

# **Dawson Trotman Tribute**

## *Billy Graham*

### I. Introduction.

### II. The death of Dawson Trotman.

- A. His life was carefully organized for Jesus Christ.
- B. He trained men to live like this.
- C. He founded the Navigators who help missionaries of all denominations.
- D. Trotman came along side the Billy Graham crusade to take up their follow up program.
- E. He touched many lives for Christ.
- F. He drowned trying to save another person.
- G. His death was not an accident and he will be seen by Christians again.

### III. Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.

### IV. Address.

- A. America owes a debt of gratitude to the Native American.
- B. One of the most endearing qualities of this people is their responsiveness to Jesus.
  - 1. Geronimo was converted.
  - 2. Jesus is not just the white man's God.
- C. Characteristics of Native Americans that are characteristics of Christianity.
  - 1. Strength.
  - 2. Courage.
    - a. Jesus was put on the cross but He did not stay there.
    - b. He rose from the dead and will return in great glory.
    - c. He is the great chief.
    - d. All of Jesus' disciples except one died for the faith having great courage.
  - 3. Loyalty.

- a. The highest loyalty is to God.
- b. Everyone that has forsaken family and possession for God shall inherit eternal life.
- c. The worst disloyalty is to spurn the love of God.
- d. The greatest sin a man can commit is to reject God.

4. Vigilance.

- a. Many like Paul were spiritually blind.
- b. God gave him a spiritual vision.
- c. We need Native Americans with a vision for God.

5. Religious.

- a. The Native Americans had searched after the heart of the living God.
- b. Faith must be exercised in a workable religion before it will work.

**Application questions**

1. How did Trotman model the disciplined Christian life?

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2. How are the qualities the speaker sees like the qualities that God demands?

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3. Which characteristic stood out to you? Which one could you use the most work on? Explain.

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