

live without her? And the man to whom he spoke said, Well that's the kind of marriage that usually breaks up." I think that that was a bit extreme, the answer, the statement. But there is a very strong element of truth in it, namely that that which is entered into principally on the basis of emotion tends not to be stable. We need something more than that. We need to think the thing through carefully, and we need to be sure when we take a vow of marriage that we are ready to follow it, to be true to it throughout our whole life if our lives are to be used of the Lord and that nothing will shake us from that purpose. It is good to think of that before getting married, to think very carefully, very seriously, and it is good after one is married to think back upon it and to realize that if your life is to be used of the Lord you should realize that you have taken a step and you have sworn to stand by it, and you should stand by it no matter what comes.

I was reading about the Moravian missionaries who 100 years ago accomplished such a great work. A little group of people they were then but very earnest Christians and they sent out missionaries to distant parts of the world to work, to spread the gospel. And these men were sent out alone in most cases, opening up pioneer work and then after they got the work started, -- in those days you couldn't come back in a jet plane in a few hours like today; it would take often weeks to go home, and many of them often never got home for furlough, but in many cases they would write back and they would say the work is well started, things are setting here pretty well but it is a lonesome life, and I really need a wife. And the folks at home would pray about ^{the matter} ~~it~~ and select one of the young women and send them out, and in case after case that way, the men were married to women they had not even seen, but whom their associates at home had selected and sent out to be their wives. But the interesting thing is that there were very few cases in which these marriages did not turn out
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very well, And one reason was they did not enter with a great burst of emotion upon