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"... rejoice because your names are written in heaven." — Luke 10:19, 20

Jesus Christ says, in effect, "Don't rejoice in successful service, but rejoice because you are rightly related to Me." The snare in Christian work is to rejoice in successful service, to rejoice in the fact that God has used you. You never can measure what God will do through you if you are rightly related to Jesus Christ. Keep your relationship right with Him, then whatever circumstances you are in, and whoever you meet day by day, He is pouring rivers of living water through you, and it is because of His mercy that He does not let you know it. When once you are rightly related to God by salvation and sanctification, remember that wherever you are, you are put there by God. By the reaction of your life on the circumstances around you, you will fulfill God's purpose, as long as you remain in the light of the absolute truth of God.

The tendency today is to put the emphasis on service. Beware of the people who make usefulness their ground of appeal. If you make usefulness the test, then Jesus Christ was the greatest failure that ever lived. The lodestar of the saint is God Himself, not estimated usefulness. It is the work that God does **through us** that counts, not what we do **for** Him. All that Our Lord heeds in a man's life is the relationship of worth to His Father. Jesus is bringing many sons to glory. The Glory of God is the person who abandons himself to the purposes of God.

My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers