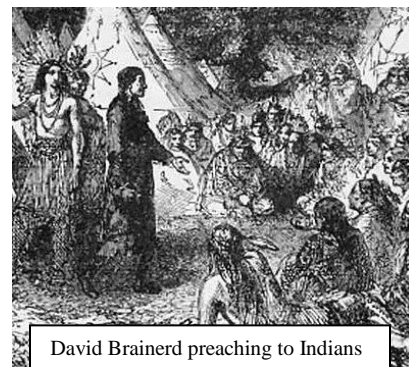


## Why Was George Boardman Reading the Diary of David Brainerd?

David Brainerd had been a missionary too, to Indians in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. In 1747, at the age of 29, he died of consumption, the same disease that killed the young George Boardman 84 years later.

The great preacher Jonathan Edwards decided to edit and publish David Brainerd's private diary. It became an inspiration to missionaries through the decades and centuries.



David Brainerd preaching to Indians

*Write a number in each blank to match the information about David Brainerd with the missionary he influenced.*

1. Brainerd wrote in his diary: "Nothing seems too hard for God to perform, nothing too great for me to hope from Him."
  2. Brainerd traveled about 3000 miles on horseback in about four years, to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to various Indians.
  3. Brainerd wrote, "It grieved me that I could not pray to and praise God with my heart full of divine heavenly love. O that my soul might never offer any dead, cold services to my God!"
  4. Brainerd wrote, "If I had a thousand lives, my soul should gladly have laid them all down at once to have been with Christ."
  5. Brainerd wrote, "I long to be a flame of fire, continually glowing in the divine service in building Christ's Kingdom to my last and dying moment."
- \_\_\_ John Wesley rode a horse thousands of miles throughout England to preach the gospel. He said, "What can be done to revive the work of God where it is decayed? Let every preacher read carefully over the life of David Brainerd."
- \_\_\_ Hudson Taylor, missionary to China, was deeply influenced by Brainerd's diary. He wrote, "If I had a thousand lives, China should have them. No, not China but Christ."
- \_\_\_ After Henry Martyn read Brainerd's diary, he took the gospel to India and Persia. He wrote, "Let me burn out for God." He died at the age of 31.
- \_\_\_ William Carey, missionary to India, said, "Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God." He told his fellow missionaries they should read Brainerd's diary three times a year.
- \_\_\_ Almost exactly 200 years after Brainerd's death, Jim Elliot wrote, "I felt a spiritual stir over reading David Brainerd's diary. . . . But how cold I have grown, and how careless about it all." Jim died when he was only 28, a martyr taking the gospel to a tribe of South America.