

Lottie Moon

Missionary to China

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Week 6:



Lottie was told she would be shot if she tried to go home from the hospital where she had been helping encourage the Christians (people who believe in Jesus). “God will protect me,” Lottie said. She sat up tall and unafraid in her small covered wagon pulled by a mule.

The Christians in Hwanghsien sent a messenger to both generals. “At 10:00 in the morning Miss Lottie Moon will pass through the battle zone. She is an aged Bible woman. Please show her respect.”

The firing stopped completely as Lottie approached. Two armies waited in respectful silence as Lottie’s wagon passed. After she went on, the fighting began again.

Besides war, Lottie also faced famine (a time when there is little food). Starving people were all around her. She often gave her food to them. Soon she was not eating at all. Her weight fell to 50 pounds—the weight of a child!

Lottie was so weak and ill that the mission doctor ordered her to go home to America. A Christian missionary nurse sailed with her.

“Sing to me,” Lottie begged as she lay in her bunk, only half-conscious.

The nurse sang, “Jesus loves me, this I know...”

“...We are weak but He is strong,” Lottie murmured as the ship pulled into the harbor at Kobe, Japan, to take on fuel. That day God completed the work He had begun in Lottie so many years before. She didn’t make it to America. At age 72 she went to live forever with Jesus in Heaven.

God completed the work He began in Lottie when she received Jesus as her Savior. She had been a missionary in North China for almost 40 years, until she died in 1912. But when the Chinese Christians Lottie left behind remembered her, they did not brag about the things she had done. They only said, “How she *loved* us!” God knew that Lottie Moon was just right for the job!

If Jesus is your Savior, you’re just the right person for a special job in God’s family too. He may want you to be a missionary, a veterinarian, a writer, an artist, a musician, a cook, a parent, a coach, a construction worker, or something else when you grow up. But you don’t have to wait until then to serve God. If you have received Jesus as your Savior, God has given you special gifts to serve Him right now. God promises that He will finish the work He has started in you. (*Read Philippians 1:6.*) Will you ask God to help you know how He wants you to serve Him even today?

