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10. DON'T GO IN THERE!

Doug and I always felt blessed to belong to the Hospital Calling Team through our church, we visited the sick in hospitals, and the elderly in nursing homes.

We had thought when we first joined the team, that we would be encouraging many people, which I know we did. However, the more we visited these dear people ~ the more they ended up encouraging us, and we walked away feeling uplifted and praising God! So much so ~ that we stayed with this great program for over seventeen years. (If you want to see Christ's miracles, join a program like this.)

We were always welcomed by the nursing staff, and really felt like they appreciated our service to the patients. Many nurses greeted us with a smile, and a nod of encouragement.

Surprisingly ~ one day an angry looking nurse came out of the room we were heading into. We had never seen her before.

She looked at us like she was in a very bad mood, and for those who know who "Nurse Ratched" was in the movies, well, she donned that look!

She abruptly stopped in front of the door, as if she did not want us to 'cross the line,' and said, "Don't go in there!"

I said, "Oh, is there a nurse with him?"

She glared back at me and said, "No, he's depressed, and crying. He just found out he is full of cancer!"

She looked at us like we'd better do what she said, or else! This nurse was obviously not a believer, and she was a 'crepe hanger' as they say!

We waited for her to walk away, and then went ahead and went in, knowing that ~ "We have a different 'Boss'!"

We had a quick prayer ~ asking God to give us His power, His words, and His strength, to go in and pray with this poor man.

We knocked on the door and peeked in, and told "James" we were part of the calling team from our church. He said, "Oh please, come in!" He was sitting on the side of the bed crying, and we asked if we could pull some chairs up, and talk with him. He said, "Yes, I really need to talk to you right now."

He was so happy we were there, and the timing was Gods timing! This was definitely, a ‘divine appointment!’

We asked him about his health. He was quick to share that he had just been told by his doctor, (who had just left his room,) that he was “full of cancer.”

We asked him if he knew the Lord Jesus as his Savior, and he looked ashamed and said, “I don’t go to church.”

We explained that he could still ask Jesus as his Savior, and even if he didn’t go to church, if he believed, he could still be ‘Saved.’ He seemed to take comfort from that.

He was then eager to talk to us, and we spent some quality time with him. He then confessed that he would probably never be able to go to church. He looked up at us and waited for us to ask him why? He was embarrassed.

I asked him why he felt that way? He began to tear up and he said, “every time I go to church, . . I cry!” He then bowed his head and teared up even more.

I told him I had heard many times that crying was a sign of God’s Spirit upon people! It could be the way God was working in his soul to bring him closer to Him, and it wasn’t a bad thing.

Our hearts went out to him. I couldn’t help but think “If this was my daddy, I would want someone reaching out the love and mercy of God to him in a crucial time like this.”

We continued to talk with him and encourage him. We told him a short version of our testimonies and how we came to know Christ as our Savior. We told him how Christ had done miracles for us, to turn our lives around. We then read a few verses to him from God’s Word.

As we were finishing the beautiful time God had given us to visit with him, we asked if we could pray, and confirm his Salvation, and ask Christ for a miracle to heal him of all cancer.

We told him, “All things are possible with God.”

He was very eager for us to pray for him, and he mentioned how happy he was that we came to visit and pray with him.

We held hands and prayed with James, and when we all looked up from our prayer with him ~ his face was beaming with hope, (as ours

were too!) We were all feeling lifted up. We could ‘feel’ Jesus present with us!

He reached out his hands ~ to shake our hands, and we smiled and told him, “We would love to have you visit our church, and no one will judge you for your tears.” I said, “You just look for us. You can’t miss us. We sit down in the front rows and you just look for my long hair.” (We all giggled because my hair was down to my knees.) He actually started to laugh with joy that we might see each other again! (We were all smiling and giggling.)

What a difference Christ Jesus makes; He took us from fear, and sorrow, and tears, to a wonderful memory of God’s sweet Spirit, that we will never forget!

We both walked away reluctantly, leaving him there, but believing Jesus was in that room with him now. (And also, in his heart!)

We were believing God for a miracle after we prayed!

As Doug and I were walking down the hospital hallway, we could feel God’s presence surrounding us, as we had experienced so many times before ~ feeling as if we were walking on clouds!

I cannot emphasize enough when you are visiting the poor and sick ~ Jesus says you are really visiting Him! “In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ~ ye have done it unto Me.” (Matthew 25:40)

A couple of months later ~ we were in church, ‘down front,’ and I heard a man yell, “Charlie, Charlie!”

I turned around and there was ‘James,’ rushing down the aisle to greet us. We smiled and welcomed him, and were so happy he finally came to church! ~ He looked at us and said, through his tears, “I’m crying again!” (Only these were tears of joy!)

I said, “Well nobody here even cares!” We all giggled, and his tears disappeared!

He said, “Will you please come and meet my wife and daughter?”

We said, “We’d love to!”

When we met them, James looked at us and excitedly said, “Guess what? We have great news! . . . I’m healed of all cancer! The doctors can’t believe it!!” His wife and daughter, then had tears in their eyes!

We were all thrilled, and so happy for James’ healing miracle!!

He grabbed my arms, and turned me around, and said to his wife and daughter, “See, I told you she had hair down to her knees, isn’t it beautiful? She’s the one who prayed, and she healed me!”

As excited as we all were, I had to correct him.

I told him lovingly, “Jesus is the only one who heals us.” I told them, “We can only pray to Him, for His mercy, and His miracles!”

He was so excited about his healing, and being new to all this ~ we had to direct him back to Jesus.

We told them, “Jesus alone gets the praise and glory!” We knew they understood.

His wife and daughter were so thrilled that James came to church! They said they had been praying for years that he would attend church with them. We found out they had been attending our big church, and they were the ones who put James’ name on the calling list when he became so ill. We saw this dear family many times, in the weeks, and months, to come. And we will never forget that emotional day we sat in the hospital room, sharing Jesus with this dear man.

How often we’ve thought about that nurse saying ~ “Don’t go in there!!” and thinking, “What if we hadn’t gone in there?”

What if we hadn’t knocked on James’ door that day, and had the boldness, to go on in and introduce ourselves ~ in spite of that nurse’s orders?!” ~ James might have never received his ‘miracle healing,’ if we had listened to that mean nurse!

We must remember ~ Jesus is our Savior, Commander, and Chief, and we must always listen to His Holy Spirit, and ‘His Voice.’ Amen!

We thank our great God for hearing and answering the prayers of His people, and we are certainly looking forward to seeing James and his family in Heaven some day!

I know, we will ‘all’ be crying tears of joy on that Glorious Day!!

“And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” (Mark 10:27)

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

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“He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when He shall hear it, He will answer thee.” (Isaiah 30:19)

“for I am the LORD that healeth thee.” (Exodus 15:26)

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