

# Plowing and the Rock

Author A.B. Simpson told about an old farmer who plowed around a large rock in his field year after year.

He had broken one cultivator and two plowshares by hitting it. Each time he saw that obstacle, he grumbled about how much trouble the rock had caused.

One day, he decided to dig it up and be done with it. Putting a large crowbar under one side, he found to his surprise that the rock was less than a foot thick. Soon he had pried it out of the ground and was carrying it away on his wagon.

He smiled to think how that “big” old rock had caused him so much needless frustration.

Not every trouble that confronts us can be removed as easily as that stone. But in reality, the difficulty may not be as large as we imagine it to be.

All of us have had the experience. As we look back on our lives, we can recall roadblocks on the journey that turned out to be not as large as we thought at the time.

Using the leverage of prayer with our problems, however, can keep us from becoming victims of worry.

--Beecher Hunter