

Taking the East End

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Before the End of All Things

And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

Mark 13:10

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matthew 24:14

The Commission

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things

whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20

The Early Gospelteers

- They gave up everything to follow.
- They built their entire life around prayer, the study of the Word, and the sharing of the Good News.
- They expected to be hated, despised, persecuted, and even killed.
- When they were told to stop preaching about Jesus, they kept preaching.
- They tirelessly labored to reach every nation.
- They were not just hearers, but doers.
- They changed the world in which they lived.
- And they did, in the end, die as martyrs.

. . . the Lord said (to Paul), I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But arise, and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; delivering you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

Acts 26:15-18

Aggressive Christianity

A Call To Action issued by the Salvation Army in 1880

I was thinking, while I was reading these passages, what if we could erase from our minds all knowledge of the history of Christianity from the close of the period described in the book of Acts - and then looking at the book of Acts, sit down and try to calculate what was likely to happen in the world? We would most likely expect very different results - a radically changed world as the outcome of it all. A system which started with such power, under such promises and declarations on the part of its Author, and producing, as it did in its first century, such gigantic and momentous results! We would have thought (if we knew nothing of what has intervened from then until now) that the whole world would have fallen long ago to the influence of that system, and would have been brought under the authority of its great Originator and Founder. I say from reading these Acts, and from observing the Spirit which moved the early disciples, that we should have anticipated ten thousand times greater results - and in my opinion, this anticipation would have been perfectly rational and just.

Catherine Booth

What Has Happened to Us?

- We are waiting for the lost and the dying to come to us.
- We are hoping that the enemies of the Gospel will just give up.

The Closet

the proper use and the misuse

- The Place of Prayer which infuses the Preacher to go into all the world and Preach
- The Place of Hiding from danger, threat, difficulty, obstacle, and challenge

The Salvation Army

the beginnings

One memorable day in July 1865, after exploring the streets in an East End district where he was to conduct a mission, the terrible poverty, vice, and degradation of these needy people struck home to his heart. He arrived at his Hammersmith home just before midnight and greeted his waiting Catherine with these words: “Darling, I have found my destiny!” She understood him. Together they had ministered God’s grace to God’s poor in many places. Now they were to spend their lives bringing deliverance to Satan’s captives in the evil jungle of London’s slums. One day William took Bramwell, his son, into an East End pub which was crammed full of dirty, intoxicated creatures. Seeing the appalled look on his son’s face, he said gently, “Bramwell, these are our people—the people I want you to live for.”

Charles Clarke

Pioneers of Revival

Adopting the East End

There is always a West End and an East End

- The West End of London - Affluent, wealthy
- The East End of London - Impoverished, dying

These are Our People

Bramwell, **these are our people**—the people I want you to live for.

William Booth

The Principle of Living Water

He that believes on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:38

Living Water Flows to the Lowest Place

*It flows to the East End.
For this is where Christ is.*

Humility

like water, it is always drawn to the lowest place

Taking the East End

With the Force of Love and Humility Let's Gain this Territory

The Valley of Elah

Introducing the characters

Saul - the rejected King of Israel
the first, the Old Man, the flesh, the self-centered ruler

David - the rightful King of Israel
the second, the Spirit, the shepherd King, Jesus

Goliath - the great champion from Gath
the power of sin, vice, lies, darkness, Satan

Forty Days of Proving

The Flesh doesn't have an answer for the problem of Goliath

Is there not a cause?

David

(1 Samuel 17:29)

And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David **hasted, and ran** toward the army to meet the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:48

Mahar - Mä·har' (H4116)

to move headlong, with haste, sprinting, springing, straightway into danger; to move with liquid ferocity as a lion towards his prey

The Word "Mahar"

David-style

M - Mem - water (blood, chaos, might)

boiling blood - swiftness of rushing rapids

H - Hey - man with arms raised (breathing, looking, revealing)

growling for the glory of God with sling swinging above his head

R - Resh - man's head (first, top, beginning)

to remove the head of the Head

The Word “Mahar”

Jesus-style

M - Mem - water (blood, chaos, might)

pouring out His own blood and water

H - Hey - man with arms raised (breathing, looking, revealing)

*arms raised, nailed to a gibbet, breathing His last -
Behold the Lamb of God -
revealing the Glory of the I AM*

R - Resh - man’s head (first, top, beginning)

*crushing the Serpent’s head and
establishing His Headship over all*

Mahar - Mä·har’ (H4117)

To obtain or acquire by paying purchase price, give a dowry - to buy, especially a wife

Maharay - Mah·har·ah’·ē (H4121)

The Impetuous (one of David’s mighty warriors)

Impetuous

Rushing with great force and violence; moving rapidly; furious; forcible; fierce; raging; as an impetuous wind; an impetuous torrent.

The Spiritually Impetuous

One moved by Impetus

Impetus

Force of motion; the force with which any body is driven or impelled; the force with which one body in motion strikes another.

Our Impetus

His Holy Spirit

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believes on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:37-39

The Church of Jesus Christ

The Maharay of God

The Mighties of Jesus Christ. out of our innermost flows rivers of living water, and we submit ourselves to the sufferings of Christ, that we might reveal His manifold wisdom, His glorious nature to this onlooking world, and prove that the head of our adversary is crushed and that Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Are We the Maharay or the “Mommy I’m Scared”?

David - Hasted

Saul - Sat

David - knew something needed to be done - he knew he had received the Spirit in order to go and do

Saul - hoped that the problem would solve itself, that the big mocking giant would go away - but everyday he woke up the Giant strolled forward closer and his bark grew louder

David - Did something about the problem, grabbing four extra stones for the other noisome brothers he was sure to encounter after hastening after the one

Saul - Did nothing about the problem, but hid himself in his tent

The Living Water Goes to the Low Spot

It is always in search of the East End

Jesus Sought Out the East End

Paul Sought Out the East End

And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, but as it is written: "To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand." For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you.

Romans 15:20-22

The Spirit Seeks Out the East End

Always seeking out the low spot

- Our Soul
- Our Marriage
- Our Family
- Our Church
- Our School
- Our Business
- Our Neighborhood
- Our Town
- Our State
- Our Country
- Our Continent
- Our World

A Spiritual Impetulant

C.T. Studd the . . . uh . . . ahem . . . the . . . ah . . . stud of Christian history

Can it be the ears of Christ's soldiers are deaf to the call of God, and the cries of the dying souls of men? . . . King Nicholas declared to his war-time rivals that his Montenegrins would henceforth spill their blood for their persecuted compatriots. When shall God be able to say, "Have you seen My Christians of today? No longer do they seek for gold or pleasure, for honors or ease; from henceforth My Christians will spill their blood for the love and cause of My beloved Son, and the salvation of the neediest of men." Yes, when? When indeed shall we see a real "Church militant" here upon earth? . . . We *should* go crusading for Christ. We have the men, the means, and the ways . . . The doors of the world have been opened wide for us by our God . . . (So) believing that further delay would be sinful, some of God's insignificant

and nobodies in particular, but trusting in our Omnipotent God, have decided on certain simple lines, according to the Book of God, to make a definite attempt to render the evangelization of the world an accomplished fact. For this purpose we have banded together under the name of “Christ’s Etceteras,” and invite others of God’s people to join us in this glorious enterprise. We are merely Christ’s nobodies, otherwise Christ’s Etceteras. We rejoice in and thank God for the good work being carried on in the already occupied lands by God’s Regular Forces. We seek to attack and win to Christ only those parts of the devil’s empire which are beyond the extremest outposts of the regular army of God . . . Our method is to search and find out what parts of the world at present remain unevangelized, and then by faith in Christ, by prayer to God, by obedience to the Holy Spirit, by courage, determination, and supreme sacrifice, to accomplish their evangelization with the utmost dispatch.

C.T. Studd

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