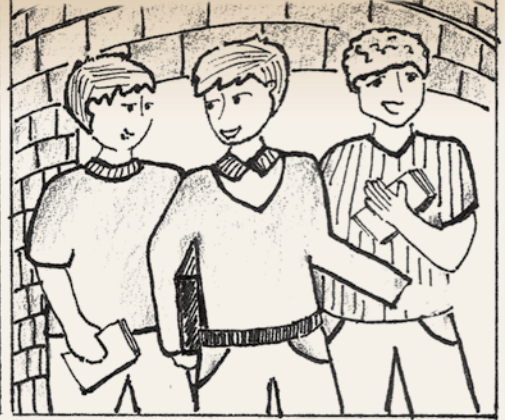


“Never Give Up”

A real incident from the life of Jonathan Goforth, a Canadian missionary to China.

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One day, Jonathan Goforth and 2 evangelists entered a village where Goforth began to preach.

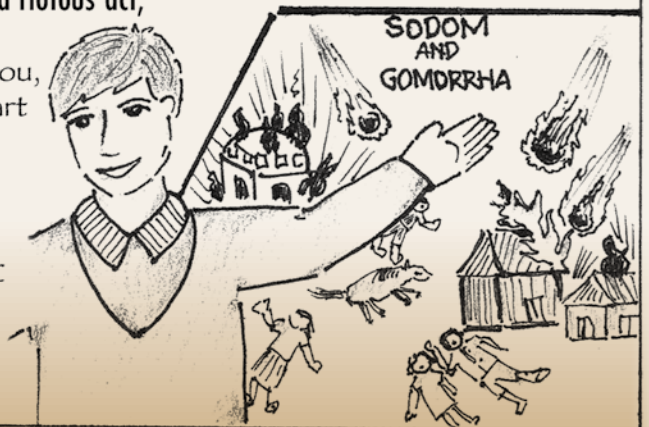


The villagers not only refused to listen to Goforth, they also mocked him.



Goforth was not discouraged. He was determined not to allow the devil to hinder his work for the Lord, and also he decided to speak from ... Matthew 10:14-15 which records for us a riotous act,

“And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.”



As Goforth explained these two verses, the villagers became afraid. Some said to him ...

"Please forgive us. We have been rude. We will listen to whatever you have to say."



The more Goforth spoke, the more attentive the crowd became. They were eager to hear the missionary.

In fact, when Goforth and the evangelists were leaving, the crowd warmly invited them to return!



Children, there are many out there who do not love Christ and His Word. They would refuse to listen to the gospel. It is spiritual blindness caused by sin and the devil.

It may take a long time to get these people to listen to us. Sometimes they may never even listen to us.

But that should not stop us from fulfilling our God-given duty to share the gospel with them. *We must never give up!*



2 Timothy 4:2 says,

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."