

CROSSROADS CAMP AT HAZELBROOK — SEPTEMBER 1990
SATURDAY EVENING DEVOTIONAL

A young woman asked if she could talk with me. I arranged a meeting and the first thing she said to me was, “Reverend, I’m not even third rate.” Then she unveiled an unworthy picture of her life. She had been having sex relations with a number of men. It was clear that she had lost her dignity. Her self-worth.

I did not sit in judgement on her — consequently I did not seek to convert her. That was not her need. Her great need at that moment was to know that she was accepted and to discover that she did have some good in her that she could work on, in rebuilding her life.

I was able to relate to her in her own language and to point out — the good that I could see in her during the moments of our meeting. She went away — like the woman who had been brought to Jesus knowing that no sentence had been passed on her. And she went with an endeavour not to do it again.

I kept in touch with her over the months. She started coming to church. She was learning to discover God in this giant reality in her life — of strong emotions. After some set-backs that were grievous and humiliating to her, I was able to explain in a language that only she would understand what was happening to her. It triggered off a break through that she was wanting.

Mark Twain once wrote, “Each person is an island. We need to sail around them until we can see a safe place to land.” Some Christians barge in on another person’s life and don’t give the person a chance to find a relationship with Christ that is for real in their situation.

Twelve months later, this young woman broke down in church one morning. After the Service, she came to me and said, “I want to commit my life to Christ.”

The film we are about to see (Jesus of Nazareth — part 10), reveals three ways in which God heals

- (i) Morally
- (ii) Physically
- (iii) Spiritually

THE FILM: Part 10 of “Jesus of Nazareth”

DISCUSSION:

PRAYER: O God, our Father, You are the God of Truth and Justice. Help us not to fail you and fall into a deliberate rejection of you. Help us to practice charity in deeds of goodness.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.