

KEEP THE HUT FIRES BURNING!

A hut is your fighter's home over there. It is his store, his theater, his church, his school and his club.

It is the place where he writes your letters.

It is the place where he reads his books and magazines, where he and his friends get around a piano and sing or listen to a phonograph.

It is the place where the movies are given, and the concerts and the minstrel shows and vaudeville. Often it is the only place within reach that is dry, light, warm and clean.

A hut may be a shed or tent or a fine old chateau or a hotel. Sometimes at the front it's just a battered little shack—the only building left standing in town.

On the fighting line, it's just a board laid across two boxes with a sign nailed to a tree.

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CHRIST'S GREAT QUESTION

—“LOVEST THOU ME?”

(Notes by Rev. R. E. Myers.)

The case of Peter was peculiar. The boaster became confused and denied his Lord. Turning to his old pursuit of fishing he toiled all night without success. Coming to the shore for breakfast he found it all prepared by Jesus. What thoughts must have filled his mind. He probably looked for rebuke. Most people would have given it. But Jesus does not even ask why he fell, for He knew how sore the heart was and that it would take something stronger than declarations to keep Peter from falling. He knew the depths of Peter's soul had to be reached. He accomplished this by three direct questions, the same in content but different in purpose and emphasis.

The first was a clear and direct appeal to conviction. Peter must have been staggered by its force. “Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these?” His response came readily. “Yes, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee.” Then Jesus said, “Feed My lambs.” The denial of Peter implied that

he had lost faith in his Master. The purposes of the question was to see if Peter was now sufficiently convinced. With the thought of his past failure in mind it took no small amount of courage for Peter to say, “Jesus, I love Thee.” The conviction in his soul was deep enough to cause him to say without reservation that he loved Him better than the others. Jesus looked into his soul and found Peter thoroughly convinced. Jesus comes to every one with the same question. You remember that day when you denied your Lord, how wistfully and tenderly He said, “Lovest thou Me?” Is the conviction, that He is Lord and Savior, strong enough in us to cause us to say that we love Him? Faith that does not ripen into love will never pass the test of this first question.

The test quickly follows the question. If you love Me, feed My lambs. Profession was not enough, words will not suffice. You must do something. Attest your faith by your works. Plenty of room for it everywhere. Show your love by helping finish the work He began. There are the hungry to be fed, underpaid to be fought for, the under-loved to be cared for. The world is full of opportunity to do. Unless you're helping somewhere

you have no right to say you love Him.

The second question had a familiar sound, but the emphasis startled Peter. “Lovest thou Me?” This was asked because the first had not gone deep enough. With an awakened heart Peter answered, “Yes, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee.” Assent to the truth is not enough, you must go deeper. “With the heart man believeth unto righteousness.” Emotion is nearer the seat of the soul than reason. Conduct springs from the heart.

Heart impulses must be tested as to their depth and thoroughness, and the test of emotional impulse is also service. “Feed My sheep.” The difference between wholesome emotional impulse and sentiment is measured by service. Loving must be proved by living.

How pained and startled Peter must have been by the third question. “Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?” The Lord had to reach a deeper depth than had yet been reached. He had to go deeper than conviction as to truth, or devotion of heart. The innermost citadel of his soul, the will had to be captured. The third question did this. Peter, startled and amazed, arose and replied, “Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee.” We will never learn to know the secret of the Lord, never will we have a wholly satisfied heart until there is perfect accord between our wills and His.

Again comes the test. “Feed My sheep.” You say that is the same as the last. Yes, but there is no other test. The proof of conviction is service. The proof of devotion is service. The proof of resolution is service. All is to issue in action. If you love me you will serve me by serving mine. There is a hungry and a needy world to be fed. Is anyone drawing help from your life? When the will comes into harmony with the will of God, then things that were never thought possible before will be done.

“Lovest thou Me?” This is one of the greatest and most far reaching questions ever asked. One that sounds to the very center of all life motives. The mind, heart and will are all tested by it. May Jesus come to us in this great day and probe us with the searching question. “Lovest thou Me?” And may such love burn in our hearts that we will stand the test. “Feed My lambs.”

SOMETHING NEW IN WARFARE

Party of Highlanders Repelled German Attack, but at Terrible Cost; They Lost Their “Paritich.”

A wounded officer describes the novel way in which a small party of surprised Highlanders met an unexpected enemy attack.

“The Germans got further into the trenches,” he writes. “So far, indeed, that they surprised a party of Highlanders in the peaceful occupation of porridge making for a section due for night duty. The porridge makers had no time to seize weapons. Instead they seized their precious pot of porridge and flung it in the face of the advancing foe. There were yells of rage as the scalding porridge fell among the soldiers of the Kaiser. One of the funniest sights of the whole war. I am told, was to see a German officer trying to look dignified before his men in a uniform covered with porridge. The method of repelling the attack was novel, but effective. It was more deadly than liquid fire, I fancy, for it put an end to the attack in that quarter.”

“When we relieved the Highland porridge makers we found them in a terrible funk, they didn't mind facing the worst attack the enemy could make, but they were quaking at the prospect of explaining to hungry comrades what had happened to the porridge. I tried to console the man with whom this brainy idea originated by telling him he ought to have the V. C. He would have none of my consolation. ‘That may be,’ he answered, ‘but what about Wee Jock —’s paritich? He'll hammer h— out o' me when he comes back and finds it's a' wasted on they German devils!’”

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