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Joseph's Story

I am so amazed by God's intricate plans for all of us. Let me tell you my story and see if you think it is as unbelievable as I do. I believe nothing that happens in life is an accident, but all part of God's master plan for our lives.

I was blessed to be born in a Christian family in India. My grandfather was a pharmacist in India and my father worked for a pharmaceutical company there. When I was in the second grade, my family moved to Houston, Texas in search of a better life and to give their son, me, a chance for a better future.

When I was nine years old, my

Grandparents were visiting from India and I heard my Grandmother explaining to someone what Jesus had done for all of us. She explained that we are all sinners since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden so long ago. Sin separates us from God. God sent His only son, Jesus, to come to earth and live a perfect life with no sin; then die on a Roam cross to pay the dept for all of our sins and arise from the dead after three days, so we could know God and spend eternity in Heaven with Him. She also said it was free for the asking, it was a gift from God. She

dead, you will be saved.”

Even though she wasn't really talking to me, I understood what she was telling her friends and I decided then to ask Jesus to forgive me of my sins, come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior forever.

I have always gone to church my entire life and memorized a lot of scriptures, but now that simple act made me a true Christian, a real child of God and I live for Him every day and look to Him for direction in my life.

When I was in high school I met the most beautiful girl in the world. Her name is Haniya, pronounced “Honey” and we fell in love. After we both graduated from college, we were married and I never knew life could be so good. Two years ago God blessed us with a beautiful daughter named Summer, and she is the joy of our lives. Understanding how very much I love



Nidhin, Suner and Hanina Joseph

her as her father helps me to understand just in a small way how much, God loves His children. While I was still in high school I got a part-time job working at Eckerd's as a clerk in the pharmacy department. I was fascinated with medicine and all of the healing qualities available in

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Innocent Eyes

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Proverbs 17:22

Smith goes to see his supervisor in the front office.

"Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff."

"We're short-handed, Smith," the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off."

"Thanks, boss," says Smith, "I knew I could count on you!"



For months Bill had been Lynn's devoted admirer. Now, at long last, he had collected up sufficient courage to ask her the most momentous of all questions.

"There are quite a lot of advantages to being a bachelor," Bill began, "but there comes a time when one longs for the companionship of another being, a being who will regard one as perfect, as an idol; whom one can treat as one's absolute own; who will be kind and faithful when times are hard; who will share one's joys and sorrows."

To his delight, Bill saw a sympathetic gleam in Lynn's eyes. Then she nodded in agreement. Finally, Lynn responded,

"I think it's a great idea! Can I help you choose which puppy to buy?"



A minister was planning a wedding at the close of the Sunday morning service.

After the benediction he had planned to call the couple down to be married for a brief ceremony before the congregation.

For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married.

"Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?" he requested.

Immediately, nine single ladies, three widows, four widowers, and six single men stepped to the front.



One of my daughter's wedding presents was a toaster oven. Soon after the honeymoon, she and her husband tried it out. Almost immediately,

smoke billowed out of the toaster.

"Get the owner's manual!" my daughter's husband shouted.

"I can't find it anywhere!" cried my daughter a short time later.

"Oops!" came a voice from the kitchen. "Well, the toast is fine, but the owner's manual's burned to a crisp."



A gorilla walked into a drugstore and ordered a \$1.50 chocolate sundae. He put a ten-dollar bill on the counter to pay for it.

The clerk thought, what could a gorilla know about money? So he gave the gorilla a single dollar bill in change. As he did, the clerk said, "You know, we don't get too many gorillas in here."

"No wonder," the gorilla replied, "at nine dollars a sundae."



A man joined the priesthood. The order he joined could not speak for seven years. Then they could only say 2 words.

The first seven years passed and they went into a small room. His 2 words were "too cold".

The next seven years passed and they took him back into the small room and his 2 words were "bad food".

The next seven years passed they took him back into the small room and his 2 words were "I quit".

"Good," they said, "all you have done is complain."



A guy came home to his wife and said, "Guess what? I've found a great job. A 10 a.m. start, 2 p.m. finish, no overtime, no weekends and it pays \$600 a week!"

"That's great," his wife said.

"Yeah, I thought so too," he agreed. "You start Monday."



One of my husband's duties as a novice drill instructor at Fort Jackson, S.C., was to escort new recruits to the mess hall. After everyone had made it through the chow line, he sat them down and told them, "There are three

rules in this mess hall: Shut up! Eat up! Get up!"

Checking to see that he had everyone's attention, he asked, "What is the first rule?"

Much to the amusement of the other instructors, 60 privates yelled in unison, "Shut up, Drill Sergeant!"



As Barb was getting to know David and his family, she was very impressed by how much his parents loved each other.

"They're so thoughtful," Barb said. "Why, your dad even brings your mom a cup of hot coffee in bed every morning."

After a time, Barb and David were engaged, and then married. On the way from the wedding to the reception, Barb again remarked on David's loving parents, and even the coffee in bed.

"Tell me," she said, "does it run in the family?"

"It sure does," replied David. "And I take after my mom."



Several women, each trying to one-up the other, appeared in court, each accusing the others of causing the trouble they were having in the apartment building where they lived.

The judge, with Solomon-like wisdom decreed, "Okay, I'm ready to hear the evidence. I'll hear the oldest first." The case was dismissed for lack of testimony.



The students in my third-grade class were bombarding me with questions about my newly pierced ears.

"Does the hole go all the way through?" "Yes."

"Did it hurt?" "Just a little."

"Did they stick a needle through your ears?" "No, they used a special gun." Silence followed, and then one solemn voice called out, "How far away did they stand?"



Benny wanted a job as a signalman on the railways.

At his interview, the inspector asked him this question:

"What would you do if you saw 2

trains heading for each other on the SAME track?"

Benny replied, "I would switch the points for one of the trains."

"Good. But what if the lever broke?," asked the inspector.

"Then I'd run down to the signal box", said Benny, "and use the manual lever there."

"What if lightning struck it?" asked the inspector.

"Then..." Benny continued, "I'd run back into signal box & phone the next signal box."

"What if the phone was engaged?"

"Well....in that case," persevered Benny, "I'd rush down out of the box & use the public emergency phone at the level of the crossing up there..."

"What would you do if THAT was vandalized?"

"Oh, well then I'd run into the village & get my Uncle Toby."

This bizarre response puzzled the Inspector, so he asked, "And just why would you do that?"

"Because Uncle Toby... He's never seen a train wreck!"



A lady who was speeding had an officer pulled her to the side of the road. She didn't have her seat belt on so as soon as she stopped, she quickly slipped it on before the officer got to her window.

After talking to her about speeding, the officer said, "I see you are wearing your seat belt. Do you believe in wearing it at all times?"

"Yes, I do, officer," she replied.

"Well," asked the officer, "do you always do it up with it looped through your steering wheel?"



Walking through the hallways at the middle school where I work, I saw a new substitute teacher standing outside his classroom with his forehead against a locker.

I heard him mutter, "How did you get yourself into this?"

Knowing that he was assigned to a difficult class, I tried to offer moral support.

"Are you okay?" I asked. "Can I help?"

He lifted his head and replied, "I'll be fine as soon as I get this kid out of his locker."

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that. After high school I attended college and studied to become a licensed pharmacist. I've always enjoyed helping people and this was a good way to do that.

After graduation, I worked full time as a pharmacist for CVS and after only a few years was promoted to a management position where I was in charge of 28 stores in the Houston area. I enjoyed the new challenge and gave it my all. But after a while working with only store managers and not sick people wanting to get well, I fell like something was missing in my life.

I realized that was not where my true calling was. As a pharmacist, I am the last health care professional people see before they go home to get well and I want them to know I am always available to answer any questions they might have. They became more than just customers, but friends and I loved caring about and praying for each of their recovery. I was tired of working in corporate America, so I decided to open my own independent pharmacy where I

could be a pharmacist again and meet so many new friends; help them get well and still be the manager of my own store.

I wasn't exactly sure where God was calling me to locate, but I found that the City of Sealy no longer had an independent pharmacist and decided that's where God was calling me to go next. I was able to find an ideal commercial lot in the heart of Sealy and began construction of my own Sealy Pharmacy where I could meet new friends and offer services some of the chain stores don't offer.

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Over 2,000 years ago, while Jesus was still on earth he commanded his disciples to go into

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Be With Me Dear Jesus

Please be with me dear Jesus as I start another day,
 Lead me and guide me as I try hard to walk in your ways.
 Help me when I stumble and I sometimes fall,
 I'm so grateful that on your name I always can call.
 Please be with me dear Jesus and help me to see,
 That you're always there and you take care of me.
 No matter what I need or what I'm going through,
 You have shown me that I can always count on you.
 Please be with me dear Jesus you're all that I need,
 Walking by your side is where I always want to be.
 Learning so many things that I need to know,
 I'm so blessed that you take me where ever you go.
 Please be with me dear Jesus I love you so much,
 My life would be empty with out your loving touch.

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News From Heaven

I have always taken pride in the fact that I thought I was not capable of becoming addicted to anything and I never would. Well, that confidence only served to teach me that no one is exempt from additions.

I gave up watching the news years ago because most of the news coming at us is bad. I guess I had forgotten that when the floods came in April this year. I began watching the news to find out about the flooding, roads closed, and so many areas being affected. I began watching the 6 p.m. news every day.

Then I found out the news, local and world, began at 4:30 each afternoon and lasted until 7:00. Even though much of it was repeated from the previous news cast, I didn't want to miss any of them in case somebody reported something new. Then I remembered it also came on every night at 10:00 and of course I had to watch that too so I wouldn't miss anything.

One morning I woke up at 5 a.m. and turned on the television and what do you know? The news was

also on at that time, too. It wasn't long before I was watching at least 5 hours of negative news every day. After only a few weeks, I began having trouble going to sleep at night and having different physical symptoms that I was sure was some kind of fatal disease. After four months of watching all these news casts, I was sure my time on earth here was finished and I was a wreck.

About two weeks ago, I was listening to a preacher from Houston, Ben Young, and he was teaching on protecting the things that go into our mind.

He said, "News junkies constitute a whole class of people in our media saturated culture. It seems sometimes 99.9 percent of the news coming at us daily is bad. But God's promise to His covenant people is that they don't have to fear evil tidings. That doesn't mean they are exempt from dread phone calls or other alarming information. However, God's covenant people don't have to exist in a perpetual state of

anxiety. Down deep inside they trust in God, and know He works all things for good and His glory in their lives.

Then he reminded us of Philippians 4:8-9, which I had memorized years ago, but never really understood that it applies to my situation right now.

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Break that addiction to watching all the news casts you can find, he continued."

Ah-ha!! That was my trouble. What a hug from Heaven. I knew God was speaking directly to me. I immediately vowed to give up

watching all that news over and over and in only a few days, all my physical ailments had gone away and I began sleeping so good every night again. I didn't realize how much time I really spent on being frustrated and angry about all that negative stuff I had been pouring into my mind.

What a huge hug from heaven to realize I had been poisoning my mind with all that negative news and didn't realize it. That's how additions really are, they sneak in and take over and you don't even realize it has happened. None of us are immune to addictions of one kind or another, but Jesus and His Holy Word always have the answer for whatever we are going through at the time.

May God richly bless each of you.

*In His Love,
Diana Boring
San Felipe, Texas*



The Secret Drawer

Years ago, when Lee Beth--our oldest grandchild--visited us, she would head for the "secret drawer," crammed with candy. I can still see the little girl running her fingers through the abundance of delights. God's promise to His children is "abounding riches." We trivialize the promise when we think only of money--or candy. God's abounding riches are never at risk, and always bear hefty dividends. Many focus on building up riches for retirement, and don't consider eternity.

The riches of God's covenant are available for all who ask for His salvation in Christ. He wants an open, not a "secret" drawer.

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;- Romans 10:12

Dr. Ed Young
Houston, Texas

Top 10 Signs You're In For a Long Sermon

10. There's a case of bottled water beside the pulpit in a cooler.
9. The pews have camper hookups.
8. You overhear the pastor telling the sound man to have a few (dozen!) extra tapes on hand to record today's sermon.
7. The preacher has brought a snack to the pulpit.
6. The preacher breaks for an intermission.
5. The bulletins have pizza delivery menus.

4. When the preacher asks the deacon to bring in his notes, he rolls in a filing cabinet.
3. The choir loft is furnished with La-Z-Boys.
2. Instead of taking off his watch and laying it on the pulpit, the preacher turns up a four-foot hour-glass.

And The Number One Sign You Are In For A Long Sermon

1. The minister says, "You'll be out in time to watch the Super Bowl," but it's only September.



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*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord."
Colossians 3:23*




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1 cup butter – no substitutes
 ½ cup shortening
 4 oz cream cheese
 2 ½ cup sugar
 5 eggs
 3 cup all purpose flour
 1 cup buttermilk
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1 tsp. black walnut extract
 1 cup black walnuts, chopped
 fine



Cream butter, shortening and cream cheese; add sugar slowly and cream well; add eggs one at a time, beating well after each one. Add flour and buttermilk, vanilla and black walnut extract and mix. Fold in black walnuts. Bake at 325 degrees in loaf pan for 1 ¼ hours.

*Pauline Blackwell
 Oxford, North Carolina*

FUN WITH GOD'S WORD

Use the scriptures below to find and circle the **BOLDFACED** words. **UNDERLINED WORDS** will be found together.

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But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:8-13 (NIV)

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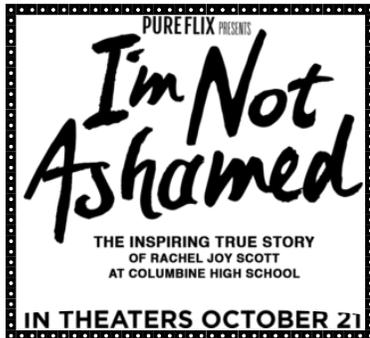
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Who Will Tell Them?

"World War II had ended. Peace had been declared. But young Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda of the Japanese Imperial Army, stationed on an island in the Philippines, didn't know the war had ended. Attempts were made to track him down. Leaflets were dropped over his location, telling him the war was over. But Onoda, whose last order in 1945 was to stay and fight, dismissed these attempts and leaflets as trickery or propaganda from the enemy. He did not surrender until March 1974 - nearly 30 years after the war had ended - when his former commanding officer traveled from Japan to the Philippines, rescinded his original order, and officially relieved Onoda of duty. Onoda finally believed the war was over."

"When it comes to the good news about Jesus Christ, many still haven't heard or don't believe that He has "destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim. 1:10). And some of us who



have heard and believed still live defeated lives, trying to survive on our own in the jungle of life." Someone needs to tell them the glorious news of Christ's victory over sin and death. Initially, they may respond

with skepticism or doubt, but take heart. Imagine the freedom they'll find when Christ illumines their mind with knowledge that the battle has been won!

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all parts of the world and spread the good news of what Jesus had done for us. It is believed that one of his disciples named Thomas, sometimes known as "doubting Thomas," came to India to share the love of Jesus. India was first settled by Spain and Portugal and brought with them the religion of the Roman Empire. The Romans believed that men have to earn their way to God through many sacrifices, rituals and good deeds. They never had the assurance of knowing they would ever see God, if they had done enough to get there or if they ever had a chance at all. They had no peace of mind and just hoped for the best.

When Thomas came to India, he told of the wonderful news of Jesus and His sacrifice for all of us. If Thomas hadn't come to India, I wonder if I would have

been born into a Christian family there or if there would even be any Christians in India. I wonder if my family would have moved to America at all or if I would ever have been told how to become a true Christian. I wonder if I would ever have even met my beautiful wife, or have the beautiful daughter we do today or even own The Sealy Pharmacy in Sealy, Texas.

The Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". I wonder if God's plan for me started over 2,000 years ago with his disciple Thomas.

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But have you ever considered the words you speak to yourself? Often,

we can speak badly about ourselves because we've heard those same things from others in our lives – from the wrong "they." God, though, has something to say that many people may never tell us. His message to us is simply, "I love you."

God accepts you just the way you are. Don't base your sense of self-worth on what the wrong "they" tell you. Instead, find acceptance and love from God first. Because then

Final Journey

A famous explorer was recounting his adventures to a swarm of reporters.

"Sir," one asked, "do you plan ever to explore any unknown areas?"

The explorer replied, "Yes, I plan to make one last expedition. Only one Man has been to this place and come back alive. He promised He will take me there and let me explore it."

A reporter fired back, "Are you saying you believe in Heaven?"

"Absolutely," replied the explorer. "There has to be a Heaven because it has been implanted in the hearts of all people throughout history."

"He has also set eternity in their heart..." - Ecclesiastes 3:11

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