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*For God says, "At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold now is "The acceptable time," behold now is "The day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2 NASB*

The Bible says, "Now is the day of salvation." The Bible makes it urgent that a person responds to the gospel asap! Many of the men I visit with do not think about eternity. There are too many other distractions that keep them from thinking about life after death. Death often comes when it is not expected, heart attack, a brain hemorrhage, accident, and many other causes.

There were approximately 27 men present at last week's Bible study. The topic was, "What Does It Take to Go to Heaven?" Toward the end of the Bible study, the last verse we talked about was taken from Isaiah 55, "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near..." I asked if there were any questions and one young man asked, "When is it too late to be saved?" I went on to tell him that when a person dies without the Lord, it will be too late. After the Bible study one of the men who has been a Christian for many years, led him to the Lord! It was great to see another Christian praying with the young man who asked the question! I was reminded again that this is what the church is meant to do, lead others to Christ!

I have known Frank for several years. When I was visiting with him one day, he told me about a man he was witnessing to regularly. Frank asked if I would call for this man, because he was not

sure he explained things correctly. While Frank was in the office I explained the gospel message to his friend. When I was finished the young man wanted to invite Christ into his life to be his Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord for Frank's concern for this man's soul!

I wrote about James last year, but here is his testimony. "Over a decade ago when I was first incarcerated, I read my Bible every day. As time passed, I began to drift away from God. I began feeling alone, hopeless, empty, and broken. I decided I had enough, and I swallowed 60 pills. I was found unresponsive, and I was put on a life support machine. I was given a one percent chance to live and was in a coma for several days. I could hear things going on around me, but I couldn't respond. As I was getting an MRI, I heard God tell me, 'James I am going to heal you, and you will be okay.' A few days later as I was coming out of the coma, the doctor told me that I had no permanent damage to my brain and body! They all told me, 'You are a modern-day miracle, you should have never been able to walk or talk again.' God had other plans for me! It reminded me of the story of the lost sheep that Jesus went after and saved. I learned that Jesus was my 1% in the hospital. I didn't deserve life, I am a sinner and deserved death but Jesus came to me and gave me life. I was given a second chance, and I am using it to grow in the Word and Spirit. I know now I am never alone, Hebrews 13:5. From now on I will stay focused on Christ and spread His Word." Praise the Lord that He still is doing miracles today, healing this man who had only a 1% chance of survival!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

Blessings, *Harlan*

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