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Biographical Note:
Frank Hall Wright (1860-1922) was an evangelist in the western United States.

Scope and Contents:
The Frank Hall Wright Sermons are typed, bound sermons delivered by Wright at First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio in January 1916. These sermons were a component of special evangelistic services intended for both Christians and the general public.

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Some people don't believe in revivals. They don't believe in revivals because they are ignorant. If we don't have revivals in trade, trade will just die out. If we don't have revivals in literature, it will die out. And I say we need revivals. It would be a good thing if we had revivals all the time. Like Mr. Moody's church. But do you know that one day Mr. Moody told me that they had to have a revival. They prayed until twelve o'clock and the spirit of God had not come upon them. It was three o'clock before they got the spirit of God. He said one of the men got up and claimed to be Elijah and almost broke up the meeting. There is always some crank that turns up in a meeting. I remember once we were holding a meeting. And there was an old woman. The Lord had never given her any sense. I guess it was alright, but I prayed the Lord to take that woman out of that meeting. She would holler "Glory to God," and "Amen," every other minute. And always at the wrong place. She would pray in a most conspicuous manner. She was a plum nuisance, that is all I want to say about that woman.

I don't know how many of the women are praying in this church. I know that some of them are having prayer meetings. But I haven't heard of any the men meeting to pray. I suppose they think the women can do the praying. I want to say that is a mistake. Women can reach women. But it takes the men to reach the men. I told some one once that it takes the same class of people can reach that class better.
And he told me that I was wrong. He said they had a meeting up in a little mountain town. And to that meeting there came a lawyer. And he said he hoped some man with good sense, some good man would reach that man. But he said a halfwitted Christian went up and talked to that lawyer. And that man left the church. A while afterward he met that man and asked him why he had left the meeting. He said, "You folks invite a man into the church and then you insult him." That halfwitted man asked the lawyer if he was going to Heaven. And he answered no. The halfwitted man told him, "Well then you are going to hell." My friend told him, "Well if you are not going to Heaven, where are you going." That lawyer got to thinking about it and he was converted. It doesn't take brains. You don't have to depend on brains to be converted. The terrible thing is that God can't get many people to help him. What is the matter. Why are there not more here this morning. But this little crowd just makes me feel good today. I see what work is before us and somebody has got to pray. Some folks come here to church and plume themselves on being saved, and they are not saved. We need to pray. Ezr 7:10, For Ezr had repaired his heart to seek the Lord and to do the will of the Lord and to teach it. Not only to seek but to do it and teach it. It has got to be done. And it has got to begin in someone. I hope it will begin in me. What we have to do is to keep on praying and confessing our sins until it has been done. I believe the Lord sent me here. My heart was just longing to come here. And I just prayed the Lord it might be, if it was the Lord's will. I can't say, "Lord do this and do that, without saying, "Thy will be done." It has got to begin in somebody. Once
a missionary was sent to a different field. And after he had been gone a while. One little girl wrote to him and said, "the church is in an awful bad fix. What shall I do?" The preacher wrote back and told her to pray. And that little girl did pray and after a while they were having a big revival in that church. A revival can begin in a little girl's heart. You can do your talking and your preaching and singing but if the spirit of God is not there there is no drawing power. You have to pray and confess. Then the blessing is going to commence. There is no drawing power like seeing a man pray and confess his sins. Nothing can stop a revival. No rain. No celebration of any kind. I want to say if the spirit of God is pleased to bless us then nothing can stop it. It has got to begin in somebody. There is the story of the boy who was a cupbearer for the king. And he heard his people were in great affliction. That the walls were broken down and the gates burned with fire. His own city. And when he heard this he sat down and wept and mourned and confessed and prayed to God. "Let thine ear now be attentive that thou mightest hear the prayer of thy servant." And he confessed his sins and those of his father's house. And the king heard him and said, "What do you want," and he prayed to the Lord. And the king said "you can go." And the young man went to his city and rebuilt the temple. It began in one man's heart. Suppose the people of this church would pray and confess their sins like that. What do you suppose would happen in this church? Why it would shake up this whole town. If we are not in a praying condition it will not come. It
all rests with God's people. You will never have a revival until you
ask for it. When the people of God get ready then the blessing comes.
Religion is the most wonderful thing in the world. There is so much
joy and blessing in it. Our joys are in our emotions. It is not in
our muscles, not in our brain power, it is in our emotions. When a
Christian is right with God and right with his fellows then they are
happy. Happy in the fellowship of God. I suppose I am one of the
happiest men in this town today. Not because I am good, not because I
am a preacher, but because I believe that it is right with my soul. I
opened my heart and he forgave me my sins. A Christian is the happiest
man in the world. When I was sick, having hemorrhages, not able to lift
my hand, I would sometimes get so full of the joy of the Lord that I
wanted to jump right over that foot piece. I am not preaching fairy tales.
You are just glad whether rich or poor, sick or well, high or low. It
gives us power to resist temptation. It is not easy to live a Christian
life. But it is easy for this reason that we have the joy of the Lord
and the peace of God. That makes it easy. And way down there is
always something singing. "I will trust and not be afraid." That is
what we ought to have. When you have faith in Jesus it gives us vision.
I will tell you the difference between a man who had vision and a man
who didn't. Out in Oklahoma a man drew some acres of good land. But
he grew so sick, that he sold that land to a man for twenty five
dollars so he could go back to Missouri. That man who bought the land
got to work and he had fine crops and he wouldn't sell it for twenty five
hundred dollars. One man had vision and the other didn't. That is one reason that men get discouraged in business. When they don't have vision and I tell you it isn't long and they are down and out. Jesus puts joy into you. I don't see how you can live without it. When I went to the Indians I had a vision. They didn't want me. Treated me like a step child. But I had a vision of a nice little church. In which some of those long haired Indians would be the elders and some the deacons. We used to sit out on the prairie and read with those Indians and it was then that I had the vision. At first the Indians would come in and laugh at us and grin in a silly way as if to say, "I wonder what you are doing." But before long they came in there so dignified and with such sober looks, I tell you you would not believe it. But I know it, I saw it. It was my vision of how I would see things before I left that place. It is the ideals that count. The ideal that makes for your future life. Your Christian life gives you ideals. It is ideals that makes life worth living. Makes us see where we have something to live for. I expect the people of this church come and make wrong right. But if you don't ask for God's blessing it won't be done.