

That is one of the great problems with any of us in making decisions. We are so apt to jump to conclusions and not get our facts straight. One of our graduates received word that a church would like to have him come and candidate. Another of our students had gone to that church and candidate. They had voted to call him and he had decided he didn't want it. They were very disappointed and pretty much in a position where they would take most anybody. When before they'd been very critical.

What had happened to the other student--he went there, preached once, and then they immediately voted. This fellow said, I don't want to do that. That's not fair to you. That's not fair to me. He said, I will not come as a candidate. He said, If you care to have me come as a visiting minister, I will be glad to come and preach. He ~~sas~~ said, I would preach and I would like to stay several days. I'd like to visit with some of the leaders of the church. I'd like to get to know you. Have you get to know me. You can make your decision not on the basis of one talk, one message. And I can make my decision that way.

So he got acquainted with them pretty well, and they got acquainted with him. They called him, and the probabilities of his doing an effective work there were far far greater than if on either side there had been simply a judgment made. Eve did not get the facts straight. That is a problem with any of us when we face decisions. We need to get the facts. We need to ~~lean~~ learn all we can about it.

One day I was walking through the Black Forest in S. Germany and it got dark and I followed trail up a hill. I got rather high up in the Forest. I found a little inn, or rather a cottage where there would take a certain number of people over night. So I stopped, got a room. I was on what you might call the attic. When it rained during the night you could hear the rain pouring down on the roof. I realized that on that house with that roof this way, if a drop of water fell here, it would go down on the ground, down off the hill into a little stream, then into a larger and larger one and then into the Danube and after 1500 miles of moving it would come out past Constantinople. While if it was removed an inch from the other way it would go down this way, and go out into the Rhine river and go way north and come out through Holland into the Atlantic. Thousands of miles apart and only an inch apart at the start.

We often have decisions to make that have an importance far beyond what we have in mind. All humanity has been affected by the wrong decision Eve made. All your life may be affected by decisions you make. You are wise to think decisions through carefully. Above all get all the facts you can that relate to them. I think that is one of the places where many of us go short. The most important call is putting God first, of course. But in deciding among matters where as far as we can see either of them is equally honoring to the Lord there is always the tendency to jump to conclusions on the basis of a few facts. When we make a decision it's like going into a room. In ~~xxxxxxx~~ it there are doors into another room. You go into this room and over at the side there are doors into another room.