

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

When God Brought Everyone Together!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD LOVES ALL PEOPLE THE SAME

BIG IDEA

God made every person and loves each one exactly the same, no matter the color of their skin. When the Holy Ghost falls, He brings people together as one big family!

THE STORY

About one hundred years ago in America, something very sad was happening. Many rules said that people with different skin colors were not allowed to sit together, eat together, or worship together. People were kept apart just because of how they looked. It was not fair, and it was not what God wanted.

But God had a beautiful surprise. Out in big open fields, people set up tents for special gatherings called camp meetings. Families came to sing, pray, and wait for God's Holy Spirit to move.

And here is the wonderful part: at these meetings, people of every skin color came TOGETHER. They sat side by side. They prayed shoulder to shoulder. The world said 'stay apart,' but the love of God said, 'Come together, my children!'



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THE STORY CONTINUES

There were two famous preachers there. One was named G.T. Haywood, and another was named Robert Lawson. Some leaders had dark skin, and some had light skin, but they all preached side by side as brothers.

They didn't care about color - they cared about Jesus!

Then the Holy Ghost would fall. The power of God came down so strong, so sweet, and so mighty that everyone forgot all about who looked different from whom. They were too busy worshipping Jesus together!

People later said it felt like Heaven came down. When God's presence filled that tent, all the walls people had built between each other just seemed to melt away like ice in the warm sun.

Why? Because God does not look at the outside of a person. The Bible says God looks at the heart! To Him, every single person is precious and loved exactly the same.

These camp meetings became some of the most powerful meetings anyone had ever seen. People of all colors, lifting their hands together, filled with the same Holy Ghost, praising the same wonderful Jesus.

It showed everyone a beautiful truth: the Holy Spirit can bring people together even when the whole world is trying to keep them apart. Love is stronger than any wall!

And it is still true today. God made you, and God made your friends - every shade and every color - and He loves each one the very same.

When we love like God loves, we become one big, happy family of God!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- These special camp meetings happened more than 100 years ago, between about 1915 and 1925.
- G.T. Haywood and Robert Lawson were two real preachers who ministered together as brothers in the Lord.
- The early PAW (Pentecostal Assemblies of the World) was one of the most togetherness-minded churches in all of America during that time, welcoming people of every color.
- The Bible says in 1 Samuel 16:7 that God does not look at the outside of a person, but looks at the heart!

MEMORY VERSE

“God is no respecter of persons.” Acts 10:34

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did the camp meetings show about how God feels toward people of every skin color?
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- 2** The world wanted to keep people apart, but the Holy Ghost brought them together. Why do you think God's love is so powerful?

- 3** The Bible says God looks at the heart, not the outside. What do you think it means to have a good heart toward others?

- 4** Have you ever made a new friend who seemed different from you at first? What was that like?

- 5** How can you show God's love to someone this week who might feel left out or different?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You for making every person special and loving us all the same. Help me to love others the way You love them, no matter what they look like. Make my heart kind, and help me bring people together instead of leaving anyone out. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Make a 'God's Family' paper chain! Cut out paper people in lots of different colors and decorate them to look like all kinds of friends. Hold hands and link them into one long chain, then hang it up to remember that God loves every color the same and wants us to be one big family.

