

# Border Land Christians

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"He lingered" Gen. 19:16

"one thing thou hastest"

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Map

I am talking to you to-day about "Borderland Christians" much trouble comes up about border lines - at such places you will often find danger. The trouble may develop between two persons - it may be between nations.

To-day our thoughts gather around two lines both of which needed to be crossed. - In these cases the danger lay not in letting the lines alone but in the fact of not crossing them. One of these lines was the city limits of a little city - the other was the river Jordan.

Here, of course, we have two scenes -

1. Lot a relative of Abraham lived in a wicked city - there were many bad people there. Lot lived amongst the bad till they lost respect for him - He let his children live amongst the bad until those children laughed at his advice. He was warned to cross the city limits and flee to the open country but he lingered - he hesitated - put it off - look at him - a father responsible for his family - Lot standing under that

port of the sky out of which fire is  
to fall and destroy the city - but he  
"lingered."

God used a special act of providence  
here and forced him out - In the N.T.  
we do not have the promise of quick  
removal from danger. The substitute  
now is that free choice is taught and  
certain persuasives used - the Bible - the  
Holy Spirit to emphasize the Bible. Teachers,  
and preachers etc. If we do not yield  
to these we have no promise but Hell.

2. The other scene is near Jordan - The  
Israelites are about ready to cross  
over Jordan and possess the land  
when some borderland churchmen Reubenites  
and Gadites came to Moses  
and said - "Let us stay on this side  
of the Jordan - we find good grazing  
over here. we do not care much about  
fighting any how - Let the others  
go over and possess the land and we  
will come on a little later - we  
will back them up from here -"

Lots of people are like that - your church  
people work and your problems - build a  
church etc. - we will watch over them  
when all the sweating, tears, and labor  
are over and the glory has come  
then these borderlanders will come  
in and share the glory -

Now what was the danger in  
these two tribes stopping? Moses ex-  
plained by reminding them of the  
people 40 years before coming to the

border of Canaan and letting a few  
spies discourage them with the result  
that they wandered 40 years in wilderness.

== Listen if we stop short of possession  
it may cause our children to waste the  
wilderness - <sup>we need to go up and possess family of Rel</sup>  
<sub>obtain up patriotism</sub>

Look - A - Church - people

① I am enjoying the church a lot  
I go to S.S. and church every now and then  
I am just crazy about freedom in  
Rel - I can go when I please or when  
nothing else is on - I just like to go

(well - grazing - eating - satisfying  
the sensual is about all some people  
want any way - just like an old  
cow - full - milk - eat - full - milk

But brother the "me first & beati-  
fied type" in the church are the  
horderanders.

now if you want that man to fight  
you just tell him he is lazy or  
that he is a seeker for the flesh  
pats -

② people satisfied with little giving - "for  
the longest time I have been giving my  
dollar to the church every year - when a  
contest is on in the S.S. I find myself  
up there some Sunday before the contest  
ended - there I am almost sure to drop  
in a nickel and if I go on up to ch.  
service just afters as not I'll throw in  
another nickel."

③ people satisfied if home program is carried out - the river Jordan does not interest them.

Canaan may remain in the hands of the enemy as long as grazing is good here - march safe family a thing might defeat the whole thing -

Crossing over may mean or typify free surrender to God - On this side surrender to the world - Just above the rich valley for grazing and it got him in trouble -

The Nephites and Benjamites decided that they would go if their families could stay on the old home farm and keep up the law - Another line diagram of not cross The Israelites did not drive out all the enemies in Canaan therefore did not possess all the territory laid out for them -

we are at the beginning of the new Conference year - Let's not hunger - but drive out every enemy -

Let's go up and possess every opportunity - Let it not be said "they hungered" but "they marched forward" (what you think)