

## Christy - A Change of Seasons

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121 ESV*

*He will guard the feet of His faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. 1 Samuel 2:9 ESV*

One of the boys in Christy's class said that "the man of the family don't have no time for praying". The boys thought it was wrong for men to do women's work. When Christy told them that in some states women had the right to vote, the boys didn't think it was right.

In some cultures men are considered superior to women. In God's eyes we are all equal in His sight. Have you ever known someone who felt that women were inferior to men?

Christy taught Fairlight to read, Fairlight taught Christy about wild herbs, nature, and the beauty of the mountains. Christy felt she got the better part of the deal. When Fairlight died of the plague it caused Christy to question her faith. Christy said, "It seemed impossible that Fairlight was gone and so unfair." Miss Alice said, "Those who have never rebelled against God have never encountered God at all."

Have you ever lost someone dear to you? Have you ever rebelled against God?

Sam Houston and his friends were concerned about Dr. McNeil's salvation since he didn't attend church. They wrote "repent" on his door and put frogs in his cabin to remind him of Moses and the plagues. When they tried to frighten him, pretending to be the ghost of his grandfather, Neil built a fire, hid behind it, and spoke to them, telling them to leave Dr. McNeil alone. They ran away frightened thinking that God had spoken from a burning bush like He did in the story of Moses.

God does speak to people today through His word, the Bible, and through trusted Christian friends.

Although many people risked their lives to take care of Lundy, he complained how mistreated he was. When Lundy was told not to eat solid food he disobeyed and it caused stomach bleeding just as the doctor had warned and he died. It's easy to get so wrapped up in our own life that we don't realize the impact our actions have on others. David devoted himself to taking care of Lundy but Lundy didn't appreciate it all.

Do you appreciate the things that other people do for you? Do they appreciate the things you do for them?

Miss Alice loved God and believed that the work at the mission was her calling in life. She turned down a proposal of marriage from a man she loved because she felt that her work was not completed. Miss Alice didn't say no to him, but rather said that she would be continuing to work at the mission until her work was done. Jacob asked when that would be and she replied, "The Lord will provide an answer." Miss Alice believed that God had a plan for her life and she wanted to follow Him. God will lead us and guide us if we ask Him. Trust Him.

When Christy agreed to marry David, Neil McNeil decided to take a position in Baltimore doing typhoid research. Although Christy thought she knew what she wanted, Neil's leaving was hard for her. We all have difficult decisions to make in life. Sometimes we second-guess our choices.

Do you have difficult decisions to make? God says that we should bring them to Him in prayer.

*Dear Lord, we thank You for Your loving guidance. Teach us how to trust in You. Thank You that You love all of us equally. Take away our doubts and fears. When we have decisions to make, help us to turn to You first. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*