

BOOK THREE

30 Days of Inspiration for the Woman's Soul



Dew Drops

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Introduction

Dear sisters in Christ—

May God bless you wherever you serve.

Thanks to all who helped bring this booklet into being.

All honor is the Lord's.

-R. Martin

“The aged women likewise, that they be...teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:3-5).

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DAY 1

Bruised Reed

ON A TRIP west, Wayne and Elsie were about to pass by a paper mill with their family. Ever the adventurer, 14-year-old Millard recalled, “When Edmund’s family passed through here they took a tour of the paper mill. Could we do it too?”

“We could stop and find out,” his father replied. Graciously, the mill manager agreed to show them through the operation. The family watched big trucks unloading logs. They saw the tall elevator that carried a never-ending stream of wood chips into the mill. Inside, these chips were subjected to numerous heat and chemical processes. Before the wondering eyes of Waynes’ family, those rough wood chips eventually emerged from huge rollers, transformed into gleaming white paper.



Why do we think of the words in Matt. 12:20 describing Christ’s gentleness with His children? “A bruised reed will he not break.” A new believer is no stronger than a damaged reed wavering at the edge of a pond. Any wind of adversity could bend this reed further; a rough touch could

break it completely.

Such is not Christ's way. With matchless tenderness and love, He lifts up the meek, strengthens the weak hands, confirms the feeble knees, comforts those that mourn, and says to the fearful-hearted, "Be strong, fear not."

Nay, more, but He let Himself be bruised for our sakes! That "bruising" was prophesied already in the garden of Eden, when God said to the serpent, "Thou shalt bruise His heel." It was eloquently foretold by Isaiah in ch.53: "He was bruised for our iniquities." And in the same chapter in v.10, "It pleased the Lord to bruise him."

It is because of what Christ did for us on the cross that we take the "bruised reed" message still further and connect it with the rough wood chips that were transferred into paper. Reeds were what the ancient Egyptians used to make papyrus, one of the earliest forms of paper. It is true that Jesus does not discourage us or make us fearful; but He does desire to transform us. If we yield to His love, He can take the poor bruised reed and make of it a beautiful page upon which the message of salvation is printed for our fellow man to read.