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The summarization of the content of this course and my personal response consist of a variety of new learning in this entire course. The founder A. B. Simpson was a very high achiever that was able to open doors for so many different structures of the Ministry to help a lot of people from different walks of life. The first part of this summarization about what I learned about A.B Simpson who was born December 15, 1843 in Bayview, Prince Edward Island, Canada. He became a Christian in 1858 at the age of 15, in 1861 he wrote a Solemn Covenant dedicating him to the ministry. He was known as a preacher and smart theologian while at the Presbyterian Seminary. He won essays in post millennialism and infant baptism, in his family background he did not believe that the gifts of the spirit was functional. He had many physical breakdowns in his childhood and early ministry. He had established his first 3 churches in earlier years. The first was Knox Church where he developed his philosophy of ministry. His strong focus on preaching and prayer meeting, growing interest in mission and giving with a following of 750 members during his tenure. His next church was Chestnut St. marked by interdenominational ministry with other churches. This large church he built became a financial burden and soon he received the Macedonian call. His next church was 13<sup>th</sup> St. Presbyterian NYC, he came to New York City because of his desire to publish a missionary magazine, help the neglected and the poor. To reach the immigrants he sent missionaries. He later resigned from the 13<sup>th</sup> St. church November 1881, the parting was friendly but there were four major areas of disagreement which were (1) his desire to reach all classes of people in New York City. (2) His rejection of infant Baptism, (3) his doctrine of divine healing made other Presbyterian Pastors uncomfortable, (4) his vision was bigger than one church. God was leading him into a new ministry of outreach, evangelism, and missions. He had also a desire for the world evangelism he started the Missionary Training Institute, and officially started classes in 1882. Nyack College, now Alliance University is the oldest continuing Bible College in North America. In 1887 the Christian Alliance was formed to promote the deeper Christian life emphasis of the Fourfold Gospel. He created "branches" so people could connect with each other, go deeper in their walk with Jesus, and not have to leave their churches. The Evangelical Missionary Alliance was

to carry the Gospel to all nations with special references to the needs of the destitute and unoccupied fields of the world. The Alliance used the mission's pledges to support missions. In 1897 the Christian Alliance and the Evangelical Missionary Alliance combined to form the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The Christian and Missionary Alliance began as a non-denomination gathering of believers committed to the Deep Life and Missions. In 1919 A. B. Simpson died. In the reading and studying of A. B. Simpson's life his mission has opened a lot of possibilities in my life to one day start a ministry in helping those that are less fortunate. I feel I have that same compassion in me to want to see all people prosper in all that they decide to do for their life. I want to help them get to their destiny and continue to bring those to Christ that have a hunger or feel that missing link in their life. I want to help them find that ahaaaa moment in their life to say this is what I've missing or this is what I've been waiting for. And I am trusting God to help me find the way.

As I was going through key figures in Nyack Heritage I was very impressed on the accomplishments and position that many had and went onto other nations to help facilitate the Gospel. Some giving away their fortunes to truly take up God's causes for his people was so amazing. I reading about Miss Carrie E, Merriweather who attended the Missionary Training Institute (Nyack) from 1910-1912 how she sailed to Sierra Leone, West Africa to promote mission work in Africa and encourage many people in their faith. One graduate promoted a ministry in surfing and Intercultural Studies and was focused on serving the homeless and are involved in feeding 4000 weekly of young people and help at risk youth to learn to swim and surf and giving one to one mentoring. So many good and courageous people have come out Nyack and all the different leaders and teachers, missionaries and so forth. Reading these bios really encouraged me to want to do something for others. Further in this summarization I've mentioned my calling to help others, so this reading inspires that determination more. One of the most current Alumna Chelsea Geyer 2012 who utilized the scripture of James 1:27 to coordinate churches and local foster care agencies to support foster children and their families goes to show the compassion and the drive that God instill in Nyack's attendees. I pray that those that are in proximity with me now can also go on to do the mighty works of the Lord in

however, he choose to. That would be awesome opportunity for some of us that are that compassionate and driven to want to do much more for God's kingdom here on earth.

In taking this course I have experienced some real Holy Ghost transformations. My praise and worship have increased tremendously, my prayer life and my life as an intercessor has also increased. The favor of God has resonated so much in my life and I've seen the manifestations in my life elevated so much. To God be the glory. It started when I wrote the covenant assignment that was given whereas I made some promises (oaths) to God and I am already experiencing the rewards in that. Reading the Fourfold also helped to kick start my journey and just learning through the assignments and the assignments in a few of my other courses has completely shifted my relationship with the Lord. I find myself seeking him even more than I had ever and I feel that hunger and thirst for Him in all that I am retaining my thoughts and my spirit. I feel more bold in the Gospel than ever before, even during service today there a great presence of the Holy Spirit and people was just getting filled (praise God), I felt a sense of freedom (liberty) in the Lord and all that he has done in my life since starting this class. It's so funny in my Spiritual Formation class my instructor asked me what I was hoping for after this class that I want God to move on me for and I said to teach bible, about 4 weeks ago my Pastor asked me to teach bible study and so far I have taught 2 studies (Thank you Jesus). This is some of the manifestations of what God is doing and now I am hoping after this semester that I be allowed to do a sermon during service one day. I have learned so much in this course and I am so honored in what God is doing. I lost my son in 2020 and today is his birthday and I didn't want to get up, but even in that I'm feeling the unction of the Holy Spirit. After his transition I felt as if I lost touch with God because prior to all of that I could hear him and understand him, but since this course all of that has been awakened in me. The Holy Spirit gave me a message for this young woman today in church and I was obedient in telling her and let me tell you she really got blessed by the Holy Spirit and she was thanking me and I told her I take no glory all glory goes to God our Father. I really thank God for all this class has done for me in walking towards my destiny that He has just for me. I have also learned to wait on the Lord, and he has been blessing me so much, and he's moving expeditiously.

God's is calling me to be an inspiration to those that are lost to him. To tell people of my testimonies I have been through and my entire life within the Gospel. My prayer is that my name is written in the Book of Life. My mission is to counsel and lead the young people to Christ because I came from the struggle of not serving him and living that fast life in my younger days and because I had no one that I could really turn to in a time of need. Now I serve Him and live for Him and on fire for Him and all that He has for me to do. He has shown me there are so many of me out there that don't have an outlet and feel that they are stuck in the life they are currently in. I used to work for a school district some years ago, and still to this day my students continue to contact me on social media and say, "Ms. Smith I remember when you said this or that" and now that they are parents, they asks me for advice on some of their experiences. So, I want God to put me in the position that I can help all people that I come into contact with that may need a helping hand or some form of advice.

This course has changed so much in me, and I am thankful for my instructor, advisors, and so forth. I talk about this school all the time and what I am learning to all my friends and relatives, hopefully some will also sign up at Alliance University. It is certainly a Blessing to be a part of the teachings and learnings here.