

Top Urgent!

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the worst.” (1 Timothy 1: 15)

I wish I can shout and make my voice loud to reach your ear! But in my hands are piece of paper and a silent pen. I am sending to you a letter. I mail it to you through diligent hands, dedicated to serve you and bring to you the message of hope, with heart full of love and compassion. I am writing down a letter forwarded to me by a brother, that contains true and real life event.

Beloved Brother,

I greet you in the name of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

In a week time, I encountered three incidents that touched my heart and transformed my purpose in life. I will relate to you, by the power of the Holy Spirit who entrusted to me truths, wishing to touch you and change your life as it has done to me.

Event 1: Poojari, a young Hindu man and a friend of mine, is working as a waiter in a restaurant. We become friends as every time I go for meal with my family, he serves us delicious food and dishes. For the last ten years he usually open his heart to me; complaining about his bad condition in the work, low salary, bad living atmosphere and many other common life's problem. He expresses to me his psychological ill feeling, anxiety, depression and mental breakdowns. More often than not, I comfort him with just a tap on his back and few words of encouragement because of our language barrier. As a result of this communication problem I did not speak to him much details about my life or share to him about Jesus whom I received as personal Lord and Saviour one year back. I did not convey to him the peace and the joy that I received from Jesus who gave me eternal life. I did not even plan to hand him a pamphlet written in his own language that he can read about Jesus and the message of salvation. Three days back, suddenly I heard the news that Pujari died by suicide as he hanged himself to escape from the pain and sorrow of this world. I felt so sad for him; he left the world without Jesus. And I felt bad about myself because I never told him about my Lord Jesus who saves.

Event 2: Steven and I were bound by friendship for more than 20 years. We kept our regular meetings together inspite of the fact that we live in two different cities. We were the favourite guests to his family everytime we come to his place. We used to share a table of drinking and partying together. But after I accepted Jesus as my Saviour and He cleansed me from sin, healed me from debauchery giving me self-control to stop drinking alcohol and smoking, my friend Steven became aloof to my home. Even so, I continued visiting him and his family but I abandoned taking wine and cigarette with him. Little by little I kept speaking to him about Jesus although he was showing complacency in life and no concern to take decision to follow the Lord.

But one morning I received news that my friend Steven had cardiac arrest and died instantly. Not long after that, I learned that he actually committed suicide. That news grieved me so much because although I shared to him about Jesus, I failed to properly ask him for a decision to receive Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

These two consecutive incidents saddened me, but helped me to realize the urgency in reaching the people around me, and quickened me to speak to them about eternal life that is given by grace through Jesus Christ.

Event 3: I picked up the telephone early this morning and I heard a voice saying, “Venod is in the Intensive Care Unit. He had cardiac attack.” Venod, is my old friend. We used to drink beer together. He is heavy smoker and heavy drinker. After I received Jesus I tried to preach to him about Jesus, but he did not dare to listen to me. I went with a brother to visit him in the hospital. He was on the sickness bed, terrified by his illness and taking the attitude of repentance. His heart was receptive to the word of God. We shared to him about the thief who was crucified with Jesus. The thief recognized Jesus as a king and requested to be remembered by Jesus in paradise. These very words of God touched Venod at this time and He repented from his sin saying, “no more drinking; no more cigarette. I will obey God.” He opened his heart to Jesus and confessed Him as his personal Saviour. We rejoiced for the dying soul that is made alive because of Jesus. I was glad that we were not late at this time by doing God's will - to reach the lost souls and to help them enter the Kingdom of God.

These three events gave a big impact to me; I realized that the time is short, the Lord Jesus is coming soon to judge the whole world. I was revived, and I decided to explore all my contacts and all the people around me, dedicating myself to spend more time and effort to reach those who have not yet receive the message of salvation; to pray more and to give more attention to speak to those who have not yet given their decision to accept Jesus and follow Him as their personal Lord and Saviour

Praise and glory be to God.

My dear and beloved: This is the message that I received. I do believe that the message is clear to you now as it is clear to me the first time I read it. If you are still wondering in this world, busy with many unnecessary perishable things, I want to remind you, “Don't loss the opportunity, Jesus, at the door.” **“As God's fellow-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, “In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:1-2)** Do not be late to take the decision to follow Jesus: “Father God, I have sinned against heaven and against You. Forgive me all my sins. Today, I come to You in the name of Jesus, to help me turn back from my old ways. I open my heart to You, Jesus; rescue me from punishment and assure me of your salvation and reward. Teach me Your ways and help me to obey Your command without delay. This is my prayer in Jesus' name.” **Amen.**