died after a brief illness. The shock was so sudden and severe that it nearly overwhelmed me. Although I never drank liquor, even moderately, I had an intense desire to drink. The reason was doubtless the unconscious desire of drowning sorrow, yet also instinctively I knew that I would not yield; that if ever the desire got one foot within the door it would come in bodily and I would go down.

The craving lasted not only for months but for years. Many a night I walked the streets, battling with grief and temptation that had fastened upon me.

This was the most critical time of my life, but the memory of my father's faith buoyed me up. His words when I first went to work—"Jim will make it; I like the way he has started out"—again and again came to my rescue.

This experience altered my viewpoint about things that matter and those which are nonessential. It enlarged my vision and increased my interest in my fellow-men. Life took on a different aspect. I had always been interested in seeing that men in our stores had their opportunities, but until then it was largely because I too benefited by their successes.

Money A Means

But after that experience my interest was no longer one of dollars and cents. Instead, it was an interest in the welfare and advancement of our men so that they might take their rightful places in society. I realized that money—necessary as it is—should be a means to a worthy aim and not the end in itself. Up to this time I had been in poor health but along with my change of thought—the result of a spiritual awakening—I began to develop a stronger body.

At one time during my business career I broke down, both nervously and physically, and went to a

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sanitarium. One night while there I had an overwhelming conviction that this was my last night of life. So sure was I that my time had come that I got up and wrote farewell letters to my family.

The next morning, however, I passed a parlour in the sanitarium and heard singing. A few people were gathered in a religious meeting. I felt the urge to enter. In great weariness of spirit I listened to the hymns, to the Scripture reading and to the prayers.

Then, a profound sense of inner relief came over me. A heavy weight seemed lifted from my spirit. I was amazed at my change and in the days that followed I regained mental and bodily health. Perhaps the feeling of death that night was a symptom of a new man being born in me.

Neglected Obligations

I do not mean to give the impression that because of these experiences I have successfully applied Christian principles to all phases of my life. It is true that God has blessed me beyond what I deserve. Because our company has been conscientious in practice of the Golden Rule, success has blessed our business.

I feel ashamed, however, that in other ways I have not followed Christ's teachings as well as I might. I have not lived God as I should. I neglected my obligations to the Church until recent years. I certainly have not worked for the brotherhood of man outside my business to the degree that should be expected of a good Christian. But I am now trying earnestly to make up for what I failed to do.

TOMORROW—When he was a boy, Alfred P. Haake stuttered so badly he could not recite in school, but had to write his lessons on the blackboard. Today he is one of America's most sought-after speakers. He tells how faith worked the miracle.

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. FRED STEWART

At the P. E. Island Hospital on February 25, there passed away to eternal rest, Mrs. Fred Stewart of Inkerman, at the early age of 39 years.

The late Mrs. Stewart entered the hospital a few weeks before for treatment and to await the birth of her child, but medical skill was of no avail, so God called her to her final reward where pain and suffering are unknown.

She was formerly Rachel Gamester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Gamester, Bradalbana, where she spent her girlhood days. In 1929 she married Fred Stewart and moved to Inkerman where she was always kind and ready with a helping hand to those in need.

She leaves to mourn besides her husband, two daughters, Margaret and Evelyn and six sons Harold, Clarence, Dannie, Elmer, Everett and LeRoy, all at home. She also leaves to mourn besides her aged parents at Bradalbana, five sisters, Nettie, Mrs. Milton Spinney of Elliot, Maine, Annie, Mrs. Fred Thomas and Ruby, Mrs. Reuben Chappelle, both of Granville, Maine, Mrs. William Newsome of Rose Valley and Myrtle, Mrs. Earl Taylor, Norboro, and two brothers, Calvin of Granville and Johnnie of Bradalbana. A sister Maria, Mrs. Peter Buchanan and a brother Elmer predeceased her.

A short funeral service was held at her home in Inkerman, thence to Westmorland Baptist Church, where a large number of people gathered to pay their last tribute of respect. The Rev. Mr. Hicks conducted the services. Hymns sung were "Rock of Ages," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

The pallbearers were Isaac Stewart, William Newsome, Peter Buchanan, Reuben Chappelle, Gerold Smith and Roy Smith. Interment was in Westmorland cemetery.

AIR CADET CONFERENCE

OTTAWA, March 12 (CP)—Top officers of British and American counterparts of Canada's Air Cadet League will meet in Ottawa March 14-16. They will discuss with Canadian officers future plans in the training of young air cadets, and the growing exchange program of cadets among the three countries.

DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS

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INDIGESTION
BILIOUSNESS
CONSTIPATION

BOTH OVER 21

By Samuel Hopkins Adams

"So it is," she assented slowly. "Well? Any objection to a spot of honest labor?"

"No-o-o-o," said Maida. "Of course not. Not a bit. Oh, no!"

"That's good," said Wallis. Two miles out from Hamilton near Rural Hill Mrs. Sweetman conducts a most respectable boarding house. To her flower-girdled door early in the morning came a young couple whose appearance roused her professional suspicions.

They rode bicycles without luggage and wanted rooms for a week. They were not married and admitted it, a point slightly in their favor. Nor were they brother and sister, a familiar dodge which Wallis had twice essayed on the previous day with signal lack of success; nor even cousins, a less frequent pretense.

Mrs. Sweetman withheld the stony negative only because something innocent in the girl's face, something honest in the young man's bearing and some thing concrete in the young man's hand appealed to her. It was late in the season, business had slackened, and the forty dollars in advance was a temptation. Said Mrs. Sweetman, not unpleasantly: "Suppose you tell me the facts."

Wallis's skeleton outline won her. They were installed in two cheerful rooms with portly propriety in the form of their landlady between them.

Chapter XXIII

The girl, who seemed quiet and subdued for so pretty a creature, helped Mrs. Sweetman with her flowers while the young man made an early start for town. Before noon he was back, and summoned his companion to the porch. He seemed to be illuminated with an inner triumph. "I've landed something."

"Not a milk route?"

"Two jobs. One apiece."

"This was received with a signal absence of enthusiasm. 'What is mine?' she queried suspiciously.

"Right up your alley." He produced an advertisement stating that a lady wished a temporary secretary for some special dictation. "You're to call there. Three o'clock."

"How do I know I could do it?"

"You can try, can't you?"

"She's probably English. I might not suit."

"She's practically the same language as American," he pointed out. "The budget needs that four dollars per day."

"I'm awfully rusty," she objected.

"So here," said he shortly. "If you don't want to work, say so."

"I didn't come to Bermuda to work. And I'm not feeling too well, anyway."

"Are you too ill to subtract?"

"What has that to do with it?"

"Do you know how much we have left in the treasury?"

"Are you reminding me that I'm living on you? Thanks."

"Skip it," said he. But there was so palpable an element of contempt in his disappointment that she bridled. She had held "off Ayman" offer at the Gloria the evening before. Now she made up her mind.

"Do you want me to earn some money?"

"Not if it's going to bore you."

Which made her still more determined.

"Very well. I will. I'll earn more than you."

"How?"

"That's my affair."

"Miss M. McCabe, breadwinner for the household," he commented.

"By the way, here's something queer. Well as we know each other—"

"Do we?"

"I should say we were by way of getting fairly well acquainted. Yet

Government Pays Tribute To Red Cross

OTTAWA, March 12—Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, paid tribute today to the contribution the Canadian Red Cross "has made and is making to conserve health and to relieve suffering and distress in this country."

"All those who co-operate in helping the Society to reach its objective of \$5,000,000 will have their real reward in sharing in its work," he said. He mentioned among the Society's many services for health, Outpost Hospitals and Nursing Stations in frontier settlements and the free national Blood Transfusion Services.

"The Red Cross ranks high among organizations honored for their service to humanity. Its achievements have won deserved recognition throughout the world."

I don't even know what your M. stands for."

"Maida." (Why not? M. could stand for Maida as well Matilda.)

"Maida," he repeated. "I like it. It fits."

"Is that your carefully considered opinion?"

"We—well, one can never tell with you up and doing business women. But—yes, I'd make a small bet on it."

"You'd win. That is if you mean what I think you mean."

"I do."

She regarded him with a subdued sparkle of mirth. "That's one way of digging for information. Sometimes I suspect you of being almost clever."

"Don't overestimate me."

"It is funny, though, that you didn't know my name. What have you been calling me?"

"That day on the deck I believe it was 'darling.'"

"That was an emergency," said Maida.

"So is this. Financial emergency."

"We'll meet it, shoulder to shoulder, and with head unbowed. Onward Christian Soldiers. ... I shall be home to dinner this evening."

It was late—he did not know how late, since he would not turn on his light—when he heard carriage wheels and a man's voice saying good night. He had heard that same voice before. At breakfast she laid a ten-dollar bill before him. He contemplated it with distaste.

"You needn't be afraid of it. It isn't tainted."

He roused himself to an effort at good humor. "You were right. It's better than I can do."

"I haven't asked you how got yours."

"There'll be another, day after tomorrow."

"Then you'll be out tomorrow night?"

"Yes. That's my money night. Are you reporting to Lex-Lohengrin on me?"

He said placatingly, "The budget could stand a movie this evening if you're not too tired."

"This caused only a languid interest. 'I'll see.'"

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CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS TO MEET

OTTAWA, March 12 —(CP)—Roman Catholic chaplains from each of the Canadian army's five commands will meet at army headquarters for their annual conference March 18-21. It was announced Saturday.

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