

Title: **THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF AMY CARMICHAEL**

Text: **Hebrews 11**

(I) EARLY YEARS

1. **Strong religious influence from parents (Ireland)**
2. **Devout Presbyterian parents**
3. **Developed a strong sense of leadership**
4. **Cultivated a keen sense of desire to evangelise**

(II) STARTING HER OWN CHURCH MOVEMENT

1. **Concern for girls who worked in mills (Belfast)**
2. **Started a Church to minister to these “shawlies” (wearing of shawls)**
3. **This Church grew to a size of 500**

(III) INITIAL EXPOSURE TO MISSIONARY WORK

1. **Keswick Convention**
2. **Hudson Taylor**
3. **Application to serve with China Inland Mission (Rejected because of frail health)**
4. **Served in Japan as a Keswick missionary**
5. **Finally serving as an Anglican Missionary (India)**

(IV) DOHNAVUR, TAMIL NADU

1. **The plight of young girls**
 - a) **Sold**
 - b) **Many became prostitutes**

2. Desire to rescue these girls

- a) Compassion
- b) Conviction of God's call to this work

3. Determination to create Dohnavur Fellowship

- a) Faith
- b) Provision of a family and home
- c) Protection of the girls
- d) Giving them education
- e) Small hospital to meet their medical needs

(V) CONTRIBUTION OF AMY CARMICHAEL

1. Faith and courage

2. Outstanding Personal life

- a) Struggles against local authorities
- b) Struggles against ill health
- c) Suffered a fall and became bed-ridden
- d) Continued to serve even though paralysed (20 years)

3. Gifted

- a) Composed many songs
- b) Poems