

Then he said as I got into the University and got to studying I found out that the fundamentalists were the people who lived over on the wrong side of the tracks. They were people who didn't have any intellectual standing. So, he said, I tried to keep people from knowing I ever had any such background in my life. There is that all around us today.

I have known people who take refuge from ~~it~~ it in a type of apologetics that so thoroughly convinces them that they feel strong and safe from intellectual attacks of any kind. But they could not possibly have any influence on someone who did not believe in Christianity. I have felt that this type of apologetics is like the attitude that might be taken if foreign invaders had taken over our country, and some of us had retreated into the heart of the Rocky Mountains and had dug a cave there in the glacier, and there in the cave in the glacier we had food enough to last us 100 yrs. We had everything we needed to get along there. We were in a situation where we could easily keep any forces from coming against us and we were absolutely safe there.

But that's not the attitude God wants us to take. It's easy for us to get this sort of a fortress mentality. Christianity is something to protect us. Well it is. It's important we realize that. But God has not called us to that. He has called us to the pulling down of strongholds and the ~~the~~ casting down of imaginations and everything that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. He calls His church not to be a fortress but to be an army.

When Hudson Taylor wanted to take the Gospel to China he was told he could not get anywhere beyond perhaps influencing just a few port cities. Because, they said, the Chinese Government will not allow missionaries to come into China. It is impossible to get in there. It is better to spend your efforts in places where it is possible to preach the Gospel. Hudson Taylor prayed that the Lord would open the way to get into that great country with the Gospel and even as he was praying the emperor of China for purely worldly reasons decided he would permit missionaries to come into his country, and Hudson Taylor went in and not satisfied with working in the port cities he went into the very interior and through his arduous efforts and carefully laid plans he established that great mission into ~~a~~ inland China which reached thousands of people for the Lord and had a tremendous impact.

Now the devil has taken over the control of China. Thousands of Christians have been killed, and those who believe the Gospel hardly dare to say a word because of the torture that awaits them if they do.

There was a conference of former missionaries to China held about 2 yrs. ago and Brother Andrew who was the subject of that book which has been wrongly titled God's Smuggler was present at the meeting. I heard him tell it. How the attitude of the people ~~was~~ was: China is absolutely closed, there is no way to get in there. We can try to reach China through these people in Singapore, through these people outside of China, but as far as China is concerned there is nothing there we can do today. God's time is not ripe to reach the Chinese people." Bro. Andrew spoke out and said, God wants us to carry the Gospel everywhere, and He wants us to seek means to get the Word of God into China. And He wants us to seek means of helping those secret Christians who are said to be scattered all over China today who are secretly in fear of their lives trying to tell others about the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

John Knox in Scotland was not content to reach half a dozen people and help to build them up in the faith. He prayed, O God,