

**Devotional Thoughts :: "He healed me" ~ Extreme Devotion****"He healed me" ~ Extreme Devotion, on: 2009/8/16 20:23**

Asif's leg was broken when a car hit him on a Pakistani street. In the midst of pain, he felt a hand on his leg. He looked up to hear a woman praying for Jesus to heal him. Asif began to get angry because he was Muslim. Then a strange energy began running through his body. His leg straightened, and the bone came back into place. He eventually walked home from the accident.

Hungry to know more about this "Jesus" who had healed him, he read about Jesus' other miracles in the Bible that the woman gave him. Asif took his questions to the mulvi (religious leader) at his mosque. "Why are you talking about Jesus?" the mulvi sneered. "How could I not have an interest in him?" Asif asked. "He healed me."

The mulvi and others at the mosque locked Asif in a room and forced him to drink poison, thinking that if he died before accepting Christ, he would still make it to paradise. However, Asif woke up and called out to Jesus.

Suddenly a bright light filled the dusty room. Asif pledged, "This life is for you. As long as I am on earth, I will work for you."

Since this time, Asif's family has disowned him, and he has been beaten repeatedly because he refuses to stop telling people about his new friend Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we have to experience God's power before we'll believe it. In fact, many nonbelievers would rather debate religion from a distance than have to deal with a personal spiritual encounter. No one can dispute personal experience. The individual is the sole expert on the issue. To encounter God is to experience his power and feel his presence. The Bible provides many examples of nonbelievers who encountered God's power. Some responded with worship. Others resisted his power and suffered the consequences. Either way, a person is never the same after an experience with God. It is as if God is saying to a decidedly doubtful heart, "I am real. Deal with it." How has God shown you that he is real? With whom can you share your experience?