

## I Could Have Done More!

In the drama, Schindler's List, one of the most moving scenes in near the end of the three hour drama. Oscar Schindler had invested his energy and his fortune in saving the lives of hundreds of Jews who would have otherwise been killed in Hitler's holocaust. Because the war is at its end, the Jews he saved will become freemen and women; while Schindler will become a fugitive. He walks to his car with his Jewish friend. The others are around them. Schindler begins to cry. He looks at his watch and knows if he had sold it he could have saved another life. He looks at his car and knows that he could he could have exchanged it for additional lives. He says to his friends, "I Could Have Done More".

Jesus is the first and only foreign missionary who visited the planet earth from heaven. The purpose of his visit was to save the lost souls. Once he asked his disciples to look up their eyes and see how the fields of lost souls are already white for harvest (John 4:35). Another time he went through the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without shepherd. Then he said to his disciples,

"The harvest is plentiful  
but the workers are few.  
Ask the Lord of the harvest,  
Therefore to send out workers into the harvest fields." Mat 9:35-38

Here Jesus was compassionate and saw four Great Things:

1. He saw the Great Need of the lost people. Mat 9:36
2. He saw the Great Harvest of the lost people. Mat 9:37
3. He saw the Great Need of the workers. Mat 9:37
4. He saw the Great Need of prayer God for his intervention and initiation. Mat 9:38

C. H. Spurgeon said that this passage weighed on his heart more than any other any other text in the Bible. He said that it haunted him perpetually. It's a tough passage and appeal from Jesus. We need to respond to it.

Once a man was walking down on the beach at dawn. He noticed a young man picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the youth, he asked what he was doing. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun. But there were thousands of starfish stranded on that beach. The old man asked him "How can your effort make a difference?"

The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and threw it safely into the waves. "It makes a difference to the one," he said.

When we try to respond to Jesus' appeal the moral lessons of the above two stories may prick our spirit:

1. I Could Have Done More.
2. One Fish Back to Ocean makes a difference.

God bless you.

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