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PRACTICING PEACE, SERVICE AND OPENNESS TO ALL

Lifesaving Grace

Luke 10:25, 30–37

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I. INTRODUCTION

The passage is on the story of the Good Samaritan. But today I want to concentrate on the wounded man who got a lifesaving grace.

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We need the Lifesaving grace of God like the wounded man to survive the storms and problems we face in this world. Our Excellent pastors Greg and Reist, have been preaching very good sermon on grace, last week sermon is (Grace upon Grace) and she used passages that mention grace Proverbs 15.30, John 1.14-18, but today's passage does have the word grace.

My story our story

1. 1983 my father died
2. From 1999 more than 10 died within my family, my sisters, brothers, nieces and Nephews, etc. Severally, there is announcement of life threatening sickness.
3. On March 25, 2011 exactly 7 years my son disappeared during crises.
4. 2013 to date Boko Haram several threats
5. Last 3 weeks my niece also taken away by Boko leaving behind 2 children ages 2 years and 6 months.
6. February 5, 2018 my Son has been diagnosed with keratoconus a progressive eye disease that could lead to legal blindness if it progresses. I saw my eye doctor yesterday. I am going to go see a corneal specialist to see if there is anything that can be done to slow down the disease process. This is devastating news as my entire profession and life depends on good eye sight. I am not sure how fast this process will progress but this certainly brings a lot of anxiety and uncertainty for me and my future.

2 WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE BENT, AND ALMOST BROKEN?

I have found some secret in this passage of scripture

II. YOU ARE STILL ALIVE. GOD SAVE YOUR LIFE, GOD IS SO GRACIOUS TO YOU.

1. You feel the pain—therefore you are still alive
2. You are still alive—there is hope for you
3. Horatio Spafford lost 5 children but he move on under very different circumstances he wrote the hymn “It is well with my Soul.”
4. Are you suffering from lack of work to earn your living? Remember Colonel Harland David Sanders born Sept. 1890, actively started franchising his chicken business at age 65 using his \$105 check. He was very successful later he sold it over \$1million.
5. We have thousands of people who hold onto lifesaving grace and never get discouraged.

III. HELP IS ON THE WAY

1. As a child of the living God—help is on the way
 - a. I am with you always, even unto the end of the ages.
 - b. I will never leave you, nor forsake you
 - c. He will not let us endure more than we can stand
2. It may not be the help you are expecting.
 - a. PRIEST=busy with spiritual rites
 - b. LEVITE=helpers-deacons or assistant pastor

THE WOUNDED PERSON IN THE STORY

BOTH TIMES HE THOUGHT HE HAD HELP

Then he heard steps the third time.

1. It was a Samaritan
2. Jews hated them
3. Treated them terrible—never expect one of help a Jew

MANY TIMES, WE GET HELP THAT WE DID NOT COUNT ON

Help will come if you depend on God Not from a family member, sister, brother, friend.

VI. DON'T LET YOUR BROKENNESS RULE YOUR LIFE

1. If you look through red glasses the world looks red
2. My NEIGHBOR lost his health—he was bitter.
3. He hated life and was a bitter pill for all those around him
4. We have the promise of God and he will carry us through
5. "It is well with our Soul"
6. Frances Jane Crosby was blinded at 6 weeks of age wrote more than 9000 hymns and poems. My favorite is "Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine"

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CONCLUSION

Are you bent? Do you want to be broken? Then say, "I will not be broken"

- I am bent, but I will not be broken because I have a Heavenly Father who cares for me
- You are still alive
- There is life ahead of you
- Look at Job
- Look at Sanders of KFC etc
- I WILL NEVER BE BROKEN I HAVE LIFESAVING GRACE
- Help is on my way from God, God will send the right help
- Hebrews 13: 5b–6 God confirms to us "I will never leave you nor forsake you". So we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. — What can man do to me?

Our God is God! Let us pray.

