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Like A Mighty Army

Author Unknown

A soldier returned from two years in the army. His pastor asked him to speak to the church. At first, he refused. Then he shyly stood up and asked, "I will if the congregation will sing 'Onward Christian Soldiers', just before I speak." After the song, the soldier began to speak.

"You have been singing, 'Like a mighty army moves the church of God. That might have been all right once. The trouble now is that ten million men know exactly how an army moves and it does not move like many of you folks in this church.

Imagine this if you can. Reveille at 7 am. Squads on the parade ground. The sergeant barks out 'Count fours. One! Two! Three! Number four missing. Where's Private Smith?

'Oh,' pipes up one soldier near Smith's vacant place, 'Smith was out late last night and needed the sleep. He said he would be with you in spirit.'

'That's fine,' says the sergeant, 'Remember me to him. Where's Robinson?'

'Robinson,' explained his buddy, 'is sorry not to greet you in person, but he is entertaining guests today. Besides, he was at the drill last week.'

'Thank you,' says the sergeant smiling, 'Tell him he's welcome any time he is able to drop in.'

Did any conversation like that ever happen in any army? Don't make me laugh. Yet, you hear stuff like that every week in the church, and said with a straight face too. 'Like a mighty army!' If our church really moved like a mighty army, most of you would be court-martialed!

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Beware of Lions

By Bill Brinkworth

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"
I Peter 5:8



similarities between the two:

A lion attacks when you least expect it. Satan attacks and destroys lives. He is so quick and silent with his deadly attacks, that most do not know what is happening until it is too late. That is why it is so important to read and know the Word of God. It warns of what can harm us. A Bible-educated person will be aware of the devil's devices; usually sin, and hopefully, will avoid them.

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A Mission Field Is Alive And Doing Well

Tom Kane, Missionary to India

The school year had been a difficult one for Yezaw. Early in the school year he had been sick in the hospital for over two months with tuberculosis. He was looking forward to the summer break; so he could return to his home village and get some of his strength back.


It was good to be home and with his family. After a few weeks Yezaw was visited by his friend Kyaw who was from a village far away. Kyaw asked Yezaw to come and visit with him and his family in his village. Yezaw was feeling a little better, and he knew he was required to perform some Christian ministry. He felt this might give him a chance to witness to Kyaw's family.


A few weeks later, Yezaw left to visit with his friend, Kyaw. When Yezaw arrived, Kyaw met him and took him to the home of his grandfather, Panna, where Yezaw would be staying. The


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 **A lion can attack, even when thought harmless.** Many that work around these felines, from zookeepers to magicians, have learned the hard, painful way that there is no such thing as a harmless lion. Satan, and the sin he uses to tempt, is not harmless. There is ALWAYS a price tag with sin!

 **A lion attacks just about any animal.** Our enemy, Satan, has no love for any man or woman. It does not matter who they are or what they do. Our enemy is determined to destroy them, and if they are Christians, destroy their testimonies so they are no use for the cause of Christ.

 **A lion attacks more viciously when he draws blood.** Like the lion, Satan shows no mercy. When his attacks begin to destroy and ruin a life, he continues to do all he can to further destruction. As the preacher Oliver Green used to warn (*paraphrased*), "Satan hates your guts and wants to destroy you and all that is dear to you."

Lions are, indeed, vicious, dangerous creatures. A wise person stays away from them and distances himself from areas they

The devil has power to suggest evil, but he was not given the power to compel you against your will. - Cyril

inhabit. A wise person should also stay away from any sin Satan uses to entrap his prey and especially from places where sin is prevalent.

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week went well, and Yezaw was able to speak of Christ several times with Kyaw's family members. On the last day of his visit, Kyaw's grandfather asked Yezaw if there was any way that he could conduct a church service in the village.

Many years before, a missionary had visited this village and witnessed to Panna. The missionary's words convicted Panna's heart, and he had accepted Christ as his personal saviour. That was the only time anyone had spoken of Christ to Panna, until Yezaw had come to the village. For forty years Panna had been saved, but had never learned anything more about Christ nor had he ever attended a church service. Yezaw told Panna that he would do what he could.

A few weeks later, Yezaw spoke with Pastor Joshua, the pastor of the church, about having a church service for Panna. The pastor and several of the students traveled to the village to conduct a worship service there. The man was very happy and excited about the worship service. He invited his family to join in with the ser-

vice. After the service Panna asked Pastor Joshua if he could return from time to time to preach the Word of God. Panna offered to let them use his house as a meeting place. The next day, Panna died and went to be with the Lord.

Pastor Joshua was not certain what would happen now that Panna had died. The preacher and the students returned to the village and continued to speak with Panna's family about the Lord. Soon Panna's daughter was saved. As Pastor Joshua and the students continued to go to the village, others became interested in the message about Jesus Christ and several accepted Christ.

The village was Buddhist, and the monks were very upset with what was happening. The first thing they did was refuse to let Pastor Joshua and the students use the main road leading to the village. This meant that they would have to use another road that led to a trail leading to the back of the village. Every Sunday Pastor Joshua and the students would travel by vehicle to the trail, and then walk the remaining five miles to the village.

When the monks saw that the Christians were going to continue witnessing, they told the villagers that anyone who was saved would have to move out of the village into the forest at the edge of the village. The new Christians left their homes and built new ones in the forest.

Great pilots are made in rough waters and deep seas.

They would not turn their back on their new Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Another trial came when the members of a false religion heard about what was going on in the village. A group of them came to the village and spoke to the new converts. They tried to get them to believe in speaking in tongues and losing their salvation. The new Christians told the people from the false religion that what they were teaching was not right, and they asked them to leave and not come back.

These new Christians have faced more difficulties and challenges than most Christians experience in a lifetime, but they continue to be faithful. Several of them have been baptized and others are preparing for baptism. The monks have stopped their persecution for the time being, but they have not allowed the Christians to return to their homes in the village. They also will not allow Pastor Joshua and the students to use the main road.

Yezaw's health has continued to improve, and he graduated from the Bible Institute this year. He has surrendered to be the pastor for the people in this remote village. Another graduate of the institute is helping Yezaw with the work in the village, and people continue to get saved and learn more about Jesus Christ.