

heroes in the first century. But the ever-widening gap of time since these magnificent results were achieved by it makes it ever grow less potent as an evidence of the desirability of my having a like faith. What we want to know is, "Is this faith doing these things to-day?" The preacher that appeals and will convince men of sin, and the need of our having this faith, is a man in whom we see these miracles have been wrought again by the same power. He may be an orator, philosopher, theologian, or clergyman. He very often is not. But a man whom we personally know and who has been made into a new creature out of an old one, makes that individual appeal which was in the first century Christ's own way, and is, I believe, in the twentieth century still Christ's way of extending his kingdom.

It is not so easy a way as talking, but it is undeniable. Men who have been made simple, brave, unselfish, cheerful, hard workers, reliable, Christlike men, if day laborers "only," are Christ's most effectual appeal to twentieth century men. The man of unconquerable faith like Christ's own faith, breeds faith, and the man of unconquerable faith is the man who knows what that faith has done for himself. He is not always a scholar, and his faith does not always stand on twentieth century wisdom. But his will be the joy of that success without which one would expect preaching to be a prelude to insanity or despair.

Jesus and his contemporaries do not seem to have laid much stress on the book line of evidence either. With them "the *Word* was made *flesh*, and *dwelt* among us." He and they left the