

In order to do it they had to wash their feet. There was a place out front where you could wash your feet but it was a cold morning and they saw these men take off their shoes and stockings and put their feet under that cold water and one of the Americans turned to the other and said, "You know, there must be something to this religion business after all." Look at what those fellows go through on account of it."

What a shame to us here in America, that people hesitate to speak for Christ. That people are shy about admitting that they stand for Christ. How often we fail to give the message to people who perhaps have a hunger and a longing in their soul.

The story is told of an Englishman--this was some years ago when the Englishmen were noted for being very persnicknity about the right ways of doing things-- according to the story a man was in an hotel and there and he was sitting in front of the fire in a fireplace, and there was an Englishman over there sitting nearer to the fireplace than he was. The man turned to the Englishman and said, "Would you tell me your name, please." or it was the Englishman who said, "Would you please tell me your name?" The man (Englishman) said, "It's not particularly your concern." Well, he said, please tell me your name. He said, "I don't see that that matters to you. Well, he said after a little, "You must tell me your name." Well, the man said finally, Call it Smith if you want to know my name." Well, he said, Then it is all right for me to speak to you, I know your name. Mr. Smith, the back of your coat is on fire." what an illustration of the way we are to hesitate to tell people they are on their way to eternal perdition if they don't turn to Christ. That they are in danger far worse than any fire on their clothes. But we are afraid, we're bashful and timid.

Paul wanted to know the power of his resurrection. The disciples, not long after the resurrection, were brought before the Sanhedrin and we read in Acts 4:13 that they marveled at their courage and then they remembered that they had been with Jesus. If we have been with Him, if we truly know Him, it should be with us as it was with Martin Luther. We should be so conscious of Him that we are not afraid of any earthly force.

We all want power. We need power. If we are going to accomplish something in life we have to have power. But power does not necessarily mean great physical strength. It doesn't necessarily mean making a great stir. It means the ability to get things done. & we need to learn to plan our life, to plan our activities to act now in the way we wish we had acted ten years from now when we will need the qualities we could have developed now.

We need to develop our abilities, for everyone has abilities but now ready we are to fritter time away and not to think and plan and work so as to develop the abilities we need in order to serve Christ. We need to serve if we are here in Hatfield. There are people here who do not know anything about Jesus Christ. There are people to whom he is just a name. There are many who are living in sin, and who need to know what Christ has done and what Christ is ready to do for them. We need power, to know the power of his resurrection.

We think of the world today increasing in population, doubling every few years. It's tremendous. There are more people living today than have lived, they say, altogether on this earth before 1900. The population everywhere is increasing and people do not know Christ and they are not being reached for Christ and we need power at home and abroad to reach the world for Christ. We all need power, and Paul said, I want to know the power of His resurrection. The greatest power possible is the power of His resurrection, the power that could raise a dead man to life the power that accomplish what Christ wants us to accomplish. The power of His resurrection, the power that Jesus is ready to make available to us. Paul wanted to know the power of His resurrection. Are you praying in the power of His resurrection?