

that the whole side wall collapsed, and the stones fell down from the side of the building and the people rushed out in terror. "Ah," they said, "this man certainly must be possessed of the devil if the very stones of the building fall down in a place when he begins to preach." But Luther called out with that great voice of his, "Come back here! Come back here! The devil's trying to keep you from hearing the gospel." I think it is a wonderful illustration of Luther's attitude toward circumstances.---follow what the Word says, not what the circumstances are. If the circumstances advance the gospel, God is working it that way; and if the circumstances hold you back from doing what you know is God's will to do, it's the devil trying to prevent it. Don't let circumstances guide you, let the Word of God do it.

But Luther got to the Diet of Worms and there he stood before the emperor, and the emperor's representative spoke to him at one end of the room and he said, "Martin Luther, are these books yours which are here on the table?" And Luther looked down and he said, "Yes." "Well, he said, "are you ready to recant these books? To take back what is in them?" And Luther said, "Well," he said, "Those books here have all different types of material." He said, "There is material in those books which is erroneous," he said, "I'mm sure I've made mistakes. I've said things which are contrary to the Scriptures, but 've never knowingly done it; but," he said, "anything in those books that I can be shown is contrary to the Word of God, I'll gladly retract it." Then he said, "There are statements in those books that have nothing to do with the Scriptures, Well he said, "any statement like that, it's my opinion simply if the Emperor wants me to take it back, I'll gladly take it back. But, he said, "there are statements in these writings here that are