

The American Way

YOU CAN MEET ANY CRISIS
By Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

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In one of the World Series games last fall, a bespectacled pitcher of the Detroit Tigers had the classical name of "Dizzy" Trout. He had been ill and without practice for two weeks; and it was so wet before the game that he had no opportunity to limber up his muscles and get relaxed. And yet he had to go into a World Series game before 42,000 fans in a hostile city and pitch.

That demanded calmness, and he had his own method of securing it. When tense situations arose, as they did quite often, he simply took off his glasses and painstakingly wiped them, while 42,000 people watched expectantly and the batter at the plate fidgeted. Then deliberately he put on his glasses, and began pitching, and one by one the Cubs struck out. There's calmness for you! It is rumored that all of the Chicago Cubs are wearing spectacles this season.

"Always keep a reserve for a crisis," a wise old banker once said. "When you put money in the bank, earmark a little of it for a crisis fund, because you never can tell when you'll need it. It also is a good thing to store up some reserve power in your soul, laying it up, too, against a day of crisis. Read the Bible ten minutes every day, and the thoughts which pass from the printed page through the eyes into the brain, will form a reserve deposit which will be useful in time of stress. You haven't time to stop and figure in a crisis. Many times you must act automatically and the wisdom you have stored up within yourself, will come to your aid when you need it."

During sunny days, build up your spirit to be read when the storms of life beat down upon you. When difficulties strike, they rarely come singly. Sometimes I wonder whether this is an actual fact that hardships and troubles really do throng upon a person, or whether one's mind becomes so sensitive that what ordinarily would not be considered trouble, becomes one. It may be a little of both, but the awareness of the presence of God which you have built up, will calm you.

"The first time I jumped from plane," a paratrooper told me, "everything in me resisted. All there was between death and me was a piece of cord and a little patch of silk. But when I found out for myself that the patch of silk would hold me, I had the most marvelous feeling of exultation I have ever experienced, and I didn't want to come down."

Sometimes when you and I are in a crisis, we are fearful because between us and defeat is a very ethereal thing—faith in the sustaining power of God. But when we leap, we, too, get this great exultation. This mystic thing called surrendered faith in God holds us. This is a great truth, but I confess that it took five years to learn it and even longer to be willing to practice it. Strange, isn't it, that you can be for years in the presence of something which will save your life, but you won't trust it?

I don't know what your problem is, but you will get strength to meet it if you will say to yourself, "That is the way to do it. I will do all I can; beyond that I am going to trust this matter to God in absolute faith."

St. Paul says: "Have that mind in you that was in Christ Jesus our Lord." Follow this injunction and there is no crisis that you can't meet by this wisdom and this power.

Local People Attend 'King of Kings' Show

A large number of local people attended the picture "King of Kings" shown at the senior high school in Medford last Thursday evening, as the concluding feature of the Bible classes which have been taught in the grade schools in Medford and Central Point during the past year. Before showing the film, Mrs. W. T. Frost, president of the church council, expressed appreciation for the splendid work done by Mrs. Kathryn Breougher during the past year.

The Bible study, which is church supported, was enthusiastically received in Central Point as elsewhere. The pupils enjoyed the well-told Bible stories and the flannel-graph illustrations immensely. Mrs. Breougher will not teach next year, but the work will be carried on by Miss Helen Andrus of Salem.

Reunions of OSC Class Groups Set for June 8

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Classes of 1920, 1921 and 1896 will hold reunions here Saturday, June 8, in connection with the seventy-seventh annual commencement the day following. John Fenner, alumni manager, has announced. Classes of 1896 and 1921 will hold their gold and silver reunions, respectively, while the class of 1920 will stage a delayed silver jubilee because war conditions prevented holding it a year ago.

Registration of alumni Saturday forenoon will be followed by reunion class luncheons at the Benton hotel in Corvallis at noon. A general alumni business meeting is scheduled for 3 o'clock when the board of directors will submit a recommendation for a suitable war memorial project in which the alumni could join.

Coffee will be served in the Memorial Union at 4:30 for alumni and faculty members with staff members especially invited who were on the campus during the years when the reunion class members were in college.

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SUNDAY: 9:45 A.M.—Children's day program



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gram at beginning of the Bible school hour.

11:00 A.M.—Observance of the Lord's Supper. A speaker expected from NCC.

12:30 Noon—Regular meeting of Elders and Deacons.

3:00 P.M.—Workers' Conference.

6:15 P.M.—Junior Bible Club and Teen Age group.

7:30 P.M.—Regular evangelistic service.

MONDAY: 9 A.M.—Daily Vacation Bible School.

TUESDAY: 8:00 P.M.—Choir practice.

WEDNESDAY: 7:45 P.M.—Mid-week service.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rolf H. Hansen, Pastor

"The Neighborhood Church"

SUNDAY:

9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A.M.—Evangelistic Service.

6:30 P.M.—Young People's meeting

7:45 P.M.—Evening Service.

WEDNESDAY:

7:45 P.M.—Mid-week Prayer meeting.

PENTECOST CHURCH OF GOD

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SUNDAY:

Sunday School—9:45 A.M.

Sermon—11:00 A.M.

Evangelistic Service—7:45 P.M.

MID-WEEK SERVICES:

Tuesday—7:45 P.M.

Friday—7:45 P.M.

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Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.

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