

# MARY MORNING MARTHA DAY

The “Go” Of Relationship

By Oswald Chambers

*And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Matthew 5:41*

The summing up of Our Lord’s teaching is that the relationship which He demands is an impossible one unless He has done a supernatural work in us. Jesus Christ demands that there be not the slightest trace of resentment even suppressed in the head of a disciple when he meets with tyranny and injustice. No enthusiasm will ever stand the strain that Jesus Christ will put upon His worker, only one thing will, and that is a personal relationship to Himself which has gone through the mill of His spring-cleaning until there is only one purpose left — “I am here for God to send me where He will.” Every other thing may get fogged, but this relationship to Jesus Christ must never be.

The Sermon on the Mount is not an ideal, it is a statement of what will happen in me when Jesus Christ has altered my disposition and put in a disposition like His own. Jesus Christ is the only One Who can fulfil the Sermon on the Mount.

If we are to be disciples of Jesus, we must be made disciples supernaturally; as long as we have the dead-set purpose of being disciples we may be sure we are not. “*I have chosen you.*” That is the way the grace of God begins. It is a constraint we cannot get away from; we can disobey it, but we cannot generate it. The drawing is done by the supernatural grace of God, and we never can trace where His work begins. Our Lord’s making of a disciple is supernatural. He does not build on any natural capacity at all. God does not ask us to do the things that are easy to us naturally; He only asks us to do the things we are perfectly fitted to do by His grace, and the cross will come along that line always.

DEAR LORD,

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU IS THE ONLY THING THAT HOLDS “IT” ALL TOGETHER FOR ME. IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES SENSE OF THE REST OF THIS WORLD AND THE MEANING OF IT ALL. LORD JESUS, THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ME, BECAUSE GOD KNOWS I DIDN’T HAVE THE GOOD SENSE TO CHOOSE YOU. THANK YOU FOR DOING A SUPERNATURAL WORK WITHIN ME PRODUCING IN ME A NEW NATURE WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST.

LORD JESUS, I’M GRATEFUL THAT I DON’T HAVE TO RELY ON MY GOODNESS TO IMPACT THE WORLD FOR YOU, BUT IT IS YOUR GOODNESS IN ME THAT CAUSES ME TO, GO THE EXTRA MILE, TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK, TO GIVE MY BEST, TO CONSIDER OTHERS FIRST.

LORD, LET YOUR LIGHT IN ME, SHINE BRIGHTLY FOR THE WORLD TO SEE, DRAWING THOSE YOU HAVE CHOSEN. MAY I ALWAYS BE AWARE OF MY ROLE IN THIS PROCESS AND MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE TO YOU. IN JESUS NAME I PRAY. AMEN!

BY PAM LILLY