

Lecture 20: Preparation For The Work of L'Abri

Father we want to thank You for the way every day Your word comes to us with power, and it comes to our situations, whatever they may be and that You meet us where we are with our different kinds of struggles and needs, our joys and sorrows that You can come and be along side us and help us through Your word and by Your spirit. We pray now that as we look through this next part of the Schaeffer's life that You will be teaching us as we learn from their experience. We ask it in Jesus' name, Amen.

Review and Introduction: Having covered the basis of L'Abri in the last lecture, Professor Barrs surveys the events of the years 1952 through 1955 which led to the development of the L'Abri ministry as it is known today.

Preparation For The Work of L'Abri**I. Open Doors and New Births**

- A. More people came to be with them
 - 1. Teens
 - 2. Memorial service for George VI
 - 3. Priscilla's children's class
 - 4. Local residents
- B. A new fruitfulness
- C. Franky born
- D. A clearer pattern

II. International Presbyterian Church Formed (*Tapestry*, pages 404-405)**III. Growing Sense of Urgency in Communicating the Gospel**

- A. Trips to Portugal and Spain (*Tapestry*, pages 365-366)
- B. A prayer for clarity

IV. Furlough

- A. Teaching at Faith Theological Seminary
- B. Tiny house
- C. "Boot training" (*Tapestry*, page 391)
- D. Francis' "message"
 - 1. *No Little People* messages
 - 2. "The Lord's Work in the Lord's Way"
 - 3. "Living in the Spiritual Now"
 - 4. Messages that later became the book *True Spirituality*
- E. Bible Presbyterian Church Synod, May 1954
 - 1. Disagreement with his emphasis
 - 2. Accusations of power-grabbing
 - 3. *Tapestry*, page 393-394

V. Learning Prayer and Dependence

- A. *Tapestry*, page 389—God answers with things to do
- B. Money for tickets to return to Switzerland (*Tapestry*, page 394)

VI. Facing Troubles

- A. Romanticism
- B. Franky's polio; Susan's rheumatic fever
- C. The balance between continuing to love God and having faith in His power regardless of what happens
- D. Avalanches
- E. IBPFM cuts their allowance

F. Notice to leave Switzerland by March 31, 1955

1. Write or pray?
2. A vision, a name, and nowhere to live!