

Trotman Perspective

One of the people most admired by author Charles Swindoll was Dawson Trotman, who died after helping to rescue two drowning girls. Swindoll wrote:

“When Dawson Trotman passed away, he probably left a legacy of discipleship on this earth that will never be matched except perhaps in the life of Jesus Christ Himself. I’ve become a real student of Dawson Trotman and believe wholeheartedly in the methods of discipleship that he taught and emulated throughout his days.

“He died in Schroon Lake, New York. He died of all things in the midst of an area that he was expert in – he drowned. He was an expert swimmer. The last few moments he had in the water, he lifted one girl out of the water. He went down and got the other girl and then lifted her out of the water and then submerged and was not found again until the dragnet found him a few hours later.

“Time magazine ran an article on Trotman’s life the next week, and they put a caption beneath his name and it read, ‘Always Holding Somebody Up.’ In one sentence, that was Trotman’s life – investment in people ... holding them up.”

Discipleship – following Christ – is not having others follow you as much as is lifting others up to see the Lord and then serving them so they can follow Him wholeheartedly.

In the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles and in the work of Life Care at Home, we have discovered that the heart is the happiest when it beats for others.

--Beecher Hunter