

ished as stars before the rising sun. Sure I am, that although the comfortable accommodations of life appeared valuable and clear to me, yet I did surrender and resign myself, soul and body, to the service of God, and to the promotion of Christ's kingdom; though it should be in the loss of them all. I could not *do* any other, because I could not *will* or *choose* any other. I was constrained, and yet *chose*, to say, "Farewell friends, and earthly comforts, the dearest of them all, the *very dearest*, if the Lord calls for it. Adieu, adieu; I will spend my life, to my latest moments, *in the caves and dens of the earth*, if the kingdom of Christ may thereby be advanced.

I found extraordinary freedom at this time in pouring out my soul to God for His cause; and especially that His kingdom might be extended among the Indians, far remote; and I had a great and strong hope that God would do it. I continued wrestling with God in prayer for my dear little flock here; and more especially for the Indians elsewhere; as well as for dear friends in one place and another until it was bed time, and I feared I should hinder the family. But oh, with what reluctance did I feel myself obliged to consume time in sleep! I longed to be as a *flame of fire*, continually glowing in the Divine service, and building up Christ's kingdom, to my latest, my dying moment.

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