A SONG OF ASCENTS: A SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

One of the ageless autobiographies is A SONG OF ASCENTS: A SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY by E. Stanley Jones. I can remember reading this at a time in my life when I needed to see how a missionary learned to live a Christian life always "ascending" rather than "descending" into despair.

This autobiography is as relevant today as it was when first published in 1968. Often I find myself dipping back into one of the many books written by E. Stanley Jones and particularly this one.

E. Stanley Jones lived and preached around the world, but his missionary base was in India.

Jones had a profound and lasting effect on the people of India through the establishment of the Christian Ashram movement that still continues today. Through this movement he called people into Christian community and discipleship.

The best thing I can say about Jones is that he lived what he preached.

He also had an impact in the political arena as he served as an intermediary. He offers in this book interesting narratives of his interactions with Japanese and American leaders prior to WWII. Also of interest is his interaction with Ghandi.

Jones was a humble man who had a ministry around the world for 60 plus years. This is Jones' story of coming to know Jesus, following Jesus, and proclaiming Jesus.

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