

Rejecting The Right Imitations

Tip 5 A Maze of Imitations

- Two Weddings or Graduations The Same Night.
- Two Committees Meeting The Same Night.
- The Night With The Family or The Boss
- Watch T.V. or Read a Book.
- Study or Go Out and Drink Coffee.
- Which One Will I Marry or What Job Will I Take.

Interesting To Watch What People Do To The Church.

There Are The Deeper Imitations

① The Cry of Human Need.

- Good Samaritan.
- The response of some of our Great People.

② The Imitation of Haunting Beauty

- Lovely Music
- Starlight Nights
- Heartfelt Drama.

③ Deeper Loyalties of Life

- family

- friendships

- Walter Johnson at The Banquet.

Christian Gospel Is The Great Invitation

① This Was Jesus' Great Mind.

- "Come unto Me All ye that Labor..."
- "Follow Me And I will Make you..."
- The Stories of Invitation
 - Parties Being Given.

② Notice Jesus' Definition of The Christian Life

- "Jesus going to have a ball"
- Joy, Peace, Love, Forgiveness
- Not the wisdom, grim thing we have made it.
- This was coming Home To God.

③ This Was The Purpose of Jesus' Life

- He was The Great Invitation
 - His Sunday, Friends, Life
 - His Love of People.
 - His Incredible Death.

See Story by D.F. Miles -

The Rejection of His Invitation

① The Reasons

- More Important Things To Do.
 - Our Pleasures.
 - Our Money Making.
 - Our Love for Power.
 - Our Love of the World.
- We ridicule and belittle.
 - This is for Weakness & Griefs.
 - Many times without knowing.
- His Costs Too Much
 - Our Life.
- It is not Practical
 - Our Way to Hell.

② The Court Appearances

- Guiltiness
- Guilt & Fear
- Bankruptcy of Home Life.
- See Being Case Aside.
- The Court Jester -

③ In The Costly Responsibilities of Life.

- Young Man Who Suffers The Service.
- William Carey "If God could use me, he can use anyone."
- Wifford Grenfell - Labrador Vacation.

"I attended nine hundred persons who never would have seen a doctor if I had not been there."

- My own personal life - People coming with responsibilities.
- The voice of Christ - Loves Him Me? They feed My Sheep.

④ In The Suffering of Life.

- Moses in the wilderness and God's Call.

"And Moses drew near unto the thicket darkness where God was."

- Job "I know that My Redeemer Liveth"
- Christ - The Assurance of The Word.

Mrs. Mary Mann - Twenty years ago or there.

"In the depths of my suffering I came to believe, to believe that there was a power greater than myself that could help me, to believe that because of that power, God, there was hope and help for me."

Edward K. Morrow

"In the autumn of 1940 when Britain stood alone, when the bombers came at dusk each evening and went away at dawn, I observed a sign on a church just off the East India Dock Road; it was crudely lettered and it read, 'If your lines knock, line on them.'"

The Great 8th Chapter of Roman

"Here at this corner comes the triumphant cry."

The Imitation of Others

① The Deaf, Maimed and Blind.

- These are the Door in Spine.

- Those willing to Learn.

- Those who are Open and Listening.

② This Is Our Hope.

- Proberly Richardson.

On this beautiful day which God has given us it is a real joy to welcome you to our service of worship. This is Margaret Clark ~~the~~ Pastor's Assistant bringing you a word of greeting and a warm welcome from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. After several weeks away on vacation I am particularly grateful to have this opportunity once again of welcoming you to our sanctuary. It has been my privilege during these weeks to have a time of rest and relaxation with family and friends and to experience in a new and deeper way the fact of God's love and grace. How good it is to know that amid the changing world in which we live, with all its conflict and strife, there is One who is unchanging and utterly dependable.

Today is Anniversary Sunday in our church. Here on the ~~day~~ which marks the 86th year since this church was founded we gather together ~~to~~ join in the Lord's Supper. The scripture this morning has been read from Luke, the 10th chapter, verses 1-12. The Offertory Solo ~~will~~ "The Beattitudes" will be sung by Mrs. Firman Early, soprano. The Sanctuary Choir will sing the anthem O SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD. Pastor Fredrikson's will be preaching this morning on the topic BEHOLD, I SEND THEE FORTH.

There will be no Service this evening here at the church but instead we will join in the Sioux Falls Crusade Meetings to be held at the Coliseum nightly this week beginning at 8 p.m. Dr. Larry Love will be the preacher.

Once again may I say how good it is to have you with us t is morning. It is our hope that this service may be a source of blessing to you. Should you be in need of spiritual counsel or guidance please feel free to call our office so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. We rejoice in every opportunity to servie you, and are mindful that it is God's House to which we welcome you. It is in the Spirit of Christ what we seek to m nister to you.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

June 4, 1961

Nine forty-five o'clock.

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

Organ Prelude - "Toccata" Monikendam
Choral Call to Worship
Hymn of Worship - "Crown Him with Many Crowns" 250
Invocation - Lord's Prayer - Gloria

INVISIBLE RESOURCES

Reading of the Holy Scriptures - Matthew 22:1-10
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Christian Greetings and the Offering
Offertory Anthem by Senior High Choir -
"For the Beauty of the Earth" - Kocher
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson
"The Tragedy of Rejecting the Right Invitations"

HUMBLE ENOUGH TO BEGIN

Hymn of Dedication and Decision
"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude