

I Knew a Man in Christ

by A.B. Simpson

The sermon emphasizes the importance of letting go of self-consciousness and focusing on prayer for others to experience true freedom and blessing.

Scripture: Galatians 2:20, Philippians 2:3

Topics: "Selflessness", "Prayer for Others"

Description

A.B. Simpson emphasizes the liberating power of losing oneself in Christ, warning against the burdens of self-consciousness and the tendency to dwell on personal suffering. He encourages believers to release their burdens into God's hands, which allows them to experience true freedom and rise to a higher spiritual plane. By shifting focus from self to others, particularly through prayer, individuals can find healing and blessings, akin to the fertility brought by the Nile. This selfless act not only alleviates personal pain but also enriches the lives of those around us.

Transcript

It is a great deliverance to lose one's self. There is no heavier millstone than self-consciousness. It is so easy to become introverted and coiled around ourselves in our spiritual consciousness. There is nothing that is so easy to fasten onto as our misery: there is nothing that is more apt to produce self-consciousness than suffering. Then it becomes almost a settled habit to hold onto our burden and pray it unceasingly into the very face of God until even our prayer saturates us with our own misery. Rather, we should ask for power to drop ourselves altogether and leave ourselves in His loving hands and know that we are free.

Then we may rise into the blessed liberty of His higher thoughts and will and demonstrate His love and care for others.

The very act of letting go of ourselves lifts us into a higher place and relieves us from the thing that is hurting. This habit of prayer for others, and especially for the world, brings its own recompense and leaves upon our hearts a blessing, like the fertility which the Nile deposits upon the soil of Egypt as it flows through to its ultimate goal.

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net