

I know that God is love hungry, for He is constantly pointing me to some dull, dead soul which He has never reached and wistfully urges me to help Him reach that stolid, tight shut mind. Oh God, how I long to help you with these Moros. And with these Americans! And with these Filipinos! All day I see souls dead to God look sadly out of hungry eyes. I want them to know my discovery! That any minute can be paradise; that any place can be heaven! That any man can have God! That every man does have God the moment he speaks to God, or listens for Him!

It may be enough for you to just 'know about God' and to have 'tomes of information about Him and His Word.' But God has offered to everyone this amazing sensation of tenderness and passionate love for Him. And it is only this passionate affection for God which, in the Holy Spirit, we can lavish on others, even our enemies that distinguishes the Christian from all other people.

In the natural, it is all about me. This keeps me twisted-gut anxious, or angry, or bitter toward others. I can, in the natural, force myself to minister to others in ways that, for all intents and purposes, look like 'acts of love.' However posing as a lover is a far cry from the enormous, generous love Jesus demonstrated for us when He paid the penalty for our sins. He paid for all of them so that we could approach Him blamelessly and shamelessly regardless of our current short-comings. It is, after all is said and done, the greatest desire of every human being, to be genuinely loved and unconditionally accepted by another person! In an intimate relationship with God, we can be that person whose genuine affection draws them to God!

Loneliness to Never Alone - Frank Laubach