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FANNING THE FLAMES

Listen! The time is short! Don't wait any longer!

God wants to know you and talk with you. He wants you to have his peace. *But* ***all have sinned*** *and come short of God. This is how* ***God demonstrated that he loved us: he sent Jesus to pay the price for us.*** *Why did Jesus have to die for our sin? Because* ***the wages of sin is death.*** *Jesus died the death penalty instead of us. What do you have to do?* ***Make Jesus Lord of your life*** *and believe that he died on the cross and* ***was raised from the dead.*** *Then say with your mouth you believe! Pray:* ***"I believe in Jesus. Take my life and do something with it." That's it!***

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Be a witness by Mary Leonard

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control." 2 Tim 1:7 ampc

I want to write about how I am able to go out to be evangelistic, to pass out tracts, and about how I overcame fear. Before I go, the fear of rejection or the thought of rejection hits me. But I remind myself that it is easy to hand someone a tract; they will either take it or they won't, but then the next person may well take it. I use tracts because I got saved myself through a tract.

Then I read this, which said: "If you're fearful to approach strangers, you're not alone. But love overcomes fear (1 John 4;18) *Don't think of yourself*, but rather think of the terrible fate of the person, if they die in their sins." The future of the people I am reaching becomes my motivating factor. I think "they need to hear the gospel, and they may never go where they would hear it. So, I find that as soon as I make up my mind to go and be a witness, the fear leaves. Holy Spirit helps me in my resolve. If you go, then there are opportunities that you

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would never have to be a witness if you stayed at home.

Since I have been going, many doors have opened up to speak with people. I think of myself as the "sower of the seed." Each tract that I hand out has some scripture in it. Maybe it is a scripture that the individual would never have read but for the fact that I had just given it to them.

"For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even as far as the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrows, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12 Blb

The Word will change; it will convict; it will speak truth to the individual. For those to whom you will speak, you will have the opportunity to pray for their salvation and their situation. What if your prayer for them is the only prayer that they receive? This could mean the difference between life and death for them! Your prayer for them will change their destiny!

I have a burden and urgency for these last days. I believe that someone should be out every day to reach the lost, and eventually, with diligence, this will happen through a team of evangelists. Sarah and I have a desire to raise up an army of fearless evangelists who are just like her father, Ricky, was. It will take an army of bold preachers willing to be put out there to reach all and compel them to come into the kingdom of God.

Testimonies from Street Witnessing

Today, I went to pass out tracts. If I had stayed at home and not gone, I would've never had the opportunity to pray for two people who were already born again; two people who may have lost their way. And I would never have met Justin.

After passing tracts at the park for some time, I was about to get in my truck to leave. I noticed Justin sitting on the bench, and I thought, I'll just go talk to one more. I asked him if I could give him a tract, to which he said "Sure." He took it, and he was friendly towards me, so I asked him, "Have you ever heard of asking Jesus into your heart?" He said, "Oh yeah, all the time from my mom. She's gonna be happy when I tell her that you gave me this. I'll send her a picture." I said, "Oh? Have you asked Jesus in your heart?" "Yeah, I did when I was 10," He said. I said, "Well, he still loves you. Were you sincere when you did that?" He said, "Well, yeah, as a kid, but you know how kids are."

I told him that children make very good decisions, and he still had Jesus in his heart, and that Jesus has a purpose for him. I asked him if he believed in the Bible, and he replied that he thinks of himself as agnostic now. When he told me that, I told him that the Bible is true and that there were more than 70 prophecies about the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Those prophecies were given centuries before the birth of Jesus, and he fulfilled all of them. I said the probability of that happening is so astronomical that it's almost beyond belief. I explained how some of the fulfilled prophecies Jesus had no control over, like where he was born, for example. Then, I asked him if I could pray for him. He said his mom, his grandmother, and his great-grandmother are always praying for him. I told him, "Well, you're going to serve the Lord, because your parents, your grandparents, and your great-grandparents have all prayed for you. You will serve the Lord."

I held his hand and prayed for him that his eyes would be open to the truth, and that God would direct him. He was very receptive to that. Then he said, "Maybe I'll go to church on Sunday." I gave him one of our cards from my church. I told him I thought that this was a divine appointment. After I left that day, I've been thinking about how grateful I am that I had the opportunity to pray for those two who were already born again and to pray for Justin. I thank the Lord for it.– Mary