

When we think how many are like St. Francis Xavier who felt that people who had not been baptized were lost and he went to India and preached to thousands of people. He went to all the countries in the east there and preached to thousands but he could not reach them all so in despair he took pails of sacred water and went out and poured the water over the crowds, threw it as far as he could. He thought of the thousands of lost. He went all over China and to India. He couldn't reach them all!

But one by one God intends for us to reach souls for Him. It's wonderful to preach a great message and who knows to how many people God brings the knowledge of salvation, how many He causes to start upon the path that goes on through all eternity. But to take one person and to bring him the Word of God and help him grow in God's knowledge and to help them reach the point where they can stand on their own feet and with tremendous power preach the Word to others. Oh think, what if each one of us did that. Each year. Think how the world could be reached in 30 years!

Understanding what the will of the Lord is. God sometimes uses the Word someone points out in a street meeting and changes a man's life and makes him a great leader for God. But ordinarily it takes letter upon letter, line upon line, idea upon idea, as God enables us to bring the truth of God's Word to those obtuse minds bothered by sin that need the Word of God. God left us here to do His work. Jesus Christ went to heaven. Yes He is still with us. True. But in His bodily form He left and went to heaven, and He left us as His emissaries to carry on His work.

If we understand what the will of the Lord is, one of the two most important reasons why we were left on earth is the work each of us can do for Christ. There is no individual who does not have opportunities galore to reach individuals for the Lord. Oh you are not training to do work in the future. You are not thinking, Oh my what I am going to accomplish for God in the future! Crossing the ocean never made a missionary. Being ordained never made a man an effective servant for Christ. If you truly love Him and truly endeavor to serve Him, step by step, God can use you right where ever you are.

One man said to me once,--one woman it was-- the Lord has called me to S. America. She didn't == The Lord didn't call me to one particular church in S. America. He called me to the continent of S. America, so that I have to work in S. America, there is nothing I can do here. That's where He called me." I don't know how she knew that. I don't find that said in the Word anywhere. Her husband was taken ill and they came back to this country, and I believe in the next 20 years those two earnest Christians accomplished much for the Lord before God took them home.

Where you work is not one half as important as what you do where you work. God says, Go into all the world and preach the Gospel. All the world includes the areas afar and it includes the areas near. It includes everyone who does not know