

PEOPLES MISSION, KENDOWNA  
3 AUG-4/63

HANNA - WITH MOW - MAR 16/62 MAUSAD, W/S  
PLEAS. HTS. BAY - CALGARY - OCT. 21/62  
JUNE 16/63

(1). "The Unbeliever who became the Unbeatable".

CLEARBROOK BC - APR 28/63 LANGBANK, SASK. - MAY 26/63  
CHAMPION - JAN 21/73 RED DEER - FEB 28/65

ACTS 9:1-20

Introd:- (1). Who doesn't like to read about a hero...or better still...see one? c/f John Giesman in N.Y... confetti and ticker tape rained down on him...according to weary Sanitation Dept men, cleaning it all up...3474 TONS of it. One teen age girl shrieked..."I touched him! I touched him. Guess she'll nev. get over it! NEVER wash that hand again

(2). But there is something else need remember. Oft expressed in cartoon form..."Heroes are made, not born". Process of hard experience...learning to face life...deal with its problems...stand against tide of circumstances. So today,,this TOPIC...exemplified in real life.

Business Ref - Nov 12/67 Trail BC (Evan Parton's Tell Union parable) - Feb 25/68

I. Men I have in mind is young man called Gideon.  
(a). 5th Judge of Israel...always and rightly accounted as one of great heroes of Israel's history. In 11th of Heb. But he was made, not born. Passed thru. certain experience that made him what he was...exper. that may be ours also.

(b). Introd. to Gideon..not as hero..but as frightened farmer. Judges 6:11. Don't underestimate Gideon. He was doing SOMETHING...(c/f vs 2-3, 6). Threshing a bit of wheat...not on open, flat place...down in hollow of winepress... and to him came an unrecog. angel...startled...vs.12.

NOW WATCH GIDEON'S REACTIONS. Stalwart young man...daring to defy Midianites...seeking material welfare...BUT look at his dismal attitude re. spir. things...vs.13...15...17. In spite of reassuring words of angel...GOD'S WORDS...listen to Gideon's language of UNBELIEF..."Oh...if...why...where... but...wherewith...if...shew me". He was devoid of faith in anything not material...could not see. How many today!

(c). Here is pathetic pith of all unbelief...9 fold in nature "Oh"...the skeptical SURPRISE of Unb.

"If"...the UNCERTAINTY of unb. "Why"...QUESTIONING of unb.

"Where be all his miracles?" DESOLATENESS of unb.

"But now the Lord hath broken us" COMPLAINT of unb.

"Wherewith shall I save Israel?" FALSE HUMILITY of unb.

"My family is poor" Resourcelessness of unb.

"If now I have found grace" PERSISTENT SCEPTICISM of unb

"Show me a sign"...The SIGN-SEEKING of unbelief.

Here are the favourite words of unbel...Always recog. them. Prod, paralysis of spirit...nerveless hand, feeble knee, ties hand, dulls eye, shrinks soul. Gideon looked at CIRCUMSTANCES instead of at God. c/f Peter on water... c/f spies in Prom. Land...They saw four G's...Grapes, Great cities, Giants, Grasshoppers. Faithful two saw a fifth G...GOD! LANEDON. NOV 13/66 meadow CR, NASH. Nov 24/68

breton - Bph YPS - July 23/65 Vernon CMA - Oct 10/65

PROVOST  
JULY 1971

Richmond BC  
Lang. BC  
Edmonton  
Nov 16/70

Nov 24/68  
Nov 5/68  
July 14/72

Edmonton  
Boulder  
Nov. 1971  
Nucoria, Effingham - Sept 1/68

Vernon - Jan 1968  
Kendown, Sask  
CMA - Sep 23/69

Meeting Week - Nov. 27/66

Bossons Aug 13/67

Black Diamond Oct 22/67

II. Now see the three things that changed from unbel., to unbeat

(a). Changed Hang-back Gideon into Hero Gideon.

FIRST:- Converted. I think this is the best word for what happened. At first... "IF the Lord be with us"... but later convinced by words and deeds of heavenly visitor.. vs. 24. Built an altar.. place where God and men meet.. "Jehovah Shalom".. The Lord is my Peace". First fruit of true conversion.. PEACE! Peace in knowledge of sins forgiven.. reconciled to God.. living Saviour as daily Companion, keeping, guiding, protecting.. and heavenly home ahead, reserved! YOUR EXPERIENCE? It can be. The altar is already built.. meeting place.. called Calvary.. Gospel. Listen to the promise... Rom. 5:1. Come to Christ.

(b). But, wonderful though it was.. that was beginning for Gideon. SECOND:- Consecrated. Not only was that alter the place where Gideon met God.. it was where he gave himself TO God.. yielded. As soon as Gideon converted.. God had open access to talk to him c/f vs. 25. God began to give Gideon His Word.. commands. And Gideon at once obeyed.. in face of stiff opposition.. c/f 29-30. Almost cost Gideon his life.. But surprising thing.. There was resurrec. of faith in his father's heart.. vs. 31. Faith is often contagious, as well as fear. Have you ever stepped out for God.. until ev'body knows where stand? Ever publicly said:- "I am Christ's man.. woman.. My life is His.. Irrevocably.. no matter what the cost may be"...? 2nd step

(c). THIRD IS INEVITABLE. Controlled. God will always take a man at his word. Give Him your life.. HE WILL TAKE IT! Mark that well. Walk softly. Don't play with this. Mean business with God.. for He means business with you. See this:- vs. 34. Just blew a trumpet..? But takes Spirit of God on a man to blow a trumpet like this! CHALLENGE TO ENEMY.. CALL TO BATTLE.. CRY FOR OTHERS TO STAND IN A FIGHT. Controlled! Listen:- Heb. word for "upon" - "To put on so as to fill it".. "The Spirit of the Lord clothed himself with Gideon, as with a garment". AND THEN HE WAS ABLE TO BE GOD'S HERO.. FACE THE FOE.

3 John - c/f Ephesians

make a man!

Conclus:- 1. God give us such men and women today! Are you Converted? Again I invite you to the place of soul-peace.. only place. Are you Consecrated? Given life to X.. bec. He bought you? Do it! Now! Then ask God to Control that which you give Him.. fill with Spirit.. use you. Make you a warrior like one who cried when all seemed lost.. "Spare me the stub of a sword, and we shall win". God's heroes. (Young to)

"Doubt sees the obstacles; Faith sees the way. Doubt sees the darksome night, Faith sees the day. Doubt dreads to take the step; Faith soars on high. Doubt whispers - "Who believes?" Faith answers "I"!

PRAY.

ST. CATHERINES - JUN. 14/64

OTTAWA - NOV. 15/64

DAYVIEW BAP. TORONTO - MAY 24/64

YELLOWHEAD CAMP - AUG 30/64

Imperial Ch. Calgary - Dec 31/72

London AGE - Oct. 25/63

Camden - F.B.C. Nov 24/63

~~STUART JOHANSTONE~~

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~~WESTROCK~~ ~~PENT~~

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Rom. 5:1 "Therefore, being justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord  
Jesus Christ."

~~1691 CHANDLER~~

Coronation - Oct 22/76

Granbrook CMA - Sept 16/73 - (Broadcast)

Bow Valley Can Jap Camp - July 28/73

Crimson Lk Camp (Leslieville - R. Des. Innes) - July 5/71

Delbarne YP - Nov 22/70

South Alta. B. Camp - July 10/70

Calgary Prison Cent. - Bang - July 1/69

Gerworth Rd - Victoria - Jan 15/69 - Father's Day

Brenkwin Bsh - Calgary - Apr 13/69