

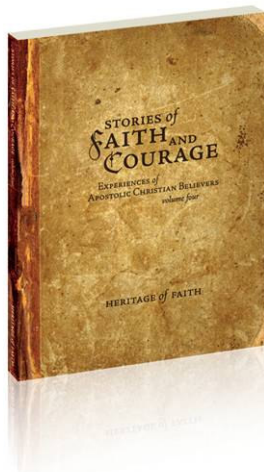
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...This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.  
Isaiah 54:17

## *Stories of Faith and Courage, Volume 4*



Volume 4 of *Stories of Faith and Courage* is soon to be released. It is going through its final proofreading before being sent to the printer and should be available shortly after the first of the year. This book of 23 stories includes both European and American accounts, some of which are accompanied by vintage photographs. Many of the believers who shared their experiences are still living, and the stories relate the faith and courage of women as well as men when they faced severe trials of life. The amazing leading of God is again the theme of this collection.

Volume 4 can be pre-ordered by emailing [heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com), by phoning Heritage Press at 309-249-6281, or by ordering online at [www.melttheheart.com](http://www.melttheheart.com).

## *Spiritual Breadcrumbs*

We recently reported that the Heritage Center is working on publishing a translation of *Spiritual Breadcrumbs*, Froehlich's collection of brief meditations from the years 1829 to 1831. This work was preserved in the archives of the *Evangelische Täufergemeinde* (ETG) congregation in Zurich, Switzerland. The translation and proofreading are complete and publication in a book or booklet form is planned for 2015. An excerpt from December 26, 1829, appears below:

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*"I speak from experience" – so say the wise of this world. They thus ascribe great importance to their experience, believing that without experience they could not speak so well on this or that. They are quick to give experience preference over mere knowledge and reasoning. And yet in exactly the most important matter of all, these men are so inconsistent that they will neither believe nor admit to a reborn child of God that the experience of Christ is higher than the mere knowledge of Christ; that one must first experience Christ before one can talk about Him, and that there can be absolutely no confession of Christ without the living experience of Christ in one's own heart! I must confess that I did not know Christ before I had experienced Him full of grace and truth.*

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## *Froehlich's Meditations on Romans – Translation Project*

One of the primary purposes of the Heritage Center is to preserve and make available historical material for the benefit of present and future generations of all those who are currently attending a Froehlich church or are interested in the doctrine of true faith rekindled by Bro. Samuel Froehlich. The Heritage Center feels that Bro. Froehlich's meditations, though not to supersede the Holy Scriptures, provide valuable insight into the understanding given to him by the Holy Spirit as he was led to come out of the State Church and preach a doctrine of a true rebirth and a consecrated life of service and righteousness towards God. His meditations on the book of Romans are not found in the set of Froehlich books currently available. We believe the translation of additional Froehlich material runs to the core of the purpose of the Heritage Center and can yet be helpful to issues and questions that arise in our day and time.

Consider the following excerpt taken from the first 43 pages which have been finished thus far:

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*November 3, 1844 Romans 1:9 etc.*

*Afternoon meeting: Paul worked to spread the Gospel, save the lost, and edify and strengthen those who were saved both near and far, partly by his supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving for all saints and for all men and partly by preaching the Gospel. He had such a widespread and powerful effect because he served God in the Spirit with his spirit because he clung to God and did not just do an outward work, which many others also did for appearance's sake, yet they accomplished nothing for the Kingdom of God and for the salvation of souls.*

*Paul's desire to go to Rome was based on:*

- 1. The wish to impart more spiritual gifts to those who already believed and to assist in their edification in the Spirit because this godly work is not finished quickly. Where there is no growth, there is a going backwards in grace, and a great many circumstances in this world encourage this retreat so that our zeal for the Lord and our diligence in holiness and love for the brethren might grow cold by being tempted to be lazy and worldly. A single careless, drowsy member in the congregation of Christ spoils more than three zealous ones can accomplish. Therefore, Paul wished that all might show exactly the same zeal (Hebrews 6:11).*
- 2. His desire to win and save still more lost souls in Rome by preaching the Gospel of Christ. The same Spirit of Christ works in His messengers and servants both the salvation of the lost and the preservation and growth of those who are saved, for what good is a good beginning without a good ending? The Apostle was interested in much fruit in his service in the Gospel of Christ so that many might be converted from the power of Satan unto God. Today we can accomplish little in this respect because men believe that they already are Christians before they have become Christians by the seed of the apostolic teaching and preaching. Therefore, they consider all to be deceivers and false teachers who would first like to work toward the conversion of lost sinners and carnally-minded men so that they might later become Christians and children of God.*

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The meditations on Romans consists of 250 pages of text and the cost to carefully translate the remaining pages will likely exceed \$15,000. If you feel moved to contribute to help finish this project, donations of any size will be appreciated and can be sent to the Heritage Center Foundation, c/o Fairview Haven, 605 N. Fourth St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

## *Do you know. . .*

Bro. Samuel Froehlich was baptized in 1832. By 1850, he had established 55 churches. After only 30 years of preaching, there were over 100 congregations.

This new faith began in Hungary in 1840 with the baptism of Bro. Louis Hencsey. By 1900 there were 236 churches in Hungary.

The true faith spread to America in 1847, and the churches at Croghan and Naumberg, NY, were started. By 1870 there were 24 churches established. An additional 21 congregations were begun by 1900.

Information taken from *Heritage of Faith*.

## Items on Loan

Do you have historically significant items that would be of interest to those who appreciate the Apostolic Christian heritage, but do not wish to part with something possibly passed down from a dear family member? Consider donating it to the Heritage Center *on loan*. We will keep record that it is not a permanent donation and will gladly return it to you upon your request.

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## *A Selection from History*

The following words were spoken by Bro. Sam Aschliman from Bluffton, IN, at the funeral of Bro. Emil Bahler in Fairbury, IL, on December 1, 1959:

We find there in the letter to the Corinthians where Paul so clearly stated, "We know that when this earthly house, this tabernacle is dissolved that we have a building of God, a house not made with hands that will be eternal in the heavens." Now then he went on to say, though, we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each one might be given or dealt with and rewarded according to our works and deeds whether, he stated, they are good or bad. And I've often said this, "Could God be any fairer?" He will not deal with one that served Him and cast him into outer darkness. Not if they have been faithful and true. Neither will He permit, according to the teachings of His good Word, anyone that would spend their time living an ungodly life to enter Heaven's doors. Not according to the good Word of God!

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**“The Lord is Your Reward”**  
*Zion’s Harp #210, verses 1 and 2*

Ye, shepherds, Who the Lord do love,  
And through the Spirit from above,  
Proclaim to men salvation,  
How much the Lord to you has willed,  
Who at His blessed kingdom build,  
It is beyond expression!  
Therefore, therefore, Be ye faithful!  
How delightful! God with pleasure  
Will impart the crown and treasure.

Ye messengers of peace shall bring  
The glorious gospel of the King  
To man in accents truthful.  
How great your blest reward shall be  
When Jesus Christ, the Lord, will see  
That ye were true and faithful!  
Ev’ry brother Who such mission  
And position Has been granted,  
Shall be to the end undaunted.