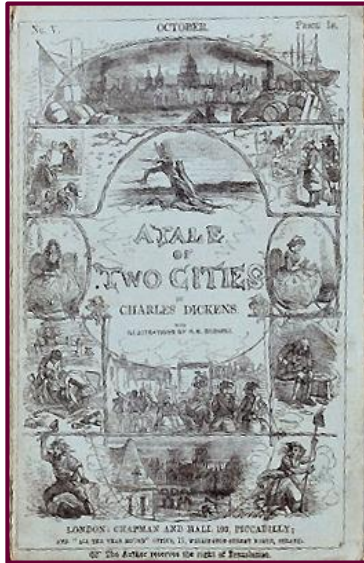


A Walk to the Guillotine



One of the most famous novels in the history of literature is *A Tale of Two Cities*, written by Charles Dickens. It is a story that unfolds in London and Paris before and during the French Revolution, which was the period of 1789 to 1799.

It was a time of social and political upheaval in France, characterized by the decline of monarchies and the rise of democracy and nationalism. The Reign of Terror, 1793 to 1794, caused up to 40,000 deaths inside France.

Dickens writes about a grim procession of prisoners making its way on the streets of Paris to the guillotine.

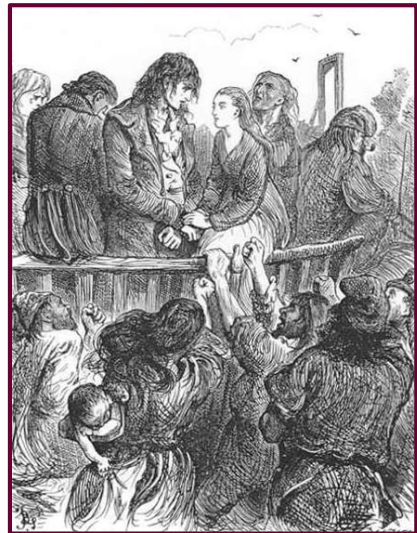
One prisoner, Sydney Carton, who had once lost his soul but now had it back, was giving his life for his friend. Beside him was a young girl. They had met before in the prison, and the girl had noticed the man's gentleness and courage.

She said to him, "If I may ride with you, will you let me hold your hand? I am not afraid, but I am little and weak, and it will give me more courage."

So they rode together, her hand in his. When they reached the place of execution, there was no fear in her eyes. She looked up into the quiet, composed face of her companion and said, "I think you were sent to me by heaven."

In the spiritual sphere, there is One who was sent by heaven to walk with us in all the dark valleys of life. He is Jesus Christ, and by faith in Him, He walks at our side.

And in the calling we have received, it is no overreach to say that we have been sent by God to be at the side of men and women we serve, offering hope, comfort, and courage.



But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me (2 Timothy 4:17 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter