

were contrary , but Jesus had said to go and they were going and when the
are
winds ~~were~~ contrary , the thing to do if you are going the way that the Lord
wants ~~is~~ you to go is to fight against the winds and make your way through
and ~~obtain~~ ^{attain} the objective that has been laid before you. I wa- always like
what Luther taught which I mentioned in Church History. If you find the cir-
cumstances are making it easy to carry out what you know is the Lord's
will, ~~ask~~ ^{thank} God for the circumstances to ~~his~~ ^{his sending} help, and if you find that the
circumstances are interfering with the accomplishment of what you know is
God's will, you know that the devil is trying to prevent the work of God and
you should push forward ^{in spite of the circumstances} and get ~~g~~ God's will accomplished. I don't say that
God never guides by circum~~stances~~. I think that God uses circum~~stances~~
very definitely, but I think it is comparatively rare that we can ~~profitably~~ ^{Properly}
interpret the circumstances alone as the evidence as to what God wants us to
do. The way in ~~ix~~ which ~~x~~ God wants us to determine His will is to study
His ~~w~~ Word and to see what is the Word that He presents. He wants us to
get the principles of His ~~wor~~ Word thoroughly in mind. Now, there are ~~cases~~
people who ~~w~~ say , I'll take God's Word . That's my guide. I'll just open
it at random and see what it says. ~~You've~~ You've probably heard about them
man who says that's the way to find out what the Lord's will is. He ~~is~~ opened
it and he ~~is~~ read , Judas went and hanged himself. Well, he said, that's not
so good. Le t's try again. So he opened it again and it said, Go thou and
do likewise. Well, he said , that's not so good, let's try ^{once more} ~~again~~. And so the
third time, he ~~is~~ opened it and it said, That thou doest, do quickly. You can
~~prob~~ ^{they say, and it is true,} prove anything by the Bible^v, or by any other book if you ~~you~~ use that sort
of a method. NOw, I don't say that ^God doesn't use occasionally use circumstances.
^{He occasionally uses a method like this.}