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God is in the habit of using “NOBODYS”

- Moses
- David
- Gideon
- Mary – “Why is it me, Lord?”

“Why is it me, God?”



1. God Looks For People Of Faith

- “You have found favor with God.”
v30
- Although a young girl, she had cultivated a relationship with God.
- Faith in God sufficient to carry her through the fear and the disgrace she would bear

APPLICATION:

- What are you doing to cultivate your relationship with God?
- Are you growing closer to him or farther away?

2. God Looks For People Who Trust Him

- “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” v34
- Luke 1:18-20 Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this?”
- One is an old priest, supposedly mature in his faith and active in serving God.
- The other is a simple teenage girl.

2. God Looks For People Who Trust Him

- The priest's reaction to the message from God is to ask for a sign, demonstrating doubt that what the angel was saying was really possible.
- Mary's reaction was simply to ask for clarification "How will this be?"

APPLICATION:

- Do you seek signs of confirmation before obeying God, or do you take Him at His word?
- If God's word prompts you to do something, follow that prompting quickly, and not doubt God.

3. God Looks For People With Servant Attitudes

- “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be to me as you have said.” V. 38
- **Moses** - “please find someone else”
- **Mary** - simply accepted and submitted to God’s leadership in her life. “I am the Lord’s servant.”

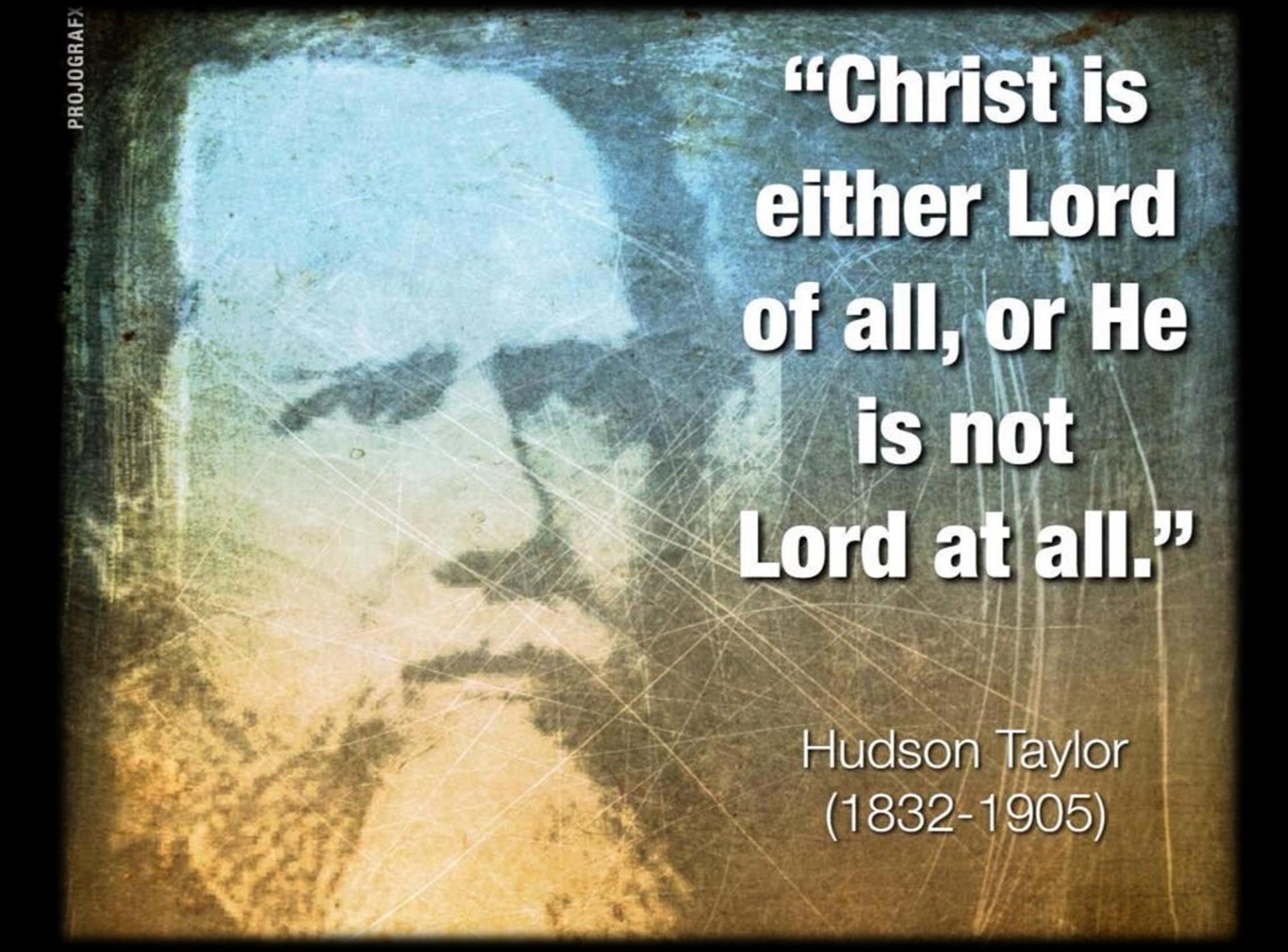
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- Beethoven museum in Bonn
- "Padarewski [the famed Polish pianist] was here a few years ago and he said he wasn't worthy to touch it."



3. God Looks For People With Servant Attitudes

- Hudson Taylor - ... presented as "our illustrious guest."
- Taylor stood quietly for a moment, and said, "Dear friends, I am the little servant of an illustrious Master."



**“Christ is
either Lord
of all, or He
is not
Lord at all.”**

Hudson Taylor
(1832-1905)

APPLICATION:

- Are you the Lord's servant?
- Or are you still in the place of authority over your actions?
- Do you view your life, with your plans and your dreams and your finances and your time as something that is YOURS, or as something that belongs to your Lord and Master?

CONCLUSION:

- God is still searching for people like Mary today.
- Are you the type of person He is looking for?
- God uses people to perform his work. But he needs people who have faith in him, who are trusting of Him, and who have servants' hearts.