

of one of my Aunt Virginia's daughters, and her father was treating them really badly. He was really mean and drinking all the time — getting drunk — and then one day he shot and killed himself. So that was the daughter of Grandpa's sister who married the wrong guy and the guy turned out badly. All five of her children went astray and married the wrong kind of person and had broken homes and bad families and all kinds of problems.

So Grandpa's mother and father had two children who turned out quite bad, and only one turned out really serving Jesus full-time — which is your Grandpa! After my Uncle Hjalmer got to be fifty years old, he lost his job and his wife divorced him because he lost his job and his money. She took what was left of his money and the house and the children and went to be more of a systemite.

He lost everything in the end because he didn't follow Jesus. Everything that he had worked his whole life for to



Uncle Hjalmer

have and to be successful and to have a big job — he lost! He's still alive today and he lives in a little town by himself and he has to work hard just to live, whereas before he was really rich and had a big house and a fancy family and a fancy life. But he still wants to live for himself, and not give up his own life. Since we've become a bigger family, Grandpa has even been able to help support him and help him, but he's still wanted to be himself and live by himself.

For years when we first started in the Family, Aunt Virginia was very much against Grandpa, and didn't want anything to do with us, but after years and years and years Grandpa has written to her and she's seen we're still serving Jesus, and our families and our children's children are still serving Jesus, and what more of an example is that to her when all of her children turned out bad? You can see that most of Grandpa's children have turned out serving the Lord, so that shows better fruit.



Even in Jesus' family, after Jesus was born Mary gave birth to his brothers and sisters and some of them turned out not to be believers, and not to believe in Him. So obviously Jesus put more importance on His spiritual family and those who followed Him. People asked, "How could He be the Son of God when we know His mother and His brothers and sisters?" We don't even know if all Jesus' brothers and sisters believed. It doesn't really tell much about them or how they turned out. When Jesus started His ministry at thirty years old, they were teenagers or in their twenties, and yet you hear little about them.

So it just goes to show that even if your parents or your family have given you a good example, that's not going to guarantee that you're going to turn out good unless you obey. And you're much more responsible than children who had parents who were systemites and who lived for the Devil. But that's why Jesus said, "Who is my mother and my brother and my sister? — They that do the will of the Father that sent Me." (Mt. 12:48-50) It says, "He came unto His own but His own received Him not; but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name!" (John 1:11,12)

It's important for us that we obey by faith. You're children of God by faith. You have to serve Jesus yourself! You kids are getting old enough now to have to make decisions for yourselves. You have to begin to do what's right yourself because you want to do it and you enjoy the blessings and the happiness you have when you do what's right!

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"Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" (Mt. 13:48)

Our Family History

LESSONS FROM OUR FOREBEARERS (Part Two)

By Uncle Ho (Grandpa's youngest son — A lesson to his 7 children!)

It's important for you children to realise and remember that just because your Mommy and Daddy and your Grandpa and your Grandmother and your Great-Grandmother have been serving the Lord, it doesn't mean that you're going to turn out to be a missionary for Jesus if you don't really have it in your heart. That's why it's so important what's in your heart — and that you're serving Jesus because you really believe and you really want to.

I thought about that, and I wondered which of you are really receiving the Word in your hearts and are really learning to serve Jesus because you want to, and which of you are going to turn out like my Uncle Hjalmer or my Aunt Virginia or my Great-Uncle Mark or Deborah, and turn away from the Lord and from serving Jesus and become a rebellious systemite? You think that can't happen to you? Well, if you had asked me if that could happen to me, or to one of Grandpa's children, I would have said, "No! I don't think it's possible."

But now I see what's happened to Deborah and how she's turned against the Lord and turned against Dad and her own real family, and sided with systemites and reprobates, telling lies against her own family and her own father and her own brother and sister, because of her pride and her selfishness and because of her bitterness which she harboured in her heart all that time which eventually just rotted her to the core.

Deborah has written some terrible lies about Dad and the Family that have been publicised in a magazine in America, because we have a lot of enemies amongst the church people in America.



They were just looking for some kind of bad thing they could say about us. So when they have somebody like her who goes back over to their side, then they're happy to publicise all the lies that she gives them.

If you read all of the Mo Letters about all the problems Dad had with her when she was a little girl and growing up, you'll see how rebellious she was and how she was always choosing to go her own way, and how Dad dealt with her and disciplined her and spanked her, but she didn't receive it. She didn't yield. Deborah was always going her independent way. She went into the church system on her own without the rest of the family. Then she got married at her own insistence — not because Dad thought that the person she was marrying was the right one. Then after that, she went to live on her own and left our little team.



There was then just half a dozen of us singing and witnessing for Jesus, and she and her husband left us and left Dad's teaching and classes and went to a Christian Bible College for a long time. Then after that they went to work for Fred Jordan for money, and not really serving Jesus full-time and living to be a witness. They lived in their own little systemite house, and they lived like systemites working at a job.

But then when Deborah and Jethro could have a position in the Family and be supported and have the money and be somebody in the Family, they were with us for a long time. But they were always running things and doing it their own way, and Dad was always having to deal with them and correct them — trying to get them back on the track and keep them on the track.

I made plenty of mistakes myself, but I wanted to do right and wanted to follow Jesus, and received correction in my heart, but apparently they didn't. They just went along with it because they felt they had to, otherwise they'd lose their position and they'd lose their support and their money and all these kinds of things. But they weren't really following Dad and following the Letters and following the spirit of the way God has led us.

So when they lost their position and authority and all these things, they weren't willing to be a little family preaching the Gospel and serving Jesus. They became bitter and against Dad because he took away their authority and he took away their big power trip and being over other people. It's important for you kids to know these things, because if people know who you are, that we are the Family, then they're liable to ask you questions. Or there's liable to be publicity about those things in the newspaper, and it may affect our opportunities for witnessing and singing.

It's also necessary for you to know as a warning for us all, of some people who have gone back and backslidden like Deborah and Jethro, and how far back they did go. I've heard now that some of their children have even tried taking drugs. I don't say they're all trying them, but they could certainly go that way because they are disobedient.

It really surprised me that Deb could turn against Dad after having been taught by him and raised by him all her life. But Deborah and Jethro didn't believe in the things that Dad was correcting them on, and whenever anything bad came out about them in

