



HOUSTON VISITING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE SERVICE

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Watching

Some years ago Jack Doerr, a Christian Scientist from St. Louis, was traveling midweek on business in Texas. That Wednesday evening he attended a Christian Science meeting and heard a testimony that stayed with him.

Years afterward, Mr. Doerr—a longtime Principia dad and alum—was preparing a chapel talk at The Principia Upper School. (Chapel talks are intimate settings for students, faculty, and staff to gather to hear inspired speakers.) He wanted to share the testimony he'd heard in that little Texas church, so he dialed its number in hopes of finding someone who knew testimony and testifier. The sweet-voiced woman who answered the phone said *she* was the mother—and she gave Mr. Doerr permission to share her testimony at the chapel talk.

A Principia teacher who was present at the chapel that morning shared the testimony with friends, including me. Though it was never published, I verify its authenticity based on the character of each teller.

A Christian Scientist and her young son had recently moved to a small town in Texas. Sensing the antagonism to Christian Science in the thought of the predominately fundamentalist, Bible-belt community, she actively prayed for the protection of her son and herself.

Whenever the boy wanted to play outside, she would always ask him the same question before giving him permission: “Do you know who you are?”



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“Yes, Mama. I’m the perfect image and likeness of God.”

This statement became their daily prayer of affirmation.

One morning the mother received a phone call. From it she learned that her son had drowned in the community swimming pool. Upon arriving at the scene, she saw a stretcher being lifted into an ambulance and on it her son’s apparently lifeless form, covered by a blanket.

Stepping into the rear of the ambulance, she pulled back the blanket from her son’s face and addressed him with the familiar question, “Do you know who you *really* are?”

The boy sat up and answered, “Yes, Mama.”

The spiritual power of the truth that man is God’s “perfect image and likeness,” which had been their daily declaration for many weeks, not only protected the child but allowed his mother to release him to God, which caused her to remain spiritually calm and clear despite his apparent decease. Faithfully keeping active *watch* of her thoughts had defended them both from the foe—the lie of life in matter.

The community in that Texas town called it a miracle. The young mother called it a divinely natural proof of God’s love—and she later became a Christian Science practitioner.

Christian Science Nurse Intern Opportunity

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