

DAY THREE

BETTER OUTSIDE THE WALLS PART ONE

The Verse // Proverbs 24:3-4

By wisdom a **House** is built, and by understanding, it is established. By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

The Illustration // Edward Kimball was concerned about one of his young Sunday school students who worked at a shoe store in town. One day Kimball visited him at the store and found the student in the back stocking shoes. Mr. Kimball stepped into a courageous conversation that led the boy to Christ then and there. That student was Dwight L Moody and he eventually became one of the greatest preachers and evangelists of all time.

Moody, whose international speaking took him all over the British Isles, preached in a small chapel pastored by a young man named Frederic Brotherton Meyer. In his sermon, Moody recounted the emotionally charged story about a Sunday school teacher who stepped into his life in Chicago and led him to Christ.

That testimony changed Pastor Meyer's entire ministry, inspiring him to become an evangelist like Moody. Over the years, Meyer came to America several times to preach. Once in Massachusetts, a young minister sitting in the back row heard Meyer say "If you are not willing to give up everything for Christ, are you at least willing to be made willing?" That remark led J Wilbur Chapman to respond to the call of God on his life.

Chapman went on to become one of the most effective evangelists of his time. A volunteer by the name of Billy Sunday helped Chapman set up christian movements while also learning how to preach by watching Chapman. Billy Sunday eventually took over Chapman's ministry, becoming one of the most dynamic evangelists of the 20th century. In the great arenas of the nation, Billy Sunday's preaching turned thousands of people to Christ.

Inspired by the 1924 Billy Sunday crusade in Charlotte, North Carolina, a committee of Christians there dedicated themselves to living better outside the walls of their church and made their city better for Christ.

The committee invited the evangelist Mordecai Ham to hold meetings in 1932. A lanky 16 year old sat in the huge crowd one evening, listening to the message of the white-haired preacher who shared both love and truth. Night after night, the teenager attended and finally went forward to give his life to Christ.

That lanky teenager was Billy Graham - the man who has communicated the gospel of Jesus Christ to more people than any other man in history.

The Application // Say "Remember the man named Kimball? He wasn't rich or famous, he wasn't a preacher, or an evangelist or a missionary. He was simply an ordinary man who stepped into a courageous conversation with a boy that would lead him to Christ. By sharing what he had with others, Mr. Kimball helped change the world. Millions of people have had their lives impacted over the years and millions more will continue to be touched by the gospel because of Edward Kimball. God wants us to share what we have and make a difference in our world too. At The House, we call this living better outside the walls of our church. Our best moments of making a difference will happen outside of the church."

Ask your family what is one step they can take to make a difference in their world?

The Quote // *"This is how the kingdom advances. This is what Amazing Churches do. When the good news is shared, some will receive it! This creates Christ filled communities of people who will flourish."*

Pastor Steven Sexton

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Prayer Emphasis // Take a moment to pray over the Growth Track of The House, that it both equips and empowers people to share what they have been given and step outside of the walls of our church.

The Prayer // "Father, help us love lost people the way that you do and show us practical ways to demonstrate both love and truth everyday."