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CREATION CORNER

MIGRATING LOBSTERS

Spiny lobsters live and spawn near coral reefs of the Bahamas and the Florida coast. But each fall, the lobsters know that it is time to leave. Storms occur throughout the year; yet, for some unknown reason, at the time that one of the autumn storms stirs the waters, the lobsters quickly know that migration time has come. Within a few hours they gather in large groups.

Then they form into long, single-file lines and begin marching out into the ocean. They always know to move straight out, and not sideways. As they travel on the sand, each lobster touches his long antennae on the rear of the one in front of him. There is no hesitation about these marches; the creatures gather and immediately depart.

As they go, they travel surprisingly fast, yet maintain their alertness. They can never know when their main enemy, the trigger fish, or another predator may suddenly dart down through the clear waters. Indeed, the lobsters are easy to see, for the tropical sands beneath them are often white.

When a trigger fish does arrive, the lobsters instantly go into action. They form into circles, with their pincers held outward and upward in a menacing gesture. When the trigger fish, decides it is not worth getting pinched and leaves, the spiny lobsters reform into a line and continue their march.

Finally, they reach a lower level and remain there throughout the winter. Since less food is available during the winter months, at these lower levels the colder water temperature helps slow their metabolism and they go into semi-hibernation until spring returns. Then they march in lines back to their summer feeding grounds. Who put all this understanding into the minds of the little lobsters? Could you train a lobster to do all that? Another wonder of God's creation.

Amazing Fact — Did you know that a cat has 32 muscles in each ear? Their hearing is extremely keen, because of this, it is most distressing to our kitties if we yell or clap our hands at them! = ^ .. ^ =

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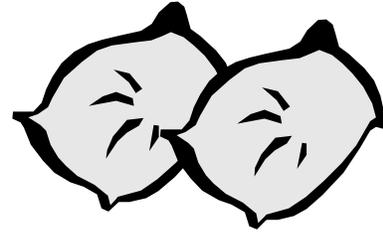
Last week we learn how Ignatius Loyola took exercises he had learned while in trances and hallucinations brought on by torturing and depriving his body, and wrote the book 'Spiritual Exercises' which he used to train his followers and how with these specially trained men, Ignatius started the Jesuit order. Though at first rejected by the church leaders and even arrested by the Inquisition at times, finally with the desperate condition of the church in Europe, due to the light of the Reformation, on the 27th of September, 1540, the Pope accepted Ignatius and his 'Jesuits', feeling they might be of some use to him.

Up to this time, the inquisition, the cruel group of monks who would arrest and torture anyone they thought was an enemy of the Roman church, had been given to the Dominican monks but soon, it was turned over to the Jesuits. The Dominicans were an ignorant and crude order but the Jesuits had a very different way of doing things.

First off, they made it a point to be highest in learning and education. Quickly they became the professors and learned men of Europe and got themselves placed in universities and schools as teachers. They would teach in ways that gradually got students to think as they wanted them to. Remember that the Jesuit training causes those who take it to become demon possessed and they have the cunning and hypnotic power of Satan behind them.

It was a Jesuit named Ribera that showed the counsel of Trent that the Protestants were wrong because they kept Sunday, on the authority of the Roman church and not the Bible; and that made the Roman church determined to destroy the light God had sent to the world in the reformation.

The Jesuits went out like wolves from that counsel determined to bring everything in the world under the control of the Roman Pontiff. They tricked and lied, and while pretending to be friends, worked to secretly destroy. They made it a point to be special friends to kings and royalty and to rich widows, so they could get their hands on money and power. More next week- = ^ .. ^ =



TRUE-STORY-TIME

Choose Your Words Carefully!

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” Colosians 4:6.

The story is told of a lesson learned in an unusual way. We don't know for sure if this is a true story or a parable story, but either way it has a good lesson for us all.

A certain good woman one day said something nasty that hurt her best friend of many years. She regretted it immediately and would have done anything to have taken the words back. But they were said impulsively in a moment of thoughtlessness, and as close as she and her friend were, she didn't consider the effects of her words before hand.

What she said hurt the friend so much that this good woman was herself hurt for the pain she caused. In her effort to undo what she had done, she went to an older, wiser woman in the village, explained her situation, and asked for advice.

The older woman listened patiently in an effort to determine just how sincere the younger woman was, how far she was willing to go to correct the situation. She explained that sometimes, in order to put things back in order, great efforts must be made.

She then asked, “Just what would you be willing to do to repair the harm done?” The answer was heartfelt. “Anything!”

Listening to her, the older woman sensed the younger woman's distress and knew she must help her. She also knew she could never alleviate her pain by living her life for her, but she could

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teach, if the younger woman would first listen and then learn.

She knew the outcome would depend solely on the character of the younger woman. She said, "There are two things you need to do to make amends. The first of the two is extremely difficult.

Tonight, take your best feather pillows and open a small hole in each one. Then, before the sun rises, you must put a single feather on the doorstep of each house in town.

When you are through, come back to me. If you've done the first thing completely, I'll tell you the second."

The young woman hurried home to prepare for her chore, even though the pillows were very dear to her and very expensive.

All night long, she labored alone in the cold. She went from doorstep to doorstep, taking care not to overlook a single house. Her fingers were frozen, the wind was so sharp it caused her eyes to water, but she ran on through the darkened streets, thankful there was something she could do to put things back the way they once were.

Finally as the sky was getting light, she placed the last feather on the steps of the last house. Just as the sun rose, she returned to the older woman.

She was exhausted but relieved that her efforts would be rewarded.

"My pillows are empty. I placed a feather on the doorstep of each home."

"Now," said the wise woman, "Go back and refill your pillows. Then everything will be as it was before."

The young woman was stunned. "You know that's impossible! The wind blew away each feather as fast as I placed them on the doorsteps! You didn't say I had to get them back! If this is the second requirement, then things will never be the same."

"That's true," said the older woman. "Never forget. Each of your words is like a feather in the wind. Once spoken, no amount of effort, regardless how heartfelt or sincere, can ever return them to your mouth. Choose your words well and guard them most of all in the presence of those you love." = ^ .. ^ =

"Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" Mark 9:24.

One of the blessings of living in the wilderness is water of a wonderful quality. However, I felt I could make life easier by installing a gravity-flow water system. This type of system will not work on every property, but if the elevations are correct, there is nothing better in a wilderness setting. It requires no power and there are no parts to break down.

Our property is one of those fortunate ones with a spring sitting about eighteen feet uphill and two thousand feet from our home. To have gravity-flow water, all we had to do was have a backhoe come and dig a deep trench below the frost line and layover two thousand feet of pipe. Unfortunately, after laying the two-inch pipe, I found that I needed to go to town for some pipefittings. An early morning trip to town would give me time to buy the fittings and install them before the back-hoe operator arrived at 9:00 A.M. to start back filling the trenches.

Rising at my normal time of 4:30 A.M., I felt the pressure of the three-hour round trip to town, and in my mind the inclination was to rush through my personal time with the Lord, so I could get to town. "You understand Lord, I usually spend time with You, but this morning I have things to do."

Thankfully, the Lord impressed my mind with this thought, Jim, you need to spend time with Me and make sure you have a vital connection, rather than a casual connection. Stay with Me until your flesh is subdued.

Surrendering my plan to the Lord, I stayed and had my personal time with Him. I left the house contemplating my subject of worship that morning, which was John 15:5: "I am the vine, ye are the branches." I was thinking about the close and vital connection the branches have with the vine as I drove toward town along the deserted North Fork Road.

Suddenly, a big mule deer leaped out of the ditch on the side of the road in front of me. There wasn't even time to hit the brakes before I hit him broadside at fifty miles an hour. There was a sickening thud of the impact accompanied by the sound of breaking glass and plastic. The hood accordioned and the grill gave way. Steam rose from the radiator as jagged fragments of the grill

punctured its surface. The fan's clickety-clack joined the hiss of the radiator to make a very forlorn sound. The radiator had been pushed all the way back to the engine block. Leaving a small trail of broken parts, I came to stop at the side of the road.

The last thing I felt like doing at this point was abiding in the Vine. Yet as I sat there still holding on to the wheel, I could hear that soft, still voice, which never ceases to call for our attention. Jim, you need Me right now. Do you believe I am still with you right now and can work out this problem for you?

"Lord, it doesn't feel like it. I mean, my plans to obtain the parts seem as good as lost. The backhoe man is coming and I'm not going to be there to meet him. My truck is destroyed. The fan is going clickety-clack. The steam is rising. Not only will I not be home at 9 A.M., I will be lucky to make it home tonight. No, Lord, it doesn't feel like You're with me right now."

I wanted to get out and examine the damage, but as usual, God had other plans for me.

Jim, do you remember that breakfast your wife packed for you?

"You have got to be kidding! My truck is smashed and you want me to sit here and eat!"

Jim, if you don't eat now, you won't have time later. Your blood sugar will drop. You'll get weak and irritable. You need to get out the granola and eat it slowly and quietly.

"Eat it slowly?! Why Lord, I can't even do that at home, let alone here in my smashed truck!"

Just trust Me, Jim.

"But, Lord."

Chew slowly, Jim.

So I sat there and ate slowly, or at least I tried to. At the end of twenty minutes, I was done with the granola. I was wondering if an angel was going to appear, but none showed up. Jim, you know that apple your wife packed for you?

"Lord," I exclaimed, "the apple too?"

So I sat there, slowly eating my apple. As I finished the apple I saw a U. S. forest service truck coming up the road from the other direction. As the truck rolled to a stop, I gratefully realized that I knew the driver.

"Well," he said as he pulled up to my window, "You're in quite a fix here."

"I sure am," I agreed. "Listen," he responded. "I have a dispatcher radio phone here in the truck. Do you want me to call a wrecker for you?"

"Yes, please."

After he placed the call, he went on his way, and I was left to contemplate the fact that someone else had come along the deserted road and that he had a radiophone in the truck. This was long before the days of common cellular phones, and radiophones were rare.

I felt impressed that I should get out of the truck and pick up all the glass and parts I had scattered over the road. That way, no one else would be inconvenienced by my trial. As I picked up the last of the parts, the wrecker from town came up and proceeded to hook up my truck.

"Where do you want me to take it?" The driver asked.

I remembered that I had sold some property to a nice man who owned a body shop, so I gave the driver his name. As I rode along in the cab of the wrecker, I realized I was going to have to get some type of rental car and again the temptation was to worry over the details. As strange as it might sound for a former insurance agent, I had no rental insurance, and I felt irritation rising in my heart. This was going to cost me money and lots of it!

"What happened, Jim?" asked the body shop owner who recognized me as I walked in the door.

"I hit a deer," I responded.

"Well, I must say you did a good job of it," he said while surveying the damage with an experienced eye. Looking up at me, he asked, "How are you going to get around?"

"I don't know," I said.

"Well I do," he responded. "This car rental place was just in here the other day and they gave me a bunch of coupons for free rentals. They're yours!"

"Thank You, Lord," was all I could breathe to myself. Just then the tow truck driver stuck his head in the office and offered me a ride to the car rental agency, which I gladly accepted. I got a car and the parts, and I even made it back home in time to get the job done.

At some point, everyone who claims to believe in the Lord must confront himself with the question, "Do I really believe?"

None of my worries that morning accomplished anything. The Lord worked out all the details, and He did it without any help from me. Do we really believe? = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

My Body Temple

Our Eating Habits

Just as we saw in our previous story, many folk have trouble with eating too fast. Eating too fast is a common bad habit. When food is chewed quickly and gulped down, it is not made into tiny pieces and softened. Such food cannot be digested well.

Someone who eats too fast, also, often eats too much. The digestive organs can only do so much work. When too much food is eaten, it is not digested as it should be, it sort of rots, and is not as nourishing to the body. Overeating is very common and can cause stomach trouble.

It is good to avoid snacking between meals. Your stomach needs time to rest, just as legs and arms and other parts of the body do.

We also should not eat close to bedtime because the stomach needs to sleep also, and if we go to bed with a stomach full of food, the stomach cannot rest. It has to go on working and you will not sleep as well either.

it really helps our stomach if we have regular times to eat our meals so it prepares to receive food at that time. When we are very tired, we should not eat, but instead we should rest. Our stomach can't work well if we are too tired.

Foods high in sugar, can ferment in our stomachs and make us sick. Mixtures made out of milk and sugar are especially harmful and can form alcohol in your body! These things include puddings, custards and ice-cream.

Candies often contain harmful chemicals in colors and artificial flavors that are not good to build up our bodies.

Animal fats, oil, butter and margarine and other greasy foods are hurtful especially when melted and mixed in with our other food. Cheese, fried foods, and rich pastry are very poor foods, hard to digest and our poor stomachs have to overwork to deal with them. Such fats in the diet can actually clog up our blood vessels and lead to heart disease and serious health problems.

Both sugar and fatty foods make the brain slow and dull also. A simple diet is much more healthful. Nut milks and grain foods, like oatmeal, maize, cracked wheat, whole wheat bread, with delicious fruits like apples, pears, grapes, and many others, are some of the best foods.

Very icy, cold foods or drinking water and liquids with our meals slow down our stomach digestion by diluting the special stomach juices needed to do

the job. To avoid being thirsty at mealtime, a very good habit is to drink one or two glasses of water at least ½ hour before we eat and not to drink with our meals. this helps our stomach prepare to receive food and digest it. Wait about 2 hours after before drinking, to give time for digestion to do its work. This wise plan can often cure a lot of stomach problems. If we take care of our stomach, our stomach will take care of us! = ^ .. ^ =



BUILDING FOR JESUS

Recently I read the amazing story of a man who submitted to a scientific hypnosis experiment. While under a light hypnotic trance the subject was ordered to pick up a glass from the table.

Although he was a strong, athletic type, the man could not budge the glass from its position. No matter how he tried he could not lift the glass that was light enough for any child to remove.

Why could he not do it? Because the scientists, after placing him in the trance, had told him that it was impossible to pick up the glass. Because his mind was sure that it could not be done, his body was unable to carry out the command to lift it. What an impressive demonstration of what unbelief can do!

It is important that we know the promises Jesus has given us and believe them. Satan is working mightily in our world to get people to doubt God's word. He does it with so-called educated people who pour out all kinds of reasons why you can't believe the Bible or the Spirit of Prophecy, or how you can't overcome sin. He does it also through fear.

If he can get you to be afraid and think that God has forgotten you, or that you are so bad that Jesus will not take care of you, then you move away from God, and Satan and his nasty bunch can oppress and harass you. If we yield to fear, doubting the care of Jesus, or thinking that He will leave us to be harmed by evil, we will be afraid and give up,

or we will run to worldly ways to try to help ourselves.

Jesus never fails! Learn the promises and as you read them, tell yourself they are true, and that they are meant for you. Never let fear stay in your heart—run to Jesus and tell Him all about it. Satan and all his nasty angels can never harm the weakest person who trusts in Jesus.

There are two mistakes people often make; the first one is, they sort of float along in life, not bothering very much to stay close to Jesus and read and learn His word and obey it. They just think because they belong to the church they are fine and can go anywhere and read or watch anything they like and still not be fooled by Satan.

The other mistake is living in constant fear because of all the evil in the world, that they just give up. They also spend more time thinking and watching the scary, bad things in the world than they do in reading God's promises. They don't fasten their faith on Jesus.

If something scary comes along in your life, run to Jesus right away, pray and tell Him all about it, ask Him to send extra angels, read the promises from inspired writings and say, "I know Jesus loves me, I know Satan cannot beat Jesus and so I know I am safe in Jesus arms. Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid!"



Year 1: 4th Quarter:
"BIBLE PICTURE STORIES"
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 11: "THE HARVEST"

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7

Sunday

Text: Matthew 13:24, 25 "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way."

Jesus is the Sower of the good seed. Satan is the enemy who sowed the weed seeds. When Jesus made this world, it was all good; there were no bad, hurtful things at all. But when Adam and Eve listened to Satan's lies and chose to follow him, it brought evil into this world.

When we look around us and see sad, bad things; pain, fear, sickness, death, and unhappiness; we can know that Jesus did not put them here. An enemy has done it. Satan is the enemy that now sows his weed seeds along side of God's good seeds. Everywhere we look in this old world we see the weeds of sin.

But Jesus has given us a wonderful gift; it is the power to Choose. There are good seeds in the world and there are evil seeds; we must learn to choose the good and throw out the evil in our lives.

Because we live at the very end of this world's history, there are more evil seeds around us than ever before. But the good seeds are still there. In our lives we must choose to stay away from Satan's bad seeds.

What are some bad seeds? Fiction books, TV stories and movies that are not true or show foolish or ugly, cruel things; these all put bad seeds in our hearts. There are many games and things on computer that are packages of Satan's bad seeds, if it is not something that Jesus would read, or watch or do; then choose to stay away from it!

Thought - We do the choosing and Jesus gives us the power to carry out our right choices.

Monday

Text: Galatians 6:7,8 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

We will talk about the 'end of the world' harvest of the good and the wicked in a minute, but did you know that everything you do in life is like a seed that you sow in your heart? And just like a seed, it will grow up into a plant.

This memory verse is a very important one. It shows that what we do really matters. Sowing 'to the flesh' means giving in to your self. It can be things like eating food that is not good for your body. It can be reading or watching wrong stories. It can be acting mean and selfish to others, or angry words. It is all bad seeds that will grow up to terrible weeds. People, who let them grow in their hearts, will one day be destroyed by them.

Good seeds are things like reading and learning your Bible; Praying and staying close to Jesus; Doing kind, unselfish things and speaking kindly; Taking care of your body and not putting junk food into it; throwing away bad or silly books or videos. All these good seeds will grow up to make us strong and joyful Christians, who will be ready to go home with Jesus when He comes.

Thought - Remember, we are the ones who choose what seeds we will put into our lives; and they will always grow up!

Tuesday

Text: Mark 4:29 "But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." Revelation 14:14 "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle."

There is a very interesting story in the second half of Revelation 14. It is telling us about two kinds of harvests, and they both happen when Jesus comes. Did you know that when He comes, He will have in His one hand a sickle? A sickle is a tool people used to use to harvest the grain. So it means He is coming back to get the results of all the good seeds He has sown in this world.

In our day, the harvest is growing up fast. But there are two harvests; there are the good people who have allowed Jesus to put the good seed in their hearts and have not chosen the bad seeds and there are the wicked who have kept the bad seeds in their hearts and have not let Jesus put good seeds in there.

The Good Seed people have developed to be just like Jesus' sweet and lovely character; but the

Bad Seed people, have let Satan put bad seeds in their hearts and have become wicked and cruel, just like Satan. Just before Jesus comes, everyone living on this earth will be either just like Jesus, or just like the devil!

Thought - Now is the time to decide and ask Jesus to guide you to always make the right choices, so only good seeds will be in your heart.

Wednesday

Text: Matthew 13:28, 29 "He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them."

'Tare' in the Bible is what we call a weed. It is an interesting thing about plants that when they are very small, you often cannot tell what kind of plant they are. Even when they are bigger, often you can be fooled. But when their flowers and fruit appear, then you will know for sure what they are.

One year I had a flower garden, and some plants came up in it. They looked just like a kind of flower and I was so sure they were, that I let them grow. Even when they were very big, I was still sure they were flowers. They got buds on them that looked like flower buds but when the flowers came out—they were a kind of burs. I was so disappointed.

That same year I had another plant grow until it was large and I thought it was a weed, so I cut it down. I found out later it was a nice flower.

Jesus told this story to us to show that we really can't tell with people, who are the good seed and who are the bad, until the fruit comes. Now some people say this means that no matter how a person lives, we should not tell them about their sins or take their names away from the church books. If someone is openly breaking God's law and we know for sure they are, then they should be warned and if they do not repent, then they should not remain members of the church.

But there are many who we do not know for sure about, and these may fool us. Some may seem nice and good, but later they show the bad fruit, and others may seem rough and not very likable, but after God works on their hearts, they will show lovely Christian fruit.

Thought - The Jewish church in Jesus' day seemed very religious, but when it ripened up, it rejected and killed their Lord.

Thursday

Text: Matthew 13:30 “Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Matthew 13:39 “The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.”

As we read this story Jesus told about the harvest and the weeds, we can learn many things. If you want a real treat, get the book, “Christ’s Object Lessons”, by Ellen White and read all about this parable. It is full of wonderful information.

You will notice here that the weeds get tied up in bundles first, but the wheat is just gathered into the barn. We are told that, as the end of the world comes on, the wicked will form many groups. They tie themselves up together in clubs, in societies, in unions, in gangs and associations, and, yes, in denominations. They will often do things in a group or when influenced by their friends, which they would never do if they were alone and thought it over themselves.

Most people who start to drink or smoke, or take drugs, do it because their ‘friends’ were doing it or dared them to do it by making fun of them.

Did you know that Jesus, as he was growing up as a child, had to put up with other children laughing at Him and making nasty jokes, because He would not do the bad things they were doing? It is true, and even His family often did not understand Him, and called Him names.

If you have to stand alone because you love Jesus, and want to be ready to go home with Him when He comes, always remember that He will give you strength. He knows just how hard it is, and just how you feel. He went through it all Himself and He gives His victory to you, if you choose to have it.

Thought - Be careful who you choose as your friends. If there are ones you know that do wrong things and say bad words, or who make fun of religion or the Bible, then you do not want to be with them, because when that kind of people get tied up to be burned, you don’t want to be tied up with them!

Friday

Text: Matthew 13:38, 40 “The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;...As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.”

There is another verse that says; “He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and with the rod of his anger he shall be consumed” (margin) Proverbs 22:8

So many people in the world today, and yes, in the church also, think that because they seem to get away with doing things that they know God does not want them to do, that it is alright and nothing bad will come from it. This is not so. God allows us to make our choices. He does not look down and zap us with a lightning bolt every time we do a wrong thing.

He gives us His Word and He teaches us in many ways, but if we choose to do what we know is wrong, there will come a time when what we thought we got away with, is going to come back on our heads.

There was a boy who was told to plant seeds in a field. He was shown to plant them one by one with space between for the plants to grow. It was a hot day and he wanted to go swimming, but he was told to plant all the seeds in the field, one by one.

He got tired and after a while he began to put in several at a time and finally a handful at a time. At the last he dumped the bag of seeds that were left into one big hole, covered it up and went off to swim.

Now he thought no one would ever know; but when the seeds came up, everyone could see his disobedience.

Thought – Wrong deeds and wrong choices always bring sad results. God tells us that the seeds will always come up. Ask Jesus to guide you to be careful to only plant the good seeds in your life.

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