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In telling of it later, he said that in his shock, he could feel the blood dripping from his fingers. He was guilty of this man's death. He hadn't done what he could! He was guilty.

Of how many people's blood are we guilty. . . you and I?

Of how many more will we be guilty before we stand before our Maker to give account of what we have done with our opportunities?

Oh, I know all the arguments... all the excuses.

In the past I used them too. But, will they stand up to God's test at that hour?

Perhaps not nearly as well as you may think.

May we never go to bed at night without asking ourselves how many opportunities we have missed that day.

May we never get up in the morning without asking the Lord to keep us from missing a single opportunity in the day that lies ahead.

May we remember that neither those we might introduce to Christ, nor we ourselves, are sure this is not the day when we'll be called to give answer to our God.

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