

Hindrances to Soul-Winning

#0139

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Now, let us hear the word of the Lord, turning again to the 15th chapter of John. We were studying, you remember, the first five verses last Friday night [#0138]. We'll pick up a thought or two in review and press on as we continue studying this wonderful passage:

"I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman.
Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away:
and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it..."
John 15:1–2.

Or pruneth it.

"...that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean
through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in
Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself
except it abide in the Vine; no more can ye, except ye abide
in Me" John 15:2–4.

Now, will you read with me the fifth verse, please:

"I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me,
and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without
Me ye can do nothing" John 15:1–5.

Without Jesus, we can do how much? Nothing. That's not very much, is it?

But now, I ask you again, as I asked you a week ago: is Christ's purpose in all that He's telling us here in John 15 to get us to be satisfied with doing nothing? Is that what He's after is to convince us that there's nothing we can do about it? We can't do anything, anyway? Is that it? What is the purpose of it, by His own words here? What is He interested in? Fruit-bearing. How much? Much.

"Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so
shall ye be My disciples" John 15:8.

And in this fifth verse, note it again:

"I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me,
and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without
Me ye can do nothing" John 15:5.

So, instead of His trying to make us content with doing little or nothing, it's just the opposite. He's trying to get us to see our glorious privilege and our great responsibility to do a great *deal* for Him. And He tells us that there's only one way to do it, and that's how? Abiding in Him, union with Him, and if you abide, He says, you *will* bring forth much fruit.

Now, a week ago, we noticed that fruit-bearing, especially as it relates to the Christian life. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace and so forth [a paraphrase of Galatians 5:22–23]. Tonight we want to notice that fruit-bearing as it relates to soul-winning.

Turn to Proverbs the 11th chapter the 30th verse:

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise” Proverbs 11:30.

What is there on a fruit tree? Fruit. Was the tree of life in the Garden of Eden a fruit tree? Could people eat of the fruit? Are we going to eat it in heaven? Oh yes, 12 kinds, a new kind every month. I want to be there and have some of that fruit, don't you?

But now, thank God, here in *this* world, you and I are to be fruit bearers.

“...He that winneth souls is wise” Proverbs 11:30.

It takes wisdom to win souls. As someone has said, “We need to be winsome in order to win some.” That'll help us remember it, won't it?

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But there is more to the verse. In fact, the real thought of the verse is this: that the person who enters into soul-winning is a wise person, that is, he has chosen the wisest thing in this world. You see, soul-winning is the only thing that we can engage in in this world, the results of which carry over into the eternal world. Why shouldn't everybody, then, be a soul winner? Everybody should. Everybody should be a soul winner.

Of course, there are all kinds of soul winners. Jesus was a carpenter soul winner in Nazareth. Paul was a tent-making soul winner in Corinth and Ephesus. James White was a stone-breaker soul winner and a reaper soul winner. He did other things in the beginning days of this message. William Carey, we're told, said that his business was to preach the gospel, and he cobbled shoes to pay expenses.

Everyone is called to soul-winning. That's the wise thing to do. It's the only thing, I repeat, that we can carry from this world to the next is the souls we have won here in this world.

You know, if you were going to another country where the only money that could be spent was the money of that country, somewhere between here and there, you would have to change your American money into the coin of that realm. And up

in heaven, friends, this money we carry around here, it doesn't mean a thing. Not simply because it's paper and this inflation (even here it's getting to be where it isn't worth very much, isn't it), but I don't mean that. If we had the gold like they have in Fort Knox, if we had all that's there, it wouldn't even pave one block of streets in the New Jerusalem, would it? No. The rate of exchange in the money of this world and the money of heaven is this: one soul is of more value to heaven than a whole world of property, houses, lands, money.

Oh, think of it friends, if you and I will take our money, our time, our effort, our strength, our love, and put it into soul-winning, if all our lives should be spent and we'd get just one soul, we would have something of so great value in heaven that it would be worth more than if we could take every material thing in this world and bring it with us.

Do you believe that? Do you really? Well, our actions will show whether we believe it, dear friends. Our actions will show it.

Now, if you were the Devil, what would you do about it? Well, I'll tell you what he *is* doing about it, friends. He has set himself to keep you and me from soul-winning. He's trying to keep us from winning souls.

I want you to notice the example of Jesus. He's the greatest soul winner that ever lived in this world. He came to show us how to live and how to win souls. I wish you'd turn to Luke 2:49 and John 9 verse 4, and tell me two words fit together, a pronoun and a verb, that are the same in both these verses.

What's the pronoun? "I." That's right. And Who is the "I"? Jesus. What's the verb? "Must." Do you see it in both verses? How old is He in that one in Luke? Twelve years old.

"...Wist ye not..." Luke 2:49.

"Did you not know?"

"...that I must be about My Father's business?" Luke 2:49.

That's soul-winning. Even as a boy just entering His teens, the burden was upon Him to be about His Father's business. "I must," He says.

And then, in John 9:4, we hear Him saying:

"I *must* work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day:
the night cometh, when no man can work" John 9:4.

The sense of urgency was always in His heart. Therefore, He allowed nothing to divert Him. He had come from heaven as the Shepherd seeking the one lost sheep, and He allowed *nothing* to turn Him aside.

There were many things going on in this world that Jesus paid absolutely no attention to, my friends. Of course, you and I aren't as busy as Jesus, so we can run

after a lot of things, can't we? That's our problem. That's why we're still here in this world. When the sense of urgency that filled the heart of Christ takes possession of the church, the work will soon be finished, and Jesus will come.

*"I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day:
the night cometh, when no man can work"* John 9:4.

I want you to notice with that sense of urgency how He related Himself to some interruptions. Turn to Luke the 12th chapter, verses 13–14. Here's Jesus speaking to a great multitude. He's teaching and healing, spreading His gospel and helping people. And as the milling crowds press close about Him, here's one man that gets up real close to Him. He's got a burden on his heart. He gets a chance to speak to Jesus. Maybe there were a thousand, maybe five thousand people there. This man is fortunate enough to get up there now where he can catch the ear of Jesus. And what does he say?

"...Master..." Luke 12:13.

What?

"...speak to my brother..." Luke 12:13.

What about? His soul? Help him to turn from sin to righteousness? Help him to get ready for heaven? Is that the burden? What is it?

"...speak to my brother, that he..." Luke 12:13.

What?

"...divide the inheritance with me" Luke 12:13.

Oh, my. He wanted Jesus to settle a family squabble about who got how much of the dead father's property. Oh friends, how many workers for God today are invited, tempted, urged, inveigled into trying to settle personal and family problems when they ought to be busy winning souls. Jesus wouldn't allow Himself to be diverted.

What did He say in the next verse? As we'd put it in plain English today, He said kindly, but firmly, "That's not my business."

"...who made Me a judge or a divider over you?" Luke 12:14.

Well, do you know some people think preachers ought to know everything and settle everything. But the Prince of preachers said, "No. I've got a job to do. I've got a mission to accomplish. I've got souls to reach with this message, and I cannot be diverted, I cannot be diverted."

Desire of Ages, page 253, tells us something else He steered away from. That was the discussion of a lot of political and religious controversial questions:

“Jesus had nothing to do with the various subjects of dissension among the Jews. It was His work to present the truth” *Desire of Ages*, page 253.

The people back there were just like the people are today. They had various subjects of agitation, certain subjects that were being debated back and forth. I suppose if Gallup or some of his colleagues had been back there, they’d have been taking polls to find out what you thought and this one thought and that one thought. And what did Jesus think? He didn’t tell them what He thought about all those subjects. That wasn’t His business.

“Jesus had nothing to do with the various subjects of dissension among the Jews. It was His work to present the truth” *Ibid*.

Now, don’t misunderstand me. He could have told them what was right and what was true on every question that came up. Couldn’t He? Well, why didn’t He? He had something more important to do, my friends. God help us to keep our eyes focused on the main line and not get off on the side issues.

Ministry of Healing, 448:

“Christ could have imparted to men knowledge that would have surpassed any previous disclosures, and put in the background every other discovery” *Ministry of Healing*, page 448.

He could have told them that the world was round and that the way to get to the east was to go west from Europe. He could have told them that. He could have told them all about astronomy, more than the men with the telescopes find out today. He could have told them 10,000 other things. Why didn’t He?

“...He would not spare a moment from teaching the science of salvation. His time, His faculties, and His life were appreciated and used only as the means for working out the salvation of the souls of men. He had come to seek and to save that which was lost, and He would not be turned from His purpose. He allowed nothing to divert Him” *Ibid*.

Oh, friend, what will you let divert you? What will you let divert you?

I was talking with a friend of mine about the education of His children. I said to him, “Suppose you had a store, you were running a general store out here in the country somewhere. And here’s your oldest boy, he comes along. And you say to him, “Son, I want you to help me in my store, and I have in mind for you to carry it on.”

“And your son says, ‘dad, that’s wonderful. I’ll be glad to do it.’

“But somehow as you and the boy talk it over, it’s decided that that son could help you better if he went away and got a training.” (Now, watch this.) “So off he goes to get a training. How long will it take? Well, he’s of an age where it’s supposed that in one or two years he can get a training in business that’ll make him better able to help his father in that store.

“But lo and behold”—don’t miss it—“after he’s been in that training program off away somewhere for a year or two, the boy finds out that really he doesn’t know enough yet, and so he has to get trained another year and another year. And meanwhile, the father is thinking how wonderful it’s going to be to get that boy back to help bear the burdens of this store and carry it on after he’s gone.

“But do you know what happens?” I’m telling this to my friend, you understand, who has some boys.

“That boy finally comes back, and he says, ‘dad, you know I’ve gotten this training, and I’ve found out that this little store out here isn’t big enough for me. With the training I’ve had, I really need to go somewhere else. It’d be too bad to waste all this training on this store.’ And so, what do you do, father?

Well, you say, ‘sorry son.’

“But you’ve got another boy. And so, you say to the second boy, ‘son, your older brother, somehow or another he’s lost the vision of helping dad here in this store, but I want you now to take the mantel. I’m getting older and so, son, I want you to help me. Now, son, I’m going to take you and give you a training over there in that place where they train them, but son, don’t lose the vision.’

“And so, son number two, he goes. And it’s decided that in one or two years he ought to be able to get some training. But do you know what happens? He goes through the same thing. Do you know why? Because the teachers and the other students where that boy number one went and that boy number two is going are not interested in preparing somebody to help father in that store out there in the country. No, they’re not interested in it. They’re interested in that boy making a *career* for himself, in making a *name* for himself, in making *money*; in other words, in becoming somebody.

“And so, the day comes when son number two comes home and says, ‘dad, my brother’s out really making money with this training you gave him. You paid the bills, and he’s really paying off now.’”

How much of it gets back to father, that’s another question, isn’t it? But it isn’t money the father wants; it’s his *boy*, in partnership with him.

I said to my friend, “After you’ve lost two or three boys that way, if you had one boy left, where would you send him? Where would you send him? Would you send him to someplace where he’d lose the vision of coming back and helping you?”

My dear friends, the Lord Jesus came to this world to win souls, and He found the established systems of His time—educational, religious, political, commercial, all

so carried on that in none of them could the men that He wanted to help Him get a training that would keep them in the road of helping Him.

And so, He took them by Himself, fishermen and tax collectors and others, and He trained them by association with Him in the work of soul-winning. He said to Simon Peter, "You've been catching fish. Now, you're going to catch men." He said to Matthew, "You've been collecting taxes. Now, you're going to collect souls."

Did He succeed? Yes, He did, my friends. And He says to you and me:

"...Follow Me, and I will make *you* fishers of men"
Matthew 4:19.

And I say to you, if you have seen the vision, if you've heard the call, beware of any kind of training, I don't care where it is (if it's right on this campus), that would divert you from the great work of winning souls to Christ. I don't care what the name on the can is, if the influence of eating it is to get you so broad-minded, so sophisticated, so wonderfully trained that those talents and that training can't be used in simple, humble soul-winning in the homes of people that need help, beware of it, my friends.

And if you've got some of that kind of thing and it's kept you from winning souls, do with it what the apostle Paul did. Do you know where he put it? Read it in Philippians 2. He said he put it on the dunghill. He counted it garbage, refuse, all that philosophical training and education that would stand between him and simple, humble, sacrificial soul-winning. God help us to have the sense that Paul did after he met the Master on the Damascus road. What do you say, friends? Oh, I pray that we would get and keep the vision of soul-winning.

"He [Christ] had come to seek and save that which was lost, and He would not be turned from His purpose. He allowed nothing to divert Him... The curiosity that led them [the people] to come to Him with prying questions He did not gratify. All such questionings He made the occasion for solemn, earnest, vital appeals" *The Ministry of Healing*, page 448.

Did you ever wish you could talk to Jesus so you could find out some things? You might not find them out if you saw Him. He didn't answer everybody's questions. He didn't tell them all the things that their curiosity led them to ask Him.

"All such questionings He made the occasion for solemn, earnest, vital appeals. To those who were so eager to pluck from the tree of knowledge, He offered the fruit of the tree of life. They found every avenue closed except the way that leads to God" *Ibid.*, pages 448–449

Isn't it strange how people that don't know one-thousandth part as much as He knew are so anxious to spout off what little they do know on all subjects imagined? God help us to be humble enough and simple enough and dedicated

enough to focus on the one thing, the real thing, the true thing—to get people off of this torpedoed ship of a world and into the lifeboat so that they can live forever with Jesus in the kingdom of God. This is our work, friends, this is our work.

I hold in my hand a paper that I value very much. It was given to me by Elder W. C. White 40 years ago. W. C. White was Sister White's son. It has his handwriting across the top of it. This is a copy of a letter that Sister White wrote to her other son, James Edson White, who was a pioneer self-supporting missionary here in the south for many years.

Near the end of this wonderful letter, I find a comment from the prophet to the remnant on a text in 1 Kings, the 20th chapter, the 40th verse. You might like to turn over to that. We'll look at the text, and then I'll read you the comment. We'll read the 39th verse with it in order to get the setting:

“And as the king passed by, he...” 1 Kings 20:39.

That is, this man.

“...cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it” 1 Kings 20:39–40.

Do you get the picture? The battle on! Here comes a man with a prisoner, turns that prisoner over to this soldier. And he says, “Keep this man. Don't let anything happen that he gets away. If he gets away, then your life for his, or else you pay a vast sum of money.”

And this man that's telling this story, what does he say happened?

“And as thy servant was busy here and there...” 1 Kings 20:40.

What happened?

“...he was gone...” 1 Kings 20:40.

Now notice, there are several wonderful things to say about this man. He wasn't lazy. He was what? Busy. Another thing, he wasn't sleeping on guard, and he wasn't AWOL. He wasn't a deserter. He was right in there on duty working, but he was busy here and there, and the man that he'd been set to guard got away.

Now, the comment in this letter:

“Shall the members of the church come up to the judgment unprepared because they have no sheaves...”
Letter 80, 1894.

That is, no souls.

“...to bring to the Master? One and another will say, While I was busy here and there he was gone. Who was gone? Some soul was gone away from your influence where he can never more be reached, he was dropped into the grave unprepared. Every one has talents of value to use in winning souls to Christ” *Ibid.*

So, who is it that has been set to win a soul, and keep a soul, and guard a soul, and present that soul to Christ when He comes? Who is it? Oh, it's you and me. To every one of us, God has said, “I have set you a watchman. You're a watchman.”

You know, it's a thrilling thing but a sobering thing to realize that every man and women, yes every boy and girl here that understands what I'm saying, that you will either be the cause of somebody being in heaven or you'll be the cause of somebody being in hell. You can win a soul. There's somebody you can reach that nobody else can. Will you do it? Will you do it?

What was it this man said? My servant was what? “Busy, here and there.” I repeat, he wasn't lazy, he wasn't a deserter, he wasn't sleeping on guard. He was what? “*Busy*, here and there.” We ought to be busy, friends. But oh, let's be sure that we're busy about our Father's business.

Paul was busy making tents, but he used it as a means of winning souls. Jesus was busy as a carpenter, and what a busy life He led. And then He was busy as a medical evangelist, the greatest physician that ever lived, the busiest physician. But He never, as a carpenter, as a physician, never lost sight of the fact that His goal, His great objective, His mission was to win souls, to reach souls and win them to His Father's way of life.

Oh, somebody here tonight (I thought about it as I was getting ready for this meeting, and it blessed my own heart), somebody in this meeting tonight is going to get the vision and win souls, and I'll see those souls in the kingdom of God. Somebody here tonight is going to make up your mind that it isn't enough to be busy here and there. You're going to get hold of some soul and stick with that soul until you get him to Jesus. You can do it.

Ellen Harmon did it when she was just a teenaged little girl in Portland, Maine. A few months ago, I saw the house she lived in, just a humble little cottage there on a side street, her father, a poor man. But there, having heard the message of the soon coming of Jesus, handicapped by sicknesses she was (this is before she was ever called to the prophetic office), she put her time and talents and effort into soul-winning for young people of her own age.

She prayed *for* them, she prayed *with* them. She went to their homes. She got them to come to her home. She pled with them. Some of them thought she was silly. Some thought she was crazy. But she kept on anyway, and she got them one after another to surrender to Jesus. Read the story there in *Volume 1*, those early chapters of her life.

Ah, young people in your teens, boys and girls, older people, there's somebody you can reach that I can't reach at all. There's somebody you can reach that we preachers can't reach. We can reach some people you can't, and we're trying to reach them. But oh, think of it, *you* can reach somebody that no preacher can. Don't forget it. Your key fits a lock that my key won't fit at all.

What kind of a key's on your keyring? It isn't the same as these. Will you use your key? Will you use your life to fit into the needs, the problems of some human being, that you can turn that life into a connection with Jesus Christ? Will you do it? Will you make it the great business of your life? How many will? May I see your hands, please? Thank God, thank God.

Now, I want to make something very simple and very practical—how to begin. *Volume 1*, page 513, says:

“Begin to pray for souls...” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 1*, page 513.

“Begin to pray for souls...” *Ibid.*

Will you repeat that with me?

“Begin to pray for souls...” *Ibid.*

Begin to do what? To pray for souls. Ask Jesus to help you to know who to pray for.

Well, you say, “I already know who to pray for.”

All right, if you know, fine. But it wouldn't hurt to check with Jesus. We're so selfish, dear friends, that even in soul-winning we're inclined to just decide who *we* want to work for or who *we* want to be saved. God wants *all* men to be saved, and God knows a lot better than you do the lock that your key will fit.

And so, I suggest that the way to begin to pray for souls is to begin by praying to Jesus, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” It may be your roommate, or it may be your companion in life, your husband or wife. It may be a child in your home, a brother or sister. It may be your neighbor. It may be somebody that you've never met, somebody that lives in your neighborhood.

It may be somebody that God wants you to write a letter to. It may be somebody that God wants you to meet in colporteur work, or by helping in a five-day plan, or a weight-control plan, or a cooking class, or as a nurse at the sanitarium.

God has a thousand ways of getting you and the soul He wants you to win close together. But if the golden opportunity is not watched for, it will be lost.

God sent Philip from Samaria, where he was doing a great work for Him, down to a lonely desert road where there was nobody on the road anywhere in sight except the man in a chariot. That was Philip's man. He got him. He stayed with him until that man was safe in the church of God, a baptized member.

Will you and Jesus have a personal fellowship over this? Now, Pastor Boykin and Pastor Cox and I, we'll be glad to help you any way we can, won't we, brethren? And Brother Cook and Sister Vital and sister Boykin, and there are a lot of other folks who are here that'll be glad to help you.

But dear one, the greatest Evangelist in the universe is Jesus Christ. And none of us want to come in between you and Him. We want you to have a personal fellowship with Christ in pleading for souls. If we can help you find better ways of finding souls or doing something for them when you find them, tell us. We want to help you. But remember, the responsibility is yours.

If you have come to Jesus and given your life to Him, you've enlisted in His army. And your business is to get orders from the Captain. Jesus said:

“... Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men”
Matthew 4:19.

Let's do it, what do you say?

“Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me;
And may I humbly do my part,
To win that soul for Thee.

To win that soul for Thee,
To win that soul for Thee,
And may I humbly do my part,
To win that soul for Thee.”

~“Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart” by Leon Tucker

That's it. Lord, lay some soul upon my heart.

Somebody is saying, “Brother Frazee, I've tried it, but they don't respond.”

Bless you. Jesus tried it with many people that didn't respond. But He kept on. And do you know we're told that there were more people converted on the day of Pentecost than there were throughout the entire period of Christ's earthly ministry? That doesn't mean that Peter was a better preacher than Jesus. Yet time had come, and the seed that Jesus and His disciples had sown was into harvest.

We're rapidly approaching a similar, a greater harvest, under the Latter Rain and the Loud Cry, dear friends. Let us be willing, as Jesus was, to sow the seed in tears and keep at it.

For it is written:

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed,
shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his
sheaves with him" Psalm 126:6.

Let's sing that again:

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me;
And may I humbly do my part,
To win that soul for Thee.

To win that soul for Thee,
To win that soul for Thee,
And may I humbly do my part,
To win that soul for Thee."

"~Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart" by Leon Tucker.

And remember, how much is one soul worth? More than all this world. Calvary tells us that. For Jesus would have passed through the agonies of the cross to get one. And if you worked your whole life (as the saying goes, just worked your fingernails off), and only get one soul, friends, you have done something of infinite value to Jesus. And eternity won't be long enough for you to get over being happy about it.

But listen, if you win one, you'll win more than one, but leave heaven to count. Heaven will keep score; you don't have to. You don't know all about your influence. Somebody else may reap the seeds you've sown. You may reap where somebody else has sown. Jesus guarantees you success if you'll just give Him your life. And keep—don't miss it—keep from being diverted.

Every day in prayer, make this the great subject of your intercession. "Lord, give me a soul, give me a soul, give me a soul. Lord, who do you want me to pray for? Who do you want me to work for? Who do you want me to visit? Who do you want me to speak to? Who do you want me to study the Bible with? Who do you want me to give a treatment to? Who do you want me to write a letter to? Who do you want me to press close to in love and sympathy and encouragement?"

Talk to Jesus about it. Begin to pray for souls. I asked you a few minutes ago, "Would you do it?" Will you? Will you? Oh, yes.

Well now, I'd like to spend a few minutes in response, but the responses tonight are something different. I want to hear from somebody tonight that this meeting has made them come face to face with a decision that's going to mean a difference in their life, their emphasis, what they've been doing, what they're going to

do. Just press right up here now and give your witness. Expression deepens impression.

“Whosoever... shall confess Me before men, him will I
confess also before my Father which is in heaven”
Matthew 10:32.

[Man from congregation] I’ve been working out in the vineyard all during the summer and now all during the fall, and it looks like maybe all winter. And I’ve been doing my best to get rid of the weeds and get those shoots in those rows and get rid of the weeds, but you know what? If I knew that next week the sun was going to quit shining and the rains wouldn’t come in the spring, in the warm weather, then I’d know that those fruits wouldn’t come. And you know, I see I have a part to do with it. I have to rely upon the Lord to bring those fruits about.

And I can see in my own life that I’ve let some people go by that I’ve kind of given up on, you know, because I think that I’m putting all the chips down and I’m removing all the weeds, but I need to see that the Lord is going to bring the sunshine around to them and I’m just doing my little part, and I want to do that for Him.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, brother.

[Man from congregation] I’ve been busy doing this and that around Wildwood, too, taking care of my son and working at the “san” [sanitarium] and all the little projects around, and I really haven’t had the burden for souls that I know I should have. And I pray that with the Lord’s help, I’m going to press on and ask Him for those souls that He wants me to reach.

[Elder Frazee] He’ll answer you.

[Woman from congregation] I know in the last few weeks it’s really been a test on my mind to know how busy I get and how little I accomplish, and I just really appreciated what you said tonight, Elder Frazee (I know the Lord said it through you especially for me), of how to begin to even win souls because I realize that I don’t really know how to win souls, and I don’t really know the science of saving people, and it’s given me a beginning tonight to really pray that.

It’s been a real confusion for me sometimes. I have so many friends, and I feel a need to write to them or to talk to them, and the Devil gets me discouraged because I don’t know where to start, and I feel like I have a starting place now.

[Elder Frazee] Good. Now, let me give you another reference, *Messages to Young People*, 227. It’ll tell you some more about how to begin.

[Woman from congregation] In studying the Third Commandment, I found that we can disobey even by using exaggerations and light expressions, or even by not saying anything sometimes, we can give wrong impressions, and I really just want to say that I’m sorry tonight for doing that.

And tonight, this has helped me to see in a new way, too, that I can take Jesus' name in vain by just talking about Him in a way that won't really help somebody. I was thinking that back when they had their discussions and things back in Jesus' time, that they might have even talked about God sometimes and different things that they were debating about (about what it might be like after they went to heaven and things like that). And I just want to pray before I say anything that these would be words that will be in season that will really help someone, turn them to Jesus, and not away.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you.

[Woman from congregation] I'm thankful to be here tonight and thankful for the message. And as Elder Frazee was speaking, I thought of Acts and how the people marveled at Peter and John and how they were ignorant and unlearned men. I wondered what did they marvel about? Were they just busy people, you know, or did they marvel about, you know, the way they dressed and what they ate and how different and peculiar they were? Did they marvel because they'd acknowledged that they'd been with Jesus?

And my thought is that, you know, our fitness for this work is measured by our growth in the love of Christ's love and to work as He worked. And I long to spend more time with Jesus in just looking into His face, that I'll be more of what He wants me to be, and that as we go unto the people, to acknowledge that we've been with Jesus and received Jesus in our lives, and I long for that.

[Elder Frazee] Thank the Lord. Appreciate that.

[Man from congregation] I really want to give my all to Jesus that He may use me as a vessel in His well, and I want to use that in the sense that He may choose the people that I save and that they will be saved from Jesus.

[Elder Frazee] Good.

[Man from congregation] I appreciate this message tonight. You know, we have many teams here at Wildwood that have spent hours under the bright lights to try and save a life, or a week of evenings downtown trying to help someone get freed from a habit that's enslaved them, or weeks in teamwork of trail walking and therapy that's attempted to help prevent a serious disease or save a home or save a mind.

And yet, I think of Jesus, Who made every occasion of healing a means for implanting divine principles in the soul. And I pray that God will give us all and give me the wisdom to live and act in reference to the coming of the Son of Man, so that I cannot be so anxious to add feathers to my cap as stars to my crown.

[Elder Frazee] Thank you, brother. Oh, aren't we glad for physicians that are interested in the souls of people as well as their bodies? Thank the Lord.

Sister Worley, come right in.

[Sister Worley] I came here once scared to death, and Jesus helped me when I stood up here. I elected to take the two years, and He gave me three, and I would say, "How in the world can those people get up and testify that your legs would buckle under you?" But thank the Lord I stood up here once, and my legs didn't buckle under me. The Lord will really help you.

But when Dr. Hansen came up here, I had to come again. I thank the Lord for this place down here and for the doctors that have helped them, and he certainly has been with me. I thank Jesus first and these wonderful doctors, that they have helped me with my mind, that it is coming back, and with the Lord's help, I want to win souls for Him, and I thank Him for this place here.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you, sister.

[Man from congregation] It started me thinking tonight. You know, I've been in the message now for eight years and been working for the Lord, and I don't know of any a soul that I've won. I've been here now for almost three years. I came for three years when I came here, and I'm sure I'll be working for another two years, but I don't know of any soul that I've won.

[Elder Frazee] The angels have got all that written down, brother.

[Man continuing] I'm sure they have, but if there is a soul out there that I'm supposed to win, I'm sure that soul can look for me as long and hard as I've been looking for him, and so I decided tonight that I'm going to do more earnest praying that the Lord will lead me to souls.

[Elder Frazee] Thank the Lord. Thank you, thank you.

[Woman from congregation] I really want to thank Jesus tonight and praise His name for the loving mercies He's given me, and I really appreciate this message tonight, and I know that the Lord blessed because I really found a burden for souls, and the most precious experience that anyone can have is winning a soul for Jesus, and I'm choosing tonight to do that.

[Elder Frazee] Thank the Lord, thank the Lord. Now, when these that have come up have spoken, we'll close this part of the meeting.

[Woman from congregation] I couldn't sit back any longer either, Rhoda. And when I first came here to Wildwood, I had such a burden for souls, and the Lord had given me such a vision for His work, and I just was so thrilled about it. And as I got into the daily duties here at Wildwood and a busy, hurried experience, I kind of lost my vision, and it seemed like I was just going about my daily duties.

And I was talking with my patients and praying with them, but yet I wasn't really seeing anything with them. And Satan then would discourage me, and I couldn't see any results, and I realized how impatient I am with people at times.

But I want to be like the Lord, and I want to be patient as He's been patient with me, and I choose to win a soul for Jesus, and I know that He can help me in my

work at the “san” [sanitarium] in my daily duties to prepare me for a greater work that He has for me and for each one of His children.

[Elder Frazee] God bless you.

[Woman from congregation] I'd like to say tonight that I'm thankful that we can talk to Jesus about who He wants us to work for. I had an experience several years ago with my brothers. I love my brothers very much, and I was close to the older one, and I'd been here, and it was time for me to go home for a two-week vacation. And you know how you are when you've been away from your family. You long to do something special for your family, something that would be really nice for them.

And this particular time, I wanted so much to work with my oldest brother because, you know, I had such a burden for him, and I just knew that he needed me to be his friend and be close to him. But when I got home, it didn't work out that way, and it just seemed like, you know, he had his own things to do, and he'd take off and leave. But there was that little brother, and he kept saying, “Come on, sis. Go camping with me,” or “Do something with me,” you know, “Just spend some time with me.”

And I'm just so thankful with all my heart that Jesus was able to get to me in time to say, “That's who you need to spend your time with.” So I did spend quite a bit of time with my younger brother, and he asked me some questions about spiritual things like “Sis, are you afraid of the time of trouble?” or “What would you do in this case?” or “What about this?” And I've never been put through such a question-and-answer program just from my little brother.

[Elder Frazee] How old was he, sister?

[Woman from congregation] He was 14, sir. And he was the one soul, one person, and the Lord gave me the opportunity to answer some of those questions. And you know, I came back, and just a week later he was gone.

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