

A Fruitful FF Home Tells How!

Lessons Learned During 2 Years of Shucking!—A David & Goliath Story!

From J. S. Europe:

IF WE HAD TO SHARE WITH SOMEONE HOW WE DO OUR FF WORK HERE, we would definitely emphasise first of all the spiritual, which is all in the Letters, which we have had to come back to again & again. Even one of the first FF Letters, "Flirty Little Fishy" (No. 293), we are just now realising the depth of that prophecy & are understanding it more & more. Whenever we read an FF Letter, no matter how many times we have read it before, always new light is shed & more understanding, especially for specific situations.

DESPITE ALL WE CAN DO IN THE FLESH WITH PRETTY GIRLS, good manners etc., it is only God & His Spirit which gives any of this Glory, which lights the puny things we can do to awe even the so-called greats of the world.

IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED here—the souls won, the people reached, the help received, the friends made, the doors opened, even the fact that we are still here—all this is truly an impossible situation which proves it is definitely of God & not of man. PTLI So tho' we can share a little of the physical things we have done,

IF WE DID NOT KEEP CONTACT WITH HIM THRU' DESPERATE PRAYER & diligent search of His Word & the Letters, if we did not have the many



The key to being a "Mother of God"—love & patience!

breakings & resultant strong unity in our family life, there would not be any testimony to tell. "No triumph without a trial, no testimony without a test!" We are thankful we can share something to help others see the fruits of FF'ing, but really all Glory be to Him!

UNITY

THERE IS OF COURSE A STRONG UNITY IN OUR FAMILY which everyone recognises, but in FF'ing it seems to become even stronger & needs to be, as in the Pond we are always being watched. Once Fish begin to know you & your friends, they watch even closer!

A RECENT EXAMPLE: A local hotel owner whom we have known for 2 years finally shared his heart with one of our girls the other night, confessing he had been studying us for 2 years & more recently her as a newcomer for the past 2 months. His conclusion: We are the most fabulous girls around, TYJ!

WE'VE GOTTEN THRU' MANY TRIALS & VICTORIES, HUMBLINGS & BREAKINGS TOGETHER & thank God it has made us all very much more united. The testimony of a happy home life is very impressive to our friends as we have so many just popping in at any time & we need to be always "watching & praying".

I PERSONALLY AM ALWAYS ENCOURAGED BY THE SACRIFICIAL WAY my sisters always help with my Fish, loving them as if they were their own. Countless times one of them has stayed up all night in a lonely bar singing to my Fish & me, creating a heavenly atmosphere to bring in Jesus. Many times our family has wept & prayed together over certain Fish & we truly felt a united burden from everyone to see them thru'.

WE ALSO LEARNED WE NEED TO BE TOGETHER ON WHAT WE SAY & often we discuss how we will answer such & such a question, observing Dad's counsel in No. 555:51: "When they ask you a question you

don't want to answer, just don't answer—or evade it or give them some other kind of answer or something, but for God's sake don't lie!"

PHYSICAL PREPARATION

THIS IS MOSTLY LEARNED BY GROWING UP to be a woman & even detailed for us in certain Letters. We have really learned how important this is, for "man looketh on the outward appearance". It is not really that expensive to dress nicely, especially if you can sew. We have had Fish buy us Christian Dior dresses but

WE'VE GOTTON MORE COMPLIMENTS ON THE SIMPLE & TASTEFUL DRESSES we would put together by sewing. A good pair of shoes is also needed as people really look at your feet, & your hands, so keep them cleanly manicured.

SOMETIMES WE WEAR WHAT WE THINK IS A LOT OF MAKE-UP but people always remark, "You look so natural, you don't even wear make-up!" So really, it is nothing compared to most women. However, a little colour here & there actually makes a pleasing difference & makes you look healthier under those hard night lights.

(ONE THING I LEARNED WAS TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF MY HAIR & SKIN, which I used to not pay attention to, thinking it was "vain". However, a little extra care proved to have good results & a few people remarked I looked healthier & happier—a good testi—only!

ANOTHER THING WE DO IS KEEP OUR GOOD CLOTHES ONLY FOR FF'ING.—Don't cook in your nice dress or use your dancing shoes to go shopping in! Be "good stewards".

HOW WE STARTED & STAYED
—A SYSTEM COVER!
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WHEN THE "SECT" PERSECUTION WAS IN FULL SWING of course there was talk of our belonging to a sect. We tried to look as "unsectish" as possible, but even the look in our eyes gave us away. Whenever a question was asked we would usually answer somewhat paraphrasing the "Guru" Letter.

ONE TIME ONE OF US ACTUALLY ATTACKED THE QUESTION in a situation with 2 men who belong to a snobby local clique connected to a wealthy oil company president.

When they asked her we belong to a sect, she answered, "Why is it today if you say you're a Christian people think you belong to a sect, but they don't think it strange if you belong to the Casino sect or the disco sect etc." Other times we would just try to avoid it & concentrate more on our being Christians. It is so important to be

led of the Spirit in answering these questions & to discern why they are being asked.

THE LORD HAS REALLY USED OUR "FRIENDS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS" to protect & keep us here, PTLI Many people here look at who likes you & who you are with. Having sat in public with many important officials & the super-well-known (FF-ing quite a few of them), has encouraged others to accept us despite the "sect" talk. Hallelujah! Use it!

THE IMPORTANCE OF PATIENCE!

A VERY NEEDED COUNSEL, STRESSED IN MANY LETTERS such as "Deep Sea Fishing" & "Mothers of God", is that of patience with the big Fish. Some of these people are so hard & calloused by the world of hate that they live in that they have almost no belief in any "Love of God" & only a continued portrayal of this will ever show it is true. Even those who accept us at first are overjoyed, they have to return to the world where they are constantly flooded with doubts & hate, choking the little faith that was started.

ANOTHER FACTOR IS THAT MANY OF OUR BIG FISH ARE MARRIED, heavily obligated to their work or don't live here etc., so we don't see them so often. However, when they come here & find us faithfully witnessing & giving love it encourages them greatly of the truth of our message.

We have heard so many times, "I thought you would be gone by now or changed by the hardness of these people, but you're still here, pure & loving & simple" etc. PTLI "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works & glorify your Father which is in Heaven". (Matt. 5:6.)

IT IS ALSO ENCOURAGING

FOR US when we have a friend call up whom we have not seen or heard from in maybe 6 months & ask to see us. Alone & intimate, he shares with us all that we told him so long ago, revealing how love & the Word has affected him & never returns void.

THE COUNSEL ON KINGS & HOW TO TREAT THEM ARE VERY HELPFUL for big Fish. A good example of that is an experience we had with an Arab prince. Earlier in the evening we had received the verses Ecc. 8: 2-4. Later we met S., introduced to us by a friendly waiter who knew him to be very important. S. was very sweet & the typical rich Arab raised in the Western world; we quickly became friends.

HE INVITED US TO A PIANO BAR WE DON'T LIKE because of its goaty owner, but we went to stay with him. He decided to stay there all night & at first we were unwilling to sit in that devilish atmosphere & were about to leave but after prayer decided to "be not hasty to go out of the king's sight". We humbly came back in & stayed with him until morning.

THIS LED TO MORE INVITATIONS FROM HIM & we were able to heavily witness to him & his influential friends. The girls sang at a party of his & one of us FF'ed one of his guests, the son of a former leader of a wealthy country. This son prayed with her to receive Jesus & took a "Real Love" booklet with him, PTLI This leads to another point we have learned:

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MEET A CERTAIN PERSON WHAT GOD'S SET-UP COULD TURN OUT TO BE. Often we have met people who were not particularly sheepy but we got a check to stay with them. Later this would lead to meeting their friends, the real Fish God wanted to hook. Some

times we have one contact to get us into a closed circle & from there we can pick out the real Fish.

IN ONE CASE WE WERE INVITED TO THE TABLE OF A WELL-KNOWN PLAYBOY friend of ours who is not always so receptive. But this night we came to this table to meet some of the other people there & were able to talk to the daughter of the highest official in our country! One of us was able to meet the business partner of her husband & later FF'ed him, leaving him a good sample of God's Love & message.

ANOTHER CASE IS A FAITHFUL FISH who is open to our message but truly a "king". He has personally introduced us to over 50 or so other friends, important international businessmen, celebrities etc., some of whom we have witnessed to & FF'ed. Among them were Arab princes, actors & a famous millionaire who was FF'ed & helped us greatly on a few occasions.

DON'T GET DISCOURAGED!

SOMETHING WE HAVE LEARNED OVER & OVER AGAIN is not to get discouraged when the big Fish swim away. "They have the hook, they've got the Word of God in their jaw & God will hold them responsible for the Words. But you failed to catch them because you tried to catch them too quick...We have hooks in their jaws & we've let them have lots of line. Some of them are way out of sight, we haven't seen them for a long time...It may be years before you can pull them in all the way—till they get so tired of fighting they cannot fight anymore. So that's really the way it is a great deal of the way it is with these big Fish" (No. 547:35,65,125).

WE HAVE HAD THIS HAPPEN SO MANY TIMES, but we

have stuck around long enough now & been humbled & loving enough, thanks to the counsel of the Letters, to receive the fruit of DSF.

A FEW TIMES WE'VE GIVEN A HEAVY FF WITNESS to a certain big Fish; in private he was so receptive & said how much it helped him & we were sent from God, but the next time we saw him in public he might coolly say hello or even not say anything! This is the extreme case & one of the hardest on your pride, but there are so many worldly influences holding back these people.

THEY ARE TRULY PRISONERS & BOUND by their system, incapable of being free except perhaps momentarily liberated when they feel the powerful Spirit of God in you. More than once these same people later when alone apologised & made excuses, & we would have to humbly & lovingly accept them, showing God's love never ends. Like Nicodemus in the Bible, they come to us sometimes in secret, but the Lord is faithful to give you a lot of love for these harder cases.

THE USUAL BIG FISH WILL TAKE A BITE, RECEIVE THE WORD & THEN SWIM AWAY for perhaps months while we wonder what happened. Then one unsuspecting day we get a phone call from him as if he just saw us yesterday & we pick up where we had left off. Slowly & patiently they come in closer & closer. The point is not to get discouraged when you don't hear from them but keep them in your prayers & try to write a personal note once in a while.

WE HAVE ALSO HAD FISH THAT FALL IN LOVE WITH THE BAIT, but again with the God-given advice in the Letters we have been able to train them right & lovingly show them how we belong to God & His Work

first of all.

THEN THERE ARE THE ONES WHO END UP REJECTING OUR WITNESS AS BEING FROM THE LORD, after spending a lot of time with them. FF'ing them, witnessing to them often etc. However, even with these we know that the Word never returns void & love never fails! "I frankly don't believe Maria has ever gone to bed with a man yet—I have almost claimed it—but what God is going to pull them all the way thru' sooner or later & they're going to know the Love of God & be saved because she had to go to such lengths" (No. 561:22).

THE BEST ABILITY: AVAILABILITY!

OFTEN, ESPECIALLY IN THE BEGINNING, WE WOULD GO OUT EVERY NIGHT, all night & never get a bite. However, now we know that there were many Fish eyeing us & much later came to take a nibble. It would have to be just the right time, when all the balls were in the right position, but if we had not been there God could not have done it. (No. 302.)

ONE TESTIMONY THAT ALWAYS ENCOURAGES US is the night one of us met the son of a well-known millionaire. The club was empty & it was past 3 in the morning but because we had no money this night to pay for our drinks we had to stay & wait for a Fish, God's set-up. Then in comes this youngish, freaky-looking group whom we usually would not notice. But in our desperate situation we made an effort to talk with them. Our drinks were paid & we witnessed to them all that night. We started a friendship with the son which led to FF'ing him & sharing the Words & message, PGI!

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comes in it is usually our lack of prayer & faith. Many times the Fish just feels to give something. Other times they offer taxi fare home & give considerably more than the taxi fare. Sometimes a Fish will ask if we need anything & we could say our home needs such & such. Often we get little personal gifts of perfume or jewelry or clothes which really helps as we don't have to buy it ourselves.

OUR REALLY BIG FISH SOMETIMES GIVE LARGE DONATIONS as they know we are poor & use it for good things, & this is how we help others in the Family. One thing we all agreed to do is to keep pouring out as fast as it pours in & we try to help the worldwide work as much as possible. Although we have had huge donations, we give everything out at the end of the month & start over fresh. PGI This has proved fruitful. (GB'm!!)

WE ARE ALWAYS THANKFUL FOR EVEN THE SMALLEST GIFT & express our appreciation greatly, which really touches their heart & makes them want to give again. We usually send a card with a verse & God bless you to every single one.

THIS PAST CHRISTMAS FOR THE 1ST TIME WE SENT OUT PRAYERLETTERS requesting donations for missionary works we know. This received pretty good reply. Again, being loving & faithful always to give love really pays off in more ways than one. One big Fish whom we see only every few months, because of the abundance of love he receives, always gives tremendous donations which really helps our work. Another Fish, after months of receiving God's love & spiritual guidance, paid our expensive summer rent when we were unable to.

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WE NEVER ASK OUTRIGHT FOR A PERSONAL PAYMENT. The Lord usually touches someone's heart & when it doesn't