

Excerpts from a Conversation in Care House

John Mitchell talks with Warren Huff, Executive Director Emeritus at CedarS Camps in Lebanon, Missouri, April 2022



John Mitchell

I am here at CedarS, sitting in Care House, a beautiful, log home where campers and staff are welcome to come and stay for an hour, part of the day, or overnight in order to be cared for by Christian Science nurses (CSNs). Like Arden Wood (AW), Care House is a quiet place for healing and spiritual growth before running back to regular Camp activities. We need places like Care House and Arden Wood. They are exactly what Mrs. Eddy had in mind.

CedarS and AW have been connected through Christian Science nursing for many years — our CSNs have provided care for the campers and staff one happy summer after another. Some of our CSNs get to experience camp for the very first time — to ride a horse, learn to swim and waterski, and, of course, be immersed in an environment that's all about quick and whole healing. The camp experience is a fantastic way to enhance their mentoring time and to develop their individual ministries. At the same time, the campers and young adult staff get to see what Christian Science nursing is really about — not just caring for the body, but constantly turning to the Christ to "Fill us today With all thou art—be thou our saint, Our stay, always" (Christian Science Hymnal 23). It's amazing to see campers light up at the sight of the Christian Science nurse rather than be afraid or bewildered. Over the years, campers and staff have chosen to become Christian Science nurses thanks to their camp experiences. We couldn't be more grateful to support our young people in this way.

Warren Huff was a practicing architect prior to taking up the work here at CedarS. He has designed most of the scores of buildings on the CedarS campus and is now actively working on several buildings and sustainability upgrades. As he puts it, he is humbly grateful to have had a small role in the world's most important building project — and his favorite one — the building of sustainable spiritual values.

Many of us have wonderful Warren stories, and I would like to share just one of mine. I returned to CedarS in the late 1980's or early 1990's to serve as an alumni staff

member for a few days. Warren took some of us on a trail ride — a real treat and an opportunity to see the progress that had taken place in the years since I'd left CedarS. Riding horses on a familiar trail behind the main lodge, Warren called out to us, "You know, someday this will be a lake!" We all looked at each other and said, "Sure, Warren!" And you know what? Today it is a beautiful cable-ski lake (Up to five water skiers, kneeboarders or wakeboarders can ride at the same time. Each rider holds onto his/her own ski rope attached to an aerial cable that loops around the perimeter of the lake, without a ski boat.). That, to me, is just one example of the complete faith, conviction, and hard work of a man who has inspired countless Christian Science youth, including me, for generations.

Today, Warren is going to share ideas and inspiration from his extensive knowledge of the Bible and its total relevance to our daily lives. Having spent a good part of every summer at CedarS since 1962 when Warren was the FIRST camper, you can imagine where so many demonstrations of Love-in-action have taken place!

Warren Huff

Thank you, John, especially for the love and prayers you and so many others have poured into the healing work of Christian Science nursing both at Arden Wood and here at camp. As we all know from the Master, what we do in life is not really about me, or you, or any of us; it's about God. The open secret of Jesus' amazing success — and of our own — is knowing that, as he said, "I can of mine own self do nothing" (John 5:30 to :).

John

Truly! And on that point, I know the heart of what you'll want to share with us today is selfless, God-centered service.

Warren

That's right. It's the choice one makes to live in accord with firmly established rules, laws, guidelines set forth in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, of God's clear instructions to man. They're freeing, not binding; they're full of promise, not restrictions. And they bless and heal all mankind, not just oneself.

Best of all, these Bible-based rules relate to each one of us, in our own lives, every day. I call them rules because they are universal truths. They stand regardless of circumstances or drama or confusion or complexity or natural disaster or manmade challenges. They are always true. When we live by them, we lean on them, and we learn from them. They become tools to help us “love into view” our best selves and the best in others, as well as the best expression of ideas we love and of organizations we delight in serving — like The Mother Church, and CedarS, and Arden Wood.

John

It seems like to “love into view” could be the most fundamental rule of all. I mean, it’s based on a verse we all know so well from I John (4:8): “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.” That doesn’t sound like much of a rule, though.

Warren

No, it doesn’t! But let’s take a closer look at what those words mean: You must love to know God because that’s what God is. There’s the rule. So, knowing God gives us the ability to love something into view — to see what God sees, to imagine the most progress, to reach the best outcome, in every and any situation. I’d like to share several highlights from the heart and some steps these Bible-based rules can lead us to take in our lives.

As a visual aid for guidance, I brought this oil lamp I purchased during a Holy Lands trip led by our son, Professor Barry Huff. You see, today, as in Bible days, not a very bright light comes from this wick, which is fed by olive oil. But, when everything around us is dark and this oil lamp is lifted up — not hidden under a bushel — it gives light to the whole house, as the Bible says (Matthew 5:15).

Humanly, we’d all rather have a super-bright search light to show us not just the next step, but the more distant future and all the reasons to take a particular course of action so that we can figure out all the details and then lead the way. But, infinite Mind, all-seeing, all-knowing, has solutions far better than we can foresee or envision and will reveal the right way forward as we trustingly and wholeheartedly seek that pure guidance.

As a Bible-based outline to guide our discussion and my examples, I’d like to share a paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm that my mom wrote and that I added to (with her permission). I find it inspiring that Mary Baker Eddy chose the 23rd Psalm, illuminated by her lovely

word substitutions, as the way to close the last chapter in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, before the Glossary and Fruitage chapters. She does this to show “the light which Christian Science throws on the Scriptures” through an “incorporeal or spiritual sense” of Love. That’s from the textbook, too (*S&H* 578:1-3). John, if you’ll read just one line at a time of “23 and Me,” I’ll share some fun, heartfelt ways that I’ve seen it proven and how anyone can prove it for themselves every day.

John

“[Divine Love] is my shepherd;” MY priority RELATIONSHIP to divine Love always shows me HOW to go.

Warren

I love that a poem written by Mary Baker Eddy that begins, “Shepherd show me how to go,” is one of the most popular hymns chosen at CedarS hymn sings. And I love that she says, “how to go.” She doesn’t say, “why to go, when to go, or who to go with.” She says, “how to go” with Love. It’s significant to me that hymn 304 is one of the most popular tunes or musical settings and is called “Guidance.” We all need and hunger for guidance when we are feeling led to do anything new.

Here’s how CedarS came into being and was and is still being “loved into view” one step at a time. My mom went to divine Love for everything. She asked God for divine guidance about whether it was a right idea to start CedarS, and then she asked God for signs to locate it on one or the other of my grandfather’s two farms outside of Lebanon, Missouri.

John

So, what you’re saying is that she was following another rule — from Jeremiah (29:13): “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”

Warren

That’s right. If we pray deeply and persistently for guidance, God does give us instant angel messages. God will communicate with us whenever we need an answer and in whatever way makes the most sense to us. Some people hear a voice. Others get a strong feeling inside. Some of us want to see answers in writing. For instance, my mom would ask God her question silently or in writing, and then she would open her Bible at random and read the first verse her eyes landed on. Time and time again, the answer was in that verse.

She posed this question to God, “Is it a right idea to start a short-term summer camp for Christian Scientists

in the Missouri Ozarks, near Lebanon?" The first thing she saw when she opened her Bible was the word, "Lebanon": "The righteous shall flourish like a palm. He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon" (Psalms 92:12). It was a right idea! Then when her father was ready to sell either property to her, her eyes landed on this verse: "The trees of the Lord are full of sap" (Psalms 104:16), which she understood to mean the idea was still vibrant. To her, it was God's idea. Still, she asked God, "Are you sure this is right?" And she read, "For God speaketh once, yea twice..." (Job 33:14).

When Mom and Dad, my sister and I drove down to see the two farms, it was an 8-hour, rainy drive from Omaha. As we approached the first farm, the sun broke out and shed light everywhere. We continued to the second property just to check it out, and the rain started again. So, we said, "Let's look for a sign" because on the way down in the car, we'd been reading the Bible Lesson, and in it was the story of Gideon. He said, "I don't know if I really want to do this. Can you show me a sign?" He asked God to show him a wet fleece on dry ground and a dry fleece on wet ground as proof of God's presence and power. We thought maybe God would show us a sign. We decided to expect it. So, we asked for a sign and saw a big rainbow and a finger-shaped cloud that pointed straight down to the first farm we'd just seen and loved. We got our sign!

I love that seeing the word, "guidance," in a fresh way can reveal how seeking and following can be a truly joyous process:

G(od)
U and I
Dance!

Whenever the answer includes at least some of the same words that were in the question, it really does feel like we're dancing with God.

John

I love that — it's such a great visual — dancing with God!
The next line is: "I shall not want." Divine Love is MY always sufficient and abundant SUPPLY!

Warren

I have a fun example for that! In 1993, it was one of those "loving into view" opportunities at the end of May. We had lots of building construction going on, and we discovered a significant part of a roof that needed to be replaced for \$100,000, and it needed to be done quickly. Praying about it, I decided to follow my mom's example of always saying confidently, "It'll be fun to see how God

works this one out." Out of the blue, 15 minutes later, I got a call from someone I'd never met before, saying, "I got this angel message that you could use some money. Would \$100,000 help?" This is a small example of God's abundant supply and answers for us from all over the world. What cannot God do?!

John

Okay, here's the next verse: "[Love] maketh me to lie down in green pastures:" That's MY REST!

Warren

I love the idea of rest in this verse. It's a rich theme. Even the definition of church — "whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle" (S&H 583:12) — includes a sense of rest, a sense of peace. I found this idea invaluable during my architectural undergraduate school days because we had such late nights!

Here's another passage I love: "The consciousness of truth rests us more than hours of repose in unconsciousness" (S&H 218:7). I love to break things down in acronyms. To me, the consciousness of Truth was COT, which said to me that the COT is better than the BED!

We had many days before giving presentations to some great architects brought in to critique our designs. Project teams would elect me to make the presentation because I wasn't taking all the stuff they were taking to stay awake. We had to work through the night, sometimes for days in a row, to finish a project. My teammates would be using No-Doz, and I turned to the consciousness of Truth — it was wonderfully refreshing.

Moments in the COT — the consciousness of Truth — are better than hours of repose in unconsciousness — the bed.

John

I know you have another acronym to share—about DNA.

Warren

Yes! Actually, it also stems from the 23rd Psalm. We can claim the divinely real definition of our heritage. It negates the supposed "23 and me" genetic domination that says we consist of 23 pairs of ancestral X-Y chromosomes. Instead, the spiritual facts in the 23rd Psalm can prove that Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid (DNA) that's supposed to define you genetically Does Not Apply (D.N.A.) to the real you. Rather, Divinely Natural Attributes distinctly define the unchangeable you!

John

That reminds me of this poem by Woodruff Smith, called "Genesis 1 or Genesis 2."

Genesis 1 or Genesis 2?

By Woodruff Smith

Where did it begin

This idea called you?

In Genesis 1,

Or Genesis 2?

Which one of these concepts

Will prove to be true?

If you know what is what,

Do you know who is who?

In Genesis 1 in the 26th verse

There's a man with never a taint' of a curse.

But in Genesis 2 in verse number seven

There's a dust man conceived...

He'll never see heaven.

So it really comes down

To which one you will claim,

What thou see'st thou be'st...

So what is your name?

There they both stand.

Which one is you?

Is it immortal man one,

Or mortal man two?

If you're immortal man

You know what you're worth.

For according to law

You'll inherit the earth.

But if you're just a mortal

And made out of dust...

Is there anything to you

That's worthy of trust?

No, the thing they call man

In Genesis 2

Is the dream of the dreamer.

It never was you.

So know what you are.

Take your place in the sun,

You're the immortal man

Of Genesis 1.

Now, here's another verse from the 23rd Psalm:

"[Love] leadeth me beside still waters." Love's MY relaxing REFRESHMENT!

Warren

I love tying that in. With 40-some years of big days as a CedarS Executive Director, sometimes I'd get up at 4:00AM and feel a little droopy towards the end of the day. I found refreshment by doing something kind —

by fulfilling my reason for existing. Mary Baker Eddy says: "I am able to impart truth, health, and happiness, and this is my rock of salvation and my reason for existing" (*Miscellany* 165:18). It's such a delight to feel refreshed in fulfilling your reason for being — we all yearn to "impart truth, health, and happiness"! So, I always do something kind when I feel a little droopy — help to clear a table, do some dishes, help a little camper at Care House. It makes my day and makes me feel energized. Love is my relaxing refreshment. Try it! You'll like it!

John

**"[Love] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]:"
That's Love's way of HEALING & MINE!**

Warren

This is one of my favorites. It's been over 12 years since a healing I had that was life-altering. After camp one summer, I couldn't eat and didn't want to. I had a huge growth the size of a softball in my abdomen and couldn't lift a leg or walk well. I had lost 40 lbs, was in intense pain, and was headed down the wrong road.

A dear friend drove me home to St. Louis. On the drive, I called my wife, and my mom jumped on the case as well. I had a Christian Science practitioner's support, too. And all through that drive, I had a good hymn sing in the car. I was singing with all my heart, applying each word to myself as if my life depended on it, which I believe it did. I just belted them out! That's what gets through — not quoting citations, but really making them your own. Not just repeating words, but applying them to yourself.

Something I loved working with is in *Science and Health*: "Christian Science brings to the body the sunlight of Truth, which invigorates and purifies. Christian Science acts as an alterative, neutralizing error with Truth. It changes the secretions, expels humors, dissolves tumors [as it did for me], relaxes rigid muscles, restores carious bones to soundness. The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind" (*S&H* 162:4).

Every bodily ailment is cured by the sunlight of Truth. It's instantly available, 24/7. There are no appointments, no waiting rooms. All it takes is your connection to God, which purifies every aspect of your being. When I got home, the pain was gone, and I knew I was healed. The growth was there, but the pain was gone. And the growth diminished until it too was gone — within just a few days.

Because of that healing, I've gotten to meet my grandchildren. I can run again. And I gained back some weight...even more than I lost!

Often when we go down to Bible Lands Park at CedarS, we head to the top of Mt. Nebo to reenact the meaning of Matt 3:11-12 where John the Baptist says, "He that cometh after me is mightier than I, ...he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand..." We shot a short video yesterday with the help of our Arden Wood team to give you a taste of what it's like to separate the chaff from the wheat. The wheat represents the dominion man of Genesis 1 versus the chaff, the dominated Adam man of Genesis 2. Remember the poem John just read to us? A "fan" is a pitchfork that separates fable from fact, just as our textbook defines it: "FAN. Separator of fable from fact; that which gives action to thought" (S&H 586:7). That's what we're doing all the time — separating what's true from what's false.

We all have messes in life, but we take them to the highest point possible, to God. We don't have to sort them out with tweezers. Instead, when we give them over to God, which is represented by the word "pneuma," meaning "wind" or "spirit," the wind does the separating, the wheat lands at your feet, and the chaff ends up in the fire, where it's gone forever. We are the dominion man. That's what I'm here to tell you today. It's all God. Thank you, God.

John

*"[Love] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness."
That's God's GUIDANCE & MINE!*

Warren

Camp is doing this — leading all who come to our gates in paths of righteousness, setting aside time and a place to really delve into a path of righteousness and to figure out what is proper thinking and acting. It happens all over camp, and especially here in Care House, of course. It's also fun to bring it to life in Bible Lands Park and to re-enact things, which gets you to really make it your own.

Using the same exercise of the chaff and wheat, we talk about another set of rules — about the 10 Commandments — and how disobeying them is something we want to get rid of. We want those blessings to share with the world. It makes us the best version of ourselves when we can live up to them. So, we pledge to it and burn up the things that are trying to keep us from the best version of ourselves. The kids write down something they want to be rid of — an old injury, feeling

inferior, bullying. Something that was never really true about them. It was just a fable.

What a great uplift and release when we do this. We have a battered women's group that comes out from Cross Creek Ministries in Lebanon, and they love parting with things that were never part of them. We all want to be done with it. Burn it.

John

"For His name's sake." That's MY PURPOSE to GLORIFY GOD as LOVE!

Warren

We have a wonderful connection to this passage, too. We needed staff — the most important thing for a camp — especially role model staff. The nicest facilities don't make up for a poor staff. God assured my mom from Psalms (147:14), "He...fillethe thee with the finest of the wheat." We have leaned on this promise and never done so in vain; there's always been direct, concrete evidence of its fulfillment. Before email or cell phones, Mom as well as Holly and I experienced staff contacting us whenever we reached out to God in prayer. They got the angel message, and they responded!

Right before opening day in 1962 — the very first one! — Mom had an opportunity to experience this. It became a wonderful way to respond to anything adverse. The individual who was contracted to be cook for the summer telegraphed about a family emergency and said she couldn't come.

Instead of freaking out in front of all of us, Mom read the telegram calmly, unfazed, unconcerned, and said with a smile, "Oh, it'll be fun to see how God works this out." She jumped in the car to shop for the next day's breakfast. As she was driving back to camp, she saw a neighbor hanging up clothes to dry. Mom followed the loving impulse to warn her about a lot of cars passing by the next day, sending up dust.

She asked the woman what she did, and the response was that she worked as a cook at the local school, which had just closed for the summer, and she was looking for a summer job. Mom hired her on the spot.

Now we echo that model response, "It'll be fun to see how God works this out," and it never fails that an angel message comes right when it's needed. And it doesn't just work for fulfilling the need for top-notch staff, but also for abundant supply as needed. Simply put, we must thank God in advance, as Jesus did, to heal all lack and ills, even death.

John

I know where this rule is — in the story of Jesus feeding 5000 with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish (John 6:1-15). He gives thanks first. I've always loved that. And then there's the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. He lifts up his eyes and says, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me" (John 11:41).

Warren

Amen. And what a wonderful thing that is. Related to the story of Jesus feeding the 5000, I brought back a shirt from a Holy Lands trip in 2020 that says, "Love is like 5 loaves and 2 fish. Always too little until you start giving it away." I love that sense that when we really give our love, it's replenished and comes back to us full of 153 fish, and the net doesn't have to break (John 21:10-11). It's all about love. When we give gratitude in advance, we praise God, and we always remember that we live for the glory of God. And that loving spirit, that attitude, that GRATITUDE, will usher in healing every time.

John

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." That's MY TESTING!

Warren

Speaking about testing times — we all have them, don't we? And sometimes we learn the most through them. Rejoice all the rugged way, not just the easy way. We had an experience for a couple years during the Carter era, when interest rates were at a record high of 20%. We were led to buy a historic home located next to a park as a place for afterschool activities. Sometimes we had 30-40 kids playing soccer and riding horses, nature exploring and hiking. But other days we'd drop down to 2-3 children.

A donor offered \$100,000 for a couple years, but the donor had to back out due to the rising interest rates and recession. The cost to keep the afterschool program going was too high. It didn't comply with God's requirement of Mother Church members to exercise "wisdom, economy, and brotherly love" (*Manual of The Mother Church* 77:18). So we "put it on the altar" and asked what was right for us to do. We filed for the house to be listed as a historic landmark, and we sold the property, got out of our indebtedness, and were able to build Crown Lake and to install our waterslide!

It was a landmark for CedarS — a real testing time for us. It was the right thing to let that property go and to let the new plans unfold that have blessed thousands of kids and families.

John

"I will fear no evil:" That's MY PROTECTION! "For [Love] is with me;" That's God's FAITHFULNESS and MINE!

Warren

I'll share an example of wonderful protection. We were calling on God out loud one time. A fire broke out in a mower, which drove into some dry thatch that got up under the engine hood cover and started the engine on fire. And it was about to go to the fuel tank, and it was spreading on the ground. As soon as we got the radio calls, about 30 of us came as quick as we could. There were no hoses.

So I called out to God, "We need water as quick as You can!" Within 15 seconds, we had an outburst of rain that lasted 30 minutes out of a clear blue sky. There were puddles all over camp, with kids dancing in the puddles. But beyond the camp gates, it was dry as a bone from there into town. There have been many testimonies in church about this event. When you appeal to God wholeheartedly, God will answer your prayers every time. It's a rule! It takes care of every emergency. It protects us.

John

"[Love's] rod and [Love's] staff they comfort me." Love's DISCIPLINE & COMFORT are mine!

Warren

All the Christian Science camps experienced this wonderful protection as we geared up after the restrictions were put in place for Covid. The directors from all six camps got together monthly over Zoom to help and support each other in preparing for camp that summer because we know what a special place and needed thing it is!

The very first year, CedarS didn't have clearance from the county health department to bring in campers from 30 states and 8 countries. But we'd already brought in 120 staff members for pre-camp — so we had 20 kids of adult workers. They had a wonderful time with our counselors, putting on a fun, creative series of virtual CedarS sessions on Zoom.

We had over 400 campers from all over the world dial into Zoom camp. They got a lot of spiritual growth and fun and connecting with each other. It's not the same as the real thing, but it was the next best thing we could do at the time! We had campers from Brazil and Mexico, so we had sessions in Portuguese and Spanish. It was wonderful to reach out to meet that need. It was uplifting and exactly the comfort the kids needed. All the while, we were expressing the discipline of being law-abiding.

Last year we were able to get enrollment up to almost full capacity. The campers were “cohorted,” so they didn’t need masks in cabins or activities. Masks were needed only in a group dining situation when they got up from the table, which was their cohort, to get more food. What a great comfort, again, for kids who had not been able to be free of masks in school.

Comfort comes from “strength” (forte) but also from the gentle meekness and might of mothering care. And that’s the same for you wherever and whenever you need to be law-abiding. We don’t break laws because we know things work by Principle. This is such a great lesson to know and an example to follow.

John

“[Love] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:” That’s MY HOPE!

Warren

Turn enemies into friends—isn’t that a hope for us all to have? One of the most powerful examples of that in the Bible is Paul, who became the best friend of Christians on his way to Damascus when before that he was their worst enemy. It’s wonderful to think of our so-called enemies as being on their road to Damascus.

The Christ fan will separate the fable from the fact. Those Bible greats who changed their ways were wonderful blessings to mankind and good role models for us when we seemingly get off track! God’s calling us back. Although we might seem to make mistakes along the way, God shows us they were merely blessings in disguise.

When we were constructing this building, Care House, in 2019, we were under a deadline to finish in time to host an international Christian Science nursing conference. We called in 30-35 different tradesmen, who often needed to work at the same time. Mennonites worked alongside followers of very different religions to custom assemble the big, beautiful logs the Mennonites had harvested and prefabricated in their nearby shop.

One day, a Christian Science nurse radioed me that she was noticing some red-faced strife in an angry exchange. So I grabbed a Q-tip and went out to see them. QTIP is another favorite acronym that our daughter, Holly, came up with while teaching in an inner-city school where she was teased meanly. It means Quit Taking It Personally! When it seems like we’re dealing with enemies, we can pour on the love and not take it personally.

So I took the Q-tip out to the workmen and explained that around here, it was a reminder to Quit Taking It Personally. Then I talked to them about I Corinthians 12, where Paul counseled the church to be like the body of Christ, all one body; the head’s not inferior to the foot, and the various body parts, like the eye, all work together. So, when the little squabbles come up, we work them out. By the end of our conversation, they were smiling and laughing together. QTIP had broken the mesmerism of pride welling up.

We really can’t let things like this distract us from serving in our work wherever we are. We all do work for God’s glory. To finish the story, the building was done on time—15 bedrooms and bathrooms ready for the Christian Science nurses who came!

John

What a great example of this next verse in Psalm 23: “[Love] anointeth my head with oil;” That’s God’s CONSECRATION and MINE!

Here’s another rule that’s closely related to the last one. It’s from Philippians (4:13, Common English Bible). It assures us of a key fact in everyday life: “Christ gives me the strength to face anything.”

Warren

Exactly! In other words, we can, should, and certainly want to joyfully expect God to meet and master every adverse circumstance just as Mary Baker Eddy says, “Meet every adverse circumstance as its master” (S&H 419:16).

As I told you in the story about Mom getting that telegram about the cook and taking it in stride, wondering how God would work it out but certain it would happen, we can also know that “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). Nothing untoward needs to happen. Just a blessing in disguise. I love to see it that way whenever we have a needed change. Take time to love your surroundings and stay calm through supreme confidence in our Shepherd. And that will always get us through.

John

“My cup runneth over.” That’s God’s ABUNDANCE and MINE!

I’m reminded about coming out here to attend the second week of Principia’s Summer Session. I was coming off a flight from San Francisco, and at the gate I ran into a Christian Science nurse from Arden Wood who was just coming back from CedarS. And she was just on fire. She had such a

wonderful experience. It was a different type of CS nursing for her in terms of being with kids and being mentored. She was just so excited to learn more about Christian Science and the mentoring she received in Christian Science nursing as well as just to be at summer camp. This was her first time. She was lit up! We're so grateful for that, Warren.

Warren

We're so grateful for the sharing of wonderful Christian Science nurses that get our campers not only feeling well about themselves and at one with God but also wanting to consider becoming a Christian Science nurse to fulfill their reason for existing! It's wonderful for the counselors and staff, and some have become CSNs as a result of feeling that joy, overflowing with gratitude, like that Christian Science nurse. Several adult helpers have chosen to become CS nurses so as to be real difference-makers in people's lives.

John

"Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:" That's Love's BLESSING & Mine!

Warren

They're following each one of you. I've loved seeing that continuously expressed here. For instance, the wonderful training I received with my mom at my side for 17 years. Now my joy is working with Holly. My cup runneth over with joy for all the good God has given! Mom wrote a book about the child in every one of us. She had that expectancy of good all her days. And it's wonderful to see that continuity continue for each of us—we live to give. The book is called, *Laughing Eyes*. She got the title from *Science and Health* where Mary Baker Eddy writes about the little girl who says, "my finger is not a bit sore" and bounds away "with laughing eyes" (*S&H* 237:4).

I had that happen, too. I jumped off a sidewalk and broke an ankle on the way home from school. The Christian Science practitioner asked if I could think about God and a broken ankle at the same time. I couldn't do it! So, when she asked me what I was going to think about, I said, "I'll think about God." I was healed instantaneously and ran back to school.

Another time, I was healed of a broken arm in just a few minutes during a high school football game. To be able to play Division One football in college, I had to have an X-ray. They said, "The X-ray showed that you had a broken arm, but it's healed perfectly." David and Goliath were in the Bible Lesson that week, and David runs to meet Goliath because our God is bigger than any Goliath, any fable, any big fat lie, because that's all it is. And we

can be at one with God and have that wonderful sense from my mom's training that "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28). To have Christian Science nurses and campers here to support that is just a joy to see.

John

"And I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [Love] forever." That's MY SECURITY and ETERNAL HERITAGE!

Warren

It's really a wonderful blessing. I love to think of Désirée Goyette's song, "Let It Go:" "See the past through wisdom's eyes as a blessing in disguise." Sometimes our blessings seem to be disguised, but we can see right through that with the training we've received. Seeing all things—even surprising changes—as "blessings in disguise" causes us to expectantly exclaim in classic Ruth Huff words: "It will be FUN to see how God works this one out!"

John

I can hear your mom saying that! And that points to another rule, this time from Proverbs (3:5, NKJV): "Trust in the Lord with all your heart: and lean not on your own understanding."

Warren

Yes. And here's a final rule to live by—to be fearless in all things. Like David running to meet Goliath. Or like my mom, who had a sign over her desk that said, "Pray, Listen, Act, and Relax—God's got this." God's got our back and "every event of our careers" (*Unity of Good*, 3:28).

"Fear not, I am with thee, be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10). That's a promise to each one of us, and we never have to fear. This joyous approach to every situation lifts us up: "It'll be fun to see how God works this one out." Every time something negative comes up, we can respond with that expectation of good.

What a blessing it is to all to work together for God's glory. We hope we have many future Christian Science nurses and practitioners coming from our ranks as they realize that God is everywhere and that there is no better place to be than at one with God!

John

We really can live by every rule in the Bible today, and we can be so grateful for that guidance, love, and care every day. Thank you, Warren! ☺