



2014 Lifelines Outreach Newsletter

“Trust the Lord with all your heart...” Pro. 3:5

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A couple of verses that have always jumped out at me from the pages of the Bible, as I have read and meditated on them, are found in Isaiah 59:1 &2. It says, “Behold the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save: neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated you between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

I think many times, if we are following most of Jesus’ commands we are doing all that God can expect from us. Usually our comparison point is other Christians we know or even people who are far away from God or people who are not even believers. Most of the time, this allows us to feel pretty good about ourselves in the way we are following Jesus. I do not believe that we as Christians can ever reach the point where we can be satisfied with how we are following Christ. I think this dissatisfaction is healthy because this pushes us to examine our own lives in light of Jesus’ commands. When the Holy Spirit shows a person that they have sinned against a Holy God they become responsible for their actions. When a Christian receives light on a particular command of Jesus then God expects us to obey.

I have a guy at James Robertson Towers that I’ve developed a relationship with over the years as we have been having church with a number of believers in the building. His name is Dean. Dean is in his late 60’s and he is addicted to alcohol. It is his way with coping with his world as he knows it. Two years ago, he was hit by a car and nearly died. I went to visit him at Vanderbilt Hospital in the ICU. He was awake and coherent but he could not talk because of the number of tubes entering his body. As I talked with him about Jesus tears started forming in his eyes and falling down his cheeks. We talked about him repenting toward God and putting his faith in Jesus.

After we prayed together and I went home, I was feeling hopeful that the Holy Spirit had broken through and he had made the decision to follow Jesus and make Him the Lord of his life. When he was released from Vanderbilt Hospital, and he made his way back to James Robertson Towers, I began to realize that nothing had changed in his life. I visited him this past Wednesday. We sat and talked in his apartment for about an hour. As we were talking, I noticed his unkempt graying hair. He also had a few days growth of whiskers on his chin. He looked so helpless and hopeless. I did have this great sense of how much God really loved him. Yet I realized that he did not know of that great love.

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God always brings verses to mind that helps me to understand any situation that I get myself in. The Bible says, “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.” Romans 8:6&7

I realized then, that we really had nothing in common other than we had God as our creator. We were going in opposite directions in our lives and in different ways. We did not even think about the same things or see life from the same perspective. He had a carnal mind and I had been given the mind of Christ. This is so sad because this world is full of Deans. They are missing out on the life that Jesus is talking about that He said that they will have an abundant life and they have substituted it with death and destruction. I know God can save him and make him a new creature in Christ. I still pray for him often. However, repentance is necessary before salvation can happen. I left his apartment knowing how much God loves me and how little Dean knows of His love.

“For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them: but the Word did not profit them not being mixed with faith and those that heard it.” Hebrews 4:2 I believe that the Bible teaches that all believers who are born again should learn and follow the commandments of Christ. I believe that each person has the potential to teach them to others. Not only do we have the potential, Jesus has commanded us to go and do it. Our job is to plant and water and let God give the increase. Now is the time for each Christian to be bold in their faith. Let us not compromise the commands of Jesus by our disobedience. Let these very commands get a hold of our own lives and change us forever.

Each Christian needs to experience their life in light of what Scripture teaches. I look at my own life and realize how far I have to go to look like a disciple of Jesus. My prayer for all of us is that we will never compromise on this matter but that one day when we meet Jesus, He will say, “Well done my good and faithful servant.”

Thank you for your prayer support and for your financial support. Both allow us to do what God has asked us to do which is share the Gospel with as many people as we can. Remember to pray and to read your Bible every day! -Richard Gay.

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Ministry this month



18 AND HE spake a parable unto them to this end, that men **ought always to pray**, and not to faint; 2Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: *6-19-14 R6 M7 J1* 3And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, **Avenge me of mine adversary.** 4And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, **Though I fear not God, nor regard man;** 5Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will **avenge her**, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 6And the Lord said, **Hear what the unjust judge saith.** 7And shall not God **avenge his own elect**, which cry day and night unto him, **though he bear long with them?** 8I tell you that he will **avenge them speedily.** Never-



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