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It is a great joy for me to be here and I want to express in the name of my wife and myself - my wife is here and she's enjoying the Convention. Both of us came here for the first time. I have always looked forward to being at Keswick but somehow I have always missed being at Keswick/though I have been in a number of other Keswicks abroad - you know, the little ones, and I was always looking forward to being at a big one, which is the mother Keswick, It is therefore a great joy that the Lord has made it possible and the Council very graciously invited my wife and me to come and participate in the great Convention. Let me say with you first that it is not an easy experience for me to address the Keswick Convention. I will tell you the reason. I regard myself in some part of the product of what has gone on at Keswick. You see, I am a product of missionaries, most of whom heard their call to the mission field at this Convention and therefore, as I stand here to share with the Keswick, I am aware of my inadequacy to be able to speak from this platform, particularly because I have tremendous regard for the message of the Lord Jesus Christ and Him crucified, Who, because of His love for Africa and because of His love for men in particular, for our Lord does not love countries politically or geographically, but He loves men who are in those countries ~~and~~ it is for those men that Jesus Christ died. Therefore, the message which came from here and of course, it is excited and thrilled and challenged and then missionaries.....and through their sharing ~~and~~ a new beginning was made in the hearts of those who listened to those messages and I am one of them and therefore I felt rather inadequate to stand here as the speaker but if I don't qualify to stand as a speaker, I do qualify to stand here as one man, a sinner saved by grace, one who was dead and was brought to life through the wonderful workings of the Holy Spirit, one who was not there spiritually came into being through what Christ accomplished on Calvary and this of course, gives me the courage to stand here as a shadow in the same tremendous..... and that is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Today I want to ^{talk to} ~~take~~ you folks & direct them in actual sharing upon the person and the work of our Lord, calling it ^{Christ the Renewer}fix our thoughts together ^{on} Christ the Renewer. You see today, according to the Keswicks tradition/his sin in the life of a Christian. A Christian man born again into the ^{family} ~~tunnel~~ of God but whosehas got sin because we remain sinners right to the end with a difference that we are no longer sinners outside but we are children brought in through the grace that's working of Jesus Christ and yet sometimes cautious of sin in our lives. And of course if we try to evade the issue, if we give the impression that sin has stopped existing in our lives, then of course we make God a liar for He says it is sin, but if we want faith, God's truths are in the Bible. If we once stand in the glare of His diagnosis, then we have exactly what He says we are. The veryin the belief that sin would of the Holy Spirit, the sin which has made.....the sin which has kept a brother at a distance from another brother, the sin which still exists in the

through
 company, in the new community which Jesus brought about ~~in~~ His death and resurrection/
 And therefore we are here today to look at that aspect, Christ the Renewer. I am going to
 take a Scripture and look up to extreme incidents, actual happenings that we may then be
 brought into focus of what we mean by Christ being the Renewer. You see, the great aspects
 of sin is this, that it completely corroded and disintegrated that which God made complete
 and whole and that was man. As man was made in the image of God, as you know, he was a
 whole man. He wasto the man. He was a man who lived a life in the light of
 God, not in the darkness or selfishness, not in the corrosion of hatred, not in loneliness
 or prejudice. He was man whole and he lived as a whole man in a whole society, the center
 of which was God Himself. That was a man as created. That was man as God intended him
 to be but we are not what we were intended to be and here redeeming love comes our way.
 And here a new creation takes place. That's why right is at the center of renewing the
 man. Yet we are dealing with the tremendous power and a God which can integrate that dis-
 integrated, which can bring the fragment of men and women and out of the fragments, create
 a whole man, a whole woman, a whole society. This is why St. Paul uses the lovely ex-
 pressions like "when^{therefore,} any man, any woman is in Christ, he becomes a new creation, a fresh
 person altogether." Of course you are speaking to Christians and you know the Gospels and
 the letters and the Epistles ~~xxxx~~ ^{were} all written for Christians, remember that. Not for the
 un-Christian people the messages of the Book in the New Testament are all intended for the
 Christian. The challenge is not for the outsider, the challenge is for the Christian to
 be what Christ meant them to be. Then the Word will become aware, here are men once
 fragment/but are now whole/ ^{again!} No wonder when in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit came down
 andto the risen Lord upon/ ^{the throne of} those simple men of Galilee, the group was
 completely fresh that it sounded as if they dropped from the sky. You could
 and yet they were ordinary fishermen like.....James & John and you know they were
 really fragmented even when they lived with the Lord. In the Upper Room they were in strife
 over who should be regarded the most important. They were ordinary people like ourselves.
in fact,.. they were fighting among themselves in His presence.
 So you can take heart, you are.....only one! You've been fighting among yourselves but
 remember, you don't shock Him. The Renewer is here to deal with a group of Christians who
 are not respectable in His sight but just what they are and if you are what you are, you
 simply can sit in His presence,.....this afternoon as you are and take heart.
 The Renewer is for you. Christ is the Renewer. Let us take the incidents to begin with.
incident in John Chapter 8. This was before He was crucified of course. John
 Chapter 8, Verse 1. In some of your books the firstmight not have been
 put in, but I believe they are about the record of a fragment of a broken life, of a
 religious woman, I believe, she belonged to Israel and hardly any Israelites would be
 regarded as irreligious. And so we read in John, Chapter 8, Verse 1, it starts with "but"
 because Verse 53 of the chapter previous is part of this. "They went into the people and
 the crowd went into their house but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. And in the morning

He came again to the temple. All the people came to Him and He sat down and talked to them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and ~~blaming~~ ^{placing} her in the midst, they said to Jesus, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now, in the Law of ~~Moses~~, Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?' This they said, of course, to test Him that they might have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground and as they continued to ask Him, He stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her' and once more he bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground but when they had ^{heard} it (what he had said,) they went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before Him. Jesus looked up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they?? Has no one condemned you?' and she said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. ~~Go and sin no more.~~ Go and do not sin again.' Now I want to take the first incident I remarked, remember?? Christ the Renewer. It is ~~xxxxx~~ the case of a human being and let us not call her a sinner. The Old Testament did not call her that. The New Testament/according to John says the woman was caught in the act of adultery and then the religious group, the Pharisees and the scribes, those who were concerned about putting men and women ~~right~~, those whose responsibility to see that every Israelite was in a right relationship with Jehovah, those whose responsibility was to bring sinners so that the sinners may be renewed in their relationship with God, the pure God, the Holy God, the perfect God. Therefore in their zeal they were going to correct all these sinners and ~~to~~ bring them to where they could be judged, they could be put right, they could be disciplined, they ^{perhaps} could/be changed, perhaps. They/used/the Lord and the Lord was correct because the Lord was astounded of God's people ...Israel... and ^{here, the record} the scribes were presentable who studied of the Lord carefully.....the Pharisees...were presented, the very ^{most} conservative the people of the Lord,.....God's.....
There are two groups who are concerned to see that ~~xxxxx~~ people are right and that if anyone goes wrong he should be corrected and he shall be put right. They caught this woman in the act of adultery. How they did it, we don't know. However, that's what we are told. And they brought this woman and I don't know how long they brought this woman and I want you to see the approach. We are talking about life corroded, life smashed, life ^{badly} burdened to the core because that's exactly what sin is. This woman had missed the mark// This woman had missed the target for living. This woman has no center ofthe center of her lust. This woman has been taken advantage of by her wickedness. This woman has been taken advantage of by humanity, of a human being using her like a thing, exploiting her for themselves and that's exactly what sin does, an exploitation, a misuse of humanity, a life without a target, a life without a center, a life corroded, empty of meaning, frozen ~~xxxxxx~~ and ashamed of itself, ~~xx~~ tell me, who could ^{this} ~~on search~~ put those pieces together? The Law?and the Law goes to/corrector and the Law is presented by the scribes and the Pharisees, the standards are very high, morality is

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.....^{could die}and more zealous, then they are going to deal with this case of
a broken woman, corroded by her sin, shattered by repeated defeats, weakened to the core,
couldnt love herself, there wasnt anything more to ^{love}.....when you fail & fail & fail.
You hate yourself.....In fact you are surprised that ^{there are not}.....many more people
are committing suicide because usually the fact that one is so weak and breaking the
standards one respects, makes you hate yourself. This woman must have hated herself ~~and~~
ever so badly. Let us see how the Lord is going to deal with her. The religious repre-
sentativesthey went to the woman and they arrested her and the record told
us the very painful story. They dragged her, I dont know how ^{far} long, back from the suburbs
of Jerusalem, perhaps from the areas of the city which were notoriously known where the bad
people of the streets, the prostitutes lived and they dragged this person and they brought
her of all places, ^{to} into the temple. Now that's where the terrible.....for a person
caught in adultery to be brought into the temple without the sacrifice., ^{There is} nothing to protect
you.....Where do you look when you're brought ⁱⁿ like that? Do you look
at ~~xy~~yourself?? Do you have anywhere to look, any comfort, any consolation?? Nothing at
all, a person completely frozen. The authority that takes her has no authority to renew
her. The best they can do is simply to treat her like an object, a thing. Now they dragged
her along, beautiful orthodox, but there was no love in orthodoxy. It was religion without
a message, a religion without feeling, a religion without love, a religion without under-
standing and the poor lady! of course in their eyes she was only a case of a sinner. They
dragged her ^{into}.....the temple, perhaps to use her as an exhibit to catch Jesus Christ.
Just an exhibit. They made her stand in front of a whole crowd of people who were listen-
ing to Jesus that morning. In the midst, not at the side. In the center./ the eyes which
gazed upon that poor woman. Lo! the piercing looks of human beings and the aloofness of this
teacher and the Pharisees. The air was thoroughly very chilly, much much more chilly than
anything we have experienced this morning. Spiritually this was a terrible atmosphere of
deadliness other than one important fact and this is where John gets excited. You read
carefully because as he stood in the center and of course they accused her saying, 'Moses
told us that this kind of a case should be stoned to death, what do you say?' And the
Master looked at the woman, the Renewer. I want you to see that it was always the compassion
of the Redeemer which was the renewing of It was always the compassion, not
the teaching. He had a tremendous teaching but behind the Word was compassion and in the
presence of this unique compassion, the woman stood waiting for her final word/sentence.
And the Lord Jesus turned away from them and He looked upon the ground. I cant try to
tell you why, ^{But} if I know His mind, if I know that He was the loving Saviour, if I know
that it is He ^{who} ~~that~~ invited Zacharias and He who told the story of the Prodigal Son and
ultimately it was He who hung on the cross of Calvary in blood and sweat and love flowed
out, I know why He looked down, ^{It was} in order to save ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{awful} embarrassed sinner extra
embarrassment. In order that this poor thing, this poor woman may be saved another burden,
another crashing wave. She had had enough and she was being drawn along. ~~and~~ She had had

in the presence of Jesus

enough pity ; she needed to be renewed in her personality. Not another speak, not another beating, not another judgment, not another of those despising looks of the aloof religious aristocracy. She needed a completely different way of going about it and in the person of the Son of God in whose Presence she stood, she discoveredquietly, no noise, no trumpet to begin with, but His Presence was beginning to give rays of hope to this poor woman.....in London. A strange woman.....~~he was~~.....~~was commuting past slowly and they~~ never answered the question until ~~you~~ ^{He} are pressed hard and then He raised himself and He says to the crowd ~~and~~ Anyone among you.....who has never committed the same sin or desired to commit that sin or maybe they could have said 'I have never acted like that, I have never committed adultery.' Remember he's teaching, if you look at a person in desire, you have already committed a sin in your heart and therefore, anyone among you, the accuser,who have never desired to commit the same sin she has committed, be the first person to throw your judgment/^{at} and condemning stone." ~~And~~ then he looked down ^{again}.....I believe ^{to} save the crowd/^{the} embarrassment for his words pierced through the gloom and the crowd which thought it was better, became aware that they were no better than the woman at all. He immediately brought an ^{very} ~~entry~~ of the Presence of Jesus Christ and they discovered in His exposure they were no better. They had made a big mistake. They had become blind ^{to} what sin was about. They thought that sin was a mere external act instead of an inward principle of going wrong and they discovered that they too were fragments and they too were guilty of bad inside as the woman was bad outside. And ^{the} ~~one~~ after another, they walked out of the room and only the crowd which was listening and/Lord Jesus and the woman. And the woman was standing in the center and I want you to see the change of atmosphere now. No more judgment, no more condemnation, but renewal. How does it begin?? It always begins in the Presence of Jesus Christ. I have no words to stress that. Where does renewal begin? In the Presence of Jesus Christ. You see ^{eternal} ~~the~~ Presence of Jesus Christ goes deeper than any Ten Commandments can ever go. You see the/love which came all the way from Heaven and refused to be put off. Had it been cheap love, it could have been refused, it could have refused to be put off. But here was love which was not going to be put off whatever the case. Just through the desperate case of a human being, thoroughly guilty, thoroughly/perfect,~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ⁱⁿ ~~unclean~~, repeatedly defeated , hating herself, hated by society, you couldn't patch her; love, that kind of love that the Christian calls agape, that extraordinary love which refuses to be put off, there it stood, let me tell you, something very deep. That eternal pure love decided to take its place by her side. As it were, Jesus crossed over to her.....to begin.....when you are pleading your case. The womanthere was nothing to plead. In the Presence of Jesus you and I are completely dumbfounded. If you still have ~~many~~ a lot of excuses to use, you are ^{still} at a distance from the Presence. If you still have some people you compare yourself with you are at a distance. In His Presence there is no comparison. You can only succeed to compare yourself with other Christians as long as you are away from the Presence but in

His Presence we both look the same. The accuser and the accused, we're the same. The only difference was He was there and in His Presence the woman stood and there the beginning of renewal

.....Many of you have been coming again and again as we all go to different conventions. You come here expecting release and renewal. You may not be as bad as that but please don't misunderstand me. Sin is not just an external act. If it were like that, most of us would be much better. There are many people who have never been caught in that kind of external mess. In what mess we all have been in? What about the sins of disposition; resentment, hatred, jealousy, pride..... they are there. We're no better than she. We're no better than this dear person, and the Lord Jesus, therefore, will see what he was after with her. The Renewer in His blessed Presence, the perfect Son of God, this is not a gone case. There's no gone case at all. Here's what an authority different from the other authorities. ^{on} She was brought by authority, people who based their judgment on the Ten Commandments, the Old Testament and they were right. You know, there are many people who use the Bible like that. We are so right, we take verses from the Bible, from the Old Testament to the New, ^{and} we use them as the authority to condemn, the authority to judge, the authority to free, the authority to kill and then comes the real Authority and John puts it beautifully in the first chapter of his Gospel when he says, 'But to them who received Him He gave authority, not to become slaves but children of God.'

And there she began to deal with the authority and the Lord Jesus addressed her. She stood in the Present of the Renewer. She became a person..... Remember, she hadn't been addressed up to that point. The Lord Jesus turns around and says, 'Woman, ~~where are your accusers??~~ where are your accusers??' I love that word, 'woman'. You see, woman is the word that He used on His mother. 'Woman, what have I to do with you?' I don't think it has a bad sense of a woman with some strange character because the sense, I believe, in Greek, of lady. 'My dear lady, Where are your accusers?? No one condemns you?' And she answered for the first time, ^{light} 'No one, Lord.' In the Presence of the Renewer and "in the vibration of life and the ^{her} ^{she} life piercing through the gloom and melting the mountains of our guilt as ~~it~~ begins to experience the relief, the renewal, the extent that now she dare speak, she can now open her mouth, encouraged by the renewal. Accepted in the love she begins to accept herself and she says, 'No one, Lord.' And I believe ^{she said} ^{"with} no one a sense of wonder, no one. I did not expect it! I expectedeveryone to.....condemn me. I was really condemning myself. Everyone should really condemn me. I am not suggesting that I am surprised. No one. Lord, no one in your Presence and then she ^{added} a beautiful word, 'No one, Lord.' The wonderful word, the new discovery. I am in good hands. Renewal begins in His Presence. Renewal then, means you and I. As we look at Him a sense of gratitude, a sense of excitement, the wonder that we were not condemned and then we ~~xxxx~~ look at ~~you~~ Him and say, 'It's You, Lord, who stopped the condemnation. It's You, Lord, because I'm standing in Your Presence! No one, Lord. No voice can condemn.' You see, we are talking about Him who died on the Cross of Calvary, the Renewer. The price He paid for the Renewer. ^{my} He stood where the woman stood. He refused to condemn because He was going to bear the condemnation. He went all the way to

Calvary for this woman and for you and for me and in going that way, He made it very clear that you and I can experience the continuing renewal in His Presence. I believe in His Presence. That woman now hears another word and the woman hears the Lord say, ^{Neither} 'Lord do I condemn you, my dear lady? Go and sin no more, or go and do not sin again.' Can you imagine those beautiful words of the renewal, the power ^{not to sin again} I am not yet condemned. I did not come.....already condemned people. I.....
already. I did not come.....^{to add to}the burden..... I came to remove the burden. I did not come to make Christians miserable and rejected. I came to usher them into the Presence of a renewed life. I came by the prison to release the chain and I came to the poor that the poor may become rich in Me. The lost may find their way back to the Father. The...^{and}...may be filled with laugh^{two}. The burden^{ed} may feel light like a little bird with wings. I came not to condemn but to give permission and the permission He gives comes from Calvary. Go and do not sin again and the woman listenedGo! You mean I'm released?You can go home. You didnt come here, you were brought here but now I give you permission to go. You no longer need people to drag you. Now I give you the power and the authority to become alive again. And the woman was excited and then she heard another word "and do not sin again. I am not giving you permission to sin because that would corrode you again." That's why Christians make a big mistake when ^{they} say talk about^{grace}.....may encourage a Christian to sin. ^{As if he or she had permission to} sin! Grace never encourages a man or woman to sin. It saves men ~~xx~~ women from sin for we are saved by grace. If it is grace and I think because God is gracious I can commit another sin, I am absolutely a stranger to grace. Grace is love I don't deserve. This woman here, 'Go home and do not sin anymore.' Can you trust me Lord Jesus? ^{If it's possible to the woman, as} trust,.....to go.....^{the}...and sin no more? And/the words came from the Lord, 'Go and sin no more.' Those were/powerful words of ~~xx~~ the Saviour who died on the Cross because it was the same Saviour who went to Calvary who was liberating now. This was His releasing power, the same One who hung on the Cross at Calvary and when He speaks His word to you, 'Go home and sin no more' those very words become an authoritative power to give you authority over sin. They become a source of power, a dynamic in you to release sin.....and before I quit, just a few remarks about another person. This time it's not a woman. It is another person we read about in the New Testament. It is ~~xx~~ St. Paul. St. Paul, a Jew, a wonderful Pharisee, a ~~xx~~ tremendous, a religious person, but not released at all, a man who did his best to make his religion so practical, so outworking.....that he never completely Years and years and through the training and through the ~~xx~~activities and through thethe best he knew how, Paul remained as dry as a bone spiritually without ever having authority to get there until on the road to Damascus he meets the Renewer again. This time it was the other side of the Cross. He had died on Calvary, risen from the dead, was now in glory, he had come down in the Holy Spirit, ~~xx~~the same ~~xx~~ Jesus, the same glorified Christ, ~~xx~~

glorified through His death. He meets this corroded Pharisee, a bigot of a man, tired with hatred and still hating some more, no longer secure and trying to be secure by removing those whom he did not like, making himself ^{and} an enemy to those with whom he had nothing to do very much and Paul was so self-centered, /so completely frozen that this man knew nothing about the renewing power until he met the risen Saviour on the road to Damascus and there the Renewer did another miracle. I want you to see Paul moving full of hatred, full of resentment, full of pride, a ^{good} Pharisee, a high moralist,an enforceable case to deal with, case to deal with, too good to be renewed. As most of us may be the greatest obstacle to His renewing love is that we are too good..... you simply could not find anything. You read Philippians 3 which says, "According to the righteousness which a man can get by keepingI was blameless..... There are some characters which are blameless here good evangelicals.Do you know that you can be very evangelical and very dry? It is true. It happens that we can be orthodox in our thinking, we can be very religious, we can be zealous, enthusiastic like Paul but very, very dry, so dry that we can even kill people and think that we are serving God, so dry that if you don't agree with my way of my theological thinking, then I write you off completely and yet I do it in the name of my risen Saviour and in the name of evangelical cause. Of course I don't take you but I'm just being faithful, so faithful that I put you in the cold and..... Now this kind of attitudewho claimed to be evangelical,God-loving, faithful to the Bible, you couldn't be more faithful than Paul. He was so faithful that when he thought the Christians were wrong he determined to kill them. That's how faithful he was, how zealous he was. Then he met the man he persecuted. And the words are remarkable. Renewal always begins in the Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Revival begins there over night, and as we live this wonderfultoday, it can beexperience, particularly to those of you who feel dry. I do get dry, if you don't mind.....Again and againdry patcheswith your Saviour.when you don't know what to do, can't even put your hand on any particular thing, yet you sense a cloud is there. You don't know what has gone wrong but sometimes you do but you are reluctant to admit it. However, Paul, on the road, met this remarkable man. I don't have to tell you the story. An amazing glory comes in the light and it sheds its beams around him. In the shining light of revelation, he catches the vision of Jesus ..and Him.....crucified. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ And the Lord addresses him so, "I know you by name. Why are you persecuting me?? The greater become the smaller. The Almighty puts himself at the disposal of a man. He who should have a limitedbecause he had every possible way of doing it now puts him under Paul. Why are you persecuting me? I am the weaker, you are the stronger. I am not the powerful, you have been the powerful one. Poor Paul. In that light as he shook from the revelation he discovered something unique.

The renewing power thatfor there and thenLord, what shall
 I - what do You want me to do? And the Lord Jesus speaks to the Pharisees. ~~Go into the city.~~
 It's very similar to the woman. Go into the city. They'll tell you what to do. You are
 released now.....I suppose Paul expected
 to act in retaliation.....There is no renewal in retaliation.
 There is no renewal when I reactagainst another brother. There is no
 freshness when I act in bitterness because another person acted bitterly to me. Resentment
 against resentment. Harsh words against harsh words. /we go on in thosecircles
 of dryness and complete emptiness andand he says to Paul "Go into
 the city, you are released." And Paul was completely taken back. You mean no condemnation??
 No condemnation. No retaliation? No retaliation at all. Actually, Jesus had retaliated
 on Calvary. The best and the strongest retaliation is when love takes ~~hatred~~ and changes
 it. It is when he who persecuted is forgiven that is the strongest retaliation ever. Now
 as Christians are you experiencing this renewal? Is it as practical asis
 practical? ~~xx~~ The message from this platform sent us on the platform of Jesus Christ, on
 the price He paid, onhim.....standing in your midst right now and standing
 particularly by the side of those who feel defeated here. What is the sin that has been
 corroding you? The case of the woman, is it being caught in those terrible
its plague on you that now you've given up out of
 the mess?? I want to tell you, He was wounded upon ~~the cross~~ ^{for} your messes. He was
 broken with a broken heart ~~that you~~ may experience complete healing. He was lifted up
 so that when Hethey may experience complete renewal.
 We are seeing this in Africa, I can tell you that, renewal and renewal again. Those who
 are renewed need to be renewed again for this is a continuation. I want to read to you
 from the beautiful letter I got from this party as I close. Colossian 3:10-11 And there
 we have the passage which I think I've been trying to say to you in a nut shell. Paul
 says, "You have put on the new man, the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge
 after the image of its Creator renewed. Here then there cannot be Greek.....
 circumcised and uncircumcised,slave, free man, but Christ
 is All and in All and this renewal grants men and women We are brought
 to the level where we ~~xxx~~ not say you are Greek, or African or English,
 evangelical.....We all stand amazed as we look up and we see His
 renewing love in the blessed Holy Spirit.....releasing you,
 in this corner, in that corner and releasing ~~your relationships too~~ As the woman went home
 she must have had the courage, the excitement of ~~being forgiven~~ ^{asking for} As Paul went around,
 instead of hating, he loved. There was a change. There was a complete ~~new man and..~~
 I've seen this happen among my people. It happened to me again and again in my ex-
 perience.....

at the level,..... ty, in the church, among the neighbors - these people whom God has put in your way Christian. You may not realize that the men and women among whom you move are put there; especially for you. You rub shoulders with them and then you learn how to walk as a renewed person. If there were no people there rubbing you the wrong way, you would never learn how to walk. Jesus walked among those very people, some , some judged, some hated, then out of that he showed his renewing love in this. We need to learn that this begins in the presence of the Lord Jesus and Him Crucified. It is love overcoming. It is love embarrassing. It is love setting free. It is love giving permission to "sin no more." This is what you hear.

I can tell you the case of a man given permission to be released. Back home, 45 yrs old, pagan, illiterate, never knew anything about Christ, and then he was brought by grace through the preaching of Christians into the presence of Jesus and him crucified. That man was so changed that within a matter of a month, when impure thoughts came into his heart, he literally went outside from a meeting and vomited. This standard! What a sensitivity! A man steeped in paganism, completely born there, no background in Bible training, now in the light of calvary, that smashing, invading love, this man is ~~recreated~~ ^{taken}, recreated, renewed, ~~his conscience is~~ ^{his conscience is} so clean that when impure thoughts came, he even went out and physically vomited. A festivity//??.....

the Holy Spirit has renewed the personality. Is this your case? Do you sense that sensitivity? You know I find that after I have gone on with the Lord, sometimes I grow thirsty?? - the impact of the renewal is that you begin to move ^{with} that sensitive touch in the heart. You see, just jealousy ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~... don't you think the time has come when you can say, My heart has been renewed and I'm going to write a letter to that person and ask for forgiveness. Yes, the posts of England may be very busy when God begins to work. It is true. And homes of your country may experience a renewed coming to put a few things right. Then Jesus becomes the light - that's when we enjoy lovely teachings, when the teachings become so embarrassing that you walk away to do something about it.

I remember one Christian helped me in my past experience of embarrassment -- I was renewed and then the Holy Sp saying to me, it was not a sentimental experience. It is practical. You have to go and ask forgiveness from your African brother who was a pagan five miles away and I had to go 5 mi - I did not fly like an angel, I walked. And walking was embarrassing, and to get there was hard and yet it was a tremendous relief to tell that African man, I love you. I want to ask you to forgive me for my hatred of you. He said, I knew it! And I said, Yes, you knew it. Now it's over. Then he embraced me and began to weep. ;Now he is a Christian. I don't mean I converted him. I mean I shared with him the embarrassment of a renewed life, the release of

So may God bless you, dear friends. Ask the Spirit of God to make you practical. Let the renewal begin in the convention. Write letters if it is necessary, move in

the direction of His redeeming love, for this is what we need. This is what South Africa needs, this is what Burundi needs, this is what the States need in America, this is what your bleeding isle of England needs - Christians who are as practical in their outworking as calvary is practical. Let us pray