

The Power To See It Through

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Introduction

① The Great Phrases Near The End

- "Never lose your sense of urgency."
- "I feel that the last drops of my life are being poured out for God"
- "And please bring with you the cloaks I left with Carpus at Troas, and the books, especially the Manuscripts."

② Then the tragic, intriguing phrase.

- "Demas has left me loving this present world"
- The Decline of Demas' Life
 - (1) Philemon: "Demas & Luke, my fellow workers"
 - (2) Colossians: "Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas."
 - (3) I Timothy: "Demas has left me loving this present world."

Like Jesus Great Variable in Luke

"This man began to live and was not able to finish."

③ The Failure of the Gospel Is an Easy Start,
Starting and Staying - Not the Same.

- Ship making a great get away
but failing in the storm.

- Children and Young People -

- Careful instructions and all kinds
of gadgets and books

- But they break up on the rocks
because there is no power to
see it through.

How different was Jesus'.

"It is finished."

Our Failure To See It Through

① We Learn

- Nothing left for the fourth quarter.

② We Marry, We Build

- Great beginnings

Romance, color, with much promise.

- Much Miserable Endings

No time, patience, love or forgiveness

③ Our Lives - Redbook

- Great beginnings in belief

- But the crowd or laziness or fear cause us to give up.

- Great beginnings in living

- But the crowd pushes in or the competition.

- Then the drinking and the soft, careless living.

- Great beginnings in character

- Then the superficial.

④ Hein Can Happen To A Clincher

- Rooted in the Eternal Realities of God and Planted here at great sacrifice
- Lose its central Purpose.
 - Minor Activities
 - Have all the Gadgets
- No Deep Meaning To Its Life
 - Worshipping of God.
 - A Home for the Homeless.
 - Speak the Word of Christ.

⑤ Hein Is Always A Gradual Slippage

- "Remember my fellow worker"
- "Remember"
- "Remember has left me"

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Attaining Power Comes From An Inner Integrity

① Being True To Myself.

- The Integrity of My Conscience
- Elson of Warsaw, Teacher of Chopin.

At the end of the First Term:

"Lessons in Musical Composition? Chopin, Frederick,
third year student - amazing capabilities,
Musical Genius."

- Great start, the whirl of the finish
- Hard work, many discouragements,
Olynos became interior decorator.
- Cost him conscience. Could not
write cheap music.

- One of this he became Chopin.

② We can settle for the second best.

- In love with this age.
- Money.
- Passions.
- The Crowd.
- Our lesser self.

(3) Kane met failure, but he was not a failure. True to himself.

(4) Living Stone died in Africa.

(5) Lincoln shot by a crazy man.

His staying power comes from being captured
by a Cause or Reality Greater than oneself.

① The Power of a Completely Dedicated Man.
- Willing to see and come near.

② Christ Had Never Gotten Down Deep Within
Manas.

- A Superficial Experience
- Take it Off and Put it On.
- Touch the Emotions, but never the Depth.
- Easily Impressed by Home and Nero.

③ The Meaning of Christ Entering a Man's Life.

- Total Surrender
- Rise Love and Passion
- Think and Live After Christ.

① Devotional Life
② Christian Fellowship
③ Service

- This Has Happened to Me
- "I Am Persuaded"

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

January 1, 1961

Nine-thirty and Eleven O'Clock

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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

### SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

Prelude—"Trumpet Tune" ..... Purcell  
"March of the Magi Kings" ..... Dubois

Choral Call to Worship—"We Come Before Thy Presence"  
\*\*"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Processional Hymn—"Light of the World, We Hail Thee" ..... 208

Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

### THEY WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—II Timothy 4:1-18

Choral Call to Prayer—"Prayer Is The Soul's Sincere Desire"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response— \*"Hear Me, O God"

\*\*"Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer"

Anthem—"Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" ..... Farrant

### ARISE SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Christian Greetings

Offertory Hymn—"Lord, As to Thy Dear Cross We Flee" ..... 326

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"O Thou, of God the Father" ..... Bach

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

### TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

Vocal Solo—"Be Still and Know That I Am God" ..... Roma  
Mrs. James Smart, contralto

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—

*"The Power To See It Through"*

### I WILL MAKE WITH YOU AN EVERLASTING COVENANT

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" ..... 375

Benediction

Choral Response and Postlude

*\*First Service Only*

*\*\*Second Service Only*

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the Main door, Rev. Babcock at the balcony door and Rev. Rowe at the side door.

The service is broadcast this morning over KELO beginning at 11:10 and is sponsored by Harry Sether.