



Listen for the Cry!

My parents, my two sisters and I left Hungary in September of 1971. At that time Hungary was still a communist country and it was very hard to travel to foreign countries. We left our home with the intent to immigrate to the United States and we went through quite a lot of interesting experiences and hardship in the

process, but that is a story in it self for another time. From Hungary we traveled to Yugoslavia and from there to Austria. We stayed in Austria for 7 months before we came to live in the States.

Austria is my favorite country. It is covered with beautiful mountains, cold streams and waterfalls. As you travel every mile or two – sometimes every ½ mile – the scenery changes. While we lived in Austria, every weekend we headed out into the mountains. We were driving around on country roads and as we noticed an especially beautiful sight we stopped and admired it.

On one of these weekends we stopped at a place which was not very scenic, and I don't remember why we even stopped there. Now as I look back, I believe the Lord has impressed us to stop at that particular spot.

The road we were on was quite busy and noisy from all the traffic. As there were some quiet moments, when there was a brake in the roaring traffic, we heard an odd sound. We could not make out if it was a human sound, or an animal made it, but it sounded like somebody, or something was in distress. We listened for the sound and slowly made our way up the mountain in it's direction. We listened and climbed, listened and climbed. When we finally reached the source, we found a teenage girl, who went for a walk the day before and slipped on some rocks and fell down a ways. A lot of the details are fuzzy now, but she had a broken arm to begin with and she broke a legs as the result of the fall. My father carried her back to her house, where her parents were overjoyed daughter.

I remembered this event as I was around us. Everyone is one way or another hurting and calling for help. Sometimes the call is not obvious and it is hard to recognize. The road of life is very busy and noisy. We all get caught up in the race and tune out a lot of the sounds.

God has placed a call on every one of us and if we are to live up to it, we need to tune out all the worldly noises and need to stop, quiet down and listen. We need to tune in to the call of the Lord as well as to the calls for help from people around us. We need to ask the Lord to guide us in the process! We need to be close to the Lord and we need to have the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us to administer the proper aid. We have to recognize the call for help, and to administer it to everyone we possibly can.

Jesus spent His earthly days listening for people's cries for help. Let us follow our perfect example!

Events like last week's tornadoes are screaming at us, telling us that **TIME IS SHORT, AND THE WORK IS URGENT.** Let us quiet down and listen for God's call to labor, as well as for peoples' calls for help! Great blessing and a great joy results from this labor!



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Do I Hear the Cry For Help?

“This is to be the work of every servant of Christ; and His professed followers would do well to ask themselves, Have I the mind of Christ? Have I, with humble heart, sought to help and bless the souls that are oppressed, those who are tempted and tried by poverty and affliction? or **have I heard the voice of my fellow men asking for pity, for consideration, and for mercy, and spurned their earnest cry?** Have I made it harder for them to place their faith and confidence in a prayer-hearing God? Have I by harsh, un pitying words crushed the wounded spirit, and in hardness of heart quenched the last spark of hope in the soul? In the sight of God the richest treasure is a humble, contrite heart. The name of the Lord is magnified when the heart becomes tender, sensitive to another's woe, and pitiful of his suffering. When the Holy Spirit works upon our hearts and minds, we shall not shun duty and responsibility, and, like the priest and Levite, pass by on the other side, leaving the wounded, helpless soul to its misery. Angels of God stand ready to work with us as we minister to souls.”

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 04-10-1900

“A few faithful missionaries are even now planting the standard of truth in fields far away. Publications are multiplying in many languages. These silent messengers are enlightening thousands. But as a people we come far short of moving forward as fast as the providence of God opens the way. Our General gives the command, ‘Go forward.’ Thousands are thirsting for living truth. The Macedonian cry is coming to us from every direction, ‘Come over and help us.’ We look about us, and inquire, ‘Who will go?’ O that every follower of Jesus might respond: **‘Send me. I long to do something for my Master.’**”

An Appeal to Ministers and Church Officers -PG- 4-5

“Never was there greater need of earnest, self-sacrificing labor in the cause of Christ than now, when the hours of probation are fast closing and the last message of mercy is to be given to the world. My soul is stirred within me as the Macedonian cry comes from every direction, from the cities and villages of our own land, from across the Atlantic and the broad Pacific, and from the islands of the sea: ‘Come over, . . . and help us.’ Brethren and sisters, will you answer the cry? saying: ‘We will do our best, both in sending you missionaries and money. We will deny ourselves in the embellishment of our houses, in the adornment of our persons, and in the gratification of appetite. We will give the means entrusted to us into the cause of God, and we will devote ourselves also unreservedly to His work.’ The wants of the cause are laid before us; the empty treasuries appeal to us most pathetically for help. One dollar now is of more value to the work than ten dollars will be at some future period.”

Testimonies for the Church Volume Five -PG- 732

“Christ is constantly working for us. Our advocate in the heavenly courts, He is ever making intercession for us. The cry of the one ready to perish finds swift entrance to His ear. **‘He shall deliver the needy when he crieth: the poor also, and him that hath no helper.’** Shall we not work for Him in the way He has marked out? Shall we not help those in need of help?”

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 07-22-1902

“Thousands would accept the truth if they could do so without denying self, but this class would never build up the cause of God. These would never march out valiantly against the enemy, -- the world, the love of self, and the lusts of the flesh, -- trusting their divine Leader to give them the victory. The church needs faithful Calebs and Joshuas, who are ready to accept eternal life on God's simple condition of obedience. **Our churches are suffering for laborers.** The world is our field. Missionaries are wanted in cities and villages that are more certainly bound by idolatry than are the pagans of the East, who have never seen the light of truth. The true missionary spirit has deserted the churches that make so exalted a profession; their hearts are no longer aglow with love for souls and a desire to lead them into the fold of Christ. We want earnest workers. **Are there none to respond to the cry that goes up from every quarter: ‘Come over ...and help us’?**”

Testimonies for the Church Volume Four -PG- 155-156

“From all countries the Macedonian cry is sounding: ‘Come over, . . . and help us.’ God has opened fields before us, and if human agencies would but co-operate with divine agencies, many, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's professing people have been sleeping over their allotted work, and in many places it remains comparatively untouched. God has sent message after message to arouse our people to do something, and to do it now. But to the call, ‘Whom shall I send?’ there have been few to respond, ‘Here am I; send me.’ Isaiah 6:8.”

Testimonies for the Church Volume Nine -PG- 46

“In every part of the world a message is to be proclaimed in the power of the Spirit. Not with tame, lifeless utterance is it to be given, but with clear, decided, stirring tones. Hundreds are waiting for the warning to escape for their lives and lay hold on the hope set before them in the gospel. The world needs to see in Christians an evidence of the power of Christianity. There should be many more at work in the Lord's service, clothed with holy zeal, filled with a power proportionate to the importance of the message they proclaim. Not merely in a few places, but throughout the world, messengers of mercy are needed. From every country is heard the cry, ‘Come over and help us.’ **Rich and poor are calling for light. Do you see them, many of them lost, eternally lost, while professing Christians sleep the sleep of indifference?**”

(Australasian) Union Conference Record -DT- 06-01-1904

“When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern; **angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing, had they not neglected to answer the claims of God.** The work is now presented to man. Will he take it? There are at the present time many doors unbolted and thrown open to the workers. Will they enter these doors? Who is ready at the bidding of the Master to say, ‘Here am I, Lord, send me’? **The Macedonian cry comes to us in pitiful appeals from all parts of the world, ‘Come over and help us.’**”

Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 12-15-1885

“To us as a people God has committed great and solemn truths, not merely to be enjoyed by ourselves, but to be given to others. The banner of truth must be unfurled in every nation. The message of warning must be proclaimed to every tongue and people. But this work is still far from being accomplished. I am pained as I see the condition of things in Europe. Something has been accomplished, and the angels are still holding the four winds that a far greater work may be done; but there is so great poverty and actual want that the truth makes slow progress. In how many countries has the message as yet only found an entrance! In how many cities is there not even one soul that has heard the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message! Angels of God are moving upon minds, and preparing the way for the reception of the truth. From every side the Macedonian cry is heard, ‘Come over and help us.’ **But the work is hindered for lack of workers and for lack of means.**”

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 12-07-86

“The world is looking on with gratification at the disunion among Christians. Infidelity is well pleased. God calls for a change among His people. Agents of mercy are needed, not merely in a few places, but throughout the world. Men and women in this field should be preparing for service in distant lands.

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Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 12-30-1902

“God's people are to place in His treasury all the means that they can spare. **For this means, needy, unworked fields are calling. From many lands is sounding the cry, 'Come over and help us.'** Our church-members should feel a deep interest in home and foreign missions. Great blessing will come to them as they make self-sacrificing efforts to plant the standard of truth in new territory. The money invested in this work will bring rich returns. New converts, rejoicing in the light received from the Word, will in their turn give of their means to carry the light to others.”

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 05-05-1904

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Advent Review and Sabbath Herald -DT- 11-24-1904

“The world needs laborers now. **From every direction is heard the Macedonian cry, 'Come over and help us.'** Our success consists in reaching common minds. Plain, pointed arguments, standing out as mile-posts, will do more toward convincing people than will a large array of arguments which none but investigating minds will have interest to follow. And if the laborers are pure in heart and life, if they use to the glory of God the talents that He has committed to their keeping, they will have God on their side and heavenly angels to work with their efforts. **'Blessed is every one that fears the Lord.'**”

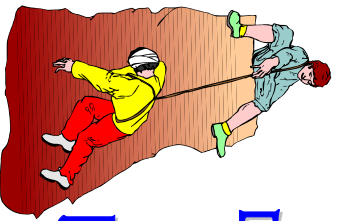
The Signs of the Times -DT- 10-28-1886

“The Macedonian cry is coming from every quarter of the world, and men are saying, 'Come over, . . . and help us,' and why is there not a decided response? Thousands ought to be constrained by the Spirit of Christ to follow the example of Him who has given His life for the life of the world. Why decline to make decided, self-denying efforts, in order to instruct those who know not the truth for this time? The chief Missionary came to our world, and He has gone before us to show us the way in which we should work. No one can mark out a precise line for those who would be witnesses for Christ. Those who have means are doubly responsible; for this means has been entrusted to them of God, and they are to feel their accountability to forward the work of God in its various branches. The fact that the truth binds souls by its golden links to the throne of God, should inspire men to work all their God-given energy, to trade upon their Lord's goods in regions beyond, disseminating the knowledge of Christ far hence among the Gentiles.”

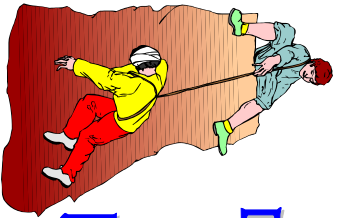
Sowing Beside All Waters -PG- 40

“We stop short of exercising faith. We need the simplicity of godliness that will take hold of the work and come right down to Christlike practises with a spirit willing to help where help is needed. The Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, came to our world to preach the gospel of salvation. He invites you to listen to His words. He was so filled with His mission to men that His own mother could not draw Him from His work. The sick and suffering were before Him, and He must labor for them.”

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