

To Justify Himself

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Do you ever get into an embarrassing situation and try to save face by justifying yourself? That's what a certain lawyer did. He came to Jesus with what he thought was a tricky legal question.

In effect Jesus replied, "You're the authority, how does the law read?"

Thus he was put in the embarrassing position of having to answer his own question. He had to sling alone on the bandit-infested road between Jerusalem and Jericho.

The law says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . . and thy neighbor as thyself." . . . and the lawyer asked another question, "But who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus told the matches-

awlike another churchman came by, and he was equally headless of the sufferer's need. But still later a despised half-breed was traveling that way.

HE BELONGED to a different denomination, but he took his chances upon the merits of the bandits and cared for the man. He did even better. He paid for the man's care until he could regain his health.

This is the story. And once a great crowd puts the question to the lawyer, "Which of these three . . . proved neighbor to the man?" Just as in some parts of the world today it is thought to be foolish to be concerned about the welfare of anyone outside one's family, so many felt that way in Jesus' day. But the truth is here made crystal clear.

To church members this concept is very familiar—whether we practice it or not. No matter how hard it may be, to deny the example of the good Samaritan in dealing with real live individuals is to deny Christ. But do you realize how important this is also in world affairs?

OUR neighbors are not merely nearby individuals who are in great trouble. Our neighbors are also whole nations who may be in trouble. Whole nations may be beaten and left half-dead upon the highway of life—and ultimately all nations are made up of individuals.

Perhaps Korea is the best illustration of a wounded and prostrate figure in our day. But there are also others to whom we are called upon to be neighbors.

The despised Samaritan might have excused himself in various ways.

He could have said that it was the man's own fault—he should have traveled in a caravan. He could have said he was too busy. He could have said it wasn't his responsibility. He could have said, "I will not help him because he is my enemy." He could have said that such a foolish man would soon be in trouble again. He could have—but he didn't. This is a significant difference between a Christian and a pagan in any age.

ALL THESE excuses might be applied to the suffering and war-torn lands of our own day. By pagans, that is. But not by Christians. The love of God constrains us to be concerned about the problems of all God's children. The love of God compels us to feel their suffering and sorrow, their heartache and hunger and disease. The love of God disturbs our hearts and minds and souls until we have taken upon ourselves the burdens of poverty and pain and mental torture of these sorely distressed people.

A great latter day apostle summarized it when he said, "The world is my parish." We may interpret this to mean that there will be a longing and a yearning and a bleeding heart within us, until we have completely surrendered ourselves to some practical means of making a real out of our constant prayer, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

A Christian cannot justify himself. He can only give himself in the utter abandonment of selfish love to serve his God and his neighbor.

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SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, AUG. 3
UNITY CENTER

Frank Glabach has chosen to speak on "The Lord's Prayer" at the services held in the reading room, Theater building.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Continuing his series on Isaiah, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., has selected the eleventh verse of the eighth chapter, "For the Lord speaks this to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people . . ." for his sermon. His topic for the day will be, "When God Leads A Man."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Everyone desires love and how to have more love will be shown in the lesson-sermon under the topic of "Love." The text is from John I, 48, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

FIRST BAPTIST
"Where There's Hoop's—There's Life!" will be the Sunday morning sermon topic. The monthly Communion service is also planned for this date.

Will Be Guest Speaker

The Rev. Emil Korte, pastor of the First Baptist church, has been invited to appear on the Detroit Council of Churches TV program, "Meditations." His guest appearance is scheduled for 11:45 a.m., July 31, over WJBK, channel 2.

County Candidates Rated By Oakland Citizens' League

Oakland County candidates who face opposition in the primary election, August 5, have been rated by the Oakland County Citizens' League in their bulletin issued last week.

The Republican candidate, George Dondoro, running for Congress was given a preferential rating over William Hayward and Stanley M. Brown. Other republican candidates given preferential rating included Frederick C. Ziem, prosecuting attorney candidate and Dale J. Swanson, candidate for sheriff. Drain commissioner republican candidates, Frank M. Granger and Ralph A. Main were both given good ratings.

ON THE DEMOCRATIC side of the ticket, Odin H. Johnson and Zigmond J. Niparko were given preferred rating in the race for Congress over candidate Arthur J. Law. Anne Garrison, candidate for State House of Representatives, district 4, received

a higher rating than her opponent Harold Murphy. For the office of sheriff in the democratic party, Carlos Richardson was given preferential rating over George Hicks.

CANDIDATES WERE compared with others of the same party, running for the same office. Candidates who are unopposed were not rated and no effort was made to pass judgement on candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor or U. S. Senators.

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Airman on Leave
A/2c Gerald Hughes, stationed at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Tex., arrived home July 30 to spend two weeks with his mother.

Mrs. Grace Hughes of 511 South Bazel. Now a staff writer for "Flight Time," official paper at the Base, Hughes has spent the past week in New York City.

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PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
County of Oakland, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a General Primary Election will be held on

Tuesday, August 5th, 1952

at the respective polling places hereinafter designated:

- Precinct 1—Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Educational Building, East Entrance, West Maple near Chesterfield
- Precinct 2—Holy Name School, Corner Harmon and Greenwood (Greenwood Avenue Entrance)
- Precinct 3—Adams School, Corner Oakland and Worth
- Precinct 4—Municipal Building, 151 Martin Street
- Precinct 5—D.P.W. Garage, 851 Eton Road
- Precinct 6—New Y.M.C.A. Building, 400 East Lincoln
- Precinct 7—Grand Trunk Station, 245 Eton
- Precinct 8—Birmingham High School (new), Corner West Lincoln and Cranbrook (Main Entrance, Cranbrook Road)

For the purpose of placing in Nominating by all Political Parties participating therein, Candidates for the following Offices, viz:

- STATE AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR
- LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
- UNITED STATES SENATOR
- UNITED STATES SENATOR (FULL TERM)
- UNITED STATES SENATOR (TO FILL VACANCY)
- REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS
- STATE SENATOR
- REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE
- COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
- PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
- SHERIFF
- COUNTY CLERK
- COUNTY TREASURER
- REGISTER OF DEEDS
- CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER
- DRAIN COMMISSIONER
- CORONER
- SURVEYOR

DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTIONS
There shall also be elected as many DELEGATES to the County Convention of the several political parties as said ward, precinct or district is entitled to under the call of the county committees of said political parties, which number will be indicated by the number of blank lines printed on the official primary ballots used at said election under the heading "Delegates to County Conventions."

NOTICE RELATIVE TO OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE POLLS
Section 1. On the day of any election the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon and shall be continued open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
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CONGRESSMAN CHARLES E. POTTER FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Republican Nomination, August 5

- ★ **FARM BORN**, at Lapeer, "Chuck" Potter was educated there. Worked way through Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti. Young executive and administrator at Cheboygan, where he made his home, before going off to war as private.
- ★ **FIGHTER**, was the name Potter won when he went overseas after earning his commission with famed 28th Division. Won battlefield promotion for heroic troop combat leadership. Lost both legs in enemy land mine explosion while leading midnight attack in Germany.
- ★ **U. S. CONGRESSMAN** was office to which he was elected by friends and neighbors of Michigan's 11th District, shortly after return home. They have sent him back to Congress each election since, now are conducting his campaign for U. S. Senate, sharing him with Michigan.

- ★ **BATTLES REDS** has been the headline about Potter ever since he was elected to House Un-American Activities Committee by fellow Congressmen. He trapped Hollywood, Communists, uncovered international spy ring, ferreted out Communists in American industrial cities.
- ★ **OUTSTANDING** was honor conferred upon Potter, U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce voted him title of "One of the ten outstanding young men in United States." Other awards: "Veteran of Year," "Civic Service of Year."
- ★ **TRADITION** in Michigan is that Republicans send to the Senate only men who will measure up to highest standards of statesmanship. Potter has already proved himself in the Michigan tradition, exemplifying the best in brilliant, mature young men in Government.

POTTER FOR SENATOR COMMITTEE: CHEBOYGAN • DETROIT • LEWIS BERRY, Chairman