

LIFE CHANGING STORIES FROM THE BIBLE

“SAVING OTHERS”

Once we have been saved ourselves and know it, we will want to save others. If we are not interested in saving others then it is doubtful if we are saved ourselves. Either that, or we are in a backslidden state, saved, but sadly not walking with God. If that is the case then we need a fresh experience with God, a fresh surrender to him.

To be saved is to know our sins are forgiven. To be saved is to know we have eternal life. To be saved is to know God is real in our lives now, filling our lives with his joy, walking through life in fellowship with God. A desire to serve God and see others saved. We are still not perfect, there is still much need for improvement and together with God we are working on it.

The apostle Paul knew what it was to be saved he said, “I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.” 1 Corinthians 9:22. He also said, “Brothers my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.” Romans 10:1. Let us, like Paul make ourselves available to use every possible means to save some. We know everybody is not going to be saved but God can use us to save some. Let us, like Paul, with heart’s desire pray for people we know that they might be saved.

It is not enough just to pray for them we must also actively, but also wisely, seek to bring them to Jesus. Proverbs 11:30. “__he who wins souls is wise.” To be wise to win souls is an art you can learn in cooperation with God. In John 1:41,42. We read of Andrew who became a believer in Jesus and the first thing he did after that. “The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is the Christ) And he brought him to Jesus.

What a wonderful thing it is to bring someone to Jesus. Every saved person if they are rejoicing in their salvation wants to bring people to Jesus. If we have lost the joy then we need to pray the prayer of David found in Psalm 51. David lost his joy through sin, through failing God, but he was restored again just like you and I can be. Let’s look at his prayer.

We will look at important parts of the prayer. V 2) “cleanse me from my sin.” v 7) “wash me and I will be whiter than snow.” V 10-13. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.”

He prayed to be cleansed and renewed. He was out of the presence of God, or out of fellowship with God and he couldn’t bear that.

The Holy Spirit was grieved and not working in power in his life. He had lost his joy but not his salvation. He prayed for the joy to be restored and then he would be able to save others or be used by God to save others.

When you get the joy back you also get the want back, the want or desire in your heart to bring others to Jesus. I have had the privilege of bringing all ages to Jesus and what a joy that is, we call it the soul winners joy. It is joy all round. Jesus said that there is joy in the presence of the angels over one sinner that repents. Of course that means that there is joy also in the heart of God and joy in the heart of the soul winner and the sinner has the joy of his or her salvation, joy, joy, joy, who wouldn't want to be a soul winner?

Daniel 12:3 says, "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."



**SOUL WINNER'S
JOY**

**JOY OF
SALVATION**



**A SOUL SAVED BRINGS GREAT JOY
IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH**

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