

Cemetery Experience

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

It was many years ago that I was working in a hospital in London, England. With another colleague, we decided we wanted to go and share with others what the Lord Jesus Christ was doing in our lives. Now we often would come from different locations and we would need a place to meet up. There just was not the right place to meet in, so we decided we would go to a cemetery. Now a cemetery in England often, at that time, had these tombstones and years ago, you could read on them what was said about the person. It was always lovely to see if there was a verse of Scripture and that somebody had loved the Lord and known Him in personal way.

One day we were sitting on one of these tombstones as we met and we were praying about the lives we were going to reach. With very little money, we had purchased some tracts and were asking God that we would share the Gospel with the lives He had chosen for us to meet and that we would see fruit in His Name. As I was praying, I looked around and thought, "What an incredible experience I am having in Christ! I am in a cemetery and this is the best place for me to believe God to work!" "Oh," you say, "I hope you did not start praying that people would jump out of their coffins!" No, I didn't do that, but I

suddenly saw this is how God reckoned me — that I am to be dead to self and it is to be His life doing the work. When I began to understand this principle of the crucified life, I began to understand it was not me going and trying to tell people that if they didn't get saved, they would go to hell and "I can't do anything more — it is up to you! I have told you now!" Instead, I began to understand that the work of soul winning has to do with the only One who can win souls and that is the Lord Himself. I had asked that, as in those days, it might be not only that He would work through our available lives, but I started to say, *Thank You!* You know, faith says, *Thank You.*

You might have a son or a child or you might have a situation in your home even with your husband or a loved one or something to do with a great burden on your heart. Perhaps you are saying, "Oh God, do that work in me," and you do not realize why nothing is happening.

The key is the crucified life. The Lord has told us that we are to reckon ourselves dead indeed to self and alive unto God. In other words, He is saying, "I did not just save you so that you would get out of a few messes in life, and it is rather nice now that you can meet with other Christians and have these rather pleasant social times and encourage one another." No. He said, "I made sure that you realize that I had to do that work, for nobody could do it, in order that I might then do that work through you. Therefore, the responsibility of the lives that I bring across your path are My responsibility, but I am expecting you to be

available to My responsibility in these things.”

That puts me in a very different position. Is it possible that the Almighty God should live in my life, by His Holy Spirit, making Christ real, without something happening? Now think about it. You read the Scripture. You believe Who the Lord is. You believe He has done a most amazing work in the past amongst men, but also He went to the Cross, and with the finished work accomplished, He cried forth, ‘It is finished! This is, from now on, My victory! I have the right to take men and to do a new work and make a new creation through these lives that I am meeting — sinners that have been saved by My own precious Blood.’ Don’t you think it is a rather strange thing that you and I somehow or other always limit what God will do through us? We have run out of little comfort zones. We think, “Well, all right, God, You bless this, but, You know, I give You so many minutes to do it in, because I really have to go home and fix the dinner!” Or we decide if God does do this, we do not want too many of those strange groups that we do not want to mix with. After all, you know, they are rather dirty and they might mess up the place where we are meeting! And we certainly do not want to be interfering with lives that might become violent or funny towards us! Somehow or other, we have organized the whole thing and not a thing has happened!

Would you begin to see that it is the faith - **The just shall live by faith**

(Romans 1:17) . . . that the Lord has said is missing in your life? Would you by faith say, *Thank You, Lord, for what You're going to do.* Stop asking Him about that child, about that unsaved husband and say, *Lord, I thank You that You are to do this work.* I do not care what it is or how impossible it is. If God the Holy Spirit has upon your heart placed the burden for a life, start to thank Him that they will never be the same again, because they are meeting Christ through you. It is not your persuasive language nor is it your psychological handling of the situation. Oh, no! It is Christ. Therefore, when I am available to Him, I will find that people will be drawn to Him and people will run from Him, but He will always divide and do a work for His glory. And that is not my responsibility; my responsibility is to be available by faith to Him and say, *Thank You, Lord. I praise you for what You're going to do.* I want you to do that today. I want you to thank God. I want you to thank Him for the things you have been praying about by faith.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.