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THE STORY OF THE TRAIN

At the 'Station of Life' two men stood on the train platform waiting for the last train home in a very dangerous land. Both men were a great distance from their desired destination and the hour was late. One of the men was most anxious to get home and, not being sure of the times, quickly checked the timetable on the wall and listened for any announcements. As he checked he realised, to his horror, that the service was cancelled and there were no more trains, ever! Then, to his great relief, he heard a message over the tannoy system saying that a single train had been laid on for any who heard and heeded the message. The name of the train was given; it was called 'Salvation'. The other man seemed very unconcerned about his situation, occupying himself only with the advertising hoardings, and satisfying his short-term appetite with the crisps and sweets from the vending machines inside the station. Additionally, because he had headphones on with loud music in his ears, he didn't hear the message, as it was drowned out by what he was playing. In fact he was so preoccupied, that when the train arrived he missed it, even though the other man looked for him and attempted to warn him! The man who was prepared, caught the train at the right time and journeyed home to his family, where a large meal was waiting for him. The man who had been left behind continued to wait and find small satisfaction with his surroundings, unaware of his hopeless situation, and that the night was growing darker and colder. As it started to rain, dark figures gathered around him on the platform and lead him away where he did not want to go.

This is how disastrous it is to be preoccupied with the temporary, shallow things of this world, it's allurements and entertainments, and to be wilfully heedless of the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To miss this is to miss the most important message to the soul of man, and invite a future that will not take us where we expect to go, only along ever darker paths of fateful leadings, ending in the wrath of God's justice. Don't miss the Gospel train of salvation with its driver the Lord Jesus Christ.

