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He had hardly finished speaking when the miner rose slowly to his feet. "Sir," he began, "I'm only a working man, and I don't know your fancy word 'myth.' But these people know me. They know that until three years ago, I was the toughest man in town. I had a miserable home. I neglected my wife and children. I cursed, swore, drank all my wages, and whoever withstood me soon felt my fist. Then someone came along and told me of God's love to poor sinners. He showed me Christ dying on Calvary's cross for lost wretches like me. I believed those things you now deny, and through my newfound trust in the cleansing power of the Saviour's blood, my life was changed. These folks can tell you I'm different now."

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