

# GET OVER YOURSELF

REBELLING AGAINST THE  
CULTURE OF NARCISSISM

## Part 6

### **SPIRITUALITY: The Culture of BELIEF**

We put faith in our concerns –  
Fall in love to drown our misery.  
We believe in the sum of ourselves.

~ Spoon, *The Way We Get By*

Our self-absorption is not only slowly killing us personally but also setting up our whole world for a tragic collapse.

~ David A. Zimmerman, *Deliver Us From Me-Ville*

It's not about you. The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfilment, peace of mind, or even your happiness.  
... You were born *by* his purpose *for* his purpose.

~ Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

If I live what I believe, then I don't believe very many noble things. My life testifies that the first thing I believe is that I am the most important person in the world. My life testifies to this because I care more about my food and shelter and happiness than about anybody else.

~ Donald Miller, *Blue Like Jazz*

I am learning to believe better things. I am learning to believe that other people exist, that fashion is not truth; rather, Jesus is the most important figure in history, and the gospel is the most powerful force in the universe. I am learning not to be passionate about empty things, but to cultivate passion for justice, grace, truth, and communicate the idea that Jesus likes people and even loves them.

~ Donald Miller, *Blue Like Jazz*

An inward principle of self lies at the source of human conduct. ...  
To save us completely Christ must reverse the bent of our nature.

~ A. W. Tozer, *Knowledge of the Holy*

If you are so independent, who grows your food? Who sews your clothes, builds your house, makes sure that water comes out of your showerhead? How were you even born? The fact is, we have not done one single thing alone, without the help of a small army of others, and yet we walk around talking about the necessity and supremacy of independence. It's completely irrational.

~ The Dalai Lama, *Live lecture*

Jesus is not plucking us individually out of trouble but gathering together a people for himself. ... The best church is one where people are led to one another by Jesus.

~ David A. Zimmerman, *Deliver Us From Me-Ville*

Do not flee to solitude from the community. Find God first in the community, then He will lead you to solitude.

~ Thomas Merton,

*Thomas Merton: Contemplative Critic*

Let him who is not in community beware of being alone. Into the community you were called. ... If you scorn the fellowship of the brethren, you reject the call of Jesus Christ, and thus your solitude can only be hurtful.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

Truth happens *only* in community.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Christ the Centre*

**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**

~ Jesus