

Simon - The Servant

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Read Luke 23:26

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It was pretty obvious that the man on the way to be crucified was beaten up, bruised, and bloodied. He was stumbling under the weight of the cross and didn't have enough strength to carry it any longer. The soldiers saw me and made me carry the cross for him. I had to walk behind him and carry the heavy cross all the way to the place of the skull. This experience changed me forever. At the time I resented having to help out with such a degrading task and be so inconvenienced. A short time later I found out that I had actually helped out the Messiah –the promised one -and I had been totally unaware of it.

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 2:4&5

There have been times when I have felt forced into serving. These seemed like obligations rather than opportunities to make a difference for God and his kingdom. I didn't serve with the right heart. When I think of Simon carrying the cross for Jesus I wonder if he knew he was carrying the cross for Jesus if he would have jumped at the chance to help out rather to have been forced to do it. If I remember that I'm doing everything for Jesus I wonder if my attitude would be different.

Prayer: Please help me remember that I need to do everything as if it was done for you almighty God. I ask that I would see places around me that I can serve in and volunteer and never need to be forced into serving.

AMEN
