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Daily Devotional

“The Reason For Our Faith” – Marjorie Jordan

ANNCR: March 27th, “The Reason For Our Faith.” Have you ever had a great dog? Dogs are relational and smart. With a few treats, they can be trained to carry out desired behaviors, and after a few rolled-up newspapers, they can learn to abandon the more bothersome ones. But beyond these training techniques, dogs seem capable of sensing what it is we want and then striving to achieve it. In the best of dogs, pleasing you is the only reward they really need. But I wonder if the same can be said of us, as believers. What is the motivation for our faith in Jesus Christ? Is it based on the things we’ll get...like access to heaven and escape from eternal hell? While this is a gospel promise we can count on, I wonder if our faith has stopped here. I wonder if, for some of us, “Christianity” means little more than a finish-line reward – or “fire insurance,” as some call it. Today, we’ll meet Marjorie, a woman who, herself, had fallen into this mindset, until she learned what Christianity really means. She’s here to share with us her true story on this Unshackled Daily Devotional.

MARJORIE: Joining the Girl Scouts ultimately changed my life. Our troop met in a Christian church, where I also sang in a youth choir, so I began to hear the gospel – the truth about Jesus Christ – even while Mom was taking me to Spiritualist classes to learn how to be a medium. I fell in with some bad girls and learned to swear and drink.

Then when I was sixteen, I sang in a big church choir at the Philadelphia Town Hall. During the program, a woman in front of me collapsed and died. I knew she loved the Lord and went to be with Him while I was facing hell. So I raised my hand at the invitation to receive Christ. My life, however, didn't change. For two years I continued to drink, smoke and swear. Then a new couple came to church and they began to disciple me, and one day I surrendered everything to Christ.

I fell in love with a sailor who had also given his life to Christ, and his love helped me through the ongoing conflict with my family. I'm Marjorie Jordan, and Jesus set me free of the deception in my past. God gave us five children who also love the Lord, and now at 73 I'm still rejoicing in His love.

ANNCR: The apostle Paul says in Colossians chapter 2, verse 6, "*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:*" Friend,

being a “Christian,” or Christ-follower, means recognizing Jesus as Lord of our lives. And the result of this faith does not begin at death when we enter eternal life. Rather, it begins the moment we receive Jesus and enter into relationship with Him. And it's because of this union that we live our life for Him. For He is our motivation. Will you receive this truth today?

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