

**Miracles that follow the plow :: A young homeless man.****A young homeless man. - posted by Duntoothers (), on: 2009/4/23 17:50**

Please pray for Dean; a young man in his twenties that I met sitting on a bench next to a pile of empty beer cans.

He's lost touch with his family and came to the village where I live looking for his parents, who used to live here, but found they had moved house.

I shared with him about the Lord but he said although he wanted to go to heaven when he died he knew for sure he would never go there, saying "it's too late now".

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Nothing I could say seemed to give him any hope, so all I could do for him just now was find out from the local vicar the nearest place he could stay (he's been sleeping rough recently).

He seems not to have a friend in the world.....please join me in praying for him,

Thanks! Gwen

**Re: A young homeless man., on: 2009/4/23 20:51**

Yes Gwen, will pray starting tonight for this young man.

GOD Bless you for caring this much about him, amen.

**Re: - posted by Nellie, on: 2009/4/23 21:27**

Father, Please touch this young man, and draw him unto Thyself.  
In Jesus Name.

**Re: - posted by Duntoothers (), on: 2009/4/24 16:10**

Thank you so much for praying Nellie; I don't believe it was co-incidence that I passed by where that young man was sitting. The Lord is pursuing him and longing for him. I'm sure no-one much would have cared about the prodigal Jesus spoke of ;he wasn't important to anyone..... except his father.

Bless you! Gwen

**Re: - posted by Duntoothers (), on: 2009/4/24 16:27**

Jesus-is-GOD I really appreciate your commitment to praying for this young man that you haven't even met; it's so important we keep on praying until we see an answer. Thank you!! I will let you know of any news of him. He was looking for his earthly father but let's pray he finds his heavenly Father.

His love is so far beyond what we know or could imagine.

Blessings, Gwen

**Re: A young homeless man. - posted by Vakugal, on: 2009/4/24 16:38**

May the Lord give you grace to bring Dean to the Lord Jesus. Just as Andrew brought Peter and Phillip, Nathaneal. Jesus will do the rest.

The immediate parable which came to the mind was that of the the prodigal son.

This is just a thought, maybe if he were to read the parable and maybe if he were to realize that "squandered all" would include all that he has done in his life, he will be able to see the Father waiting with open arms.

It is not in multitude of words but by HIS Spirit. The Lord will give you wisdom.

Also I want to post a link which I hope will encourage, maybe you could share it too ...

(<http://www.preachtheword.com/sermon/williemullan.shtml>) Pastor Willie Mullan's Testimony

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**Re: , on: 2009/4/24 19:35**

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Blessings, Gwen  
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Oh yes, this is True!

**Re: - posted by Dountoothers (), on: 2009/4/25 5:28**

Thank you Vakugal!!

Yes I think you are right; it would be a good idea to share that parable with Dean. Please pray I have an opportunity soon.

If he knew people in India and America were praying for him too I think that would touch his heart. Thank you too for the Pastor's testimony....I will print it out.

God bless you faithful servant,  
Your sister in Him, Gwen

**Re: A young homeless man. - posted by NoWhining (), on: 2009/4/25 8:22**

We've added Dean to our list, Sister. God's blessings to you.

**Re: - posted by Dountoothers (), on: 2009/4/25 8:56**

Wonderful! Thank you brother...and thanks to whoever will be praying with you. I feel so blessed that so many people are concerned about this young man....that he might be saved from the enemy's clutches..to the glory of God!

May He bless you,  
Gwen

**Re: homeless man - posted by andy4Jesus, on: 2009/4/27 5:03**

i think of psalm 37 v 4, delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.i prayed this and believed God for my dad who was confused. praise God, He healed his mind and revealed Himself to my dad, i will be forever grateful, so i believe the seed you have sown will bear fruit and claim this song of solomon" i am my beloveds and His desires are mine, praise God for Dean's salvation :-D

**Re: - posted by Dountoothers (), on: 2009/4/27 5:14**

Thanks Andy!

That's a really wonderful testimony about your Dad not just being healed but saved too!

Thank you so very much for praying for Dean. Because you care so much your faith is great.

May God bless you and use you in His service,  
Gwen

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**Re: A young homeless man., on: 2009/4/27 6:47**

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Hello, Gwen.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted. This man is broken and brought to his knees. It may be that he has never been closer to the Lord, yet he must make a decision.

What you are describing, however, as "he felt he had done something so bad he could never be accepted by God" is perhaps one of the last pillars of self-righteousness in him that needs to be broken. No man can come to God on his own merit, no one is good enough. But saying you are beyond redemption means that the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ was not sufficient a sacrifice for your sin. This is self-righteousness which needs to be repented of.

When a sinner comes to the Lord, he must have realized that in his flesh there is nothing good, and there is nothing in his conduct that could in any way mitigate or divert God's righteous judgment upon his rebellion. However, we have a propitiation for our sins in Christ, for the Father brought his wrath upon the Son, who bore the penalty for the sin of the whole world.

The issue is not about whether he wants or doesn't want to go to heaven (I don't know of a single person who, if he was told there were a heaven, would not want to go there). A selfish desire to go to heaven or to be saved cannot be a sufficient motive for a man to turn from sin and serve the living God. Many Pharisees went to be baptized by John, trying to "flee from the wrath to come" (or be saved), but there was no conviction and remorse over their sin, no *fruits worthy of repentance*. And, the Lord has told us, many will try to enter, but will not be allowed inside by Him, because they never repented of their evil deeds (Mat. 7:23).

Here is how Paul preached the Gospel of the Kingdom:

Act 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,  
Act 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.

Now Dean must know that he has a choice to make. He will either live the rest of his life on earth contrary to the will of His Creator, refusing to live in the light of his conscience and rejecting the truth, thus doing evil in God's sight, and incurring God's righteous judgment of his deeds one day through Christ. Or he will forsake that path of lawlessness and pronounce God Lord and Righteous Judge of his life, submitting to Him in all things. Only then, when he has repented of his futile life in the flesh, can he seek mercy at the feet of the Lord Jesus and hope to find forgiveness on God's terms. Repentance means that he must change his mind (as the prodigal son in the parable changed his), not express a vague desire "to go to heaven", "to be saved" or to feel forgiven or good about himself. Because as long as man is in the center of the picture and God on the fringe, man cannot be saved. Brother Reidhead said it well in *Ten Shekels*, "Is God for you a means or an end?" But how can he change his mind before he has considered the call to repentance and all the implications, and made an informed decision, just as the man in this parable:

Luk 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it--  
Luk 14:29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,  
Luk 14:30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

Gwen, my advice is: don't try to "save" the guy. It is between him and God. Don't try to give him a "sense of hope", which may be deceitful. Speak the truth to him, however solemn. If you are not sure what to tell him--or whether and when to speak to him about God--pray and seek wisdom from the Lord first; don't go to Dean in your own strength just because you are so eager that he be saved and healed, or because you doubt whether he is ever going to be saved if you don't speak

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ask to him. God has not forgotten the man, and if he turns to Him in spirit and in truth, He will not leave him desolate.

Psa 34:18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

I will pray that the Lord's will be done in this and that you may be found pleasing to God.

In Christ,  
Slavyan

**Re: , on: 2009/4/27 7:05**

I would add that rushing to speak to him about Christ at this point may be the wrong thing to do. First, you said he was drunk. It is often impossible to talk to a drunk man--he may not be able to understand you at all. So it is good to wait until his mind is a bit relieved from the alcohol.

Also, the man may need food and shelter more than a good, scripturally sound sermon. I don't know if you are married, but in a such a case be sure to discuss the situation with your husband and not act on your own.

Seek the Lord's guidance. There is no sure-fire formula to go about it.