

Christy - Disc Four (This DVD is recorded on both sides)

And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:27-28 ESV

"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 ESV

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." John 14:23 ESV

John Spencer turned away from his girlfriend, Bessie, and decided he liked Miss Christy instead. Christy loved to talk with John about music but had no interest in him as a boyfriend. Bessie was jealous of John's feelings for Christy and decided to get even by spreading lies about Christy throughout the community. Although the things Bessie said weren't true, Christy had no way of defending herself.

Has anyone said something that was untrue about you? Have you said untrue things about someone?

Daniel wanted to assist Dr. McNeil, but he wasn't accepted in the community because of the color of his skin. When there was a scarlet fever outbreak some people thought that he brought it. When the children at the school got scarlet fever, Dan helped tirelessly and proved that he could be a good doctor.

Have you ever had to prove yourself? Who believes in you and encourages you?

When Ellie died, her husband Jonas decided to take revenge on Dr. McNeil. Taking Christy as a hostage Jonas decided to use her to get to the doctor. Jonas wouldn't listen to reason concerning the death of his wife. Anger is a place to hide. When a person is angry he or she can place all of the blame on someone else. An angry person pushes other people away, manipulating and intimidating them with the anger. Although it is an easy outlet for expression, anger doesn't solve problems, but usually makes them worse.

Do you ever have to deal with anger issues in yourself or someone else?

The school children found an abandoned baby in the woods and tried to hide it. Eventually Christy discovered the child and thought that maybe she should accept David's marriage proposal so that they could adopt the child and raise it. When the baby almost died from the croup it was Opal who saved the child with a mountain remedy. It was difficult for Christy to let Opal and Tom adopt the child but she knew it was best. Have you ever had to give up a dream you wanted but knew it was the right thing to do?

Nathan Stone was the benefactor from Ashville who donated books and telephone equipment to the mission. When he came to visit Cutter Gap people were impressed with his kindness and youthful good looks. When Nathan visited families and wanted to buy timberland, Christy and others realized that it would open the area to outsiders and would be the end of Cutter Gap. Some people even blamed Christy for bringing Nathan to the cove. Blame is another place to hide. Along with anger, blame keeps people from facing problems realistically. Sometimes we blame other people, but the most painful is when we blame ourselves. God ask us to forgive. We need to learn to forgive others and forgive ourselves.

Anger and blame ruin people's lives. The deepest damage is often inflicted on the person who holds the anger and blame. Anger and blame can consume our lives. When we forgive we don't condone what was done, but we release our anger and blame so that we can grieve and heal.

Dear Lord, You search every heart and mind. You know every thought. Take away the anger and blame in our lives and fill us with hope. Heal our wounds of the past and help us to use those experiences to help others. Show us how to forgive ourselves for the mistakes we've made. Give us the confidence that you can make all things work together for good to those who love you. Help us live our lives in joy and peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.