

conduct and they started out and on the way everywhere nearly they would come to a church, Luther would say, Let's stop, I'm getting tired. Let me go in here and rest and preach a little. So they would go in and the people would hear this man that was causing all this controversy, and they would come to hear him and Luther would preach the gospel. One place Luther preached in a big church and such a crowd came together to hear him that the whole side wall of the church collapsed and fell in. No one was injured, but the side of the church fell off. They thought the whole thing was going to go to pieces. People said, What a terrible thing! This man is so wicked that the church disintegrates when he comes into it. And they all began to run, and Luther called with that great voice of his, Come back here, come back here, the devil is trying to keep you from hearing the gospel. So the people came back and Luther gave them the message and what a wonderful illustration it gives there of understanding the providence of God. We are not directed by what happens in our lives. The circumstances don't direct us, if we truly follow God, it is the Word of God that directs us. And if we find things are moving nicely and going forward to serve God praise God, the Lord is helping us. And if we find things are going badly, it is the devil who is interfering. We should get our guidance not from circumstances but from the Word of God as M. Luther did.

So Luther came to Wormes and there he stood before the Emperor. And they said, M. Luther, Did you write these books? (They had all his books there on the table). Luther said, Yes I did. Luther stood there, he was a young peasant boy and in those days the difference between a peasant and a local count was almost unbelievable. Here was the great emperor, and all the leaders of Germany, all the great barons of Germany were sitting up there, and Luther was way over there at a distance. And a representative of the Emperor said, M. Luther did you write these books? And Luther said Yes I did. He said, M. Luther, will you recant what is written in these books? Luther said, Will you give me a day to think it over.