

I have an old devotional book that was passed down to me from my grandmother. It is one that I have treasured over the years and it has often pointed me more to my Heavenly Father and His Word. This excerpt below is taken from it. It has been a challenge to me, and I therefore hope that some of you will find it to be the same.

1 Peter 2 v 9: “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

Excerpt from “A Threefold Cord” by Helena Garratt.

*“Each human life is another opportunity for God to display His grace and power”. So it is; and the thought will grow upon you as you mediate upon it. Just think, “I am God’s opportunity!” Isn’t it wonderful? Isn’t it glorious? When we look at others whom God has richly blessed and honoured in service, we can see how it is; but do we ever think of ourselves as God’s opportunity? Every one that responds to God’s call “Come!” gives God a larger place in the world. Every one who obeys God’s command “Go!” assists God in gaining a larger place in the hearts of men. Every regenerated heart and life is a new garden in which God plants His seeds of love and grace.*

Florence Nightingale said: “If I could give you information of my life, it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths to do in His service what He has done in her. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard - that is all, and I have never refused God anything”.

How wonderful it is that God can take ordinary people and use us to do extraordinary things for His glory! May we be willing to submit to His will and to be led by Him. Let us see ourselves as God’s opportunity “to proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light”. May this influence our daily thoughts, actions and future plans.