

Acts 1, 14 Then all continued with one accord in prayer &c  
Acts 11, 1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come  
Acts 11, 42 And they continued steadfast in the temple &c

I desire to say a few things today which may bear directly upon the work which the Lord has called us to do in Los Angeles. We seek the greatest good, the salvation of the largest number of souls. We desire especially to find the old paths & walk in them. &c.

I am one of those who believe that the blessing received, in the upper chamber is the inheritance of every Christian, & his only sufficient equipment to do the work of the Lord. That it is to be sought & found, in the same way that it was then received - by waiting and prayer. And not by going forth to service - The Cen. Ho. etc. was undergirded - by Tray etc. I believe also that the history of the early Church taken in its spirit, & relative to the world, is the pattern for the Church to day. I believe further that the same providential hand, which was over the work then, is over us to day. I believe that the Ch. of the Nazarenes is especially called of God, to do the work of the Lord as the Ch. of Jerusalem or Antioch. That the Ch. of the Nazarenes has a mission - a divinely appointed mission. Not that it is

his only agency. He has many agencies  
But was thrust out somewhat as the early  
Methodists, to raise up a holy people. Especially  
revived up and called to preach that great  
cardinal doctrine of our holy religion  
that men are to be sanctified wholly  
in this life, &c. And to fulfill that evidence  
of its power, the preaching of the gospel  
to the poor. This was not taken up of our  
own accord; nor for our own con-  
venience. We went into it at the call of  
God. Many indisputable evidences of his  
call, not only by his spirit but by his  
providences. As might if been expected  
by <sup>this</sup> ~~the~~ ~~un~~ ~~der~~ ~~stand~~ ~~ing~~ ~~the~~ ~~re~~ ~~ason~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~there~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~many~~ ~~adversaries~~ ~~but~~ ~~there~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~a~~ ~~wide~~ ~~open~~ ~~door~~ &c.

We may not stand alone in the  
city in preaching the old Pauline  
Wesleyan doctrine, & urging people  
continually to the cleansing font  
tain of Jesus blood. But it is safe to  
say that if it had not been  
for this providential work,  
unless God had revived up  
some other agency, this city  
would of been like so many  
others without any centre  
of abiding holiness work.

We thank God for the fact. I call your  
attention to it that we may look into &  
see the Lords way in the future.

We have already entered the last year  
of the Century & the last year of many of  
our lives. & May God give us the tongue  
of the learner. that we may speak  
For one I feel that the days are so  
few & precious. I must deal with all  
men & women as before the throne

The special providence of God. was  
manifest in the organization, making  
it so much more perfect <sup>for this work</sup> than we knew.

In the fact. that but a few essentials were  
put into its constitution. A few things  
supremely essential to salvation to be doing.

In all things not essential to salvation  
liberty. In the great essentials absolute  
unity. In non essentials liberty & etc.

Also that leading, whereby provision for  
the work is the work is made. & Out of our  
hearts & offerings, unto the Lord &c

The many streams God has opened to help  
the poor. &c. We are not a great people  
in any sense. but as the Lord chose Jesus

& the Gal. fishermen & the weak things &c.  
He called us to this work. definitely  
called us to it. Not to a place of ease or

honor. but to a place of trust & difficulty  
& conflict. to bear trials & labors. He called  
us to be successors to Ap. & prophets &c

Those who went <sup>4</sup> into this work under  
this call. feel its responsibility, and the  
privilege God has given them. With  
some it meant great cost & sacrifice.  
Not only those who went into the work  
at first but many who have been  
converted & sanctified & feel they are  
in this work of God their all & that God has  
called them to stand with these people.  
In order that this may be fully understood  
we covenant with each other to give  
ourselves to the work of God, in connection  
with the Ch. of the Nazarenes. Not when it is my  
pleasure or convenience, or preference  
but our Cov. etc. It did not say unless  
some man was going to preach some  
where else I would rather hear  
Or some body had announced to  
tell who Cain's wife was - or what was  
Peter's wife's mother's name - Or  
why God chose Jacob - or How many  
people were going to wear crowns  
at last. We did not say to each other  
unless I get the ich in my ear.  
When we cov. here together we mean  
business for God. That there should  
come into a work which has been  
so wide spread as this, some who  
come for the loaves & fishes, is to be  
expected. It is a warm place, & they were cold &c.

That some of these would have little  
conscience. And a cov- to them would  
mean little. What they want is a com-  
fortable place. And if they think they  
see that there is going to be a fire under  
a new tree. they will loiter around  
to try to get the front seat. &c. No good.  
We may not hope to be entirely free from  
them. but their room any where is  
worth more to the cause of religion than  
their company.

There are also some. who come into  
the Church. who are active & earnest  
who would be capable of doing good  
if they had the Spirit of God. They seem  
to seek opportunity to do harm. They  
turn traitors or rather uncover their treachery  
in the camp. We have been tolerable  
free from them, but not entire without  
them. Now let premise a few things

1 That the Lord may have many agencies in  
this city for the salvation of men. And  
he may raise up many more.  
Every agency that shall show itself to be  
of God. that saves men. shall be welcomed  
as a department of the Army. of which  
we hope continually to show ourselves  
a part. Any such will have the sym-  
pathy & prayers of the Ch. of the Neighbors &c  
As in the case of the Val. Not to try to have  
them take the place God had called us to fill  
but to help them in a legitimate way. to do that

which they felt God had called them to do.

2 We believe it is the privilege & duty of people  
to go where knowing secured the clearest  
light. they can do most for the redemption  
Of course there are certain duties  
& claims which may be upon us  
as children of a family. Child. getteth  
nursing at the breast of their mother  
& surely make a mistake when they  
take to the brush. Men & women will  
not do the best work for God, unless  
they feel that, I am just where God  
counts me. and because he wants  
me there I had rather be there  
than any other place in the universe.  
People who are not satisfied on this  
point ought to get satisfied. If it is  
a result of their own backsliding &c  
If they have a pretty clear formed  
conviction - that they can be better & do  
better, than where they are - let them take  
a little time to ascertain. & then go &c

3 We are a department of an army  
marching shoulder to shoulder in this  
regiment, trusting that our regimental  
colours may not be trailed in the dust  
We are not a body of tramps who are  
in line to them & somewhere, no body  
knows where tomorrow. Every such  
tramp or straggler tends to demoralization

4 There are those who say - O I have  
liberty to go where I please &c - I have  
freedom - you are tied up - &c - Now there  
is such a thing as liberty - also license  
also slavery - & there is a slavery which  
is the greatest liberty, Personal liberty  
real - complete personal liberty  
can be had only under one condi-  
tion, & that is alone in the wilderness  
Whenever you enter Soc - you are under  
bonds. As you take on more & more of the  
principles of Soc - the bonds become more  
strict, &c. As you enter the Ch - life the  
bonds - are so close & strong you are  
really a slave - That is what Paul began  
every Epistle, I am the slave of J.C - But  
as in Civ - there is more <sup>desirable</sup> freedom, than  
alone - in the wilderness. So in Jem - there  
is the most perfect liberty - &c -  
Now when we talk about liberty contrary  
to Cov - obligation is like a woman talking  
about running with every man because  
she prefers them to her own husband.  
Obligation & privilege go hand in  
hand - If there be any of our dear  
friends who desire liberty, which  
fidelity to the work - they have under-  
taken with us here - let them sever their  
connection with us, & go ~~to~~ to their loves, and  
abide. But for them to remain & try to undermine  
the pure love of others or to come back & attempt,

it is simply doing the work of a poeuep.  
not legitimate work for the family of the  
Lord. And friends every one who  
comes to any of us, to undermine  
our loyalty to the work to which  
God has called us, or to induce  
us to desert in the day of battle  
from our place of firing, should  
be treated by you as a traitor  
And such invitation should be  
regarded as an insult to your  
loyalty to the place God has placed  
you.

In saying this, I do not say that  
when there is a day off, in our regiment  
it is not lawful for us, in a straggling  
way to take a shot with an other  
regiment. I do not say that it  
would never be proper for us to  
break ranks & go full well, & help  
an other regiment. It might be  
best to close our work & go &c. What  
would justify that would justify  
an individual &c.

3- Let me say that the Church of  
the Negroes, is anxious to use  
every agency to push this work of full  
abolition, <sup>to which, God has called you</sup> practicable - every man  
& woman. That has Character & ability & unanimity  
that it can afford to receive to help with &c



But if for lack of any of these, it does  
not see its way - for members of the  
Church to enter into alliance to  
bring such parties to the City &  
then attempt to stampede them  
Every member possible to such  
a work. however good or bad it  
may be. to induce them to leave  
their own work for such a work  
is high treason against the  
Churches life & work.

We do not anticipate we can employ  
every body. & they may find work  
with others & we may be able if  
proper to go sometimes when it may  
not interfere, but to try to gather  
the Ch. to any one to such  
work. is a violation of the  
Cov. to give your self to the  
work of God. in this place.

In connection with this I desire  
to say - ~~that~~ to our dear young ladies  
whom God has converted & saved  
& made such a precious agency  
of reaching others - especially young  
ladies - What I can not have the  
opportunity to say personally - as  
there seems to have been few efforts

from outside parties to induce you  
to leave the work where God has  
raised you up & put you - to go  
into their fields of work. That  
it is in very bad taste for shepherds  
to be looking over into other peoples  
flocks for lambs. And when  
they come to you to induce  
you to leave the work & go into  
their work, you are to regard them  
as sheep thieves - who unable to  
renew in their pastures would  
hunt in their neighbours for  
what they want. &c. Do not workers  
come to the Ch. of the Naz. Jrs but we do  
not try to go out & hunt around in  
the flocks about us to find a fat sheep  
& carry it off. All who have the grace  
I have one desire fervently praying  
for all workers & workers - that are trying to  
honestly to do the Lords work. that they  
may be blessed. Looking over the errors  
of any of our people who have been  
deceived. or hoodwinked in the past.  
Thanking God for the general unity  
& accord that abides among us  
to rally close together for this work  
that God has called us to - to humbly pray  
any who may continue to think they are at

liberty to ruin here & there regardless  
of their own work, to entirely retire  
from us. If you think you have a  
mission somewhere honorably  
withdraw from us & go your way.

The large amount of accord & unity  
which God has given us we want  
complete. We can not afford as  
those who bear the vessels of the Lord  
to have it otherwise. Then with  
this blessed accord which I would  
God might take in every one. With  
the Protestant glory upon our hearts  
with that banner of the blood of  
the Lamb to lead us on. We will  
prep. the battle of Primitive Holiness.