

many things that people hide behind today to keep from being aware of the knowledge of the Lord. I remember during W.W.II hearing of two ships, of two planes, rather, that had to land in the water, and the men were marooned on a life raft for quite a long time. One of those planes, the result of it was, that several of the men on it, gave ~~the~~ their lives to Christian work and men who had known the Lord before became real, ardent, active Christians. These men tell how this plane was downed and how they were raft for some days and how aware they were of the presence of the Lord and how aware they were of their need of Him, and how they were praying and looking to Him and in the end their lives were changed. But in the case of the other plane the situation seemed to be just the same as the ~~sa~~ start, they also looked for help to the Lord and recited whatever scripture they could remember and sang whatever hymns they could remember, but after they were rescued someone told of seeing all of them in a bar a week later, having turned aside from any thought of God at all. And when you get the full story of them, you see that the difference is that in the first of those two planes there was an ardent Christian in the ~~group~~ group who ~~was a~~ had a testament in ~~th~~ his pocket and who, when those men were in that situation where there was nothing but blank despair ahead of them and where they were aware that there must be realities beyond what they could see--they couldn't see. This man was there with His his testament to read them the scripture and ~~expat~~ explain the way of salvation, and God used the message in that situation. It is necessary that we have the message, difficulties and troubles rarely by themselves rarely by themselves bring a man to the Lord, but as long, on the other hand, that everything is going wonderfully, people are apt to put the Lord aside and say some other day, some other time. They are oppressed, rather than rejoicing in the knowledge of God's greatness. And