

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Brave Baptism Behind the Building!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: OBEYING GOD QUIETLY

BIG IDEA

You don't need a big crowd or a spotlight to do the right thing. When two friends quietly obeyed God's Word, He used their small, brave choice to change the whole world!

THE STORY

Frank Ewart just could not stop thinking. Months earlier, at a giant camp meeting in California, a preacher had pointed something out from the Bible. Every time the apostles baptized someone in the book of Acts, they did it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Frank kept saying to himself, 'Why don't we do it exactly that way too?'

Frank was already a respected preacher. God had used him for years.

But now his heart felt stirred up inside, like a pot of water starting to bubble. So every night he opened his Bible and read by lamplight, comparing what people believed with what the Bible actually said.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

The more he read, the more sure he became. The church had drifted away from the pattern God gave in the New Testament. Frank knew he could not stay quiet any longer.

By the spring of 1914, Frank went to his best friend, a kind minister named Glenn Cook. The two men had worked together for years and trusted each other completely. 'We have to do this,' Frank told him.

'We have to be baptized the way the apostles did it, in the name of Jesus Christ.'

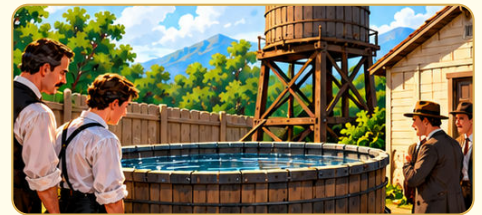
They didn't put up posters. They didn't invite a crowd or call the newspapers. Behind a small building in Los Angeles sat a big wooden water tank. Only a few trusted friends stood nearby to watch.

First, Frank baptized Glenn in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then Glenn baptized Frank the very same way. It was quiet. It was holy. It was just two friends obeying God.

When they came up out of that water, dripping wet, something wonderful happened! Both men felt the powerful, sweet presence of God wash over them. It was not a show. It was the best, most special moment of their lives.

At first the news spread softly, like a whisper. Then it spread like a happy fire! Within just a few weeks, other people who had heard that Bible message came to the same wonderful truth. Many of them were baptized in the name of Jesus too.

Far away in a city called Indianapolis, a mighty preacher named G.T. Haywood heard the good news. He and about 465 people from his whole church were baptized in Jesus' name together in one huge wave of joy!



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THE STORY

And to think, it all started behind a little building, with one quiet water tank and two friends brave enough to obey. That secret baptism is now remembered as the very beginning of the Jesus Name Apostolic movement that is still going strong today!



DID YOU KNOW?

- Frank Ewart and Glenn Cook baptized EACH OTHER, taking turns in the very same water tank!
- There were no cameras, no crowds, and no posters. Only a few trusted friends were there to watch.
- G.T. Haywood and about 465 people from his church were baptized in Jesus' name together, enough people to fill a whole movie theater!
- Frank Ewart wrote about this true story in his own book called 'The Phenomenon of Pentecost.'
- This quiet moment in 1914 is now remembered as the public beginning of the modern Jesus Name Apostolic movement.

MEMORY VERSE

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Where did Frank and Glenn go to be baptized, and why didn't they invite a big crowd?
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- 2** Frank kept reading his Bible until he was sure of what was true. Why is it important to check what the Bible actually says?

- 3** The two friends obeyed God even though it was different from what everyone else was doing. Can you think of a time you did the right thing even when it felt hard?

- 4** Why do you think God's presence felt so special to them when they came up out of the water?

- 5** Their quiet, brave choice spread like a 'happy fire.' What is one good thing you could do quietly this week, just to please God?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that I don't need a big crowd to do the right thing. Help me to read Your Word and obey it, even when no one is watching. Make me brave like Frank and Glenn, and fill me with Your wonderful presence. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Be a Bible Detective! Ask a grown-up to help you find Acts 2:38 in a real Bible and read it out loud together. Then draw a picture of the big wooden water tank behind the little building, with two friends taking turns being baptized. Talk about one quiet, brave thing you can do for God this week.

