

# Sermon no one seemed to hear changed a country

## Meditation



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Having the opportunity to preach the Gospel is one of the greatest gifts of being a pastor.

It's not a matter of preaching being something that is "fun," but rather that it is

such an important part of following the call of God to ministry. Of course, most ministers I know have to deal with various kinds of challenges in the pulpit. Some-

times, for example, the pews are less than full, and there are always those jokes about the people who go to sleep during the sermon.

Yet, almost every week I am reminded that what we preachers proclaim is not our message and that both the ability and the opportunity to proclaim are gifts from the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, it is wonderful to discover the many times when God works through our efforts, even if we feel that we have failed.

There is a fascinating story about the famous missionary Robert Moffat, who had returned to Scotland to recruit helpers to the mission field after several

years of faithful service in South Africa. When he arrived at the church where he was scheduled to speak one cold, wintry night, Moffat was dismayed to discover that only a small group had come out to hear him. But what bothered him even more was that the only people in attendance were women, and although he was grateful for their interest he had specifically hoped to challenge some men.

The text that Moffat had chosen as the basis for his remarks that evening was, "Unto you, O men I call" from Proverbs 8:4. Yet, he was so focused on the lack of grown men in the sanctuary

that night that he hardly noticed that there was a young boy present who was pumping the bellows for the organ. Moffat was so frustrated as he delivered his message that he failed to notice that the young boy was listening intently.

When Moffat finished his sermon and delivered the call for a spiritual response, nobody came forward because they were all women and the preacher's call was issued with men in mind. But the young boy was deeply moved by the challenge Moffat had given, and as a result he promised God he would follow in the footsteps of this missionary preacher from South Africa.

When this boy grew up, he chose to go and minister to the

needs of the unreached tribes of Africa. The boy's name was David Livingstone. Moffat never ceased to wonder that his appeal, which he thought was intended only for grown men, had been used by God to help stir the heart of a young boy, and it was this young boy that God had chosen to use in a fresh and powerful way. Though the preacher was frustrated that particular night, God had used him to help a young boy hear and respond to the call of Christ. That boy was never the same again, and neither was Africa after David Livingstone responded to God's call.

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