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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
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SAMUEL CHADWICK

It was Saturday night. His thoughts were on the morrow. He was going over his notes for the last time. God put His finger on the sermons, and the young preacher understood. He had believed his strength was in these sermons, and had forgotten that God alone is able to save. There was a struggle. It went on through the midnight hour. At three o'clock on the Sunday morning a fire was kindled in the kitchen grate, and the sermons were burned. The blessing had come.

The work of converting grace began that day. At the early morning prayer-meeting he witnessed to an experience of sanctification, and led his first convert to Jesus. Before the day closed seven people were converted. As he used to say, God gave him one for every barren year of his preaching. He called for a week of prayer in the church, suspending the ordinary meetings. The attendance grew night by night. The meetings went on into the second week, and the area of the chapel filled.

On the Thursday night something happened. Two leaders were present who were always at variance. Temperamentally they were uncongenial, socially they were rivals, and they were women. During the meeting one of them got up, and quietly came and knelt at the communion rail. Then the other came and knelt at her side. Hand in hand, first one prayed and then the other. Others came and knelt beside them. There was no rant, but a subdued sense of penitence and a sure confidence that Christ as there. That was the first time Samuel Chadwick had seen Pentecost come to a praying people. He was in a revival.

Source: "Samuel Chadwick" by Norman Grove Dunning

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