

and women who refuse to be disheartened—they still held on and looked for the sun to rise again.

Like unto the world situation in the natural realm, so it is in the spiritual realm. The war has never ended between life and light, and darkness and death. There are those who have dropped their weapons, of spiritual warfare, and surrendered to the "Prince of power of the air." Some have become discouraged and have given up the fight. The spark of faith has died. But like the song of a bird, that wakens from slumber at dead of night: so we have the unmistakable sound of the voice of Faith, that bids us: "Fear not, be steady, and fight on, for the victory will be won."

Some are inclined to take the attitude of a certain lord we read about in 2 Kings 7:2, who was in a besieged city, full of starving people. Listen to his unbelief and despair, and notice the danger there is in doubt: "Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said thou shalt behold it with thine eyes, but shall not eat thereof." Doubt and discouragement come from the Devil and should not be harboured.

Perhaps things are going hard in your life, possibly in your home, or it may be in your church. Brother, sister, look up, and "know that there is a God in Israel." "Have faith in God," or "Have the faith of God." Even though some have fallen down dead spiritually, do not allow these carcasses to smother your God-given faith. Our God is the invincible One: He always wins at the end.

Get closer to Him, do not criticize, spend a little while with Jesus in prayer. Get on fire; and soon the whole scene will change: Dark doubts will fly away like bats before the first streaks of dawn. What appears to be impending disaster, God can change to glorious victory.

Don't be like the doubting lord, but rather be like the poor lepers we read of in this same chapter, verse 3-12. Venture out into enemy territory and when you find, by the spy-glass of faith, that the enemy has gone, like the morning mists before the rising sun, don't keep quiet about it. go in and tell the rest, of the good news.

Friends, pray for us, as we also pray for you: that we all may be valiant in the fight and that we shall push on to the victory God has for us: at home, and on the foreign field.

Yours in Christian love,

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### THE WRECKERS

I watched them tearing a building down—  
A gang of men in a busy town;  
With a "ho heave ho" and a lusty yell  
They swung a beam and the side wall fell;  
I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,  
The kind you would hire if you were to build?"  
He laughed and said, "Why, no, indeed,  
Just laborers is all I need;  
They can easily wreck in a day or two  
What has taken builders years to do."  
So I said to myself, as I went on my way,  
What part in the game of life do I play?  
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,  
Carefully measuring with rule and square,  
Patiently doing the best I can;  
Or am I a wrecker—who walks the town,  
Content with the labor of tearing down?

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### A RADIO MESSAGE

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The verse we would stress this morning is the 21st of 2nd Chapter of 1st Peter. It reads thus "For hereunto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps."

In commenting from this portion of scripture, we feel our inability to do justice to it—but to our minds it gives to us the key to Christian living. I would not say the key to religion for all religion is not Christianity, in fact some religions are contrary to Christianity—contrary to salvation! The name Christian "means to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ—In His Steps."

The author of this epistle from which this portion was taken, was Peter the Apostle. It was after he had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost that he was given the needed inspiration and power to write these two wonderful epistles. In fact, previous to Pentecost, Peter was a wanderer, unsettled in his Christian life. He was spasmodic and impulsive. But he was one of the one hundred and twenty who gathered in the upper room and received that which had been promised by Jesus Himself, when He said, "Tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." This endowment of Power made a remarkable change in Peter's life in as much that he then preached the word with boldness and power and ceased from his wanderings. One could hardly imagine him as being the same man who denied his Lord before a maid. He had received the anointing of the Holy Ghost and it was under this anointing that he upholds Christ as our example in his epistle and admonishes us to follow "In His Steps." In fact he states that as our calling, "Hereunto were ye called."

Peter takes care to stress in the previous chapter the necessity of being "born again" of the spirit and having our souls purified before we can follow Christ. Chapt. 1, verses 22 and 23, reads thus, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart, being born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever." Jesus himself said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again."

Now, how is Christ an example to us? First, in conduct. The portion that was read says, "He did no sin." His behaviour was blameless and harmless. We must look to Him as our example in conduct. I. Jn. 3:6 reads, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not," also in 9th verse, "Who-so-ever is born of God doth not commit sin."

Christ is our example in conversation. "No guile was found in his mouth." Nothing that involved gossip, unkind words or questionable subjects.

He is our example in Suffering. "He threatened not. His motives were misunderstood. He died not only of a broken body but of a broken heart in being rejected by those whom He loved and came to save but he remained sweet in spirit until the end.

Christ is our example in Trust. He committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously and again in Sacrifice. He gave His all. What more could He do? Yet, how few there are who in return, yield their all to Him.

Lastly, He is our example in perfect Obedience to His Father in heaven—saying "not

my will but thine be done." Do we love him enough to say this from our hearts?

In following Christ as our example we should naturally become examples to others. Paul, in writing to Timothy, exhorts him to be an example of believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Would not the cause of Christ prosper more if there were more examples? Would it not improve the church life, the home life, the school life, and social life in general were there more conscientious examples of followers of Christ? It is to be expected of professed Christians. John said, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked."

We do not agree with an illustration one has given, comparing the Christian life to a copy book, how in copying a line it becomes more crooked as the distance increases from the original copy. If this were so, to whom would we look as an example. And young people and others would say, and in despair, do say, "What is Christianity?" Back to God's Word we go and find that blessed promise. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever." Heb. 13:8.

Paul says, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ," and we read David's words, "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord," and again, "Order my steps in thy word,"

Since Jesus Christ and His word change not, it behooves us to be true to our calling, walk in His steps, and by His help and grace, be an example of believers.

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### WORLD VISION

"Nothing less than a world vision of the world's need, and a world passion for the world's evangelization can satisfy our world-loving Redeemer."

Oh, that God would budn this truth upon our souls in letters of living fire that we might be stirred to pray, to sacrifice, to give, to go. Let this truth grip our hearts, and our consciences will not be comfortable while we enjoy the latest model car, fine homes, luxurious surroundings, every convenience money can buy, and at the same time millions of souls are perishing in eternal night for want of the Bread of Life that our sacrifice could provide for them. We will not be satisfied to invest in stocks and bonds, real estate and the like, while God-called missionaries are unable to go to the field because of insufficient means to send them. Assuredly, God's call to the rich young ruler,— "Send all thou hast, and give \* \* \* \*," was not intended to be literally followed by every one; but if we took it as a whole lot more literally, the work of God would prosper accordingly.

How far does your vision reach? Does it go beyond your own immediate family circle; beyond your local church, your city, your nation, beyond the boundaries even of your denomination, until it embraces the whole wide world? Is this its language:

"Oh, that the world might taste and see

The riches of His grace,—

Tre arms of love that compass me

Would all mankind embrace!" —Selected

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"We have careful thoughts for the stranger  
And smiles for the sometimes guest;

But oft for our own the bitter tone,  
Though we love our own the best."