

Kept the little girl seven years. Kept the boys about, till they was about ten, ten years old. And then I tell you what happened one time. Little boys in school, put them in school just when they got big enough to go to school. Well I got on a horse one days and went down across Honey Creek down there. And it was sad condition. Now I was sad, just heartbroken, oh lord, I don't know. I turned out to be a crying, you know. And for a ~~man~~, grown. Didn't know what it was all about. So I went down there. Come to a ford of the creek there and there was a big Indian man that was the deacon in the church. There's little boy out there on a raft. Now this was Honey Creek. On a little old raft that he had made his self out of logs. And he was floating down on that raft. And I asked that old man, I said, "I'm in this condition." I said, "You ought to know what's wrong?" I said, "This would be good day to baptist me here. I said, "I'm ready to believe." He said, "I can't Jess." He said, "I wish I could." He said, "I'm a deason of the church, but I have no right to do that." And that old man was a crying too when I rode up there. Another thing I want to show you. Then the next though I had was this. I was just like that little boy, floating around in this world, sea of water. This world a sea of ~~water~~. This world is nothing in the world but a sea of water ~~according to~~ the scripture. Well, I was just like that little boy. Didn't have no place to anchor. (static) till I was married. I was in the house. I know I wasn't crying as much as before. I didn't open the Bible. Well I just walked out of the house. We had, had no words, got along fine. Just walked out of the house and walked back on the west side there and went through a gate and I walked up where there's some trees there. Now some people might think it's foolish but it wasn't, proved to me not to be. And there was vines on three trees come up like that. And I wondered what I was out there for. I looked up and this thought come to me. Christ said I am the vine and you are the branch. I was a branch. It was a member of Him.

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