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"A LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS CAROL"

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-21 (NASB)

TRUTH: Every Christian is a missionary because every Christian is here on a mission.

INSIGHT: Every person on earth is either a missionary or a mission field.

TRUTH: All the resources and guidance of heaven are available for the church, the people who make reaching lost men and women the task of their lives.

Quotes to hold close to our hearts:

"Jesus left our world with missions on His mind."

"Jesus came at Christmas as a missionary from heaven...that He might make us missionaries for heaven."

I. A PETITE WOMAN, A MOVEMENT FOR GOD

Highlights of Lottie's life:

1. Left for mission field in 1873 to settle in Tengchow, where she worked as a missionary for 40 years.
2. She had great success 115 miles to the interior at P'ingtu, where she won untold numbers to faith in Christ, and established a church.
3. Lottie was an amazing personality, standing less than five feet in height. When two armies were fighting each other, Lottie got them to stop fighting so she could walk through the battle lines to her assignment.
4. In 1887 Lottie made an appeal for the organization of Southern Baptist Women from which came the formation of the WMU.
5. Lottie rightfully taught that the size of the gifts by the women didn't matter, only the obedience.

INSIGHT: Our offering for Missions at Christmas is because men's souls are in danger.

II. WHERE WILL YOU GO AND TELL?

INSIGHT: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" has a direct connection to the Great Commission.

INSIGHT: The gospel announced first to the shepherds speaks to the nature of the gospel. God reached first to the bottom of society to proclaim Christ's birth.

INSIGHT ON THE HOMELESS: The homeless never really rest.

TRUTH: It's the lostness of men's souls that should first grip our hearts as Christ's Church.

INSIGHT: The question isn't if we are called, only where and how.

GOALS:

1. Pray for clarity.
2. Ask God to prosper us and give us a sacrificial heart.
3. Pray for 100 baptisms for Baptism Sunday, first Sunday in May 2022.