

God's Helping Hand

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“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me” Isaiah 6:8.

Yes, dear friends, He's calling for workers. He's calling my name. He's calling your name. I hope we'll all answer the way Isaiah answered:

“...Here am I; send me” Isaiah 6:8.

What do you say? The Lord grant it with every one.

I like the way David put it in 1 Chronicles, the 29th chapter, and the 5th verse. David, you remember, wanted to build a house for God.

But God said, “No, David, you mustn't do that, but your son can do it.”

David said, “All right. Then, I'll gather the material. I'll gather the material and lay the plans.”

And God's Spirit helped him in that. And so, he finally called the people together (you'll read it here in the 29th chapter), told them what he had gotten together. And then, in the 5th verse, the last part, he said:

“...And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?” 1 Chronicles 29:5.

He said, “This is what I've done, what God's helped me to do. Now, what will you do?”

I like the way that's put in the margin. And if you have a margin in your Bible, notice what the original Hebrew idiom is there on that expression that we translate “to consecrate.” What is it? “To fill the hand,” “to fill the hand.” If your hand is consecrated, it's full. And if you have your hands full, dear friends, there's not much room for the Devil to get in with other things, is there?

“...Who then is willing to fill his hands this day unto the LORD?” 1 Chronicles 29:5 [marginal reading].

Who then is willing to take on the burdens, the problems, the responsibilities, the labor that the love of God is longing to see carried by human beings? Who is willing to fill his hand for God, to fill his hand for God?

I read something very interesting that the Lord's messenger wrote a number of years ago. It's found now in the commentary, the fourth volume of the commentary, page 1151. Listen. It's a thrilling thought:

"In God's great plan for the redemption of a lost race, He has placed Himself under the necessity of using human agencies as His helping hand. He must have a helping hand, in order to reach humanity. He must have the cooperation of those who will be active, quick to see opportunities, quick to discern what must be done for their fellow men" *SDA Bible Commentary*, Volume 4, page 1151.

I thought that was wonderful as I read it. You know, we often think of God as Omnipotent and Almighty, and He is.

We often say, "God can do anything," and He can.

But this says that God has limited Himself, friends, He has limited Himself.

If God can do anything and everything, then God *can* limit Himself, can't He, if He chooses to in certain lines, for certain reasons. And He has. And how has He limited Himself? He has limited Himself in this way. He has placed Himself under the necessity of using human agencies as His helping hands.

And so, the great God that made the universe, He's looking for hands, He's looking for hands. Will you be a hand for God? That is my subject tonight, dear friends, God's hand, God's helping hand. Will you be that hand? Oh, will *you* be God's hand reaching out to a lost world, a needy world, a desperately-needy world? Will you be that hand, God's helping hand? Oh, that's a wonderful thing to be one of God's hands. What do you say, friends? Yes. And if we'll do it, why think of the wonderful possibilities.

You know, I'm so glad, friends, He hasn't asked us to be heads. I hardly think we have what it takes to be the head. No. I think we'd better leave that to Him. But oh, thank God, we can be each of us a hand, and let God *move* that hand, let God reach out *through* that hand to touch needy souls and lay hold of them, and lift them out of the swift-running current and put them on the solid Rock. Reach out that hand, get that hand around somebody and take them with us to the kingdom of God. Yes, God's helping hand, that's what you and I can be.

You know, I've been studying again lately about Noah. You remember that in Matthew 24 verses 37–39, Jesus says:

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also..." Matthew 24:37.

What be?

"...the coming of the Son of man" Matthew 24:37.

Yes. Our day is like Noah's day, so we need to study it.

Now, I found in the New Testament two texts that tell us two very interesting things about Noah. The first is 2 Peter 2:5. It says concerning Noah that he was a what? A preacher. Noah was a preacher. That's right. That's what it says:

“...Noah... a preacher of righteousness...” 2 Peter 2:5.

So, Noah was a preacher. How long did he preach? A hundred twenty years. Think of it, friends, a hundred twenty years. What did he preach *about*? The coming flood, the end of the world, the great destruction that was about to overtake the antediluvians, that was his subject.

Now, Peter says he was a preacher of righteousness. God always uses the crisis of the hour to direct the attention of men to the great need for the righteousness of His Son. That's God's way of getting the attention of men. And there's something very practical about the Gospel. It deals with practical problems, both concerning life here and life hereafter.

And Noah was a preacher of righteousness, pointing those men and women back there to Jesus as the way of salvation, pointing to the need of getting rid of sin and finding hope through Christ. Along with that and as a part of it, he preached about the coming flood and what God was going to do to the world because of the sins of the people.

Now, the other interesting text in the New Testament I found is in Hebrews the 11th chapter and the 7th verse. Peter tells about Noah's preaching. Paul tells about his practicing what he preached.

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith” Hebrews 11:7.

Yes. Noah was not only a preacher. He practiced what he preached. Now, notice the intimate connection between his preaching and his building the Ark. You can see that his talking about the coming flood—that preaching *called* for something. That's the thing I want you to see. His preaching called for something because when the disaster came that he predicted, his converts would need a place of refuge. Isn't that right? Sure.

What would be the need, friends, or what would be the point of going out over the world and telling people, “There's a great flood coming,” unless there was something they could do about it?

And the same God—watch this point—who revealed to Noah that the flood was coming told him exactly what to do about it. Didn't He? What was it? Build an ark. Did He even give him the plans for the Ark? Did He tell him how big to make it? Yes, the whole thing. It was all there, friends, yes. Noah was following the plans of God. He preached what God told him to preach, and he built what God told him to build.

That's the reason that Paul says he did it by what? By faith. That's what faith is—believing what God says and believing it enough to what? *Do something about it.* If he hadn't done it, it would have shown that he didn't, what? Didn't believe it. And the fact that he believed it was demonstrated by his actions. So, he preached the message that God gave him to preach, and he prepared an ark, a place of refuge.

Did it cost him something? Oh yes, yes. In fact, it cost him everything, friends. In that wonderful chapter in *Patriarchs and Prophets* that describes the work that Noah did, you will find this statement:

“All that he possessed, he invested in the Ark” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 95.

“All that he possessed, he invested in the Ark” *Ibid.*

I have tried to visualize what that means, friends. You know, the people back in those days weren't poor like so many people are today. The world abounded in wealth of all kinds.

But I can picture the day when Noah called his family together and said, “Shem, Ham, Japheth, wife” (sons' wives were all there), “you know what we're going to have to do? We're going to have to draw out the last money that we have in the bank if we go ahead with this ark.”

What conclusion did they come to? What decision did Noah make? Well, we know what the result was, friends:

“All that he possessed, he invested in the Ark” *Ibid.*

I can see him a bit later, as he calls the family together and breaks the news to them that they're going to have to get some more nails or some more materials of some kind to finish that ark, and they're going to have to sell the furniture in the house. That's right, yes.

But I want to tell you something, friends. When the rain finally started and the floods rose and that ark was borne upon the billows, Noah never had the sorrow of seeing any of his wealth or property floating around like driftwood. Everything that Noah had was where? In the Ark, in the Ark.

It's a wonderful thing, isn't it, friends? He gave the world an example of believing just what God said. Now, the interesting thing is that through those 120 years, people called him what? Well, foolish, fanatic, crazy. But as the floods rose, people called him what? A wise man.

Well, all that he had he invested in the ark. I want to ask you something, friends. Was it worth it? Yes. I'm sure Noah would tell you that it was worth it because it saved his family, all of them. That's what Paul says.

Would it be worth it to you to invest in something that would save your family? Would it, friends?

Now, that message was by revelation and had a practical plan connected with it. And down here today, God has given *us* a message by revelation, and there's a practical plan connected with *it*. The two are related intimately.

I'd like to have us look ahead just a little way. You and I believe that we're living in the time when the promise of Jesus is going to be fulfilled, and He's going to come back to this world again. Is that right? How many of you believe that? May I see your hands? Why, sure. We all believe that. Thank the Lord. He said He would. He's going to do it.

And as I say, we not only believe that that promise is going to be fulfilled, but we believe that it's going to be fulfilled very soon. Is that right? Yes. Jesus is not only coming and coming again, but He's coming again *soon*, very soon—very, very soon.

“For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry” Hebrews 10:37.

What a glorious day it will be when He comes, friends. We want to see Him, don't we? Yes.

Now, do we know anything about the experiences between now and the time He comes? Yes, just as Noah knew some things.

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet... prepared an ark...” Hebrews 11:7.

It was because of the warning he had of coming events that he did what he did. And what has God told *us* about the time between now and the coming of Jesus? Are things going to get better or worse in this world? Worse, yes. We've been telling the world that for a number of years.

How has it worked out? Are things getting worse? Are there more problems over the world? Yes, greater fears, greater troubles. And the world today is just wondering, “What's next? What's next?”

Millions of people get up every morning and look at the newspaper, or watch the TV, or listen to the radio, wondering what great trouble has happened during the night or is just about to burst on the world. Don't they? Sure. That's what Jesus said:

“Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...” Luke 21:26.

But tell me, friends, these troubles that have been increasing, especially since World War I and on, and getting bigger and worse and more of them all the time,

listen, are they going to get better or worse in this next little while ahead of us? What about it? Still worse than now? Do you believe that, friends? Oh, yes.

And finally, that's going to culminate in that little time just before the immediate appearance of Jesus in a time which the Bible calls the what? The time of trouble, the time of trouble. Think of the name of it, friends. Haven't there been troubles enough down through the world? Well, what would there be in a time called the time of trouble? That's what Daniel 12:1 calls it.

“...There shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since...” Daniel 12:1.

When?

“...the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” Matthew 24:21.

No, that's the greatest time of trouble, the greatest time of trouble. Oh, what a time that is.

Now, that's the time the plagues are falling, isn't it? What event is it in heaven that marks the beginning of that time of trouble? What is it? The close of probation, that's right. Michael stands up [see Daniel 12:1]. He ceases His work as Priest. He begins His reign as King.

Have we come to that yet? No, no. There's still an opportunity to come and be saved. But that time's just ahead of us. All right.

Now, do we know anything about what's going to take place between now and the close of probation? Yes, we know some things about that too, don't we? We know that just before the close of probation, there is going to be the greatest burst of glory in the work of God that this world has ever seen. Is that right?

Where does it tell about that in the Bible? Revelation 18 verses one and onward:

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory” Revelation 18:1.

And what do we call that message that's given at that time? The Loud Cry. Are you going to have a part in it? God grant every one of us will. We're candidates for that. Oh, let's make our calling and election sure. What do you say, friends?

Now, the great thing that the world does at that time that causes that loud cry to be focused right on the apostasy of Babylon is the passing and the enforcement of a what? A Sunday law, a national Sunday law. That fills up the cup of Babylon's iniquity, when the mark of apostasy is enforced, when men who cannot give the consent of their conscience to accept that mark will be proscribed and boycotted.

You remember the prophecy there in Revelation 13:17:

“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name”
Revelation 13:17.

Economic pressure will be so exerted that men and women who choose to obey God will be put in a vise, as it were. And notice, in this verse which we’ve just looked at here in the Bible, it is economic pressure:

“...That no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name”
Revelation 13:17.

This is a very interesting prophecy, my friends. Look down over the pages of history, and you will see that much of persecution has been concerned with physical force and violence. Men have been led out and burned at the stake, beheaded, perhaps taken to the torture chamber and put on the rack. They’ve been drowned. They’ve been thrown to the lions. They have been tortured and murdered in every way that men and devils could invent. How much of that will be done in the future, God only knows.

But there is something, friends, that we don’t have to guess at, we don’t have to wonder about, we don’t have to speculate. We read it right here in the Bible. The great spearhead of that persecuting movement here in the United States is plainly stated to be an economic pressure:

“...That no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name”
Revelation 13:17.

Well now, the question is, dear friends, what is going to happen (watch this) to these hundreds and thousands of people who accept this wonderful message under the Loud Cry? What’s going to happen to them if, at that same time, the iron hand of persecution is coming down relentlessly and trying to crush them out?

Do you not see, dear friends, that everyone who at that time accepts this message will come under tremendous pressure? That’s the point. There’ll be great pressure from beneath. The religious world will be united. The dragon, beast and the false prophet will combine their forces to persecute the people of God. And in that will be not only the religious elements but the economic and labor forces.

I was interested in some statements here in this little book, *Country Living*, page 9, where the Spirit of Prophecy gives us a clear warning about some of these times that are ahead:

“The time is fast coming when the controlling power of the labor unions will be very oppressive” *Country Living*, page 9.

Again, page 11:

“These unions are one of the signs of the last days. Men are binding up in bundles ready to be burned” *Ibid.*, page 11.

“The turmoil and confusion... the conditions brought about by the labor unions... would prove a great hindrance to our work” *Ibid.*

Warning after warning has been given us about this. Now, today we see fulfilling before our eyes the unions becoming more and more powerful. The great unions of this country are linked up one with another, and in many places, they are already giving their influence to the Sunday movement as they never have before.

You’ve just been hearing about that in connection with these sermons on religious liberty.

Now, listen to this statement on page 10, listen:

“The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began” *Ibid.*, page 10.

There you have it, friends. Now back there, the great trouble that Noah told the people was coming was a what? A flood. Did it come? Yes. Did God have any way to get His people through that flood of waters? Yes. Will He have a way to get His people through today? Oh, yes.

In this same little statement that I’ve just been reading from in this book *Country Living*, pages 9–10, I read:

“The time is fast coming when the controlling power of the labor unions will be very oppressive. Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one” *Ibid.*, page 9.

Here you have it linked with Revelation 13:

“...The problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one” *Ibid.*

And so, in view of that, God’s instruction is to our people do what? Get out of the cities. Get where? Into the country. Where you can do what? Raise your own provisions. What are the provisions? Well, you know—what we put on the table and into our bodies.

Ah friends, do you see that this is very practical instruction? And do you see that a man that looks ahead with a prophetic telescope and sees this coming—he

will want to do today what Noah did back there in his time? He will want to carry out the plan of God and build the Ark that God has told us to do at this time.

But now, friends, I come to another very practical question. You and I know that under the Loud Cry, there are going to be hundreds and thousands that are going to come in right during that time. Is that correct? Yes. Well, what are *they* going to do? What are *they* going to do—these people? Will *all* of them come in as entire families or entire groups from where they are? No, no. Just as it is today, sometimes it's one out of a family, sometimes two.

And what happens, especially in days of persecution when a man steps out to serve God with all His heart—a man, or a woman, a child? What happens when the enemy has control of the other minds that are opposing him? What happens? He's cast out, he's cast out. Men will be cast out of their jobs if they embrace this message. If the labor unions are not seeing to it that they lose their job over that, they lose it over the Sabbath. But now, watch. Many of them will not only be cast out of their jobs, but they'll also be cast out of their homes. What are they going to do?

Now you know, we've been talking about building a tabernacle (some of you have heard about it), building a tabernacle so that more people can come and hear this message that you and I are listening to tonight.

But I want to ask you something, friends. What is the point of creating a problem unless we do something to solve the problem? What is the point? What is the point of preaching a message that causes people to lose their jobs and lose their homes and be cast out of their families unless we do something about creating a refuge (many of them), for those people to come?

Noah not only preached that the flood was coming, but he prepared an ark.

And when he said to men and women, "The flood is coming," ah friends, he said, "I'm building an ark, and you can get into it and ride safely through the storm."

Oh, that you and I might have the faith that Noah had.

Now, in the 58th chapter of Isaiah, I read a very interesting verse, friends. And you who are familiar with the 58th of Isaiah know that it's a prophecy of latter-day Sabbath reform. That's very clear in verses 12 to 14.

Now, in that setting, the seventh verse, God asks you and me:

"...To deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are..." Isaiah 58:7.

What?

"...cast out..." Isaiah 58:7.

Where?

“...to thy house...” Isaiah 58:7.

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“...Bring the poor that are cast out to thy house...”
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I want to read you something interesting here. It's found in *Volume 6*, 269.
Listen:

“Special pains should be taken to help those who for the truth's sake are cast out from their homes and are obliged to suffer. More and more there will be need of large, open, generous hearts, those who will deny self and will take hold of the cases of these very ones whom the Lord loves”
Testimonies for the Church, Volume 6, page 269.

The Lord loves them. They step out from the popular churches. They step out if need be to lose their jobs. They step out even if it means severing the ties of flesh and blood and friendship. They step out to obey God and keep His Sabbath and embrace the whole message. Shall they be left stranded? Oh, this says, friends:

“More and more there will be need of large, open, generous hearts, those who will deny self and will take hold of the cases of these very ones whom the Lord loves” *Ibid.*

What do you say, friends?

Again, and this is from *Volume 2*, page 27:

“Years ago I was shown that God's people would be tested upon this point of making homes for the homeless; that there would be many without homes in consequence of their believing the truth. Opposition and persecution would deprive believers of their homes, and it was the duty of those who had homes to open a wide door to those who had not”
Testimonies for the Church, Volume 2, page 27.

What do you say, friends? So, I want to ask you a very simple question. What kind of an ark are you going to build? What kind of a refuge are you dreaming about? Is it something that's just about big enough to take care of *you*? Is that it? Is that it, friends? What are your thoughts? What would Jesus do?

Do you remember when that multitude of people were out there, and the disciples thought it would be utterly impossible to undertake any feeding program for

them? But Jesus, without suggesting anything at all about how the disciples were to eat, told them to take what was available and do what? Feed the multitude.

Oh friends, the more the Spirit of heaven grips our hearts, the more we are going to want to take hold of those that God causes to embrace this message and help them to see revealed the love of Jesus in a very practical way. The Arks we build, the places of refuge we establish in the country, must be planned in such a way that we are able to take hold of those who are cast out and leave these cities in days of persecution. We must plan for that just as definitely as Noah planned his ark, my friends. And if we'll let God move upon our hearts, we'll do it.

Now, you can see this is all very practical. It gets right down to three-dimension problems. It gets down to building homes. It gets down to the kind of homes to build. It gets down to having land to grow things. It gets down to having helpers that can teach people who come out from the cities how to grow food and how to prepare it, and to live off of what is raised on the soil instead of depending on the markets and the factories.

And it means to educate people who can teach those who come simple nursing, simple cooking, simple gardening, simple building. And most of all, friends, fathers and mothers in Israel who will open up their hearts and their homes to care for and instruct the children of all ages because many of them will be children as far as practical things are concerned.

Now I've mentioned, friends that we've been talking about a tabernacle. But I do want to lay it upon your hearts, friends, that we ought to face the practical problems.

You know, one thing that has cheered me as I've thought about this tabernacle is the work of John the Baptist. Did John the Baptist reach the people back there in his day? How did he do it? Why, they came, friends, to hear the message, didn't they?

And I want to tell you, friends, when the people come to hear the message, they not only (watch this) need to come and hear, they need to come and see. They need to see a practical demonstration that you and I believe the thing we're preaching about.

When the people came to hear Noah preach, did they see anything going on? Did they? What'd they see? They saw an ark building. And I might call attention to the fact too, that most of the time when they came, it wasn't all built yet. There were still some problems to be solved. The Ark wasn't finished until just before the flood came. And I think there's plenty for you and me to keep busy on, friends, until the storm breaks, don't you?

But that shouldn't discourage us. We ought to be doing, not necessarily have done, but we ought to be *doing* the thing that gives evidence of our faith that these problems are just ahead of us.

Is your home ready? Are *you* ready to share it? You know, as I go over this place, friends, I must tell you these things are upon my heart. Just the other day, I was in our greenhouse looking at it. And I saw that lovely building with those metal supports and the glass there. And you know what I was thinking about? I was thinking about what it would take and how quickly it could be done to convert that into a place to put a dozen or twenty people to sleep.

And it can be done, brother. Everything's there. Just a little remodeling outside and in, and you're ready to go. And we've got the material around here to do it.

You say, "Brother Frazee, what are you talking about?"

I'm talking about what I'm talking about tonight. I'm talking about getting down to the practical part of it. These things are ahead, friends. And these things are going to happen very soon, unless—oh, I pray that the coming of Jesus will not be delayed any longer. And if He's coming soon, very soon, then all we're talking about is coming sooner, still sooner. Is that right? Because all this will take place before Jesus comes. With quick rapidity, these events will follow one another. And you and I, "being warned of God of things not seen as yet" [see Hebrews 11:7], must prepare arks for the saving of those whose hearts God stirs up to accept the message that we preach.

So friends, while my heart goes out tonight in great longing that we may gather the funds and the men to help build that tabernacle where this message may be preached to a larger number than this chapel can hold, along with it I'm thinking of the practical problems, the very practical problems, that come as we preach that message. And I pray that God will help us to cope with them and have ourselves so organized that we'll be able to care for these people.

And that brings me back, friends, to what we started with in this little study tonight. What was that? What was that? God's hand, God's helping hand.

Could I ask you some questions? Is there a hand here tonight that will wield the axe to fell the trees for timber and clear the land for crops? Is there a hand here tonight that will gather the rocks to form the foundations and the fireplaces in these homes? Is there a hand here that will take the mortar and lay those rocks? Is there a hand here that will milk the cows, that'll feed the chickens and gather the eggs?

Is there a hand that'll place the fomentations on the sick and the charcoal poultices on those that need them—God's helping hand through which His healing flows?

Is there a hand that will write checks to provide the money to buy the nails and the glass and the mortar and the paint? Is there a hand that will lift the hammer and drive the nails?

Is there a hand that will take the towel and bathe the sick and the little children? Is there a hand that will sew the garments to clothe the poor and to cover the nakedness of those who wake up to the shame of modern fashions?

Is there a hand that will grasp the hoe and cultivate the corn? Is there a hand here that'll turn the mill that grinds that grain and makes it into meal? Is there a hand here that will bring the wood to keep the fires burning?

Is there a hand here that will prepare the meals that make men strong to labor? Is there a hand that will use the dishtowel and the broom when the meal is over?

Is there a hand that will open the Bible so that weary ones may see the plans and the purposes of God and His rich promises? Is there a hand that will be lifted in prayer, as the hands of Moses were on the mountain while Israel fought in the plain below?

Ah, we need them all, my friends. God needs them all. God is looking for hands, hands to help build the ark, the little places of refuge out in the country where men and women can come now and in the near future with an ever-increasing number, to escape the terrible conditions in these cities physical, spiritual, economical, social, morally, every way, to escape those things and to come and learn God's way and to be fed and to be taught and to be prepared for the seal of the living God.

Oh, God's hands. Will you be one? God grant it.

Let me tell you, friends, an interesting little story—yes, two of them. And they happened just a few days ago. Just a few days ago, these things happened, friends, and really both of them thrilled my heart.

You know, we've been having a little class in our institute in what we call Christian Home Leadership. And we've been studying some of the references that I read you tonight about this matter of enlarging our homes and our hearts to make room for those who are cast out for the truth's sake and all that.

Well, you know, the other day after our class, I was sitting the next morning in my little study, studying some plans and problems with some of the workers, and there was a little envelope that came under the door. Somebody picked it up; had my name on it so it was handed to me.

And I opened that envelope and what do you suppose I saw in it, friends? Why, it was a check. That's right, a check, a check for a hundred dollars. And do you know what it said on that check? Well, it was made out, of course, to the Wildwood Sanitarium, Incorporated, but it was what it said underneath that was interesting to me.

It said, "To be used to help in preparing homes for those who are cast out for the truth."

Well, when I looked at that, I said, "There it is. There's the beginning of a special fund to be used for that purpose."

Would any of you like to have a part in that? Well, you may have an opportunity if you want it. But I must tell you the other story, for that's just as interesting as that one.

You know, last Friday night after the meeting—as you all know who were here Friday night, I wasn't talking about this at all last Friday night. I was talking about something else last Friday night.

But there was a brother that came up here after the meeting, and he says, "You know, Brother Frazee," he said, "I know that generally around this time of year you have an opportunity for people to pledge and to give for something in connection with the work here."

He said, "I suppose you've had that already the beginning of this year."

"No," I said, "we haven't had that yet."

I said, "We're thinking about raising some more money for the tabernacle like we did last year."

"Well," he said, "listen." He said, "I wanted to tell you that you can count on me for a hundred dollars."

"Well," I said, "thank you, my dear brother, for telling me that because that cheers my heart and encourages me to *do* something about it."

Now listen, friends. If you were me and had had those two experiences happen to you just within a few days, what would you do? What would you do, especially if you were reading and studying these things that I've read and studied with you tonight?

Well friends, I just felt moved by the Spirit of God to share all these references and facts and future vision, and these little experiences that God has given us in the last few days—to share them with you and ask you, oh, ask you what God would like to have *you* do and what you would like to do.

You know, I have a simple little plan here, friends. I have some lovely little cards here. Somebody gave me these cards, and they're beautiful little cards, and they're worthy of what we're studying tonight—worthy of doing something and putting it on these cards.

I wonder, Paul, if you and Bill here will pass these out for me. And I'd like to have everybody have a card. You don't need to write anything on one unless you want to, but I want everybody to have one. And there's not a thing on the card now. But some of these cards are going to have some things on them in a few minutes that are going to make the angels glad and make you glad. And oh, they'll especially make Jesus glad.

"I will follow Thee, my Saviour,
Wheresoe'er my lot may be,

Where Thou goest I will follow;
Yes, my Lord, I'll follow Thee.

Chorus: I will follow Thee, my Saviour,
Thou didst shed Thy blood for me;
And though all men should forsake Thee,
By Thy grace I'll follow Thee.
Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal, #623, first stanza.

This closing thought. Do you know what we'll do in the crisis, friend? We'll do the thing that we've gotten in the habit of doing before the crisis. If we share then, it will be because we've formed the habit of sharing now. Let's share whatever we have right now. What do you say, friends? Yes.

Especially, let us share the love of God with others. Whenever God gives us a sweet experience, let's find somebody to share it with. When we find some wonderful truth in the Bible or the writings, the Spirit of Prophecy, let's find somebody to share that with. What do you say?

When we have some victory and some answered prayer, let's share it with others. As we share our experience, our hearts, our homes, our means with others, God will continue to multiply our resources. And when the crisis comes, we'll be ready for it because we've traveled that road of sharing.

God bless you each. You're dismissed.

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