

UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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CHRIST'S CHARGE TO PETER

LESSON TEXT—John 21:15-17.
GOLDEN TEXT—Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.—John 15:13

Breakfast for a hungry fisherman—that is what our loving and thoughtful Lord had provided on the shore of Galilee. He wanted to talk to Peter, but He knew this was needful first. There are some folk who think that following Christ is a delightful matter, devoid of every pleasure. Jesus never taught any such thing. He attended weddings and dinners even in the homes of those despised by men. But remember that He always did it for their spiritual good, not merely for His own enjoyment; and that He always brought the gathering up to His own spiritual level, rather than stooping to any worldly level of theirs.

When He had Him with a glowing fire which fish is brooding, and with bread ready for those hungry men, it was just like Him thus to meet in most delightful and satisfying fellowship those who serve Him. Draw up to the fire, Christian friends who are standing afar off. You may be so timid that, like the disciples, you will not dare to call Him by name (v. 13), but if you will come, you will find that the precious fellowship will soon warm your heart.

With the meal over, Christ turned to Peter and in their conversation we find the latter required to

L. Face Responsibility (vv. 15-17).

With kindly persistence our Lord brought Peter face to face with his responsibility of full-hearted devotion to Him. Before service can be rendered there must be a right relationship to the Lord.

Three times Peter was asked to declare his love for Christ. Such a public confession was quite in place, before the man who had thrice denied his Lord was restored to a place of leadership. The words "more than these" (v. 15) indicate that Jesus was asking of him a high measure of devotion. It is no more than He has a right to expect of us.

The conversation after breakfast that morning was a very profitable one. One is reminded, by contrast, that few of our mealtime discussions are very useful. Many (perhaps most) after-dinner speeches and conversations yield little profit. Here is an occasion when such was not the case. One wonders whether it would not be wise to suggest and ask our dinner guests to spiritualize. Surely it should be so among Christian friends and in a Christian home.

II. Feeding Christ's Flock (vv. 18-17).

We review the same verses to point out that an expression of love to Christ means nothing except as it manifests itself in service. Like Peter, we are to be diligent about feeding His flock, whether they be the young and inexperienced lambs, or the mature sheep of the fold.

We tend to specialize. Even in soul-winning some give themselves to child evangelism while others reach only adults, and would hardly think of dealing with a child. True it is that we have varying gifts, and one does one type of work better than another. But let us avoid over-specialization. Every needy soul is a challenge to us as we present the gospel.

The word "feed" should be stressed. Here again the church has frequently failed. Men and women are won to a decision for Christ, and then forgotten. Sheep must be fed if they are to grow. A teaching ministry must accompany the evangelistic effort. They belong together, and to neglect either is to fail, at least, in that measure.

III. Follow Him to the End (vv. 18-24).

Endlessly ingenious are the devices of Satan. He who had sifted Peter like wheat (Luke 22:31) and had rejoiced in the weakness of his denial of Christ, now saw him stepping out into victorious living. He heard the prophecy of the martyr's death of Peter. So he put into his heart a question. Why should he suffer? What about John? What was the Lord going to do for him?

When our enemy cannot trip us up with temptation to personal sin, he resorts to the device of jealousy. Many promising Christian workers have become useless because they have taken their eyes off Jesus and put them on the persons and work of other Christians. Doing a work which was difficult and unnoticed but very important to God, they have felt the urge to quit because someone else seemed to have the easier task and receive more recognition. The answer of Jesus in verse 23 plainly states that it is not the place of one disciple to judge the course of life of another, nor to gauge his own devotion to Christ by another's place or service.

The word of Christ to us is the same as to Peter: "Follow me." We have all we can do to live our lives in a manner well-pleasing to our Lord.

HORNBY

Easter weather was quite agreeable after an early morning shower, and Easter services in Hornby churches were well attended.

Seventeen young people were admitted in Church membership in the United Church on Hornby charge. Teacher and pupils of the public school are enjoying a week's vacation. Miss Jardine, spending here at her home in Brussels, Ontario.

Miss Edna Gifford of Merriton is spending the holidays with her father, Mr. Wm. Odell.

Mr. Clifford Wrightworth returned home from hospital on Saturday last. We are pleased to report.

Mrs. Alra Matheson and daughter, Doris of Toronto, were recent visitors with their aunt, Mrs. Mcintosh.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McDermott of Leamington were Easter guests of Mrs. McDermott's sister, Mrs. Floyd Downe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bridgen have moved into their new house, and Mrs. Murray Bridgen has moved into the house vacated by Murray's brother, Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pughen spent Easter with Mrs. Pughen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robertson.

We congratulate Jack Denton and Murray Sinclair on having successfully passed their high school examinations to permit them to engage in farm work.

The A.Y.P.A. of St. Stephen's church will hold a dance in the Orange hall on Friday evening of this week.

Mr. Harry Robertson is local canvasser for the fourth Victory Loan. Let every one respond to the limit of his ability to this financial appeal, and help build with Bonds.

In observance of Holy Week a series of three services were held in United Church on the Hornby charge last week as follows: On Wednesday evening in the Bethel church, with Rev. H. B. Lovering as guest speaker; on Thursday evening in Ashgrove church with Rev. R. O. Todd as guest speaker, and on Friday evening in Hornby church with Rev. J. B. Moore as guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Wrigglesworth and family visited among friends in the community on Sunday. We were pleased to welcome them at the morning and evening services in the church.

Miss Effie Bird and Mr. Norman Bird are spending Easter vacation at their home here.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Isabel Coyne back to Ashgrove for another summer.

Miss Ruth Morrison spent Easter week end with her father, Mr. F. Morrison.

Bonnie Carlisle of Silvercreek is holidaying with Mrs. T. J. Brownridge during Easter week.

Miss Dona Adams is spending Easter vacation at her home at Mitchell. School will reopen May 3.

The mumps are still visiting around. I wonder who will be next?

Mr. Joe. Hulls for some years a resident at Ashgrove passed away at his home at Southampton last week. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

About sixty young people, representing Acton, Ballinacraig, Georgetown and Milton Y.P.A. had the privilege of hearing Rev. Norman McMurray, Danforth United Church when the Rally for Christian Young People met in the United Church at Ashgrove on Monday evening, April 26.

MILTON

Milton and district are asked to subscribe \$370,000 in the fourth Victory Loan. Mayor Dawson and Dr. Martin are joint Chairmen for the campaign.

At a general meeting of Branch 136, Canadian Legion, held on Monday, April 19th, Comrade F.O. Bruce MacNabb, D.P.M., was our guest of honour.

Results of draw in aid of Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter's parishes are as follows: 1st prize, cow, cedar chest or their cash value, was won by Donna Harrison, Simcoe, Ont. Door prize, one gal. Maple Syrup, was won by Cecil McCann.

Charles Burns, King St., was rushed to Hamilton Hospital on Monday morning suffering from a ruptured appendix. He took pneumonia and passed away the same day.—The Canadian Champion.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Young, of Dunville, were visiting with relatives here, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Donovan and family were week end visitors at the home of Mrs. Halton.

Gunner Joe. McMenemy, who is stationed at Petawawa, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McMenemy.

Probationary WREN Sarah Elise and friend from Galt, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beck.

Mrs. Florence James and daughter, Mrs. Thos. James and son, of Ouelph, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Everson Jr. of Toronto, Miss Rosie Lussan of Oshawa and Mrs. A. J. Williams, Ouelph, were week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Allen.

Mrs. B. J. McMaster is spending a holiday with her parents in Wiston.

Pat Herbert Robinson, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Robinson.

Miss Marquette Nash of Lake View was a week end visitor at the home of her friend Gertrude Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reid, of Ouelph were holiday visitors with Mrs. Reid's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bladd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie and daughter Shirley, and Phyllis Argyle of Toronto spent the week end with Mrs. Cameron.

Miss Marjorie McCool, and P. O. Erner, Wankesa of Toronto were visitors on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blingham.

NORVAL

The annual meeting of Norval Branch of the Bible Society was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday April 21st. Rev. Walter McCleary showed splendid slides of London before and after the bombing. The election of officers fol-

lowed with Mr. A. L. Noble being re-elected President. Vice Pres., Miss P. Maguire, Sec., Mrs. Harold Lyons, Treas., Mr. Murray Laird.

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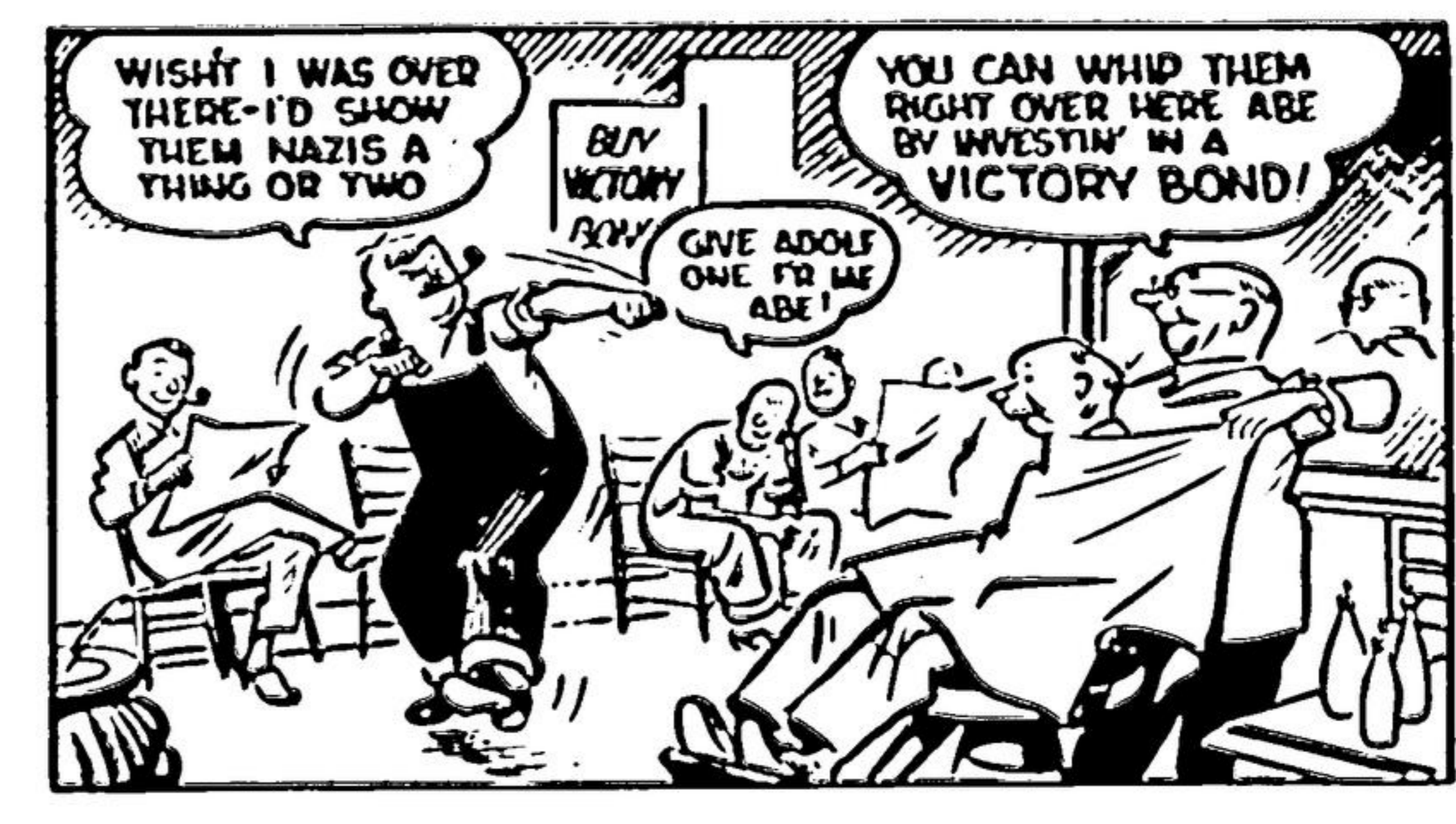
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with her aunt Mrs. Ida Horwood, Miss Grace McLaughlin at her home here; Miss Sara Gilmour with her sister, Mrs. Coupland, Mr. George O'Leary at the home of his parents, Miss Margaret Russell at her home, Mr. and Mrs. E. Crust, Norma and Stanley at Dodways, Aubrey Kerr who is stationed at Camp Borden at his home.

Congratulations to Ormie Carter who has been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

The village churches were decorated with beautiful flowers for the week attended Easter services.

Mrs. Frank Carney's mother and sister spent a few days with her last week.

ELIMINATE SMALL TOBACCO PACKAGES

April 30th is the deadline for the smaller packages of cigarettes and the time package of pipe tobacco according to an official release from the Tobacco Administration of the Prime Minister.

There have been several amendments made since the bill was passed. Under one amendment, effective March 31st, package cut tobacco may not, after April 30, be sold unless the weight is at least one-eleventh of a pound. The original order set out one-thirtieth of a pound as the minimum. The smallest packages of cigarettes made for sale in Canada will contain 18.

Pipe and twist tobacco will be available only in weights of one ounce or multiples thereof, and new brands of tobacco products are not to be offered.



A profession of faith

We have faith in Canada that the courage of the pioneers and the spirit which achieved Confederation and linked a continent with the shining steel of railways have laid strong foundations for national greatness and unity.

We have faith in her present—in the part she is playing to save the world from tyranny...in her young men and women who serve on land and sea and in the air...in her workers who labour for more than wages...in every man and woman and child striving for Victory.

We have faith in her future—believing that she is destined to exert an ever-increasing influence in world affairs, and in the shaping of tomorrow, when many will turn to her with new hope.

We have faith in more than the statistics of Canada's bank clearings and her car-loadings, the vastness of

her untapped resources, or even the glorious war record of a people numbering less than twelve millions.

We have faith in a faith in a land we love, whose soul speaks to us from every free acre of Canadian soil... in the splendour of the Rockies at sunset, the blue mystery of a Laurentian dawn, the quiet of an Ontario woodlot, the far call of prairie horizons, the sound of surf on the Atlantic shore and the wash of the Pacific tides. It speaks to us from churchyards where Canadian dead lie beneath the tribute of English blossoms... from the poppyed fields of France and Flanders... from the winged and seafaring and mechanized epics of a new war.

We have faith in her people... people, noted and obscure, with whom we daily rub shoulders... and by whose united effort, sacrifice and creative vigour the greater Canada of tomorrow will be built.

We have faith in Canada

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