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SAVE ALL.....LOSE NOTHING

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GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS THAT REMAIN THAT NOTHING BE LOST
John 6:12.

ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR A FARTHING? AND ONE OF THEM
SHALL NOT FALL ON THE GROUND WITHOUT YOUR FATHER. FEAR YE
NOT, THEREFORE, YE ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS.
Matt. 10:29, 31.

Waste is one of the great tragedies of to day.

1. Food..There is enough food thrown from most any family's
Sunday dinner, I dare say, to feed another family. Most
every table is more heavily loaded than the table that
a young minister sat down to. It was a hurried meal af-
ter he arrived. They apologized and he said, "Oh it is
good enough what there is of it..plenty of it such as
it is."
2. Clothes..Some people just have to buy everything they
see until there are not enough closets to hold the clothes.
The waste here may be somewhat eliminated since our wives
are going into the hooked rug business. A man told me
not long ago that he had to lock up his trousers to
keep his wife from making them into a rug.
3. Natural resources..Timber, wild life etc Land erosion
grass.
4. Time..So many people do not have any conception of what
time means. There is enough time wasted in waiting for
people to meet engagements to make a crop any one year.
Young ministers, on joining the conference, are exhorted
by the Bishop "Not to spend any more time than is ne-
cessary at any one place."
(The State Dept. \$100,000 for whiskey) (to teach as value of time)
- Jesus said, "Gather up the fragments that remain that noth-
ing be lost."

not a grain of wheat has been destroyed (they are food)
from millstone
Then Jesus rises to the human level to show that God sees
even the sparrow when it falls and then proclaims that God
looks upon personalities as of much more value than any
birds. this explains need of character.

Dr. Whitehead of Harvard had this to say: "THE IMAGE UN-
DER WHICH THE NATURE OF GOD CAN BEST BE CONCEIVED IS THAT
OF A TENDER CARE THAT NOTHING BE LOST."

USE THE quotation above about tattoo

Nothing 2 men to gather at Blm. Springs

Here is the focus of the meaning of reverence for personality, which is at the heart of the New Testament.

Jesus knew birds...he made them. The sparrow is the commonest and most universal of them all. He selected this type that He the more might emphasize the value of human personality in contrast and to show that God has a tender care that nothing of personality be lost. *This is the meaning of a removal-day-*

In every contact that Jesus had with human beings there is this gentle concern that nothing be lost....

1. The woman taken in adultery - *He saw behind the physical*
2. The woman at Jacob's Well
3. Blind man whose eyes he opened.
4. Zacchaeus the despised tax collector - *Jesus was very considerate in wanting to save even a Tax Collector*

You can follow that spirit of Jesus like a silver stream through a green meadow from the beginning of His ministry to the Cross. Even there ^{and yet} He had this tender care that nothing be lost as He spoke to the Thief on the Cross beside Him. *He had a tender care that friendship not be lost as they brought their gift to the table. Last of friendship can repeat a return all Calvary Spring.*

You see it again in the story of the...

- a. Prodigal Son
- b. The Good Samaritan
- c. Lost coin
- d. The lost sheep

[you see this matter was His great concern - the distance that we are from such a motive is how far we are from Christ's way -

He had a sympathy for the cares, needs, and anxieties for every human soul. His sympathy could come under the definition of sympathy that a little girl recently gave "Sympathy is your pain in my heart."

Not only is this tender care the heart of the N.T. but of the whole Missionary movement.

We can remember missionaries telling how Chinese would throw their babies in the cemeteries for wild dogs to eat at night. This was bringing up the pre-Christian era practice. But that attitude is changing because 1950 years ago there was born one who took a little child in to His arms and said, "Of such is the Kingdom."

You see this motive in Fred Pyke and his wife Frances.

At the outbreak of World War two Fred and Frances had been in China 40 years. The Board of Missions told all missionaries to leave on the Gripsholm but Fred and Frances refused. Bishop Wong told them to leave. They said "No" we can't leave these people when they need us most. The Bishop insisted telling them that Japanese would throw them in the internment camp. Fred said, "No" Then the Bishop said, "That was what I wanted you to say." They remained because they had a tender care that nothing spiritual be lost.

This tender care is heart of N.T. and the heart of Missions and has filtered into science. Galileo said, "I have observed that the sun, which holds the wheeling worlds in order, also has time to ripen a bunch of grapes on an Italian hill and to bring a purple pansy to its full flower and perfume. This is a picture of God. Just as the sun takes time to ripen fruit God takes time to care for the individual soul bringing it to fruition.

Finally this tender care that nothing be lost comes down into every day life.

In spite of much selfishness that we find in our people the fact remains that we do care about other people.

We have gone into three wars for others.
We were concerned when there was a Japanese earthquake.
We did aid in the famine in India *of in China recently*
We do have a Marshall Plan to feed the hungry.

There was a preacher who had a seven year old daughter who could not sleep until late in the night. The father had one thing to do every night and that was to go in her room with her and sing old hymns of the church to her. "Rock of Ages" "Nearer My God To Thee" etc. But she would always at last call for "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling." Under this she would fall asleep.

Her daddy asked why that song. "Why daddy I like that softly and tenderly stuff." Why do you like that softly and tenderly stuff? "Why, I guess it is because it makes me feel that God must be just like a mother Daddy." Betty had never heard of Dr. Whitehead but was using his thought that "the image under which we can best conceive of the nature of God is that of a tender care that nothing be lost."