

Go Forward

(Talk) (15 minutes)

(Outline)

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Explain. Words to Christians, to sinners. But to Christians

Why should ^{we go} forward, Because the call come from the front.
enemy. Christ before us - Enemy not behind, truth
prophecies, promised land, goal, prize. Let
as we look forward. If we would please, obey
conquer, support church faith.

Divine command, duty. Do not stand alone, ideal
Story Pilgrim

Times demand - popery - etc. age of progress -
keep ahead. The old banner - enemy - Awake - times.
Infidelity, new cards effect - devoting, discovering temporal
The world in darkness, millions, thousands each year
Crime, - anarchy - we sit still. Christian brethren
going back to ignorance, to control of Catholicism - to disregard
commands of Christ. Forward - charge.

The church to day is weak - name dishonored
being together. If we would see church advance, colors
flying, number increasing, world better. forward.

Consequence of not going forward.

Must go forward or backward, no armor for back, forward
for death is coming - eternity - judgement.

Go Forward Ex. 14-15.

These words are supposed to be addressed to Christians who have started in the right path. If we should address sinners, the command would be stop, turn about.

We do not say "go forward" to the sinner for if he continues to pursue his present path it will lead him directly to hell. And every day, every week, every month, and every year brings him nearer this terrible end.

But to those who have found the right path; those who have sought Jesus Christ; those who have enlisted in his army; those who are engaged in any Christian work, whether it be that of a minister or that of a layman it makes no difference what way you may be serving the Lord Jesus. The call comes sounding upon our ears with fearful distinctness, "go forward."

Why should we go forward? Because the call comes from the front. The enemy is trying to break down the rear guard, and

if they succeed then all is lost. - Because Christ is before us. He has traveled the path; he has over-powered the enemy; he has left his foot prints upon the road. Now, he says follow me. The enemy is in front, not behind; the truth is to be spread; the prophecies are to be fulfilled; the promised land is to be reached; the prize is to be won; the goal is in the distance. Let us remember the command to Lot as he left Sodom, "Look not behind thee." As we look forward we see the faces of the stern old patriarchs of old who have finished their race, and are enjoying the prize. They won the battles of life not by looking back, but by pressing on and on, until the victory was won. If we would please the Father; if we would obey his commands; if we would conquer in the battles of life; if we would support our church, our faith let us by the grace of God go forward.

It is the divine command; it is our duty as followers to go forward with the truth. He

does not send us on in darkness, but
is with us himself, and says follow me!
He is our sovereign, our king, and with such
a leader all thoughts of retreat should be put
away; all thoughts of self glory should cast
to the four winds: and the great cause of
Jesus Christ placed before us as our ideal.
And keeping our eyes upon this we should
go forward with a determination to reach our
destination, no matter what may come in
our path to obstruct it. (Story Pilgrim)

The times in which we live demand progress.
Popery is going forward, useful inventions,
arts, commerce are ~~in motion~~ ^{advancing}. This is an age
of progress, an age in which to keep ahead
we must strain every nerve; for unless we
keep on the move, others who are behind
will overtake us, and pass us by. We who
hold the banner of Jesus Christ to-day, are
asleep, and the enemy is stealing upon ^{us} while
we know it not. Awake! the time is at
hand, the day is already far spent. Soon

The night cometh when no man can
work. Infidelity, new creeds, and other
erroneous systems are to day marching on, and
their effects are felt more and more. Are
we to sit quietly by and see the religion
of the Lord Jesus Christ overpowered by these
new creeds and systems; are we to depart
from the old truth to some fanatical system
designed by some empty headed fool, which
seems more plausible than the old old story?²
Are we going to devote so much time to
discovering things which elevate our temporal
lives, that we leave our spiritual lives go
hungry. If not then let us down them,
let us grapple with the enemy, and in the
name of our great chieftain win.

The world to day lies in darkness, millions
have not heard name of Jesus. Thousands
each year pass to an unknown eternity,
thousands tread the pathos of hell. Crime is
increasing and anarchy is going forward,
while we sit quietly by, and put out us

restraining hand to check them. Christian
brethren! what are we thinking about, are
we going back again into ignorance worse
than that of the "dark ages"; are we going back
under the control of Catholicism or some other
system; are we going to disregard the command
of Christ, and remain idle? If not then forward
is the cry, charge upon the enemy with
all the energy we have and by the Lord ^{we} bear for
Christ let us advance.

The Church to day is weak, her members are
cowards. Her soldiers are without discipline,
her ranks are weak and easily divided.
The name of her leader is dishonored.

We must hang together if we would win
or as Benj Franklin said, "we shall all stand
separately." If we would see the Christian
Church advance with colors flying, if we
would see ~~would see~~ the enemy fleeing from
before her, and her numbers increasing; and
the world made better, then let us go forward;
^{There is} no armor for ^{the} back. go forward for danger is coming go

forward for death is coming - eternity - judgement.

Our motto "forward."