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# Sunday School Lesson

**LESSON II**  
FINDING OURSELVES IN SERVICE—Mark 8:27-38  
Golden Text—What doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? Mark 8:36.  
THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING  
Time—Autumn, A.D. 29.  
Place—Near Caesarea Philippi, far north in Palestine under Mount Hermon, a few miles east of the city of Dan.

27. And Jesus went forth, and his disciples, into the villages of Caesarea Philippi. This town is to be distinguished from Caesarea on the coast, the seat of the Roman government, where Paul was imprisoned. It was situated at the most eastern and chief of the two recognized sources of the Jordan on a rocky terrace under Mount Hermon, a few miles east of Dan, the old frontier city of Israel. And on the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Who do men say that I am? Jesus is not asking for information for himself, for he knows the different opinions of men. What he wants is to have the disciples state the wrong opinions of men in order to set against them their own right conviction.

**Life's True Values**  
31. And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself. Christ had just spoken to the disciples about his cross, and now he tells them that there is also one for each of them, if they are true to him. A disciple who denies himself must give up self-worship and self-will. He must love God with all his powers and his neighbor as himself; against these claims his own interests must be set aside. And take up his cross, and follow me. This is the extreme phase of the self-denial which Jesus has just commanded. Let him deny himself and carry out that self-denial even to death.

**His Identity**  
28. And they told him, saying, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but others, One of the prophets. John stood for purity of character. Elijah for power with God, and the prophets for proclamation of the truth. Christ stood for all these—and for more. These were all good, but not good enough. Four conclusions are to be drawn from this statement of the disciples: men were discussing Christ; men were not able to agree as to who Christ really was; all men agreed that he was a great person, like unto Israel's greatest characters; most men were wrong as to their conclusion regarding the identity of Jesus.

29. And he asked them, But who say ye that I am? The emphasis here is certainly on the word "ye." The disciples had been with Jesus now for two years, and if they did not by this time know who he was, they never would. Peter answereth. And saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. The Jewish people for centuries had been looking for the Messiah ("Christ") is the Greek word for "Messiah" promised in the Old Testament Scriptures. Only one Messiah would ever appear; he would be their last prophet, their perfect priest, their omnipotent and eternal king. Peter was convinced that Jesus was the long-looked-for Messiah, and that conviction has been the faith of all true Christians ever since.

30. And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. The disciples' faith was weak and their knowledge small; the Holy Spirit had first to come to teach them about Jesus ere they could rightly proclaim the Messiah.

31. And he began to teach them. By "begin" is not meant that he had never before spoken of his sufferings, or intimated the coming cross, but that now, and from now on, his instruction was to be precise and detailed. That the Son of man must suffer many things. Our redemption is derived from Christ's sufferings and death, and Christ is compelled to suffer and to die only because he is determined (because he loves us) to redeem us from sin and give us eternal life. And he is rejected. The verb here translated "rejected" means to reject after submitting to a test. Jesus will be rejected by no less an authority than the Sanhedrin, the highest judicial and religious authority of the nation. By the elders and the chief priests, and the scribes. The three classes together constituted the Sanhedrin or supreme council of the Jews. And he killed, and after three days rise again. Here are at least five different definite predictions which no man could make concerning himself except with superhuman knowledge.

**Peter Rebukes Him**  
32. And he spake the saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. The reason why Peter began to rebuke our Lord was that he could not conceive of one who was the Christ of God suffering violent death at the hands of such hypocrites as those whom Jesus had designated to be his destroyers.

33. But he turning about. Jesus, as he turned, caught sight of the rest of the Twelve, who were probably watching the scene with interest, and perhaps shared Peter's views. A public reproof was therefore necessary. And seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and saith, Get thee behind me, Satan. Jesus uses to Peter the very words he spoke to Satan in the wilderness of temptation, for the apostle was tempting his Master with the same temptation. Peter proposes Messiahship without suffering and death. Jesus does not mean that Peter is really Satanic and depraved, but that in urging Christ to

shrink from death he is taking, unconsciously, the part of the tempter and is siding with man, not with God. For thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men. Peter was setting his love for his Master in opposition to God's love for his Son and for his sons.

34. And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself. Christ had just spoken to the disciples about his cross, and now he tells them that there is also one for each of them, if they are true to him. A disciple who denies himself must give up self-worship and self-will. He must love God with all his powers and his neighbor as himself; against these claims his own interests must be set aside. And take up his cross, and follow me. This is the extreme phase of the self-denial which Jesus has just commanded. Let him deny himself and carry out that self-denial even to death.

35. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it. These solemn words are used by our Lord on four separate occasions—Matt. 10:39; Luke 17:33; John 12:25, and here.

In the first clause, the word "life" means the bodily life, and in the second the true life of the spirit. Our Lord's statement here means that when a man deliberately sets out to keep his life to save his life, to preserve his life, no matter at what cost, he is going to lose it, for he has failed to identify himself with anything that abides, and when a man, for the sake of Jesus and his gospel, is willing to give up everything, even his life, he has thereby saved his life, for he belongs to Christ, and, in Christ, he has eternal life.

36. For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? The whole world, when put in one scale, is lighter than a feather when the soul is in the other scale. The material and transient on the one hand, and the spiritual and eternal on the other hand, are utterly different values, and can never be chosen together.

**Losing One's Life**  
38. For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy spirit. Now Jesus Christ said there were men in his age who were ashamed of him and his words. Why? Evidently because both he himself, and his teaching, set them in such light as to reveal by contrast their failure. Again, they were ashamed to follow him because in his life and teaching he attacked their prejudices. We may go further still and say that men were ashamed of Jesus, because he calls to definite and positive change of life. If we are ashamed of him, says the patient, gentle, tender, beautiful, strong Son of God, there is a day coming when he will be ashamed of us, ashamed of us because we, ashamed of him, will have chosen the pathway that leads to destruction of character, and therefore to destruction of life.

**Confused Over Pronunciation**  
How Should One Say "Eire" Is Latest Irish Question

When the Irish Free State was christened Eire under the new constitution, Eamon De Valera and his constituents raised a problem for the English-speaking world—how to pronounce "Eire".

London (Eng.) columnists have seized on the subject as a welcome diversion from the ever-present topics of politics and economics.

During his conversations with Mr. De Valera, Dominions Secretary Macdonald called it "Air-ah," to rhyme with Sarah, a pronunciation most Irish claim to be correct. When Clement Attlee, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, referred to the Irish trade discussions, he called it "Air-ay." Other M.P.'s pronounced it "Eer-er" or the equivalent of "air".

A Gaelic contributor to the Daily Telegraph says it will be quite correct if John Bull rhymes the word with "fair". Another suggests "Eer-fo" would be more appropriate.

Alfred Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, however, has solved the problem to his own satisfaction. So far as he is concerned Eire remains just plain Ireland.

"We do not call Sweden 'Sverige' as the Swedes do, nor do Germans insist their country should be called 'Deutschland,'" he said. "Hence Ireland 's good enough for me."

Dr. R. Stoneley, geophysical scientist, suggested in a Central Hall, (Westminster, England) lecture that the earth's core might consist of gold.

### Population Loss Irks Australia

6,750,000 People Not Enough; Many Going Back to England

The Australian Government is now engrossed in the problem of finding population, says the Baltimore Sun.

Prime Minister Lyons' own family of 12 is an example of steadfast paternity which few of his countrymen care to follow. While the relatively menial orders are somewhat sluggishly reproducing their kind, the hordes of haughty Government servants, bank clerks and the like are content either to remain childless or decide to put the census up by one.

As a patriot and statesman Lyons has every right to be concerned. In a continent nearly the size of the United States a population numbering about 6,750,000 is not big enough to command an untroubled future.

One factor that causes the Government anguish is the steady return of British immigrants to their native land. In the last seven years the excess of departures over arrivals is over 25,000 and there is apparently nothing to arrest the trouble, except, of course, a renewed scheme of assisted immigration.

As a patriot and statesman Lyons ment is talking of applying this practical cure, but realizes that any plan proposed will be beset with difficulties. For one thing the six states composing the Commonwealth are not wildly enthusiastic about importing more workers when a still threatening percentage of their own populace remains unemployed.

### Shower Of Fish

There was a rain of fish during a recent storm at Blackpool, England. The fish, thrown up from the sea in tremendous clouds of spray, were collected alive by men in oilskins and waders. At Cleveleys a 2 lb. sea perch was found in the gutter.

### Lucky Sevens

A baby girl weighing 7 lb. 11 oz., was born at 7.11 p.m. in room No. 711 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, New Jersey.

### Infectious Diseases Virtually Defeated

By Science—Food Elements Needed For Hammers Outlined

A normal man uses up enough energy in one day to drive an automobile a mile David L. Thomson, professor of Biochemistry, McGill University, declared last week, speaking on "Food, Health and Income." Professor Thomson said that a man's rate of energy output was equivalent to one-sixth horsepower or roughly, 100 watts.

He stated that the past generation had witnessed the virtual defeat of infectious diseases as the death rate had fallen from 25 per 1,000 living persons to two or three annually. With a better educated public and enlightened administration these diseases could become insignificant as cause of death, he claimed.

**Mineral Elements**  
He described correct nutrition as essential to health and stressed that the knowledge which has been gained concerning it should be applied to social structures with a minimum of delay. Two pounds of bread will supply sufficient energy for a person for one day but mineral elements must also be received to form new bodily tissue. Calcium is needed for bones and teeth, iron for blood building, iodine for the thyroid gland and also vitamins which the body needs as chemical reagents.

A survey by the Ontario Medical Board for some years, Professor Thomson said, found that \$7 per week was required for an adequate diet for a family of two adults and three children. Present retail allowances often did not permit this, he pointed out.

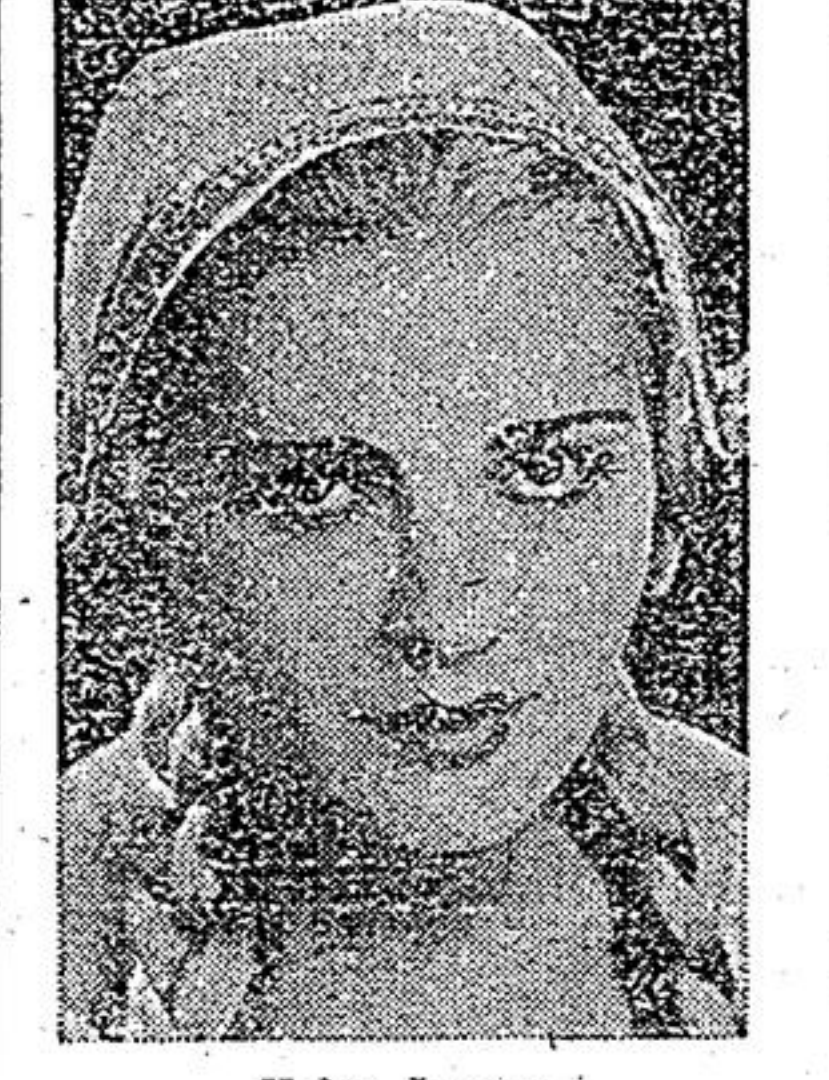
### Movie Star Dust Radio

By VIRGINIA DALE

Judy Garland, Metro-Goldwyn Mayer's wonder girl, will be starred in "The Wizard of Oz" and that is just the first of many fairy-tale pictures that you may expect to see in the next year.

Ever since "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" started its record-breaking runs, motion-picture producers have been wondering if a fairy tale with human actors would not be a good bet. All the companies are now looking for fairy tales, and as fast as they find them, all the younger stars from Shirley Temple to Deanna Durbin will be put to work in them.

Considering what has happened to other operatic songbirds in pictures, sudden stardom and then a complete loss of interest by the studios, Helen Jepson is very happy that she plays a very small part in "The Goldwyn Follies." She thinks that her career in pictures will probably last a long time if she doesn't want to be the



Helen Jepson

whole show. She would like a chance to see some of the scenes that were cut out of "The Follies" though. There was one where she really looked like herself, no wig, no special make-up, and her favorite dress. There was another where Bobby Clark dropped her kerplunk on the floor.

Reports of "Merrily We Live" in which Brian Aherne co-stars with Constance Bennett were so good that the Hal Roach studio immediately wired to New York where he was vacationing and urged him to return at once. His new picture is to be "There Goes My Heart" and when he left a lot of young New York actresses said that the title expressed just what they felt.

"Arsene Lupin Returns" is a delightful and gripping jewel-thief mystery, played with great skill by Melvyn Douglas, Warren William and Virginia Bruce. William's part, though not as large as the others, is a memorable one, for he plays a G-man who so relishes seeing his picture in the papers that he isn't worth much to his department, which cherishes a notion that secret service should have something secret about it.

After all these weeks of triumph, Fanny Brice just got around to explaining where she got the idea of Baby Snooks. It seems that when Fanny was a little girl she longed to play Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and no one would give her a chance. Baby Snooks is her idea of a white Topsy.

When Robert Taylor isn't actually before the microphone during the "Good News" program, he is sitting just off-stage talking to Barbara Stanwyck. Since she has become a regular



Robert Taylor     Barbara Stanwyck  
far viflor to the broadcasts, two chairs are placed in this spot every week.

**ODDS AND ENDS**—Unlike most actors, Bob Burns doesn't spend his spare time going to pictures to see what his competitors are doing. He saw only three pictures last year, all sad ones, and he hasn't seen any yet this year ..... Andrea Leeds and Janet Gaynor look so much alike in real life that they love to stand in front of a mirror together and make faces, seeing if the resemblance still holds true through laughter, tears and grimaces. It does ..... With Margaret Shanna at the piano, and other cast members playing drums, xylophone and trombone, the "Arnold Grimm's Daughter" company holds a daily swing concert to relax between rehearsal and broadcast.

# Shows Relation Between Intelligence And Growth

Investigator Finds That Children Who Exhibit a More Rapid Course of Physical Development Make Greater Gains In Mental Development.

Some connection between physical and mental growth has been found in a study of 200 young children made by Dr. Marjorie Honzik, research associate at the University of California, and Dr. Harold Ellis Jones, director of the Institute of Child Welfare of the university. They found that the children who showed a more rapid course of physical development made above the average gains in mental development. The investigators do not draw the conclusion that the more rapid mental development is a result of better physical growth but point out that both of these developmental factors assist in the general development of the individual. One of the boys studied offers concrete evidence that above the average mental growth is not dependent upon a parallel physical development. Study of this boy was started when he was two years old and continued for five years. He was one of the smallest children studied, but his mental gains were so rapid that by the time he was seven years old he had achieved the mentality of a ten-year-old.

**Cannot Be Measured Early**  
A related study of child intelligence was conducted at the institute by Dr. Nancy Bayley Reid, who considered the intelligence of young children with respect to the intelligence of the parents. Her investigations covered the early periods starting with birth and continuing until the children were three years old. The early months were not very useful for study so far as giving indications of later development, Dr. Reid reports. Intelligence, she believes, cannot be measured until nerve and muscular co-ordinations are sufficiently mature to produce the reactions which are indications of intelligence.

**442 German Planes Flying In Spain**  
The French Government has presented Great Britain with a detailed list of 442 German and Italian military airplanes now in the Insurgents' service in Spain, it was learned last week.

It was also learned France followed up the joint Paris-London protest to the Insurgents over the ruthless air bombing of Barcelona and other civilian centres, with an independent protest.

Great Britain has been asked to associate herself with this second protest, in which Paris argued that air raids against civilians are contrary to the law of nations, and stressed that the Spanish civil war is bloody enough without the massacre of populations from the air, such as Barcelona has been undergoing.

### IS THIS YOUR BIRTHDAY?

By A. R. WEIR

What the Stars Foretell for Those Born on April 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14th

**Zodiac Sign—Aries**  
You are intensely ambitious and desire a position of honour in the world. You are likely to go abroad and may not remain in one place for any length of time. Peace and quietness are necessary to you. A disappointment is shown in love matters but you should overcome some financial difficulty and have clear sailing.

**Could Walk Through Fire**  
"The signals to move parts of the body go from the brain down, while feelings from those parts go up to the brain. A nerve is like a trunk line. You'd only destroy the sensory component."  
In this way it was possible to numb completely a body from the neck down so a person might even walk through fire or cut off a hand without any sensation of pain.

**Watch Your Left Leg**  
If you break a leg, the chances are 20-1 that your left leg will suffer the injury.

### Help In Re-opening Of Solomon's Mine

Toronto Engineers Are With Mining Company Which Seeks to Mine Ancient Gold

Astounded laymen at the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy convention at Toronto last week, heard the announcement that Schumacher and Burnham, Ontario engineers, were assisting in the reopening of King Solomon's gold mine.

It was H. A. Guess, Queen's graduate and Vice-President of the American Smelting and Refining Company, who introduced King Solomon. In a paper on "Reminiscences," he told the Institute that his company had recently acquired holdings in a mining company of Arabia, which after eight months' aerial survey of the country had reopened some former old workings, chief of which was an old mine 180 miles east of Jadh.

"We are told by geologists that it is highly probable that this is King Solomon's mine, or at any rate one of his mines," he said. "It was worked, we have found, in 600 B.C., and again 1,000 years ago."

Toronto engineers have been engaged, he said, in connection with the mill design. The grade is approximately half an ounce of gold per ton, and a 300-ton per day mill is now being installed.

### Science Severs Sensory Nerve To Kill Pain

Insures Protection From Agony To Persons Suffering From Incurable Conditions

Protection from pain for persons suffering from incurable conditions is offered in researches described by Dr. Alfred W. Adson, brain surgeon of the Mayo Foundation graduate school, in a paper prepared for presentation before the American College of Surgeons, in convention at Toronto last month.

Intractable pain which heretofore could only be relieved by drugs can be defeated by injection of chemicals into sensory nerves or by complete severance of the sensory components of nerves involved, between the centre of pain and the brain, Dr. Adson reported.

**Feeling Destroyed**  
Persons suffering from such incurable conditions as painful and non-curable cancers and many types of neuralgia may be protected from any sense of pain by the technique evolved by the United States specialist.

In an interview, Dr. Adson explained the "feeling" of a nerve can be destroyed without loss of its motor power and this is what is done.

"It's like this," he said, "suppose there is a neuralgia in the cheek that is giving great pain. You can open the skull, sever the sensory component of the nerve that carries the pain to the brain and make the cheek completely numb, but you would be able to move it.

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