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Here am I, send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough, the savage lost of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort on earth; send me even to death itself, if it be but in your service, and to promote your kingdom.

– David Brainerd, 1718-1747, Missionary to North American Indians



To stay here and disobey God—I can't afford to take the consequence. I would rather go and obey God than to stay here and know that I disobeyed. – Amanda Berry Smith



‘Not called!’ did you say? ‘Not heard the call,’ I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father’s house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face—whose mercy you have professed to obey—and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world. – William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army



If ten men are carrying a log—nine of them on the little end and one at the heavy end—and you want to help, which end will you lift on? – William Borden, as he reflected on the numbers of Christian workers in the U.S. as compared to those among unreached peoples.



There are grave difficulties on every hand, and more are looming ahead. Therefore, we must go forward. – William Carey, 1761-1834, Missionary to India



“The aim of the missionary is to do God’s will, not to be useful, not to win the heathen; he is useful and does win the heathen, but that is not his aim. His aim is to do the will of his Lord.” – Oswald Chambers

“Lord, here in your precious Word I give myself, my husband, my children, and all that I have or ever shall possess, all to you. I will follow your will, even to China. Lord, open doors, and I will go and tell the Chinese of your great love. In time of need, supply for us; in time of sorrow, give us peace; in times of joy, send someone to share. Help me to never murmur nor complain. I love you Lord Jesus.” – Tanna Collins, (This note comes from a page in Mrs. Collins’ Bible that was found at the scene of the airline crash in Tibet in which the entire family perished in 1994).

“The way you discover your gifts is really by serving not by searching.” – Loren Cunningham, founder of YWAM

“Airplanes were invented for missionaries to complete the Great Commission.” – Loren Cunningham, founder of YWAM

“People who don’t believe in missions have not read the New Testament. Right from the beginning Jesus said the field is the world. The early church took Him at His word and went East, West, North and South.” – J. Howard Edington

“I had utterly abandoned myself to Him. Could any choice be as wonderful as His will? Could any place be safer than the center of His will? Did not he assure me by His very presence that His thoughts toward us are good, and not evil? Death to my own plans and desires was almost deliriously delightful. Everything was laid at His nail-scarred feet, life or death, health or illness, appreciation by others or misunderstanding, success or failure as measured by human standards. Only He himself mattered.” – V. Raymond Edman

“It’s hard to steer a parked car.” – Jim Elliot, 1927-1956, missionary martyr in Ecuador

“God, I pray Thee, light these idle sticks of my life and may I burn for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine. I seek not a long life, but a full one, like you, Lord Jesus.” – Jim Elliot, 1927-1956, missionary martyr in Ecuador

“I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with lights.” – Ion Keith-Falconer

“I thought it reasonable that I should seek the work where the work was the most abundant and the workers fewest.” – Scottish missionary James Gilmour on why he went to Mongolia

“I go out as a missionary not that I may follow the dictates of common sense, but that I may obey that command of Christ.” – James Gilmour

“If you don’t have a definite call to stay here, you are called to go.” – Keith Green



“If God calls you to be a missionary, don’t stoop to be a king.” – Jordan Grooms (variations of this also credited to G. K. Chesterson, Thomas Carlyle and Charles Haddon Spurgeon)

“The biggest hindrance to the missionary task is self. Self that refuses to die. Self that refuses to sacrifice. Self that refuses to give. Self that refuses to go.” – Thomas Hale – missionary to Nepal

“People are still waiting at the other end of our obedience.” – David Joannes

“If I die here in Glasgow, I shall be eaten by worms; If I can but live and die serving the Lord Jesus, it will make no difference to me whether I am eaten by cannibals or by worms; for in the Great Day my resurrection body will arise as fair as yours in the likeness of our risen Redeemer.” – John G. Paton, 1824-1907, Pioneer Missionary to New Hebrides

“I believe that in each generation God has called enough men and women to evangelize all the yet unreached tribes of the earth. It is not God who does not call. It is man who will not respond!” – Isobel Kuhn, 1901-1957, missionary to China and Thailand

“In the vast plain to the north I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been—Villages whose people are without Christ, without God, and without hope in the world.” – Robert Moffat, 1795-1883 Pioneer Missionary to South Africa

“Did you think that the missionary path was all glory? Than you have not read of God’s greatest Messenger to earth, who sat and wept over Jerusalem, crying out, ‘I would... but ye would not.’” – Isobel Kuhn, 1901-1957, missionary to China and Thailand

“This generation can only reach this generation.” – David Livingstone, 1813-1873, missionary to Africa

“Desire that your life count for something great! Long for your life to have eternal significance. Want this! Don’t coast through life without a passion.” – John Piper, Don’t Waste Your Life

“The will of God – nothing less, nothing more, nothing else.” – F. E. Marsh

“Nothing so clears the vision and lifts up the life, as a decision to move forward in what you know to be entirely the will of the Lord.” – John G. Paton, 1824-1907, Pioneer Missionary to New Hebrides

“We visited sixty-six islands and landed eighty-one times, wading, swimming (to shore). Most of the people were friendly and delightful; only two arrows shot at us, and only one went near—So much for savages!” – John Coleridge Patteson, 1827-1871, Melanesia

“Radical obedience to Christ is not easy... It’s not comfort, not health, not wealth, and not prosperity in this world. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all these things. But in the end,

such risk finds its reward in Christ. And he is more than enough for us.” – David Platt, Radical

“Let my heart be broken with the things that break God’s heart” – Bob Pierce, World Vision founder

“Go, send, or disobey.” – John Piper

“What’s your dream and to what corner of the missions world will it take you?” — Eleanor Roat, missions mobilizer

“Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the powers of darkness and unbelief. It is not surprising that prayer malfunctions when we try to make it a domestic intercom to call upstairs for more comforts in the den... Until you know that life is war, you cannot know what prayer is for: Prayer is for the accomplishment of a wartime mission.” – John Piper

“The desperately poor are not going to come to us to hear the Good News. We have to go to them.” – Jackie Pullinger, paraphrased by Nigel Paul.

“If God would grant us the vision, the word sacrifice would disappear from our lips and thoughts; we would hate the things that seem now so dear to us; our lives would suddenly be too short, we would despise time-robbing distractions and charge the enemy with all our energies in the name of Christ. May God help us ourselves by the eternities that separate the Aucas from a Comprehension of Christmas and Him, who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor so that we might, through

his poverty, be made rich.” – Nate Saint, two weeks before he was martyred by the Aucas

Lord, I give up  
All my own plans and purposes,  
All my own desires and hopes  
And accept Thy will for my life.  
I give myself, my life, my all,  
Utterly to Thee  
To be Thine forever.  
Fill me and seal me with Thy Holy Spirit.  
Use me as Thou wilt,  
Send me where Thou wilt,  
Work out Thy whole will in my life  
At any cost,  
Now and forever.

– Betty Scott Stam, martyred in China, in the 1930s

“When God calls His child to live the life of a missionary, He gives him the desire with the calling.” – David Sills, The Missionary Call

“People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives... and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted.” – Nate Saint, missionary martyr

“One-third of the planet’s population, over two billion people, has never heard the gospel. And of that number, over 50,000 die daily, separated from God forever.” – David Sills, The Missionary Call

“If God has fit you to be a missionary, I would not have you shrivel down to be a king.” – Charles H. Spurgeon

“Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor.” – Charles H. Spurgeon

“Never pity missionaries; envy them. They are where the real action is – where life and death, sin and grace, Heaven and Hell converge.” – Robert C. Shannon

“When you love the Lord, you long to glorify Him and see the nations fall at His feet in worship. When you love your neighbor as yourself, you share the gospel with him and seek to meet his needs in every way you can, which includes seeing him fall at Jesus’ feet in thanksgiving for salvation.” – David Sills, *The Missionary Call*

“I am on a crusade right now to recruit martyr missionaries for the least reached people groups of the world.” – David Sitton, President of To Every Tribe

“The motive is this, ‘Oh! that God could be glorified, that Jesus might see the reward of his sufferings! Oh! that sinners might be saved, so that God might have new tongues to praise him, new hearts to love him! Oh! that sin were put an end to, that the holiness, righteousness, mercy, and power of God might be magnified!’ This is the way to pray; when thy prayers seek God’s glory, it is God’s glory to answer thy prayers.” – Charles H. Spurgeon

“Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell; I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell.” – C.T. Studd

J. Hudson Taylor – The progression of a missionary call:  
As child, at age 5: “When I am a man, I mean to be a missionary and go to China.”

As a young man: “I feel I cannot go on living unless I do something for China.”

Late in life, as a veteran missionary: “If I had 1,000 lives, I’d give them all for China.”

– J. Hudson Taylor, 1832-1905, missionary to China

“We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.” – John R. W. Stott

“I like men whose vision carries them far beyond their own horizons.” – Kenneth Strachan, 1910-1965, Costa Rica

“If in the sight of God you cannot say you are sure that you have a special call to stay at home, why are you disobeying the Saviour’s plain command to go?” – J. Hudson Taylor, 1832-1905, missionary to China

“Do we claim to believe in God? He’s a missionary God. You tell me you’re committed to Christ. He’s a missionary Christ. Are you filled with the Holy Spirit? He’s a missionary Spirit. Do you belong to the church? It’s a missionary society. And do you hope to go to heaven when you die? It’s a heaven into which the fruits of world mission have been and will be gathered.” – John R. W. Stott

“The great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.” – J. Hudson Taylor, 1832-1905, missionary to China



“We who have Christ’s eternal life need to throw away our own lives.” – George Verwer, Missionary Strategist and founder of Operation Mobilization

“Our God of Grace often gives us a second chance, but there is no second chance to harvest a ripe crop.” – Kurt von Schleicher

“Will you shed your tears for the souls of the nations?” – Wendi Stranz

“Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.” - William Carey

“Unless there is the element of extreme risk in our exploits for God, there is no need for faith.” – J. Hudson Taylor, 1832-1905, missionary to China

“Don’t bother to give God instructions, just report for duty.” – Corrie Ten Boom

“The command has been to “go,” but we have stayed - in body, gifts, prayer and influence. He has asked us to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth... but 99% of Christians have kept puttering around in the homeland.”- Robert Savage

“I am destined to proclaim the message, unmindful of personal consequences to myself.” – Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” -Jim Elliot

“Tell the students to give up their small ambitions and come eastward to preach the gospel of Christ.”- Francis Xavier

“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”- Charles Spurgeon

“Would that God would make hell so real to us that we cannot rest.”- James Hudson Taylor

Becoming a World Christian is nothing more or less than hatching. We climb out of our shells, leaving behind their security and predictability. As God gives us a vision of Christ and His global cause, we grow restless in our incubators. Regardless of the cost, we move out after the prize of God's upward call to us in Christ, turning in faith and obedience to soar with Him by love to the "ends of the earth." We're on our way to becoming all God meant us to be, all He redeemed us to be. David BRYANT

World Christians are (in Corrie Ten Boom's phrase) "tramps for the Lord" who have left their hiding places to roam the Gap with the Savior. They are heaven's expatriates, camping where the kingdom is best served. They are earth's dispossessed, who've journeyed forth to give a dying world not only the Gospel but their own souls as well. They are members of God's global dispersion down through history and out through the nations, reaching the unreached and blessing the families of earth.

David Bryant

A World Christian isn't better than other Christians. But by God's grace, he has made a discovery so important that life can never be the same again. He has discovered the truth about the Gap, the fact that he is already in it, and the call of Christ to believe, think, plan, and act accordingly. By faith he has chosen to stand in the Gap as a result.

Some are asleep, some are on retreat, and some are determined to stand in the Gap particularly at it's widest end where billions await the opportunity to hear of Christ for the first time. Some are heading into the "sunrise of missions" while others huddle in the shadows. Many move along at a sluggish pace, changing little in the Gap because of their own internal gap-of-unbelief. Others run the race before them setting no limits on how, where, or among whom God will use them.

Twenty year-old John R. Mott walked in late to the meeting at Cornell while J.K. Studd was quoting, "Young man, are you seeking great things for yourself? Seek them not! Seek first the Kingdom of God!" He couldn't sleep all night. He finally got up and had the courage to meet with Studd. He later said that the meeting with Studd was the "decisive hour of his life". He went on to become the greatest missions mobilizer in world history.

- In the biography of John R. Mott

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*Isobel Kuhn, missionary to China and Thailand*

None but women can reach Muslim Women...  
So we have a solemn duty in this matter that we  
cannot shift. The blood of souls is on our skirts,  
and God will demand them at our hands.

*Missionary wife from the Middle East*

Man's greatest discovery is to discover the will of God.  
Man's greatest achievement is to do the will of God.

*Anonymous*

Send me anywhere, only go with me.  
Lay any burden on me, only sustain me.  
Sever any tie, but the ties that bind me  
to your service and to your heart.

*David Livingstone*

**"I have but one passion: It is He, it is He alone. The  
world is the field and the field is the world; and  
henceforth that country shall be my home where I  
can be most used in winning souls for Christ." – Count  
Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf**

Lord, bring honor to thy Son at my expense, whatever the cost, and send me the bill. It is my reasonable service - He paid mine. - Carl Baugh

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"Oh, that I could spend every moment of my life to God's glory!" -- David Brainerd

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

"You are totally ruined for the ordinary you can't just go back home and be like you were before because there is no way, because your faith has come alive, there is no way that you can be normal again." - Kim, Student, Lancaster, PA



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*Brothers **Dan & Dave Davidson***

*share the same mission statement in the acronym*

**T.I.M.E. Teach, Inspire, Motivate and Encourage.**

**Train. Influence, Mentor & Equip.**

Dave has written, designed, and published over 200 books...

His comedy pen name is Hugh Myrrh with over dozen titles.

Cyrano D (a.k.a. Cyrano De Words-u-lac) with over 2 dozen titles is a combined pen name shared with brother Dan.

He has over a dozen poetry books in print and just as many motivational business & inspirational quote books.

Dave is also a founder of the Verse Rehearse, Pray Along, ScriptureSong.com & Teenager Church part of Surge Up Ministry efforts.

As a scripture songwriter he has recorded over 350 songs, all found for FREE at PoetTree.com.

He has published political books from photographing Iowa presidential politics for over a decade for Prezography.

With experience of over 200 weddings, he compiled his best images for the Artsy Bride Guides for the Picture Perfect Wedding, Phoday and other photography collections.

He is a perennial youth pastor, missionary, speaker and photographer.

Dave and his wife Joan, (1991) have 8 children.

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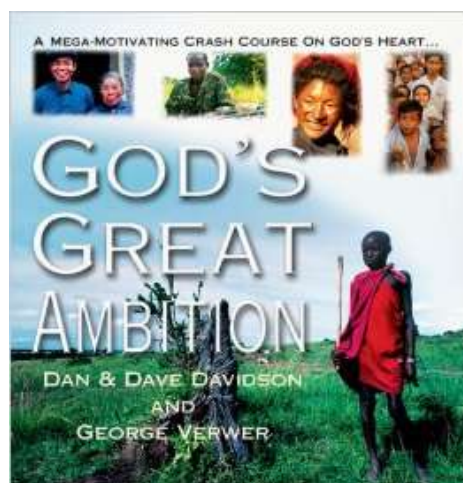
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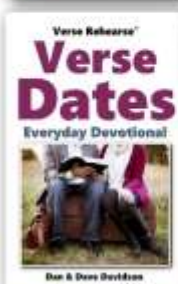
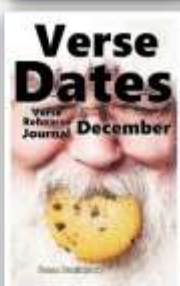


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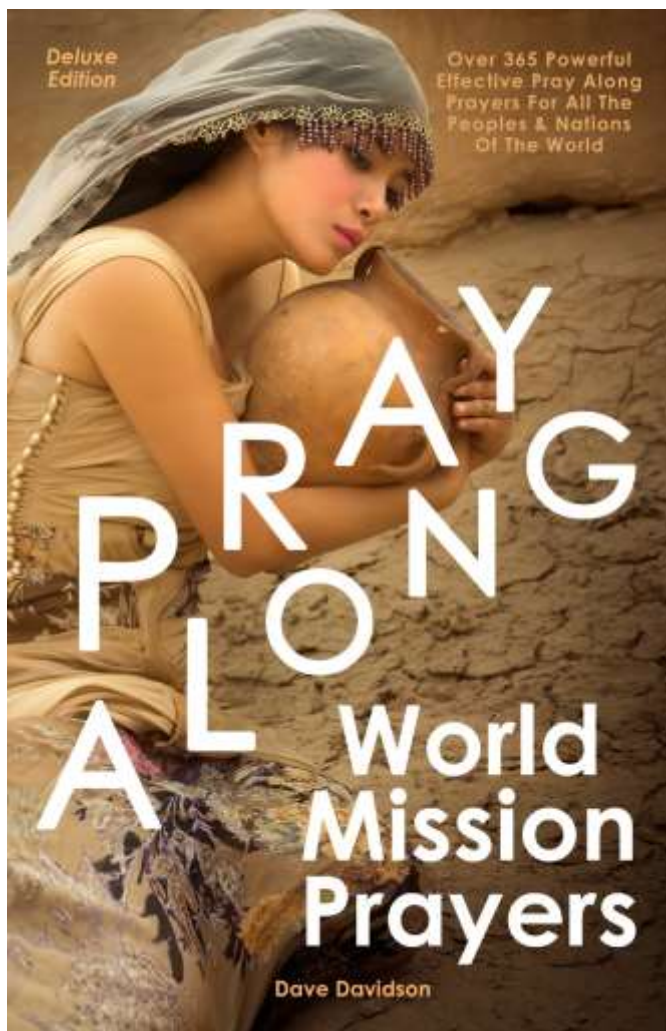




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