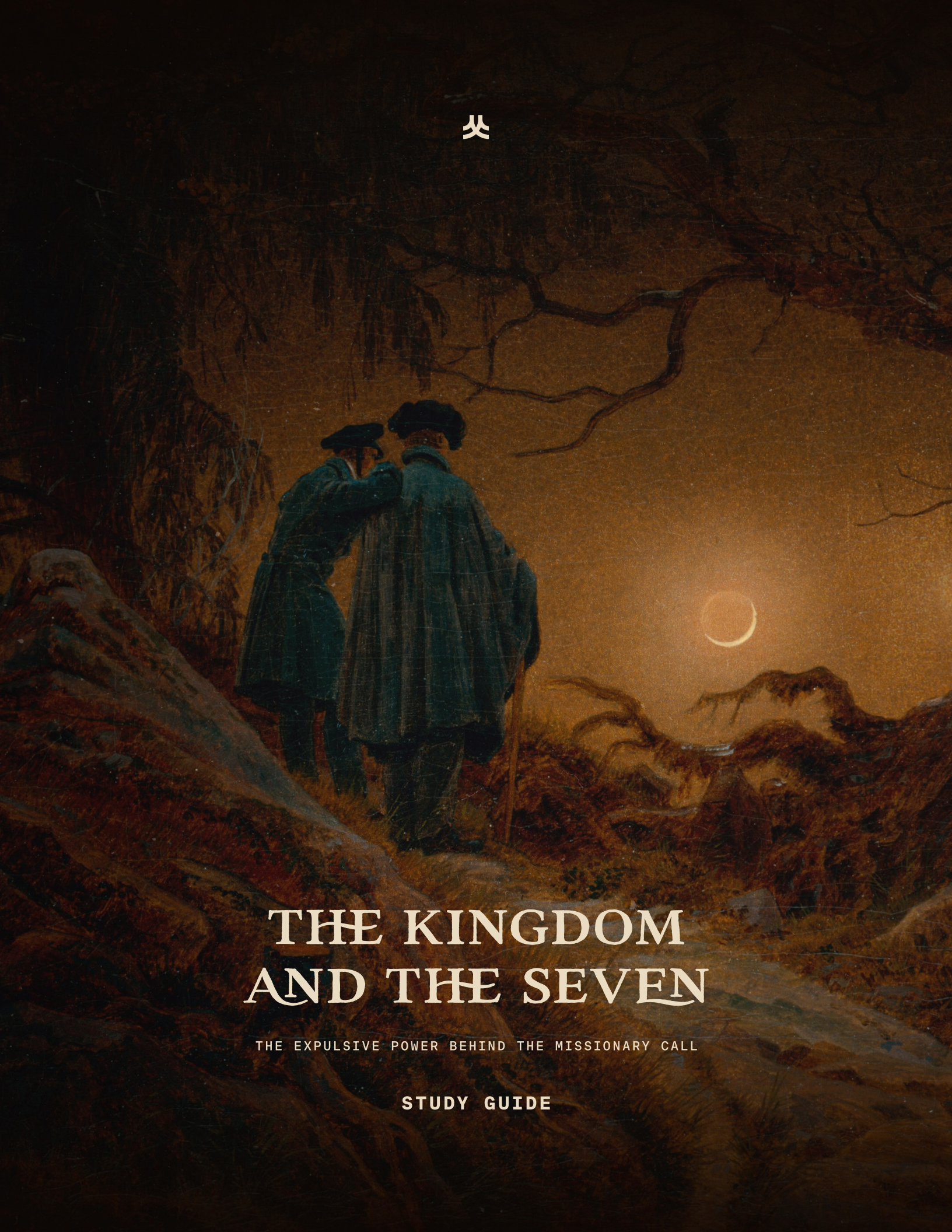




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CHAPTER 1

THE CHURCH

WATCH: START-00:28:20

“Let us never forget the main elements of our business; for there is a danger, that when turning the eye of our antagonist to the lovely picture of peace, and industry and cultivation, raised by many a Christian Missionary, among the wilds of heathenism, we turn it away from the very marrow and substance of our undertaking; the great aim of which is to preach Christ to sinners, and to rear human souls to a beauteous and never-fading immortality.”

—Thomas Chalmers

SUMMARY

This chapter, “The Church,” explores the context of the Church of Scotland during Thomas Chalmers’s lifetime. Chalmers, an unconverted minister in Kilmany, embodied the Christian ethos of the day. Characterized largely by complacency, the Church of Scotland had not sent a single missionary to the field. Gospel witness to those abroad was a thought or word, but nothing more. However, a prolonged period of illness, the reality of death, and the influence of authors such as Jonathan Edwards, Blaise Pascal, and William Wilberforce awakened Chalmers’s eyes to the true nature of the gospel. His ministry was transformed to focus on two great realities: passionate preaching of the gospel and the pastoral care of the parishioners. Chalmers’s transformation would lay the foundation for the St. Andrews Six and the missionary movement that swept through Scotland.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What was the state of the Church of Scotland at the time of Chalmers? What was the chief difference between the Evangelicals and the Moderates?
2. What was the central change in Chalmers’s thinking about the Christian life? How did that impact his ministry?
3. How would you describe the state of the missionary spirit in the Church today? Is there a parallel between the Evangelical vs. Moderate controversy and our own age?
4. How does Chalmers’s conversion point toward the solution to the Moderate controversy and the missionary spirit of our day?

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CHAPTER 2

THE PROFESSOR

WATCH: 00:28:20-00:37:45

“Though we living in a civilized country where Christianity is protected by law are not called to suffer these things while we continue here, yet I question whether all are justified in staying here while so many are perishing without means of grace in other lands.”

—William Carey

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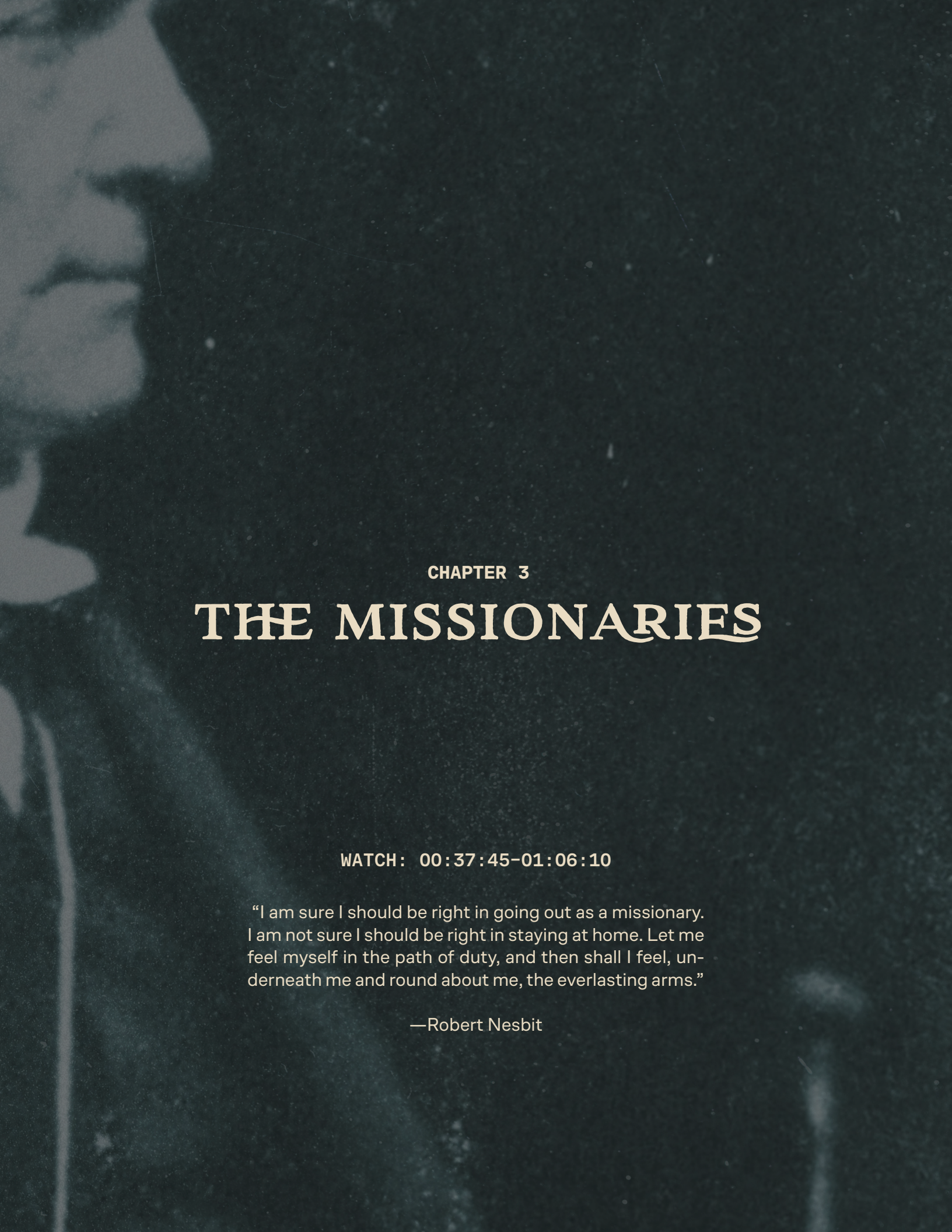
A late night conversation among students sparked a missionary movement at St. Andrews. Chapter 2, “The Professor,” recounts the missionary stirrings in the students whom Chalmers would mentor. Their gatherings would develop into a missionary society, inspired by missionary efforts outside the Church of Scotland. Influenced by Henry Martyn and William Carey, these students began to think seriously about the need for gospel advance beyond the boundaries of Scotland, using their lives in going to the ends of the earth.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What characteristics did the St. Andrews Six share in common? What are essential qualities that a missionary should have?
2. What were the major deterrents to foreign missions in the 19th century? How have they changed or remained the same today?
3. How did the lives of Henry Martyn and William Carey influence the St. Andrews Six?

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CHAPTER 3

THE MISSIONARIES

WATCH: 00:37:45-01:06:10

"I am sure I should be right in going out as a missionary. I am not sure I should be right in staying at home. Let me feel myself in the path of duty, and then shall I feel, underneath me and round about me, the everlasting arms."

—Robert Nesbit

SUMMARY

After forming a missionary society, much work needed to be done to get these students to the field. Having a zeal for missions is a far cry from arriving on the mission field and remaining faithful in service. “The Missionaries” examines the circumstances that formed the character of Chalmers’s students.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How did their mortality shape Chalmers’s students and cultivate their missionary spirit?
2. How did Chalmers influence the six beyond his lectures at the University? What affect did he have on their preaching and teaching ministry?
3. How common were missionaries in the Church of Scotland at this time? What motivated these six students from discussion concerning missions to the pursuit of missions?
4. What does it mean to send our best, and why is this important to insist upon?
5. How did John Urquhart’s suffering affect the others? How should one respond to the opposition that comes from one’s family?

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CHAPTER 4

SENDERS AND GOERS

WATCH: 1:06:10-END

“It thus appears abundantly manifest, from the accumulated evidence of scripture, that the chief end for which the Christian Church is constituted, the leading design for which she is made the repository of heavenly blessings, the great command under which she is laid, the supreme function which she is called on to discharge is in the name and stead of her glorified Head and Redeemer unceasingly to act the part of an evangelist to all the world.”

—Alexander Duff

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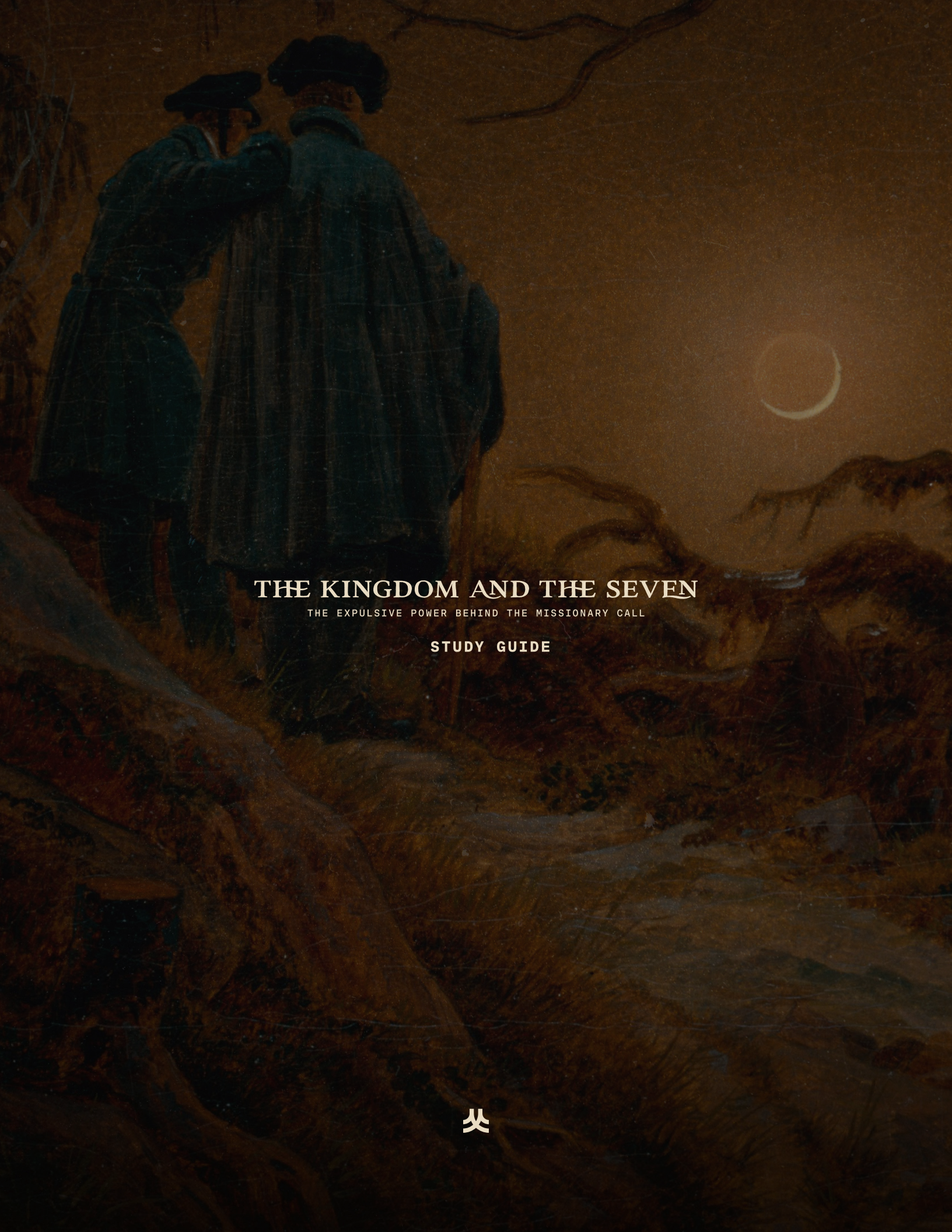
As the St. Andrews Six went out to the mission field, numerous obstacles awaited them. But those who remained behind also faced great difficulties. The final chapter, “Senders and Goers,” highlights how the challenge faced by the sending church affected the missionaries they sent. Sacrifice is necessary from both goers and senders for the Great Commission to be accomplished, and that is only done in the power of the Holy Spirit.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How did these men view the word “duty?” How should this reshape our understanding of the Great Commission?
2. What threat did the Establishment principle and patronage pose to the missionary enterprise? How did Chalmers and the other free church ministers live out what they had taught the missionaries?
3. How does the authority of Christ over all the earth motivate missions to unreached language groups?

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