

Lesson 08

D. Great missionaries are influenced by books and other missionaries:

1. William Carey was influenced by the writing of Captain Cook about the South Sea Islands.
2. God has used the story of David Brainard to encourage others in their ministry such as William Carey, Jim Elliot, and Adoniram Judson, as well as those who deal with the same struggles as he did. Brainard motivated several other missionaries, including his brother, John who worked among the Indians.
3. Adoniram Judson

He could have worked his way up the ranks to become a great Congregational pastor. He was influenced greatly toward missions and Burma by Michael Symes. He also read a missionary book called *The Star in the East* by Dr. Claudius Buchanan. He was influenced by Bartholomeus Ziegenbalg, the founder of the Moravians, who, under the penalty of _____, translated the Tamil Bible in southern India in 1715, by William Carey who translated the Bengali Bible in 1800, and by Robert Morrison who translated the Chinese Bible also under the penalty of _____. He read *Embassy to Ava* (the capitol of Burma) by Michael Symes. There was little interest in world missions at Andover, except for a handful of students, but Judson decided to be a missionary in February 1809. Judson learned later that four others at Andover had decided to be missionaries even before him, two at the _____ Prayer Meeting in 1808.

4. Isabel Kuhn was influenced by James O. Fraser.
5. Dr. John Taylor Jones (July 16, 1802 – September 13, 1851)

He was one of the earliest Protestant missionaries to Siam (now Thailand) with his wife, Eliza Grew Jones. He is credited with introducing to Siam the modern world map, and producing a translation of the New Testament in Siamese (Thai) from Greek. He married Eliza Grew Jones on July 14, 1830, and was ordained in Boston on July 28, 1830, as a missionary to Burma under the American Baptist Missionary Union (ABMU). He and his wife set sail for the country shortly thereafter. Rev. and Mrs. Jones worked with Adoniram Judson in Burma, residing for about two years at Maulmein, and later at Rangoon. No doubt, Judson's translation work influenced Jones to do the same in Thailand.

6. Jonathan Goforth

Goforth was greatly influenced by reading Hudson Taylor's book *China's Spiritual Need and Claims*. Goforth was so excited about this book that he ordered many copies of it and mailed them to many pastors that he knew to promote missionary work in China.

One day he went to hear an address by the heroic missionary pioneer, George L. Mackay of Formosa. Full of the Holy Spirit, like Peter and Paul and Stephen of old, Dr. Mackay pressed home the needs and claims of the heathen world, especially of Formosa. He told how he had been going far and wide in Canada seeking missionary _____, but so far, he had not found even one young man willing to respond. Simply but powerfully, he continued, "I

am going back alone. It will not be long before my bones will be lying on some Formosan hillside. To me the heartbreak is that no young man has heard the call to come and carry on the work that I have begun." As Goforth heard these words he was "overwhelmed with _____." He describes his reactions as follows: "There was I, bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, daring to dispose of my life as I pleased. Then and there I capitulated to Christ. From that hour I became a foreign missionary."

- a. The Apostle Paul said we ought to be ashamed (1 Cor. 15:34).
 - b. Paul also said that we are not our own, thus we have no right to do as we please (1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; Rom. 12:1-2).
 - c. Jesus said, "Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:60).
7. It is said of Hudson Taylor that his gift for inspiring people to give themselves and their possessions to Christ was amazing.

E. Great missionaries are *missionaries* before they go to the mission field:

1. William Carey ministered to the very poor for three and a half years with very little financial support.

Carey was an evangelist at home. A friend suggested to him that he was neglecting his business. Carey said, "Neglecting my business! My business, sir, is to _____ the kingdom of Christ. I only make and mend shoes to help pay _____."

2. Jonathan Goforth

On his first day in Toronto, he walked through the slum section praying that God would open a way whereby he might take the Gospel to the needy homes and hearts of that area; and the first Sunday morning found him preaching in a jail—a practice he continued throughout his college course. As unreservedly as his studies would allow, he gave himself to evangelistic calling in the homes of the slums and to the work of different rescue missions. The stories he told of his experiences with degraded sinners caused much _____ among the students. It is significant, however, that later the students at Knox College sent him out to China as their missionary—a remarkable tribute to the reality and power of his Christian character. He exhibited a fervent zeal for souls. At the opening of a new fall session at college, the principal asked Jonathan how many homes he had visited during the summer vacations. "Nine hundred sixty," was the reply. "*Well, Goforth, if you don't take any scholarships in Greek and Hebrew, at least there is one book that you are going to be well versed in and that is the book of Canadian _____*." Indeed, not only were many souls saved but many valuable lessons learned, for, as he discovered later, there is no essential difference between Canadian and Chinese human nature.

3. Robert Morrison visited the poor and sick and preached in the villages around London.
4. Hudson Taylor

He studied to be a doctor and during this time he ministered in the English slums trying to help the people spiritually and physically. In November 1851, Hudson moved his lodging to a noisy suburb of Darinside, a neighborhood on the edge of town. Here he began a rigorous regime of saving and self-denial, spending spare time as a self-appointed medical missionary in cheerless streets where low wages, ever large families and gin produced brutalized husbands and wives and sickly children.

F. Great missionaries of the past left all:

1. No one does that today because a trip home is too easy. Missionaries today take furloughs, some every two years.
2. Carey spent forty-one years in Indian with _____.
3. Judson vowed not to return to the USA.

He did take one furlough out of dire necessity after thirty-three years on the field. His second wife, Sarah, was gravely ill, so Adoniram decided to take her to America, along with their three oldest children. They left _____ other children in Burma with missionary friends. At the Isle of France, Sarah seemed to be much better, so Judson decided to send her on to America and he would return to Burma, planning to see his wife in a _____. However, her condition worsened, and he decided to go on to America with her. Sarah died and was buried on St. Hellen Island which is located southwest of Africa in the South Atlantic Ocean. Judson and the younger children went on to America.

4. As Ann Judson was about to leave for India, she looked at her very close-knit family and the beautiful New England countryside, and said to herself, *I will never see any of this again*. She did return once to regain her health but went back to Burma.
5. The life expectancy of a missionary was eight years. Some going to Africa packed their belongings in a _____.
6. A missionary family (graduates of BBTI) worked in West Africa for four or five years. During that time, they returned to the states twice to give birth to two babies and once to consult with an American dentist about a bump in the mouth of one of their children.
7. Many today move their bodies to a foreign country but, by way of social media, they keep their _____ in the good old USA. As soon as they can find a *good* reason, their bodies follow their hearts back home. The new missionary must make his new country his *home*.
8. About half of our missionaries leave the field within four years or less. [It is hard to get a missionary on the field, and it is hard to keep him there.]

“And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.” Acts 20:37-38

9. Goodbyes come with the job and they are sorrowful. The missionary must say goodbye to his family, friends, and church when he leaves; then he must say goodbye to those he wins to Christ on the field. He knows that there are some he will never see again this side of heaven. But, oh the joy when he meets them all again in heaven!

G. Great missionaries are sometimes tested by great opportunities at home.

1. Adoniram Judson

When he returned home after seminary, his father told him that Dr. Griffin was called to pastor Boston's largest church, and he wanted Adoniram to be his assistant. Judson announced his intention to be a _____. His mother and sister _____. Why should he throw away his life and waste it on ignorant savages that would not appreciate him? [Does anyone remember the names of the great nineteenth century Congregational pastors of New England?] They said, *"Think of all the good you could do in Boston! There are lost people to reach here, too."* They begged him not to go. His father was sad but silent. He knew two things: 1) He was not going to change his son's mind. 2) He must not hinder what God was doing. Judson was surprised that others at Andover Seminary were glad and supportive of his missionary plans. Judson did not know that four other students had also decided to be missionaries even before he did. Judson was also offered a position as a teacher at Brown College where he had graduated.

2. C.T. Studd left fame and fortune as a cricket player.
3. The old preacher used to say, *"If you can do anything else but preach, do it; God has not called you!"* And about 99.6% of the young men, including, potential missionaries, can find something else to do. The work of God suffers at home and the heathen die without ever hearing the Gospel of Christ. [I believe every word of the Bible but not every word of every preacher, old or young.]

H. Great missionaries are not called to a place but to a Person and to a work.

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2).

1. Carey wanted to go to _____.
2. Adoniram Judson considered going to Java or some other place where there were no missionaries because India was closed to him. He never _____ to the USA.
3. Does it have to be one certain country or nothing?
 - a. A BBTI graduate couple made it to Israel but had a very difficult time with visas to stay there. They were forced to leave and tried everything possible to return. Finally, he gave up and when back home and resumed his old business. There are Jews all over the world including the US. Is there anything special about a certain territory?

- b. Another BBTI couple made a survey trip to an African county during the cool rainy season, but when they returned during the hot dry season, they found the women did not dress modestly (or worse). In a week or ten days, they had decided to return and quit being missionaries. (They were convinced that the women were trying to seduce their young teen boys.) Could they not find a place where women wear more clothing?

I. Great missionaries do not quit because of closed doors or slow results.

“After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us” (Acts 16:7-9).

1. William Carey at first wanted to go to the South Seas, to Tahiti, to places he read about in Captain Cook’s books even though there were cannibals there. But God directed him to India.
2. Adoniram and Ann Judson

They first went to India, although Burma was where they really wanted to go. The door to India was closed, and the Judsons needed to leave before being deported. They traveled to Port Louis, Isle of France (Mauritius). It took them seven weeks to get there. That place was populated by slaves and controlled by slave owners who would allow no religious instruction. They sailed to Madras, hoping to find a ship from there to Penang in the Strait of Malacca (between Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore). They could not stay in Madras because of the East India Company. But the only ship leaving there was a Portuguese ship there bound for _____! Friends begged him to go to England or anywhere but Burma. On the ship, Nancy gave birth with only Adoniram to attend her. Her baby was stillborn and buried at sea. During his short time in India, Judson met Felix Carey, son of William Carey, who was living in Burma. Felix was barely able to stay there but was allowed because he had married a Burmese woman and he worked for the Burmese government. Felix had wanted the Judsons to go back to Burma with him. It was ____ long years before Judson saw his first convert Maung Nau. The women told Ann that rather than be in Heaven alone, they would rather go to _____ with their families and ancestors.

3. Winning pagans to Christ can take a long time, and sometimes it seems like an impossible task:
 - a. This is what a Muslim of the Sunda people told a BBTI graduate in Indonesia: *“I am an Indonesian, a Sunda Muslim. If I trust Christ, I am no longer a Sunda. If I am not a Sunda, I am nothing—I have no home, no family, no house, no relationship. I know I am a sinner, and I don’t want to be punished for my sins. I know Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, but I would rather risk suffering eternally in the Lake of Fire than to lose my social identity in this life.”*
 - b. I just received a prayer letter from a BBTI graduate working in a large Communist country in Asia: “Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I want to thank you all for

praying for our friend Yang Juan. A couple weeks ago she accepted Christ! I cannot begin to tell you how excited we are! _____ of praying, witnessing, giving tracts, building a relationship, her coming to church faithfully for six months, and the fruit finally was ripe!”