

ister's credentials taken away, the Lord graciously continued our ministry without missing a Sunday or Wednesday Service until this day.

In time I was examined for re-ordination by a group of independent ministers, who in July 1963 re-ordained me to the Gospel ministry under the auspices of the York Gospel Center which is a member of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America. Also, the I.F.C.A. has sustained my commission as an Army Chaplain by their endorsement which is on file in Washington.

Presently my family and I are happy in the Lord serving The West Shore Independent Gospel Church now located on the West Shore. The Church has purchased its land on the Trindle Road, Rt. 641, on mile west of the Camp Hill Shopping Center. One year and eight months following our withdrawal from the E.U.B. Church we completed the educational unit of our new Church. The Lord proved faithful!

Many denominational ministers are compromising their Faith and denying their Lord; and sad though true, even some independent conservative ministers are drifting along with

religious apostasy being caught in the tide of the New Evangelical movement which compromises with the liberals and the modernists. I know what it cost my family and myself as well as other Christians to be true to Jesus Christ; and I hope that the sharing of this experience with other believers may encourage them to take a definite positive stand, contending for the Faith, avoiding all compromise with the Devil and his forces. What a responsibility to God and His children!

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(1 Timothy 1:11, 12)

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DON'T COMPROMISE!

2 Cor. 6:14-17

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

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For a minister of the Gospel to be found in the midst of compromise with apostasy is one of the saddest testimonies for God's defender of the Faith, which was once delivered unto the Saints. The cost is great, yet rewarding, for the minister who will stand faithful to Christ in this day of religious compromise.

In October 1956, it was with good intentions and a sincere faith that I entered the ministry of the Evangelical United Brethren denomination desiring to render my best service and yet not compromise my convictions or deny the Faith. Being a graduate of Bob Jones University, I knew better than to sell Jesus out for the sake of a job. I believed that, somehow in my case, the Lord would keep me from compromising and supporting the great apostate ecumenical movement. The time was not long until I realized that compromise was impossible. Knowing the liberalism prevailing in the Evangelical United Brethren Church and its affiliation with the National Council of the Churches of Christ, my conscience was robbed of all peace of mind. Financially I could not support the de-

nominal program and their liberal schools, nor could I encourage other Christians to support them. I found myself no longer in harmony and in sympathy with a Church that would compel me to compromise my convictions and cause me to be disloyal to Jesus Christ, my Saviour.

Having served as an Army Chaplain on active duty and returning from Korea in 1960, I received my second civilian pastorate which was at the Shepherdstown E.U.B. Church, Shepherdstown, Pennsylvania. This assignment was to be the one of decision. After one and a half years service there, the Lord gave me victory when the decision was reached that at the end of the Pennsylvania Conference Year of 1962, I would terminate my ministry in that denomination. Up until this time I did not refrain from informing the church members of the liberal trends of the denomination, especially in its relation to the National Council of Churches. The denominational bosses approached me less than one week before Easter, 1962. They related their feelings, and told me that they would let me stay in the pastorate until the end of the Conference Year in October pro-

vided I did as they said and preached what they wanted. I related to them that I would preach what the Lord laid upon my heart. This they forbid me to do. They further insisted that I resign immediately! Two days later I received a registered letter forbidding me to enter the pulpit on Easter morning, and further, was threatened by a phone call from the Conference Superintendent that if I obeyed not this request, a sheriff would be at the Church to see that I abide!

Through their pressure, the Conference Officials had their way being backed, supposedly, by the Church discipline and Eastern Area Bishop. On April 18, 1962 I was forced to resign.

In these days of testing, I found the Lord very precious. He proved faithful as He promised and truly He opened the door to victory and peace. That Easter morning I preached the "Sun-rise Service" for the Community. The same morning a kind Christian family offered their home in which we held services for those Christians of that Church of which I resigned, for many appreciated and still wanted our ministry. Although I was locked out of the E.U.B. Church and my min-