



# That's How He Hurt His Hands



Many of us have seen or heard about little boys plucking flowers from the earth to give to their adoring mothers. A little known song recounts a similar story of one small boy who came running to his mother with tears streaming down his cheeks and roses in his hands that he had gathered as a gift for her. The tears were shed because he had cut his hands on the thorny stems of the beautiful red roses. The song's refrain says, "He was showing his love, and that's how he hurt his hands."

In my mental images of Jesus I often think about His hands and how He used them out of love for others. With His hands He cleansed a leper (Matthew 8:3). He placed His hands on the tongue and ears of the deaf mute, causing him to hear and speak. With His hands He gave sight to the blind (Mark 8:23). To the failing faith of a sinking man, He extended His hand in assurance (Matthew 14:31). To a maiden asleep in death, His hand had the power of life (Mark 5:41). But at no time were those hands more precious or more loving than when they were nailed upon the cross for you and me. Those bleeding hands, that bloody brow, His stricken back, and that sword pierced body were given as a sacrifice for my many sins. Indeed, He was showing his love, and that's how he hurt His hands. Let all of us see more clearly the love in the hands of Jesus. He truly loves and cares for you.

- John W. Moore, *House to House Heart to Heart*

## Familiar Scripture

Orville and Wilbur Wright were excited. On December 17, 1903, they had finally succeeded in keeping their homemade airplane in the air for fifty-nine seconds. Immediately they rushed a telegram to their sister in Dayton, Ohio, telling of this great accomplishment. The telegram read, "First sustained flight today fifty-nine seconds. Hope to be home by Christmas." Upon receiving the news the sister was so excited about the success that she rushed to the newspaper office and gave the telegram to the editor. The next morning the newspaper headlines read, "Popular Local Bicycle Merchants to be Home For Holidays." One of the greatest stories of the 20th century was missed because an editor missed the point.



At first I laughed, but then I considered that I have often done the same thing in reading the Scriptures. If one is too casual about it, he might learn some truth but miss that which is most important. For years Charles Hodge has been saying, "Familiar scripture should be read more closely." That advice is well worth heeding. But I am convinced that I should read all Scripture more closely and let the deep meaning sink into my heart.

- John Gipson, *Glad Tidings of Good Things*

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15; cf. Acts 17:11).

*He who serves two masters has to lie to one. Portuguese Proverb*

## News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Linda Carson & family at the recent passing of their family friend, Hershel Morgan. God bless and comfort this family.

**CONFESSION:** Taylor Heinselman.

**DEBT REDUCTION CONTRIBUTION:** \$18, 123. This is the largest contribution ever in the history of this congregation. God bless all who gave so generously. Our debt will be erased this year.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited to help with this good work.

**PANTRY:** Tuna & noodles.

**SUNDAY EVENING SINGINGS:** Following the evening worship periods next Sunday, May 13th and May 27th.

**GRADUATION BANQUET:** Saturday, May 19th. Food & money donations needed. See Rosie Burdine, Holly Phares, or Brenda Williams.

**POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS:** Items needed by June 1st: Taco Seasoning Mix, Macaroni & Cheese, Orange Jello, Wide Aluminum Foil, Disposable Rubber Gloves. See Jerry Shultz.

**TABLE GAMBLING VOTE:** Saturday, June 9th. Hancock County, WV residents are urged to vote NO to defeat this evil.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Those in our congregation with serious health concerns, and those having tests and/or treatments.

**NURSING HOME CLOSING:** Rivendale is closing or has already. Ione Asher will be moved to another facility. Details later.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME:** Marlene Reynolds, Virginia Ferrell, Bobby Sheville, Jack Board, Lynn Duncan McCall (in Texas), Ruth Brewer, Mary Beth Robinson, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, George & Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's parents). **NURSING HOMES: Fox:** Ray Baker. **Calcutta Health Care:** Glenn Beagle, Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). **Nentwick:** Ruby Kenny. **Weirton Geriatric Center:** Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum.

## MEETINGS

St. Clair Ave., ELO	May 6-9	Roger Rush
McKinleyville	May 6-10	Different Speakers
Jacksonburg	May 20-24	F. Higginbotham