

THE Net

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To Bring Them In...

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This is an excerpt from an email received from my cousin after reading last month's Net. Marcia has experienced the saving grace of our Savior from alcoholism and has taught the Christian 12 Steps at her church, knowing that Jesus is THE POWER! Her desire is share this truth with others who want to live a clean and sober life, knowing that the name of that POWER is JESUS!

Linda Diamond, Admin. BSM

Hi Linda:

I love the story of Jonah. Before I experienced this whole recovery thing, I really didn't get it. Now to me it is a story that I identify with very much, except Jonah is not a man. She is a middle class mother and wife who thought that she was doing everything just right: going to church, volunteering at school, keeping the house clean, working out, and playing the dutiful wife at expensive company functions. It was what appeared to be the perfect life.

But God had other plans. I (Jonah) was not to find my purpose in the comfy world of the average. In fact, I would become very disenchanted and down right bored with that life. I tried to fill it with many things, but in the end alcohol took over everything. Eventually, I would seek a deeper understanding of God.

He wanted to send me to a very different world. He wanted me to go to Alcoholics Anonymous to witness and be of service to other women like me. I could have gone there gently and gracefully. I had many opportunities to go before there had been any serious consequences or embarrassment.

BUT NO WAY was I going there!!!! I was so much smarter than **THOSE** Alcoholics. Those Ninevites were **LOSERS!** So I did what Jonah did. **I RAN AWAY FROM GOD.** First I jumped on the S.S. "I can control this myself". But the seas became very stormy and the ship started sinking and I was taking everyone down with me.

...And Did Someone Mention Pride? Jonah Part II

So I ran and jumped overboard into a very dark, freezing cold ocean of despair.

God is faithful as we know. He let me stay there just long enough to surrender and to call out His Name

with all my heart. Then, like Jonah, He delivered me to where I was suppose to be . . . in AA. Only this time, it wasn't gentle and it wasn't pretty. I was basically spewed onto the beach, surrounded by the vomit and wreckage that was sitting with me in the belly of the whale.

At first I stayed because the alternative was to go back to the deep blackness. Then I began to work through the steps and clean up the wreckage. I began to see the miracles in my life and in the lives of others and I stayed because I knew that I belonged. Finally, I was where God wanted me to be. I really love to wait on the beach and see who God will spit up next....They come in the door still mad and picking off the seaweed.....I just stick out my hand and say, "Hi, I'm Marcia. Welcome."

I'd like to say that I am completely content with my service to the Lord and everything is bliss, but I am only human and there are many days that I, like Jonah, worry more about worldly things like pride, money or grey hair and wrinkles! Even after all I have been through, given gift after gift and blessing after blessing, I can so easily become self-centered and discouraged by the smallest inconvenience. I lapse into being critical instead of loving. Ugh...there are so many days that I just want to pretend that I wasn't an alcoholic. I don't want to have to go to meetings . . . and wouldn't it be nice to just sleep in on Sunday morning? It is a constant battle, as it is with all of us. Thank **GOD** for the people He puts into my life to remind me that my primary purpose is to serve Him....no matter where He may send me. What could be better than a day on the beach with **GOD!!!**

Thank you for reminding me!

Love, Marcia

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Jonah ~ Part II

It's not always easy to admit our faults and mistakes, to overcome our pride and self-righteousness, or offer forgiveness and accept love when it is given. Jonah seems to be our Poster Child! Proverbs gives us many examples showing us the consequences of our ungodly thoughts and actions.

Proverbs 19:11 tells us, A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. Jonah certainly didn't have patience because he was not willing to forgive those Ninevites! Where was his godly love and compassion? How many of us allow someone else's sins or mistakes to dictate our attitude and actions?

Paul tells us, The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself. Gal. 5:14. The Lord told Jonah to go to his "neighbors", the Ninevites, and show them God's love. He eventually obeyed, even though it was grudgingly. Apparently the Lord blinded them to Jonah's attitude and they just heard God's love and forgiveness and rejoiced in it!

Let's not begrudge anyone Jesus' love. It needs to be experienced through our actions, attitude, and words. The

scriptures tell us, If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. I John 4:20 Poor old Jonah! Did he ever get to the place where he could tell his "neighbor", "I love you, Brother"? Not an easy thing to say or accept when your heart isn't right with God.

Father, help us to climb out of our pit of self-righteousness and shake off the seaweed of pride so that we might walk freely in Your light and Your truth sharing Your love so that others will come to truly rest in Your salvation. Your ultimate Love hung on a cross bearing all our shame and all our sin. We have nothing to offer You but ALL of ourselves!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity everyday to express this Love to everyone we meet. It is our reasonable duty, and more than that, it is our honor, our privilege, and a gift from You.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen



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VICTORY REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise Him . . .

- Joe Powell - Joe doing better with new wheelchair and ability to stay up 10 - 12 hours a day!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Revival in our land. It all begins in our hearts
- Brenda, Bro. Bill's daughter - healing, health and strength
- Repurta K - daily walk with the Lord.

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