

The People, by Susan Glaspell

“The People” is the name of a journal publication, but it represents those who want to see the world become a better place and the truth it takes to get there. Over time, editor Edward Wills reaches his wits’ end between the sarcastic remarks from his associate editor, the pride and egos of his coworkers, and the various complaints from subscribers. It seems that the more Ed tries to unify people, the more division he makes. Now, the journal is on the brink of extinction. Ed becomes bitter, believing that too many people are too consumed with their own lives to think about there being a better way to live, and he wants to give up the futile effort toward achieving a vision that now seems ridiculous up against popularity.

But with the encouragement from his secretary, and the determination from three unexpected members of the humanity that he believed to be gone forever, Ed realizes that it does not matter how many people believe the truth, but it matters who is willing to act upon it. Dedication is the key to success – not numbers, not money, not fame. Once Ed realizes that the best way to reach people is first to have compassion for people, his desire to bring the truth to people is rekindled; there is no way the paper can afford to stop when the truth is at stake.

As much as “The People” publication can bring truth to light and stir up subscribers to action with its ambiguous language and surreal imagery, Scripture, with its clear language and practical imagery, should stir up its followers unto action with renewed perseverance. While some might think that Scripture should be tweaked and catered to fit their own whims and inclinations, its pure truth, unaltered and honestly given, even when it is not popular, is what wins over those who remain faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 119:160 “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”

Isaiah 40:6 “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword.”

Matthew 7:13 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.”

Matthew 28:18-20 “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

Galatians 6:9 “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”