

## 46. *Float My Boat*



Lake Wendouree in Ballarat, Australia, was the site of the aquatic events for the 1956 Olympics. Today because of drought, you can walk across it. The boathouses in the photo have not launched water craft for ages. It is like the Aral Sea, in Kazakhstan, where ships lie beached kilometres from what was once the shore. It would be unwise to try fish in these exposed beds or launch a boat from the storage sheds.

In our ministries we try to do things with great vigour and while they are worthwhile, they may not be the things that God intends for us to do. They may have been our responsibility in times past, but we weary ourselves with them now. New seasons mean new activities; former things can have an obsolescence date written in to them by The Creator. We can be little Messiahs, can't we? We try to rescue activities and people, and this is expensive work, for God has not called us to be saviours to all about us. Jesus didn't heal or resolve the problems of every town he toured.

Rev. Billy Graham said that if the Holy Spirit left planet earth, most church work would continue regardless. That is a scary thought, isn't it? You and I don't want to spend our precious time and energies on what God has not called us to do in this period of time. It is critical that we are not trying to please people doing what we think they expect of us.

We need to hear from God what needs doing at this season of our lives. Anointing exists for these assignments, and the joy of teaching is found doing what God intends for us not straying into other projects and insisting that God bless them.

This is the path of exhaustion and frustration, which are sometimes God's hounds of heaven, which drive us back to the principal tasks of our calling.

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **Romans 5:6***

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:2***

*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. **2 Peter 1: 3 & 4***

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