

the power of the king and nation which he represents, and this gives him courage in the most troublous times, and the boldness of the martyr and reformer lies in the assurance that God is behind them. Before you start on some difficult mission get a grip of the conquering hand of Christ, and this will encourage your heart. You may ride into the jaws of death and never return, falling with your face to the foe, but you will not be defeated, for death is not defeat and loss is not failure. To die for the truth is always a victory. Though men may pray for the saints who are dead, they never pray for the martyrs, which is a human testimony to their victorious life. Christ is the bond of manhood. All nations and races meet in Him and are one.

As a traveller climbs the Rocky Mountains he first ascends the foothills, then the mountain ranges, and finally the solitary sentinels, which are the highest of all the mountains; so there are stages in religious experience, and there are three precious truths which mark the ascent in the spiritual life. The first great moment in your experience was when you realized that Christ had made a full and perfect atonement for your sins, and that the burden of your misery had passed away, and you were able to say, "Christ died for me!" The great doctrine of the Cross was a revelation of a law in nature