

**Truth, Faith, Love: My God-Given Goals**  
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Proclamation: Titus 2:11–14

**I. Broken Foundation Stones**

- A. Christian life compared to constructing a building
- B. You must begin with the foundation
  - 1. Foundation determines weight and size of building that can be built
  - 2. A Christian life cannot be built beyond the limitations of the foundation which is laid
- C. What is my foundation? What am I building on? The foundation of the Christian faith: *Jesus* (1 Cor. 3:11)

**II. How I Laid My Foundation**

- A. First encounter with Pentecostals
  - 1. Previously a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, field of philosophy (7 years training in criticism and analysis)
  - 2. Soldier in World War II
  - 3. Small church, mostly women (men had been called up into services)
  - 4. Word of God was preached by former taxi driver—but he knew the Word
  - 5. At altar call, hand was sovereignly raised
  - 6. Testimony of woman's husband healed from tuberculosis
  - 7. Prayer: "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief."
- B. The revival meeting at Assembly of God
  - 1. Message about Enoch being taken by God
  - 2. At altar call this time, raised own hand
  - 3. Pastor asked two questions:
    - a. Do you believe you're a sinner?
    - b. Do you believe that Christ died for your sins?
- C. Self-confidence eroded; decided to pray until something happened
  - 1. Sat for an hour trying to pray—not knowing what to say
  - 2. Began to speak to a Presence in the room: "Unless you bless me, I will not let you go!"
  - 3. Then: "Make me love You more and more and more . . ."
  - 4. Lifted backwards onto the floor with hands upraised
  - 5. Began to sob—but not knowing why—which changed to louder and louder laughter!
  - 6. Reaction of fellow soldier
- D. Was it real? Or a dream?
  - 1. Could no longer swear or use bad language
  - 2. Could not drink or eat without giving thanks
  - 3. Legs "locked" in the door of the pub
  - 4. Bible changed from a baffling book to God speaking directly to me—and has been that way ever since
- E. Sent to Leeds for further training
  - 1. Laughter kept recurring
  - 2. Became a corporal cook!

- F. On return from Leeds**
1. A “fire” in his belly—baptized in the Holy Spirit
  2. Tried to explain to roommate, but spoke in tongues to him
  3. Every time he spoke in tongues, he received the interpretation
  4. First time, 1941, an interpretation: “It shall be like a little stream, and the little stream shall become a river, and the river shall become a great river, the great river shall become a sea, and the sea shall become a mighty ocean and it shall be through thee.”
- G. A call to Palestine**
1. On troop ship to Durban, South Africa, where God directed him to a mission for Hottentots run by a Norwegian
  2. Then on to North Africa for the next three years
  3. Came down with eczema on feet, met lady Brigadier with Salvation Army who testified of divine healing
    - a. Was healed, but did not accredit healing to God, came down with eczema again
    - b. Visited by lady Brigadier again and friend from Oklahoma who prophesied: “Consider the work of Calvary, a perfect work: perfect in every respect, and perfect in every aspect.”
  4. Re-read and color-coded Bible:
    - a. Blue – healing, physical health
    - b. Red – salvation, blood of Jesus
    - c. Yellow – love
    - d. Wound up with blue Bible
  5. God’s medicine bottle: Proverbs 4:20–22—taken three times daily, after meals
- H. Sent to Gebeit on Red Sea Hills in the Sudan**
1. Put in charge of rations and Sudanese labor force
  2. Ali healed; later saved
  3. Derek healed from hornet sting; drank brackish water without harm
  4. Ali the first man brought to Christ from that tribe
- I. Transferred by the army to Palestine**
1. Worked in medical base depot
  2. In town of Ramallah met Lydia in her children’s home
  3. Tongue and interpretation: “I have joined you together under the same yoke and in the same harness” – regarding Lydia
  4. Another tongue/interpretation: “I have called thee to be a teacher of the Scriptures in truth and faith and love, which are in Christ Jesus—for many”
  5. “In truth, in faith, in love”: over 50 years ministry it came in just that order, now centering in *love* (1 John 4:16)
- J. Compare Mary and Martha**
1. Martha was busy, cumbered with serving
  2. Mary sat at the Lord’s feet and heard His word—“the better part”
  3. Mary was the only one who anointed Jesus before His death (the alabaster vial). An act of worship (fragrance filled the room)
- K. “Wasting time” on Jesus**