

# From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

END of a GOLDEN STRING

Text: "... Now We Know in Part." I. Cor. 13:12.

At the heart of our Christian faith is the assurance that while there is no way out, there is a way through. Throughout the universe and across the years there runs the golden thread of God's presence and purpose. That the path is winding and difficult we do not deny. That the way ahead is unknown, shrouded in mystery, we must admit. We cannot predict what good or evil may be around any corner; but "Behind the dim unknown standeth God." This we must conclude: the important question is not where, but whither; not what is my destination, but am I on the path that leads me there; not where or when I shall arrive, but am I headed in the right direction?



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Am I following the golden string?

At this point Christ wonderfully helps a person who surrenders life to him. Some people have been disappointed because they have asked of Christ what he has never promised to do. You would think to hear some religious discussion that the Gospel is designed to answer satisfactorily our hard questions.

Paul seemed very sure about many things, but his writings are tempered, too, with a fine humility. Hear him in his great poem of love: "Now we see in a mirror dimly. . . Now we know in part. . ."

But there was no timidity or tentativeness when he told of the path he was walking, the direction in which he had set his soul. Arrival? Not at all. "Not that I have already obtained this or am already made perfect. . ." (Phil. 3:12) Direction? There was no doubt about that. "I press on. . . I press on toward the goal. . ." (Phil. 3:7). Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ", (Phil. 3:7)

One of the tragedies of our world is that so many people have not determined a direction.

Second, I start with only the end of the golden string. It may seem a very little indeed. But because I cannot know all, shall I despise the little that is real to me?

Very often one hears the complaint, "I can see Jesus as a good man, yes, the best man who ever lived. I can see Him as a great teacher and prophet, but I cannot understand how He can be divine."

Such a person does not seem to realize how much is in the little he has said. That is the end of a golden string, indeed--the best man, great teacher, wonderful prophet. That is where Peter, James and John started. As they followed and listened and obeyed, the little became more until Peter said it for them all: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

"Only wind it into a ball." We have third, then, the lesson that we take it a day at a time. To be sure, we do not know what may be found around any corner, we step on in faith and faithfulness. Usually when we are disappointed and feel let down and frustrated, we find that we have dropped the ball, we have deserted the golden string. We have rounded a corner and struck off into a turn of the maze on our own. The universe is enormous beyond our imagining, the darkness is deep and our candles are tiny. Tiny, indeed, but each one gives light for one more step. "Only wind it into a ball." The sooner we learn it the better. We turn one corner before we go to the next; we live one day at a time.

I have said that our chief concern is not destination but direction. But let's face it. Our choice of direction determines destination.

Be certain you are headed in the right direction and God will help light your way to the right destination. And that will be the end of the golden string.



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Holyday Masses: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm  
Confessions: Saturday, 4-4:30 and 7:30-8 pm  
Adult Classes: Monday and Friday, 7:30 pm  
Child Classes: Monday, 4-5 pm; Saturday, 9-10:30 am  
Rosary: Daily, 7:30 pm except Sundays

## Bethel Musical Big Hit

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH'S spring musical was an outstanding success according to church reporter Lorraine Hall. Mrs. Hall called attention to the fact that the word "pops" as used in a pre-concert announcement to designate some of the music presented at the musical may have been misinterpreted. The expression was used in the sense of "popular" hymns and other religious works.

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YPW: Sunday, 8 pm  
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## Paulist Father Conducts Catholic Mission Nightly

A TWO-WEEK MISSION, which began on May 23, continues nightly at St. James Catholic Church under the direction of Father George Nagel, a Paulist from Detroit, Mich. The public is invited.

Mission services are held each evening at 7:30, with Father Nagel offering the mass and delivering a sermon. Confessions are heard before and after each mass.

The Paulist Fathers are especially interested in those outside the church according to Msgr. William Devlin, St. James pastor, because the founder of the order, Father Isaac Hecker, was a convert to the Catholic faith.

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