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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN (A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts) Compiled by Duane V. Maxey

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[At the time this testimony was written, William C. Holmquist was general director of Wesleyan Men.]

The flame within -- what a thrilling experience for the born-again Christian to comprehend and then to receive.

Receiving Jesus as my personal Saviour changed my life completely as noted old things passed away and behold, all things became new. But there was still a hunger for something more.

Upon joining The Wesleyan Church, I learned of that something more that God has planned for His children as I sat under the teaching of Wesleyan pastors who preached "entire sanctification" and the power of the Holy Spirit

The Lord moved upon me during a men's retreat. I was broken and my heart craved to know the reality of the Holy Spirit to empower me in His service with love, compassion, and boldness. I prayed for the Lord to fill me and praise God, the Holy Spirit surged within me. Again in a service at the Anoka Wesleyan Church, Claude Ries speaking about entire sanctification, the Holy Spirit came upon me with His blessing and assurance that I was sanctified.

Following these fantastic experiences, a new love, a new compassion, and a new boldness brought a new dimension of living. Opportunities to witness for Christ opened before me, and to see others receive Jesus as Saviour brought the most fulfillment I have ever known. The Lord has honored an given me the desires of my heart. Another exciting evidence for me has bee the assurance and confidence that Jesus Christ has my life completely under His control. The "roller coaster" life of inconsistent ups and downs is now gone.

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