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*The Life of Hudson Taylor
and the Inland China Mission*

A Mission is Completed

Extended Notes for August 9, 2015

Vision:

*To cooperate with the work God is doing to fulfill the
Great Commission in Clay County and beyond.*

Purpose/Mission Statement:

*CCcov desires to be a **gospel-centered community** where people are being
transformed by the Holy Spirit, and **maturing** in their faith in God, therefore becoming
empowered to serve others and share Christ.*

Why Study the Life of Hudson Taylor?

Reason #1 – Hudson Taylor life demonstrated what authentic Christianity means.

Reason #2 – Hudson Taylor displayed a radical faith in a prayer-hearing/answering God.

Reason #3 – Hudson Taylor understood and lived out union with Christ.

Reason #4 – Hudson Taylor left a legacy that continues to this day.

READ John 12:20-26

“Loves his life”: *Delights in his life in this world more than in God.*

“Hates his life”: *Thinks so little of his life, and so much of God, that he is willing to sacrifice
it all for God.*

*“The person who is in love with one’s own self ruins it, but the person who hates one’s
this-worldly-self preserves one’s true self thereby into deep, lasting life.” – F.D. Bruner*

The Jesus Principle: *Just as Jesus' death brought salvation to the world so our dying to ourselves and living for Christ not only gives us life back to us but produces life in others.*

READ 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

The path to leaving a godly _____ for future generations is simply committing your life to follow Jesus.

- 1) Taylor said there are not “two Christs” but only one. What did he mean by that? What implications does this have for your life?
- 2) How did Taylor’s faith in God sustain him in all those long years in China? What does his example teach us about our commitment to Jesus?
- 3) Why do you think Jesus requires “death” in order for our lives to bear fruit? What is He calling you to “die” to today?
- 4) What is the legacy that God is calling you to leave for your family, friends and church? What do you want said about you at your future funeral?