

Moses encouragement and strength and ~~it~~ enheartened him to go on with the work. They certainly were not having an influence on the rest of the people, because the rest of the people weren't even seeing them. It is described as rather accidental that two of them were still in the camp.

2. Eldad and Medad. They were in the camp there and they were prophesying in the camp. And the Lord wants us to serve Him wherever we are. We may not be able to go to the place which we feel is the place of great service to God. God calls some to go out to the tabernacle. Some never reach it. You may have an idea of your ~~life~~ life of where you ~~ought~~ ought to work, of what you ought to do, or what great accomplishments you ought to have. Someone has said, Crossing the ocean never made a missionary. And I think that is true. If you are not serving the Lord here and now you will not serve Him effectively in times to come. If you don't get the word to go to the tabernacle, if perhaps you are not called to go there you still can serve Him in the camp. Wherever you are the Lord has service for us which he wants us to render. But then we notice about Eldad and Medad, we notice Joshua's feeling for Moses. Joshua said, My lord Moses forbid them. And here is Joshua who was assisting Moses in the work. Joshua feels that Moses is in some way being injured by this. And the Lord -- And Moses <sup>him</sup> told ~~them~~, No we will not forbid them. They are serving the Lord, even though they are not doing something that I asked them to do. You read in Mat. that the Lord said when the disciples asked him to stop some people who were serving God but not under His direction, He said, Forbid them not. Because if they are not against us, they are on our part. We have the opposite of it in Mk. where the Lord said, He that is not with me is against me and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. So you might say Mt. and Mk. contradict each other. But you find both verses repeated in Lk. And you need both / verses to get the ~~by~~ balanced picture. We should not any one of us think that the Lord's work depends just upon us, and only those who work with us are those whom the Lord can use. The Lord has many facets to His work. And He often has those working and ~~do~~ accomplishing for Him (those) who from a human viewpoint