Drowning Man

Instructive Stories from teachings of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Founder Acharya of International Society for Krishna Consciousness

iskcondesiretree.com
Help! Help! Help!
I'm drowning!!!
Someone please save me! Help!
Oh, no! It's Marvin! Someone help him! Please. My husband is drowning!
Please hurry—or it'll be too late!

Don't worry, ma'am! I'll save that poor guy! I'm a social worker! Saving people is my business. Look, when people are hungry, they come to me! If they need a shirt on their backs, they come to me! If the sheriff throws them out on the street, they come to me! If they need a...
The Social Worker tears off his jacket, takes off his tie, takes off his shoes and dives into the lake.
He swims over to the drowning man, grabs him and starts pulling him back to the shore.
The victim struggles the Social Worker subdues him with a punch.
At this point, the drowning man slips out of his jacket and the Social Worker swims back to land with the jacket. Upon reaching the shore the Social Worker yells...

Everything's okay, ma'am! I told you I'd take care of him! Here he is, ma'am! I told you! I told you I'd save him!
Marvin?
AAAAHHHHHHH !!!
You fool! You didn't save Marvin!
You just saved his coat!
MORAL:

While a social worker can alleviate a person's material problems (or save his coat) he can't begin to help the real person living inside the body (the soul). Only by taking up a spiritual process can we do that. Then we can realize our spiritual nature and see the spiritual nature of others. In this age, the easiest and most recommended process of spiritual realization is to chant the Hare Krishna maha-mantra:

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare