

David Livingstone's Example

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of living out our faith in a practical way, just like David Livingstone, and letting God's life flow through us.

Scripture: Matthew 5:16, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 18:22, John 15:5, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Galatians 2:20, Philippians 1:6, Colossians 3:17, 1 Peter 2:12

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Description

K.P. Yohannan shares the transformative encounter between Henry Stanley and David Livingstone, emphasizing how Livingstone's authentic faith and commitment to Christ profoundly impacted Stanley, who had previously been critical of religion. Livingstone's life exemplified the call to 'Leave all and follow Me,' demonstrating that true Christianity is not about programs but about allowing Christ's love to flow through us. Stanley's conversion, which occurred without Livingstone's direct efforts, highlights the power of living out one's faith authentically. The sermon encourages believers to continue their journey of faith and to embody the love of Christ in their lives.

Transcript

Henry Stanley, a worldly reporter, was sent to the jungles of Africa in search of David Livingstone. The last time the old missionary had been seen was seven years before when he returned to Africa in 1865. Finally, when Stanley found Livingstone in the middle of nowhere, the encounter changed him completely.

Stanley lived with Livingstone for four months, sharing the same hut and every part of his life as well. He watched him closely and listened to his words. To his amazement, he could find no fault in this man. Up to that point, Stanley had been very critical of religion and even described himself as the worst infidel in London. But there in the jungle he encountered a man who simply lived out the words of Jesus: "Leave all and follow Me" (see Luke 18:22). Seeing Livingstone's love, his zeal and his commitment, Stanley's heart changed. "I was converted by him," he wrote, "although he had not tried to do it."

With all the frantic activities of modern-day Christianity, it is time for us to learn that it is not the plans we make or the programs that matter most, but the simple truth of letting His life flow through us.

Don't let it end. The journey continues . . .

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