

Christy - A New Beginning

He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." Matthew 9:4-6 ESV

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27 ESV

Even though Christy accepted David's proposal, she didn't feel peace about the up-coming marriage. Two weeks before the wedding she still felt haunted by indecision. When the day of the wedding drew closer Neil returned and said that he had to tell her how he felt about her. Christy was angry because his profession of love rekindled feelings that she felt she had put behind her. Miss Alice helped Christy face things she didn't want to see. If you are struggling with a decision talk it over with a good friend.

Christy was troubled when Zadie announced that she heard her brother, John, ask Bessie Coburn to marry him. Both Miss Alice and Christy were convinced that the two of them were too young. When Miss Alice spoke to Opal about them, Opal said that on the mountain if they were old enough to make babies they were old enough to get married. When the storm came, Bessie was scared and wanted her momma. She knew then that she wasn't ready to be a mother and a wife. When John helped rescue Miss Alice she realized that he was more mature than she had thought. What qualities are important in marriage?

When the storm hit the cove and homes flooded, people fled to the mission to survive. The next day many people returned to cabins that were destroyed. Even though they had lived in poverty before, life was even harder after the storm. Christy marveled at the resiliency of the people. When difficult times came they worked hard to put their lives back together again.

How do you respond to difficulties and problems?

When David and Jacob stopped to rest in a cave on the way to the mission they compared their thoughts on the women they both loved. They both felt that Christy and Miss Alice were full of love and faith, pure in their actions and love for other people. They decided that was why Christy and Miss Alice were such close friends because they were so alike.

How would you describe yourself? How would others describe you?

When Christy was delirious with a fever, Dr. McNeil finally realized that he could not heal Christy, but only God could. Neil trusted in medicine, science and his own ability to heal. When faced with losing the one he loved, and knowing that he could not help her, he finally turned to God in prayer.

Do you have problems that you cannot fix? Ask God to help you.

When Neil was carrying Christy back to the mission, and David met them, she said for the first time she saw two equal but different paths that were available to her. One was straight and reliable and the other winding and intricate. When making life decisions it is always wise to look down the path to see where that decision is likely to lead. Are you on any paths that will probably cause you pain in the future? Ask God to help you make the changes that you need to make. Choose your paths carefully.

Dear Lord, we have many paths in front of us, help us choose the right ones. If we've gotten on a wrong path please show us how to get back where we belong. Wash away the hurts and wrongs of the past and give us joy in our journey of life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.