

Apostasy: Aroused the Hard Way

~Other Speakers G-L: Sermon Illustrations II:

It is stated that when the terrible earthquake was raging in Charleston, South Carolina, a proud, worldly, dead congregation was in service. They were very formal, with never an amen or note of praise. But when the building began to shake and many were falling, these formalists began to weep, scream, and pray at the top of their voices. Their dignity was forgotten. Every time a new quake came, they would cry more vociferously.

Finally an old colored woman, who was very devout, came up to the front of the auditorium, and with much pleasure, was looking in on them as they wailed and prayed. Then when the tremors would subside and the people would calm a little in their praying, the old woman would pray aloud and say, "Shake 'em agin, Lawd, shake 'em agin." And it seemed as if the Lord and the intercessor were seeking to arouse them.

It does look as though such a procedure is about the only thing that would awaken some today.

William Moses Tidwell, "Pointed Illustrations."