



LOOKING UP!

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He expected great things, and he attempted great things. Even though he had failed in several business attempts, Orison Marden decided to author a book while pursuing his new business venture as a hotel owner. During his few free moments, Marden hand-wrote more than five thousand pages. One night, in a terrible fire that took the hotel, Marden was left homeless, and his manuscript was in ashes.

The following day, Marden's first stop was to buy new clothes, then a notebook. He started immediately rewriting all he could remember. In 1894, Marden's book was published and became an inspiration to presidents McKinley and Roosevelt. Ford, Edison, and J.P. Morgan all cited Marden's book, *Pushing to the Front*, as their inspiration.

William Carey, sometimes called the father of modern missions, went to India in 1793. He worked there for forty years, never returning to his home in England. After twenty years of translation work, a fire ravaged Carey's printing plant. The manuscripts and dictionaries Carey created for the initial translation of the Bible into several languages were all burned in the fire.

Carey sought to rebuild and rewrite. Over the next twenty years, he and his mission society translated, printed, and distributed the Bible in whole or portion in 44 languages and dialects. Carey is often quoted as saying, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

Despite the hardships we might face, God is at work. Look up from your troubles and join our Father, who is already at work.

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