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God moves in our lives in small and mysterious ways.

The Holy Spirit can be working with us without our realizing what he was doing.

Later we may see that God was using an experience to prepare us for His service in a way we were unaware of at the time.

3. Lesson Emphasis #3 When you substitute for the Savior, you become a participant and not just a spectator in the world.

A. One can come as a spectator and leave as a participant.

That happened to Simon of Cyrene.

He came to Jerusalem and the crucifixion scene as a spectator.

Possibly he was just standing in the crowd trying to see what was going on.

But he left as a participant in the crucifixion of Christ.

In reality, we cannot just look on the world and not become an active participant in it.

B. God calls us to be participants

As we look at the needs of the world, we realize that we must participate in witnessing of Christ to the world and in helping to meet those needs.

Consider world hunger as just one area.

We can be involved in the attempt to alleviate world hunger and to minister to those who hunger.

Someone has expressed the futility of simply acting as a spectator:

I was hungry and you circled the moon
I was hungry and you told me to wait.
I was hungry and you set up a commission.
I was hungry and you talked about boots on the ground
I was hungry and you told me I should be?
I was hungry and you said, the poor will be with you always.
I was hungry and you blamed it on the government.
I was hungry and you said, God helps those who helps themselves.
I was hungry and you said, sorry, try again next week.

The needs are here right now!

Response to them must be here right now if anything is to be done about them.

V. Make It Happen

1. What is the purpose of a substitute?
2. Why is a substitute important?
3. How do we prepare to be a substitute?
4. Why is it important to prepare in advance?
5. What is the difference between a spectator and a participant?
6. How does a person become a participant instead of remaining a spectator?

VI. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?
