

emphasis upon an experience which is called *Assurance*; and while it is commonly spoken of as a present certainty of ultimate escape, it does, properly understood, possess a much deeper and worthier content. There is in it a certain sense of being settled upon bedrock, of having touched some final reality. It is as though life had been redeemed from vagrancy and established on a base. Professor Josiah Royce quotes in *The Sources of Religious Insight*, the story of a business man caught in some delinquency and put in prison. There he faces the problems of life; and when a young man comes to him to submit the question of marrying his daughter, he says: "They haven't the point of view. It is life that is the great adventure. Not love, not marriage, not business. They are just chapters in the book. The main thing is to take the road fearlessly—to have courage to live one's life."

"Courage?"

Lannithorne nodded.

"That is the great word. Don't you see what ails your father's point of view and my wife's? One wants absolute security in one way for Ruth; the other wants absolute security in another way for you. And security—it is just the one thing a human being can't have; the thing that's damnation to him if he gets it! The reason it is so hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven is that he has that false sense of security. To demand it just disintegrates a man. I don't know why. It does."

Oliver shook his head uncertainly.