

IF DREAMS WERE FOR SALE WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?**LUKE 12:16-22****INTRODUCTION**

I WANT TO POSE A QUESTION TO YOU THIS MORNING. "IF DREAMS WERE FOR SALE WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?"

A DREAM IS NOT ONLY A SERIES OF IMAGES AND THOUGHTS IN THE MIND OF A PERSON WHILE HE SLUMBERS AND SLEEPS, BECAUSE A DREAM CANNOT BE CONFINED ONLY TO SLEEPING HOURS.

YES DREAMS DO OCCUR WHILE WE SLUMBER AND SLEEP, BUT THEY ARE ALSO A PART OF OUR WAKING REALITY.

DREAMS ARE OUR GOALS, OUR VISIONS, OUR ASPIRATIONS, OUR FUTURE PLANS AND OUR HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

THEY CONSUME A GREAT PART OF OUR LIVES. - A GREAT PART OF OUR WAKING MOMENTS.

FOR WHILE IT IS PRACTICAL THAT WE MUST DEAL WITH THE NOW, THERE IS THAT PART OF US THAT HAVE DREAMS AND VISIONS OF THE NOT YET, DREAMS OF A BETTER TOMORROW.

WHERE THERE IS NO DREAM AND NO VISION THERE IS NO LIFE. THERE IS ONLY EXISTENCE.

WE WHO ARE THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF COLOR, COME FROM A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO KNEW WHAT IT MEANT TO HOLD ON TO A DREAM.

DAY AFTER DAY WITH NOTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO BUT LONG ROWS OF COTTON, A HOT BLAZING SUN AND THE CRACK OF THE MASTERS' WHIP, A DREAM OF FREEDOM WAS ALL THEY HAD TO KEEP THEM GOING.

THERE ARE SOME FOLK LOOKING AT ME RIGHT NOW WHO

MUST DEAL WITH SO MANY TOUGH SITUATIONS EVERY DAY THAT THE ONLY THING THAT KEEPS YOU GOING IS YOUR DREAMS AND YOUR VISIONS OF A BETTER TOMORROW.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE SO MANY FOLK WHO AIMLESSLY WALK THROUGH LIFE WITHOUT GOALS, WITHOUT ANY VISIONS, AND WITHOUT ANY DREAMS. THEY ARE TRAPPED ETERNALLY IN THE NOW.

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME AND GO WITH ME TO THE MALL AND VISIT ONE OF THE FINER SHOPS, AND IF WE COULD FIND A STORE THAT HAD DREAMS FOR SALE WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?

WOULD YOU GO TO THE BARGAIN TABLE? OR WOULD YOU GO THE BASEMENT FLOOR?

HOW LONG WOULD YOU SHOP AROUND?

WOULD YOU CHARGE IT? WOULD YOU PUT IT IN A LAY-A-WAY? OR WOULD YOU PAY CASH FOR IT?

IF DREAMS WERE FOR SALE WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?

ILLUSTRATION

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., TOLD THE STORY ABOUT A WISE OLD PREACHER WHO WENT TO A COLLEGE TO DELIVER A BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

AFTER FINISHING HIS MESSAGE HE STOOD AROUND IN THE AUDITORIUM TO TALK WITH SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

HE SPOKE WITH ONE OF THE 4.0 STUDENTS BY THE NAME OF ROBERT, AND HIS FIRST QUESTION TO ROBERT WAS, "SON WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE? TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DREAMS."

THE 4.0 STUDENT TOLD HIM I PLAN TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO LAW SCHOOL.

THE WISE OLD PREACHER SAID, "WHAT THEN?" ROBERT SAID, "I PLAN TO GET MARRIED, START A FAMILY AND GET MYSELF WELL ESTABLISHED IN MY LAW PRACTICE?"

THE WISE OLD PREACHER SAID, "WHAT THEN?" THE STUDENT REPLIED, "I PLAN TO MAKE LOTS OF MONEY, RETIRE EARLY, AND SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TRAVELING TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD."

AGAIN THE OLD PREACHER ASKED, "WHAT THEN?" THE STUDENT SAID, "BY THEN I WOULD HAVE FULFILLED ALL MY DREAMS."

THE WISE OLD PREACHER LOOKED AT HIM WITH A FATHERLY CONCERN AND SAID, "YOUNG MAN YOUR DREAMS ARE TOO LIMITED. WHAT YOU ARE DREAMING ONLY EXTENDS ABOUT 70 OR 75 YEARS A 100 AT THE MOST. THAT'S TOO LIMITED. YOUR DREAMS HAVE TO BE BIG ENOUGH TO INCLUDE GOD AND LARGE ENOUGH TO INCLUDE ETERNITY."

YOU SEE, TOO OFTEN OUR DREAMS ARE LIMITED. THEY MAY BE BIG IN QUANTITY, BUT LACKING IN QUALITY.

DRAMS OF QUANTITY DESCEND INTO THE DEPTHS OF NOTHINGNESS, BUT DREAMS OF QUALITY SOAR TO THE HEIGHTS OF ETERNITY.

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH POSSESSING THIS WORLDS GOODS;

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING CAPRICIOUS WITH THE CREATURE COMFORTS AND THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE;

HOWEVER, WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS NOT TO LET OUR GOALS, OUR VISIONS AND DREAMS END WITH THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD.

FOR YOU SEE THINGS ARE TIME BOUND, AND TIME BOUND THINGS CANNOT FULFILL THE NEED OF A TIMELESS SOUL.

PRESTIGE, POSITIONS, AND TITLES, GOLD AND SILVER, HOUSES AND LAND, CANNOT SATISFY THE LONGING OF THE SOUL.

YOU CAN HAVE A POCKET FULL OF MONEY AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE A HEART FULL OF BLUES.

WE MUST EXTEND OUR DREAMS BEYOND THAT WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TIME.

OUR DREAMS MUST BE BIG ENOUGH TO INCLUDE GOD AND LONG ENOUGH TO INCLUDE ETERNITY.

DREAMS ABOUT THE BIG HOUSE ON THE HILL AND WORK TOWARD FULFILLING THAT DREAM. BUT REMEMBER LIKE THE APOSTLE PAUL, OUR ULTIMATE GOAL MUST BE TO PRESS TOWARD THE MARK OF A HIGH CALLING IN CHRIST JESUS.

THE TEXT

OUR TEXT THIS MORNING IS ABOUT A MAN WHOSE DREAMS WERE BIG AS THE WORLD COUNTS BIGNESS, BUT, IN REALITY HIS DREAMS WERE SO SMALL THAT HE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ROOM ENOUGH FOR GOD.

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE THIS CERTAIN RICH MAN HAD A FARM THAT YIELDED SO MANY CROPS THAT HE DECIDED TO BUILD NEW AND BIGGER BARN.

HE SAID TO HIMSELF "THERE WILL I BESTOW ALL OF MY FRUITS AND MY GOODS. AND I WILL SAY TO MY SOUL, SOUL THOU HAST MUCH GOODS LAID UP FOR MANY YEARS. TAKE THINE EASE, EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY."

BUT GOD SAID TO HIM, "THOU FOOL, THIS NIGHT THY SOUL SHALL BE REQUIRED OF THEE."

AND SO AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS PROSPERITY THE RICH MAN DIED.

IMAGINE IF THIS MAN LIVED IN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY, HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A PART OF THE ECONOMIC POWER STRUCTURE.

IN OTHER WORDS, HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A BIG SHOT, A ROSS PEROT, AND YET A PENNILESS PREACHER NAMED JESUS HAD THE AUDACITY TO CALL HIM A FOOL.

NOTICE NOW JESUS DID NOT CALL THIS MAN A FOOL BECAUSE HE WAS RICH.

JESUS NEVER CONDEMNED MONEY, ONLY THE MISUSE OF MONEY.

YOU SEE, MONEY, LIKE ANY OTHER COMMODITY IS A MORAL, THAT IS, IT IS NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD. BUT IT IS HOW YOU USE IT.

WHY THEN DID JESUS CALL THIS RICH MAN A FOOL?

I AM GOING TO SUGGEST TO US THIS MORNING THREE REASON WHY THE MASTER CALLED THIS MAN A FOOL:

***THE FIRST REASON WHY THE MASTER CALLED THIS MAN A FOOL WAS BECAUSE HIS DREAMS ENDED IN TIME RATHER THAN IN ETERNITY**

***THE SECOND REASON WHY THE MASTER CALLED THIS MAN A FOOL IS THAT THIS RICH MAN REFUSED TO CONSIDER OTHERS IN HIS DREAMS.**

***THE THIRD REASON WHY THE MASTER CALLED THIS MAN A FOOL IS BECAUSE HE FAILED TO REALIZE THAT ULTIMATELY IT IS GOD WHO MAKES OUR DREAMS COME TRUE.**

(I). THIS RICH MAN WAS A FOOL BECAUSE HIS DREAMS ENDED IN TIME RATHER THAN IN ETERNITY.

(A). YOU SEE, UNLESS WE SET OUR AFFECTIONS ON

THINGS ETERNAL WE WILL BECOME CONFUSED AND ALLOW THAT WHICH WE LIVE ON TO BECOME THAT WHICH WE LIVE FOR.

- (1). THE RICH MAN HAD GOALS AND DREAMS BUT THE TRAGEDY WAS THAT HE ONLY DREAMED OF GATHERING THIS WORLD'S GOODS.**
- (a). I HEAR JESUS SAYING, "WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL."**
- (2). WHAT WILL IT PROFIT YOU TO EXHAUST ALL OF YOUR ENERGY INTO ACQUIRING MATERIAL POSSESSIONS AND IN THE SHORT SPAN OF LIFE THAT WE SPEND HERE ON THIS PLANET, PASS OFF THE SCENE AND LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND.**
- (3). AND ON TOP OF THAT LOSE YOUR SOUL BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T INCLUDE GOD IN YOUR PLANS.**
- (B). NOW JESUS REALIZED THAT WE NEED MATERIAL THINGS TO LIVE ON.**
- (1). MATERIAL THINGS ARE IMPORTANT.**
- (2). FOR YOU SEE THE RELIGION OF JESUS CHRIST CONCERNS ITSELF NOT JUST WITH THE SALVATION OF A MAN'S SOUL BUT, WITH THE SALVATION OF THE WHOLE MAN.**
- (3). ALL OF LIFE IS SACRED TO GOD.**
- (4). HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT OUR MENTAL, OUR EMOTIONAL, OUR PHYSICAL, OUR FINANCIAL, AS WELL AS OUR SPIRITUAL WELL BEING.**
- (5). AND HE KNOWS THAT THERE IS A THIN LINE BETWEEN WHAT WE LIVE ON AND WHAT WE LIVE FOR.**

©. SO OFTEN OUR DREAMS ARE CENTERED JUST AROUND THE MATERIAL THINGS IN LIFE THAT WE LIVE ON, AND WE BEGIN TO LIVE FOR THE MATERIAL RATHER THAN LIVING FOR GOD.

(1). YOU HAVE HEARD FOLK SAY, "I LIVE FOR THE DAY WHEN I CAN HAVE SUCH AND SUCH OR I LIVE FOR THE DAY WHEN I CAN HAVE THIS OR THAT."

(2). BE CAREFUL THAT YOUR DREAMS DON'T END IN TIME RATHER THAN IN ETERNITY.

(D). A DREAMER WHOSE DREAM ENDS IN TIME IS A RESTLESS DREAMER.

(1). THIS FOOLISH FARMER MADE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING THAT HIS SOUL COULD BE AT EASE WITH BIGGER BARN.

(2). THERE IS THAT PART OF US THAT NO BARN, NO MATTER HOW BIG, CAN SATISFY.

(3). ST. AUGUSTINE PUT IT THIS WAY, "THOU HAS MADE US FOR THEE O GOD, AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL WE FIND REST IN THEE."

(4). THERE IS A NEED IN THE HEART OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL THAT ONLY A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST CAN SATISFY.

(E). THERE ARE SOME FOLK SITTING HERE RIGHT NOW WHO ARE DREAMING OF BIGGER BARN.

(1). THINKING THAT BIGGER BARN WILL TAKE AWAY THE EMPTINESS THAT THEY FEEL ON THE INSIDE.

(2). THERE ARE SOME FOLK SITTING HERE RIGHT NOW WHO ARE DREAMING OF THE DAY WHEN

THEY CAN SAY "I HAVE MUCH GOODS STORED UP FOR MANY DAYS, SOUL TAKE THINE EASE, EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY.

- (3). BUT YOU CAN'T BE AT EASE WITH BIGGER BARN.**
- (4). YOUR SOUL CAN'T BE AT EASE UNTIL YOU ARE SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS.**
- (5). THERE AREN'T ANY BARN'S BIG ENOUGH TO FILL THE EMPTINESS ON THE INSIDE OF A MAN WITHOUT GOD.**
- (6). EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO BUILD A BARN THAT WOULD ENCOMPASS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THIS LAND, IT STILL COULD NOT REPLACE YOUR NEED FOR GOD.**
- (7). NO MATTER HOW BIG THE BARN IS, THE NEED FOR GOD IS BIGGER.**
- (8). THERE IS NOTHING IN THE GALAXIES THAT CAN REPLACE OUR NEED FOR A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE.**
- (9). DON'T LET YOUR DREAMS END IN TIME BUT, ALLOW GOD TO USHER YOUR DREAMS ON INTO ETERNITY.**
- (10). IF DREAMS WERE FOR SALE, WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?**
- (II). SECONDLY THIS MAN WAS A FOOL BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF OTHERS IN HIS DREAMS.**
- (A). SOMEWHERE IN OUR DREAMS THERE OUGHT TO BE A DESIRE TO HELP SOMEBODY.**

- (1). FOR GOD BLESSES US IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT BECOME A BLESSING.**
 - (2). AND IF WE REFUSE TO BECOME A BLESSING THEN OUR BLESSINGS WILL BECOME BURDENS.**
- (B). THE LITTLE SPEECH THAT THE RICH MAN MADE TO HIMSELF CONTAINS ONLY ABOUT SIXTY WORDS AND IN THOSE SIXTY WORDS HE USES THE WORDS I AND MY 11 TIMES.**
- (1). HE SAID I AND MY SO MANY TIMES THAT HE HAD LOST THE CAPACITY TO SAY WE AND OUR.**
 - (2). REMEMBER NOW JESUS DID NOT CALL THIS MAN A FOOL BECAUSE HE WAS RICH.**
 - (3). SELFISHNESS IS NOT CONFINED ONLY TO THE RICH. IT IS A DISEASE THAT AFFECTS ALL CLASSES OF PEOPLE.**
 - (4). IT IS A DISEASE THAT AFFECTS THE MASSES AS WELL AS THE CLASSES.**
 - (5). THE MAN WITH TWO DOLLARS CAN BE JUST AS SELF-CENTERED AS THE MAN WITH \$2,000,000.**
 - (6). IT IS NOT HOW MUCH YOU HAVE THAT REALLY MATTERS. IT IS WHAT YOU DO WITH THAT WHICH YOU DO HAVE.**
 - (7). IT IS ALL RIGHT TO DREAM AND MAKE PLANS BUT MAKE SURE THAT YOU INCLUDE HELPING SOMEBODY IN YOUR DREAMS.**
 - (8). IF DREAMS WERE FOR SALE WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?**
- (B). WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY THAT MAJORS IN BUILDING BIGGER BARNES TO STORE UP EXCESS MATERIAL GAINS RATHER THAN SHARING WITH THOSE WHO HAVE NOT.**

(1). AMERICA IS A COUNTRY OF MASS PRODUCTION. AND YEAR AFTER YEAR WE ASK OURSELVES WHAT SHALL I DO BECAUSE I HAVE NO ROOM TO BESTOW MY GOODS?

(2). THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE. FEED THE POOR, CLOTHE THE NAKED, AND HEAL THE SICK.

(3). INSTEAD OF BUILDING BIGGER BARNES, AMERICA CAN STORE HER EXCESS GOODS INTO THE STOMACHS OF CHILDREN WHO GO TO BED HUNGRY AT NIGHT, AND INTO THE STOMACHS OF SENIOR CITIZENS WHO LIVE ON A DIET OF DOG FOOD.

©. I AM CONVINCED THIS MORNING THAT GOD WILL JUDGE US IF WE CENTER OUR DREAMS AROUND SATISFYING JUST OUR OWN WANTS AND DESIRES.

(1). THE I AND MY RELIGION OF THE RICH MAN WAS TRAGIC BECAUSE IT CAUSE HIM TO MISS SO MUCH OF THE JOY OF LIFE.

(2). WHATEVER YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE, TRY GIVING SOME OF IT AWAY AND SEE IF IT WON'T COME BACK TO YOU.

(3). YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE LOVE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE LOVE.

(4). THERE ARE SOME MEN RIGHT HERE IN THE CONGREGATION WHO ARE SECURE ENOUGH IN THEIR OWN MANHOOD THAT THEY WILL CALL ME UP JUST TO SAY BROTHER PASTOR, "I LOVE YOU."

(5). HOWEVER, DON'T BE NAIVE AND THINK THAT EVERYBODY WHO YOU EXPRESS LOVE TO WILL LOVE YOU BACK.

(6). IT TAKES A WILLINGNESS ON BOTH PARTS AND

THEN THERE ARE SOME FOLK WHO ARE LIKE THE RICH MAN IN THIS PARABLE, THEY HAVE LOST THE CAPACITY TO EXPRESS LOVE.

(7). IT IS ALWAYS A TRAGIC EXPERIENCE TO ENCOUNTER FOLK WHO HAVE LOST THE CAPACITY TO LOVE.

(8). THIS MAN DREAMS AND GOALS WERE SO CENTERED AROUND HIMSELF UNTIL HE HAD NO ROOM TO EXPERIENCE A CARING AND SHARING RELATIONSHIP.

(9). IF DREAMS WERE FOR SALE WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?

(III). AND FINALLY THIS MAN WAS A FOOL BECAUSE HE FAILED TO REALIZE THAT IT IS GOD WHO ULTIMATELY MAKES OURS DREAMS COME TRUE.

(A). HE THOUGHT THAT HE COULD LIVE AND GROW IN HIS OWN LITTLE SELF-CENTERED WORLD.

(1). HE TALKED AS THOUGH HE WAS THE ONE WHO UNFOLDED THE SEASONS.

(2). HE TALKED AS THOUGH HE WAS THE ONE THAT PROVIDED FERTILITY FOR THE SOIL.

(3). HE TALKED AS THOUGH HE WAS THE ONE WHO CAUSED THE RISING AND SETTING OF THE SUN.

(4). ANY TIME THAT YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE THE CHIEF CAUSE FOR YOUR OWN EXISTENCE, YOU ARE LIVING LIFE IN A DANGER ZONE.

(B). THE PHILOSOPHY OF MAN SAYS THAT WE ARE THE CAPTAINS OF OUR OWN SOULS AND THE MASTERS OF OWN DESTINIES BUT, THE BIBLE SAYS THAT IN CHRIST

WE LIVE MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING.

- (1). FOR SOME OF US THE WORSE THING THAT CAN HAPPEN IN LIFE IS THAT WE BECOME SUCCESSFUL.**
- (2). FOR SO MANY TIMES WHENEVER WE BECOME SUCCESSFUL, WE FAIL TO REMEMBER THAT IT IS GOD WHO ULTIMATELY MAKES OUR DREAMS COME TRUE.**
- (3). IT MATTERS NOT HOW HARD YOU HAVE WORKED FOR WHAT YOU HAVE.**
- (4). IT MATTERS NOT HOW HARD YOU HAVE STUDIED FOR WHAT YOU KNOW.**
- (5). IT IS GOD WHO MAKES OUR DREAMS COME TRUE.**
- (6). THE RICH MAN MAY HAVE PLANTED HIS CROPS.**
- (7). HE MAY HAVE HAD SCIENTIFIC SOIL TREATMENT.**
- (8). HE MAY HAVE HAD PROPER IRRIGATION.**
- (9). BUT YOU SEE IT MATTERS NOT HOW YOU MAY PLANT.**
- (10). IT MATTERS NOT HOW MUCH YOU WATER, IF GOD DOESN'T GIVE THE INCREASE, YOUR DREAMS WON'T COME TRUE.**
- (11). AND. IF WE, LIKE THE RICH MAN IN THE PARABLE, FAIL TO REALIZE THAT IT IS GOD WHO MAKES OUR DREAMS COME TRUE, HE JUST MIGHT SAY, "THOU FOOL, THIS NIGHT THY SOUL SHALL BE REQUIRED OF THEE."**

ILLUSTRATION

RAY SEEDMAN PUT IT THIS WAY. "THE KEY TO

SUCCESSFUL DREAMING IS TO WORK AT IT LIKE IT ALL DEPENDS UP YOU KNOWING IN YOUR HEART AND MIND THAT IT ALL DEPENDS UPON GOD."

(12). WHEN YOU DO IT THAT WAY, SUCCESS WILL NOT GO TO YOUR HEAD BUT, RATHER TO YOUR HEART.

(13). FOR, WHEN SUCCESS GOES TO YOUR HEAD, IT WILL MAKE YOU DIZZY AND SELF CENTERED.

(14). BUT WHEN IT GOES TO YOUR HEART, IT WILL MAKE YOU HUMBLE AND GRATEFUL.

(15). "IF DREAMS WERE FOR SALE, WHAT WOULD YOU BUY?

(16). WOULD YOU BUY BIGGER BARNS TO BESTOW YOUR GOODS, OR WOULD YOU SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE WITH THOSE WHO HAVE NOT.

CONCLUSION.

IN THIS PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL, JESUS GIVES US A LESSON ON HOW TO LIVE.

HE TELLS US HAT "IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, YOU HAVE TO GIVE."

(A). FOR HE GAVE:

**< SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
< HEALING TO THE SICK,
< COMFORT TO THE CONFUSED,
< SALVATION TO THE LOST,
< DIGNITY TO THE DOWNTRODDEN,
< AFFECTION TO THE AFFLICTED,
< LAZARUS BACK HIS LIFE,
< GRACE TO THE HUMBLE,
< DIRECTION TO THE MISGUIDED,
< COMPASSION TO THE CONDEMNED,
< GLADNESS TO THE SAD,**

< JOY TO THE JOYLESS,
 < REST TO WEARY,
 < WATER TO THE THIRSTY,
 < HOPE TO THE HOPELESS,

(B). AND WHILE HE WAS ON CALVARY HE KEPT ON GIVING.

< HE GAVE HIS MOTHER TO JOHN.
 < HE GAVE JOHN TO HIS MOTHER.
 < HE GAVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY.

**(C). THE BIBLE SAYS THAT HE BOWED HIS HEAD AND HE
 GAVE UP
 THE GHOST.**

**(1). BUT, I AM GLAD THIS MORNING THAT IT DIDN'T STOP
 THERE.**

**(2). IT DIDN'T STOP AT THE CROSS, BECAUSE THE CROSS
 COULD NOT KILL HIS DREAM.**

**(3). IT DIDN'T STOP AT DEATH, BECAUSE DEATH COULD
 NOT KILL HIS DREAM.**

**(4). IT DIDN'T STOP AT THE GRAVE, BECAUSE THE GRAVE
 COULD NOT HOLD HIS DREAM.**

**(5). THE GRAVE COULDN'T HOLD THE DREAMER NOR THE
 DREAM.**

**(6). BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE GOT UP WITH ALL
 POWER IN HIS HANDS.**

“HE LIVES, HE LIVES, CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY.

**HE WALKS WITH ME AND HE TALKS WITH ME ALONG LIFE
 NARROW WAY.**

HE LIVES, HE LIVES, CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY,

YOU ASK ME HOW I KNOW HE LIVES. HE LIVE, HE LIVE

WITHIN MY HEART.”