

Devotional From Charles Spurgeon

"They shall go hindmost with their standards."

Numbers 2:31

The camp of Dan brought up the rear when the armies of Israel were on the march. The Danites occupied the hindmost place, but what mattered the position, since they were as truly part of the host as were the foremost tribes; they followed the same fiery cloudy pillar, they ate of the same manna, drank of the same spiritual rock, and journeyed to the same inheritance. Come, my heart, cheer up, though last and least; it is thy privilege to be in the army, and to fare as they fare who lead the van. Some one must be hindmost in honour and esteem, some one must do menial work for Jesus, and why should not I? In a poor village, among an ignorant peasantry; or in a back street, among degraded sinners, I will work on, and "go hindmost with my standard."

The Danites occupied a very useful place. Stragglers have to be picked up upon the march, and lost property has to be gathered from the field. Fiery spirits may dash forward over untrodden paths to learn fresh truth, and win more souls to Jesus; but some of a more conservative spirit may be well engaged in reminding the church of her ancient faith, and restoring her fainting sons. Every position has its duties, and the slowly moving children of God will find their peculiar state one in which they may be eminently a blessing to the whole host.

The rear guard is a place of danger. There are foes behind us as well as before us. Attacks may come from any quarter. We read that Amalek fell upon Israel, and slew some of the hindmost of them. The experienced Christian will find much work for his weapons in aiding those poor doubting, desponding, wavering, souls, who are hindmost in faith, knowledge, and joy. These must not be left unaided, and therefore be it the business of well-taught saints to bear their standards among the hindmost. My soul, do thou tenderly watch to help the hindmost this day.

News Bites

Pastor Murdered

Christian leaders have urged Honduras' government to improve protection of Christian workers after Carlos Roberto Marroquin became the second prominent pastor to be murdered this year in the Central American nation. Marroquin, 41, was shot to death, by two assailants while walking his two Schnauzer puppies in the northern city of San Pedro Sula. Investigators said the gunman opened fire after he refused to hand over the dogs, who escaped. Schnauzers can reportedly sell for about \$500 in Honduras, where the minimum monthly salary is roughly \$311.

Missionary Murdered

Christians in Kenya and the Netherlands began mourning Dutch missionary Ebel Kremer, 36, who was shot and killed when armed robbers stormed a mission center near Nairobi, Kenya's capital. His 34-year-old wife Lora was reportedly sexually assaulted in front of their two small children in Friday's pre-dawn raid at the complex of international Christian organization Youth With A Mission (YWAM). The children were not harmed and have been brought to a Dutch married couple, Christians said earlier.

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Upcoming Things...

Woman's Prayer Breakfast – Next Saturday, March 12th at 9:00a.m is the Woman's Prayer Breakfast We ask that each lady bring a brunch style dish to share. The sign-up sheet is the in the foyer.

Quotes

"I don't so much pray that my death will be without pain, but that it will be without doubt."

-John Piper (1946-)

"Has this world been so kind to you that you should leave it with regret? There are better things ahead than any we leave behind."

-C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

