

# NO RETREAT ...NO RESERVE ... NO REGRETS

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2 Timothy 4:7

As I reflected upon today's passage, I am challenged again by the life of William Borden. Born into a very rich family, he studied at Ivy League schools, Princeton and Harvard. At age 25 he left all to become a missionary to China. Before getting to China, he stopped by Egypt to study Arabic because of his love for the middle-eastern people. There he contracted spinal meningitis and died. Before he died, he left these immortal words: "**No retreat ... no reserve ... no regrets.**" He had made his commitment to the Lord to give his all and he would not turn back.

Some might say he wasted his life. Yet his commitment has inspired generations of Christians and many future missionaries. I pray that William Borden's words will be a reflection of our lifestyle today. Let's examine our life today:

- In the midst of trials and challenges, there is no retreat. Winston Churchill said it well, "**Never, never give up**".
- Don't give a half-hearted effort in serving the Lord – **no reserve**. Through success or failure, whatever the task, if it has eternal implications, give all for His glory.
- We could all think of other options and paths that we could have taken. Sometimes God calls us to walk "the road less travelled." Maybe it was a different career, or choice of home church, or place to live, but we took that road – **no regrets**.

With that kind of conviction, we move to greatness and efficacy. Jesus said, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62). May we be challenged by this quote from Pastor Rick Warren: "Great men are not born great. They put a great commitment to a great cause..."

Are you committed to the greatest cause in the entire universe – "The Great Commission"? Today, will you join me in fulfilling the Great Commission by passing on your life to others.

Remember, "**No retreat ... no reserve ... no regrets**"; and I will be praying with and for you.

## Making It Personal:

1. **Insight** – What is ONE new insight the Holy Spirit has given me?
2. **Conviction** - Something pierced my heart or convicted me? Take action now!
3. **Share** - Received something I want to share with someone else?