

Chapter 12

Joy!

You have accepted Jesus as your Savior. There have been a number of changes in your life and people have noticed them. They know you are trying to be a Christian. So what effect will your life have on them?

"Everyone has trials, sorrows, and temptations. We must not tell our troubles to people, but take everything to God in prayer. We should make it a rule never to speak a word of doubt. We can do much to brighten the lives of others. Our words of hope and holy cheer will make them stronger" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 120).

When Jesus had troubles He took them to His Father. When He spoke to other people He didn't burden them with any more problems, but said things that would help. Jesus

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Ił Hózhó!

K'ad índa Jesus yisdá'iinííki nilíigo yinídlá. Ha'át'éegi ne'iina' éi lahgo ádzaa, áádóó diné néedahósinii díí yaa ákodaniizíí'. Bił béedahózingo oodlaní nishłí dooleeł jinízin. Áko hinínánígíí dayoo'íigo haléit'éego diné ła'ígíí Diyin God yaa nitsídaakees doo?

"Łahda diné t'áa háiida ti'dahooníh lá. Yíníł yíih nátlísh dóó bee na'íhonitaah bidziilii bich'í' naat'i'. Áko nidi bik'ee ti'hojoońhígíí nílááhgóó doo baa naanáhojoolnih da. Diyin bich'í' sozdilzin áádóó t'áa altsoní bich'í' íishjáá ájoolíł doo, nidi diné ła'ígíí doo hozhdoolnih da. T'áálá'í saadígíí nidi, binahjí' hoł naaki nilí dooleełígíí éi doodago binahjí' yíníł biishdidootłishígíí, ts'ídá doo bee yájłti' da doo. Saad bee yánłti' dooleełígíí éi, binahjí' ił chohoo'íinii dóó binahjí' chánah jíł dooleełígíí t'éiyá. Áko diné ła'ígíí Diyin yaa ahééh danízin doo, áádóó yá'át'éehgo náás dookah" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 120).

Jesus éi yik'ee ti'hooníhígíí shíł biTaa' t'éí yee yíł halne'. Éidí diné náánála'jí' danilínígíí yee bich'í' nahwii-nánígíí doo yee yíł halne' da, áko t'áadoo le'é bá yá'át'ééh

thought of other people before Himself, and we should do this too. Don't talk to other people about your problems. They have enough of their own. Share things like that with your heavenly Father. When you talk with your friends tell them how good God has been to you. That will help them and it will help you also.

Our job as Christians is to let Jesus live out His life in us and to become more and more like Him. So what was Jesus like? "His face wore a look of peace and joy. Happiness flowed from His heart. Wherever He went He brought rest and peace, joy and gladness" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 121). If Jesus is truly living in your heart by His Holy Spirit you too will have rest and peace, joy and gladness. If you have these things, share them with others!

Jesus once prayed for His followers like this: "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one" (John 17:15). It is true

dooleehígíí éí yee yich'ì' yáłti'. Nik'is bee nich'ì' náhóót'ì'ígíí t'áadoo bee bił hólne'í. Bí t'áá íídáá' t'óó ahayóí bee bich'ì' anídahazt'ì'. Áko ha'át'íí shíí ákódaat'éhígíí aTaa' t'éiyá bich'ì' íishjáá ánílééh. Nik'isóó bił ahił hólne'go, Diyin ba'íiníłigi dóó naa jooba'ígíí bee bił hodíłnih. Nik'is bá yá'át'éeh dooleehígíí baa nitsíníkees le'. Ákónít'íigo ni ałdó' ná yá'át'éeh doo.

Díish jíígóó oodłání danilínígíí Jesus hinánigi át'éego dahináa doo. Áko Jesusshá' hait'éego hináá nít'éé'? "Jesus éí doo yíníł naagháa da, áádóó doo naachọ' da nít'éé' lá. Diné ła'ígíí, Jesus binii' dayiıłtséehgo biTaa' ya'ólíhígíí bił béédahózin lá. Bijéí biidéé' iiná háálíigo biniinaa t'áá háiida bik'íjgháahgo háá'áyíłh dóó ıł hodézyéél, ıł yá'át'ééh dóó ıł hózhó, bits'áádóó shójoołt'eeh" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 121). Jesus t'áá aaníí nii' hólóogo t'áá ni ałdó' háá'áyíłh dóó ıł hózhó nee hodooleeł. Díidí nee hólóogo shíí, bini'dii diné ła'ígíí bee bił béédahózin doo!

Łahdáá' shíí Jesus éí naakits'áadah yikéé' naakaiígíí t'áá ákót'éego yá sodoolzin: "Éí nahasdzáán bikáá'dóó náádidíídléhígíí doo biniyé ádíshní da, nidi baahági át'éii nilíinii bits'aa baa áhólyaa doo biniyé ádíshní" (John 17:15). Diyin doo t'áá k'ad nahasdzáán yikáá'dóó

that God has not taken you out of the world. You're still here and so are all your responsibilities – the car still has to be fixed once in a while, and the house has to be kept clean.

God won't do your work and He won't always take away your problems, but He will always take care of you as you deal with these things. "The great Father opens His hands and gives enough for the needs of all His creatures. The birds of the air are always in His thoughts. He does not drop food into their bills, but He provides for all their needs. They must gather the grain He has scattered for them. They must find what they need to build their nests and feed their young. The birds sing as they hunt for their food. They sing because our 'Father in heaven takes care of them'" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 124-25). And aren't we worth more than birds?

God will not personally buy your food. But if you are following Him you won't be spending money on alcohol, tobacco, bad entertainment, and other things that are both harmful and expensive. By keeping you healthy and strong He makes it possible for you to buy your own food. If He is doing this for you, isn't that something to be happy about?

nánidoołtéeł da. T'ah nidi kóq hiníná, áko baa nidíinaakígíí dahóló. Naanish t'ahdii hóló – chidí hasht'éezhdoodlílí daats'í, hooghan éí nahozhdooshogoda át'é.

Ninaanish dóó bee ti'hojóníhígíida Diyin shíí éí doo nahjí' kwíidoolííł da, nidi t'áá ni ákwíinit'íhgo naa áhályá, dóó níká análwo'. Áko t'áá ni naanishígíí binanilnish doo. "Diné dóó naaldlooshii Yaa Áhályáanii éí bíla' ąą áyiil'íhgo áyiilaakígíí t'áá ąłtso hwiih danilígo íł'í. Tsídiiłbáhí nidi yaa áhályá. Bich'iyą' doo bidaa'jí' yizaayiiniíł da, nidi yídin danilínígíí yá yisłá. Ch'il bílástsii' t'áá ąłtsogóo hólóqo hadeinitáago nidayiilááh. Tsídii éí bit'oh t'áá bí adeiile'. T'áá bí dabiyázhi ch'iyáán yaa dayiijááh. Nizhónigo ádaaniigo binaanish yaa nidaakai lá, háálá nihiTaa' yá'ąashdi hólóonii ba'ąłtso' " (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 124-25). Da' nihíish doo tsídii bílaahgo da'niidlí da?

Diyin t'áá bí éí nich'iyą' doo ná neidiyoofnih da. Nidi bikée' yínáąłgo áko tódiłhił, éí doodago nát'oh, dóó azhishgi ádaat'éhígíí, índa ha'átihída náána doo há yá'adaat'éehii t'áadoo bee tsi'nanináhi da doo. Áko nitah yá'áhoot'ééh dóó nidziil ánósiigo t'áá ni éí ninaanish ąłtso binanilnish doo, dóó nich'iyą' nahidíłnih bíniil'ąą doo. T'áá ákót'éego Diyin naa áhályáągo, doósh baa nił hózhqo da?

This earth is not heaven. Jesus never said that it would be. So don't expect things always to turn out just like you think they should. But if you believe and follow Christ you can be sure that things will turn out as *He* knows they should. If you really want God to be first in your life, and if you want Him to lead you and bless you, then you won't be disappointed.

God has given you many things to be thankful for already. You may still have troubles, but now you know Someone who can help. If you have help, but act like you don't, then your life is a lie. Don't make people think you've lost your last friend. Isn't Jesus your Friend? Tell the truth about God by the way you live. When other people see you they should be able to tell that God has been good to you and that you know He has been good to you. Then others who see your peace and confidence will want to know Him too.

This kind of life honors God. It is a blessing to you and will be a blessing to others. That's another thing to be happy for. Rejoice in the Lord!

Díí nahasdzáán doo yá'aash át'ée da. Jesus éí doo ákóhoot'é nihidíiniid da. Áko lahda íinínízinígíí doo ádoonííł da sha'shin. Nidi Christ yínídláago dóó bikée' yínáałgo shíí, áko t'áá bí íinínízinígíí áhodoonííł. Christ aláahgo hoł niljį le' nínízingo, dóó bí éí bik'ehgo jinaa dooleeł nínízingo, áko nijéitł'ááhdéé' nínízinígíí naa doolyééł.

Diyin éí baa nił hózhọq doo biniyé t'óó ahayóígóó na'níłá. Bee ti'hoo'níhígíí t'ahdii hóló daats'í, nidi Áká Análwo'ii áldó' k'ad nihee hóló. Diyin éí nizhónigo níka análwo'go, nidi yínííł nanináago, áko ne'iina' woch'íid át'ée nahalin. T'áá ákót'éego hinináago diné náánała' danilínígíí, hak'is doo hólóq da nahalingo naa nitsídaakees doo. Doósh Jesus Ak'is niljį da? Ne'iina'ígíí bee Diyin God éí t'áá aaníí baa hólne'. Diné néédahósinii éí, Diyin ayóo haa jooba' lá, danízingo naa nitsídaakees dooleeł. Áádóó hó áldó' hoł bééhózingo ákót'ée lá, éí bił béédahózin doo. Áko diné ła'ígíí, nił hózhónígíí dóó ne'oodłá' bidziilígíí binahjį', shí dó' Diyin God yideeshdłął danízin doo.

Díigi át'éego jinaaago Diyin bił yá'át'ééh. T'áá hó baa hoł hózhọqgo biniinaa Diyin God baa hojiniih łeh, áádóó diné ła'ígíí bee bik'inááhojidlíi doo. Díí náá'áldó' binahjį' baa nił hózhọq doo. Bini'dii Bóhólníihii baa ha'niih dooleeł!