

“I know a man”



I know a man.... 2 Corinthians 12:2

I know a man who fell victim to a sinful life, who was steeped in evil desires. He was living an image of delinquency and transgression. Evil was fully reflected in every act of his life. If he had found favor with God, he might have been like an arrow but he was crippled by Satan's hand. Outwardly, he was a well-adjusted, good-looking guy, always accompanied by beautiful girls. His chief end was courtship with new girls and he was quite successful in it. Though he had a good heart, he gave his body to be slave of lust. To meet his lustful ends he told lies to his parents, giving them lame excuse for staying out late at night.

Besides courtship, he was very good at telling lies, and quite far from the word of life, as its written in **Proverbs 1:8-10** "*my son, hear the instruction of you father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; for they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent*" but his life was totally against these commandments, and he was busy living a sinful life.

He would seldom go to church and he never realized why he was going to church, even on the special festivals like Easter or Christmas. His eyes were always in search of attractive young woman who were in the church. Hand in hand with the devil he deliberately forsook the ways of God. Completely in the hands of the Satan, he neither believed in Jesus Christ nor realized that through Jesus Christ he could find or seek redemption.

He always ignored the word of God; today he realizes that his life has a big part in God's plan. Although the devil had completely ensnared him, God had already paid the price of his sin. We never wish to loose the tiniest thing, which we buy because we pay the price for it. In the same sense when Lord our God has already paid the price of our transgression, why should he leave us in the hands of the devil? But he felt that Satan became more determined to capture his soul.

His greatest desires were to have wealth, become a millionaire over the night, and live forever like a king. But as a matter of fact they were only desires, because the Word says **Psalms 126:5** "*those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy*" he was not acquainted with godly life, so how could he see his desires come true. For it is mentioned in **James 5:16** "*.....the prayer of a Righteous Man is powerful and effective*"

The Scripture also testifies in **Psalms 128:1-2** "*Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours*" the fear of Lord makes us blessed and prosperous.

He could therefore neither become blessed nor prosper because he never felt the fear of Lord.

The Lord then also gave him up to the foolish desires of his hearts. The Word testifies of his situation in **Romans 1:24** *“therefore God gave them over in sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another”*. Israel suffered in the same way when they were wandering in desert. They hearkened to the voice of their hearts instead of following God’s way. Thus the journey of four days extended into forty years.

If we do not let the plan of Lord work in our life, the course of our life is changed straightaway. It is exactly the same as the devil did not let the plan of Lord work and Lord threw him down, where he has no place to live and go. In the same way Lord speaks to us through **Revelation 3:16** *“so because you are lukewarm-neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”* Today the Lord speaks to each one of us through his Word. Therefore we must subject ourselves to His will that the plans of the Lord may be fulfilled in our life. The Lord has plans for each one of us; the only question is will we subject ourselves to His will? Will we allow him to work in our lives according to His plans for us?

Just as the ground holds the tree with its grip on the roots, in the same way the devil had fully gripped his life. He was totally stuck in the hands of Satan. Roots always remain in the ground to feed on minerals and other sources for the growth of the tree. In the same way Satan was feeding him and he was growing with the food that was being supplied from Satan. Satan had completely captured his life. He offered him the food after his heart that was the flesh of women and the vine. This is a very effective tool of Satan for any young man or woman to lure him/her.

As the Lord had plan in his life, so this evil-play did not continue for long. He met another girl and as with the others, harboring the same evil desire in his heart, he moved forward with the same ambition. But this was not the same case; as she was born again Christian. She was not alone to face the evil in him since the Holy Spirit was with her. She was very much aware of filthy design of Satan against mankind and quite aware of the fact that Satan has been against mankind since beginning. She had stanch believe in the authority that has given by the Lord Jesus to His people **Luke 10:19** *“I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you”* as Lord himself has crushed his head on cross 2000 years back.

My dear brother and sister, God also has plan for your life. You may not know this, but He has given His life for you and bought you with the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is exceedingly important that you must understand his plan in your life and bring fruit accordingly.

She didn't know of the filthy life he was living when she met him. But soon she came to know through his changing behavior and attitude towards her. The Lord wanted to save him through her; she then, following the will of the Lord, entrusted this matter to the Lord. She would pray that the Lord would bestow eternal life on him; Set him free Lord, and give him the salvation through the power of the cross and the precious blood of Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said whatever you ask by faith will be granted. She carried the same faith and started praying for his salvation; for it is written that the prayer of a righteous is powerful and effective. She was a believer and knew the power of the prayer. She didn't give-up but she kept on her knees for him before Lord and interceded with groans.

If you wish to see wonders in your life, entrust it to Lord, start praying with a full heart, we really need to become righteous like Jesus and fulfill the will of Lord in our life. Then only we can see wonders and great things happening in our lives.

His evil desires were soon revealed to her, but he didn't know that she was not an ordinary girl; she was a daughter of God, carrying the light of Word inside her, which will never let her compromise with darkness, as this was the very first thing that God did when He was creating heavens and the earth; He separated the light from the darkness. There is no merger of light with darkness. Therefore Lord wanted to brighten his life and transform him with the same light, the same that His daughter was carrying inside her.

In fact it was such a difficult task she had taken to bring salvation in the life of a man who is very much into pleasing devil. Who could even think that this man would change his life? But the Word testifies that those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. She kept on praying for him with groans. After some time her prayers were answered and there came a little change in his life.

Today the Lord wants all of us to stand in gaps for each other. In fact the Lord wants to see our sacrifice; he wants us to wail before him with tears. Just like Hannah, who didn't have children, she went into the temple and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish, for it is written in **1Samuel 1:20** "*so in the course of*

time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel saying, because I asked the Lord for him.” The Lord didn’t take much time to let her conceive after He saw her praying with tears. In the same way, the Lord has plans for our lives, but he watches our broken hearts.

Whenever they talked on phone, Jesus was the only focal point of discussion. Though his evil desires struggled hard to indulge in iniquity with her, he tried his best as per his plans and desire, but here the situation was totally different. She was not like the girls he used to see.

Lord used her like Moses to bring him out of the slavery of devil and his bondages, that the Lord’s name could be glorified through him. He would give Lord glory by speaking, talking and moving around the world. And he, who was in dungeon of Satan, would bind him someday in the name of Lord Jesus Christ by himself.

How could Satan leave him so easily, because this sharp instrument was being so helpful for him? Satan could not defeat her, but he used a non-Christian girl to put him into another temptation. She was crafty enough that she easily led him to the situation where he could deny Jesus. The spirits of darkness surrounded his mind and had such a possession over his thoughts that one day he left home to deny Jesus and accept her religion to marry her. He went straight to one of his lawyer friends. The lawyer was so happy to take him to one of his religious leaders to convert him, so that lawyer could go straight into heavens (according to his belief).

But God did not let this happen? Actually it was a war between Satan and him; he went along with the lawyer to see the religious-leader. Alongside the power of the Holy Spirit was moving with them to protect him. Finally they arrived and the lawyer described everything to the religious-leader. Before they could talk more, the Holy Spirit moved in such a way that the Maolana said “you don’t love our religion and you are quitting your own religion just because of a girl, you would never be faithful to God in any religion, anywhere.

These were the words that he never heard and the same had broken his heart and made him think over it. He could see himself like a dead dog; life was useless for him. Every thing was going into his favor and according to the plan but he felt like he was standing empty handed. The power of God revealed to him, he could now easily differentiate between true and false. The lawyer, who was a good friend, looked like an enemy to him. The Maolana was giving a very strange look, and asked him to get up and leave the place.

Though his body, soul and spirit were under the complete influence of Satan, the Holy Ghost had shaken his conscious, which made him run from there and leave everything behind. The lawyer too, started running after him, calling him back and shouting for him to listen. But he didn't pay attention to his shouts, as the Holy Ghost was leading him to his final destiny. He left the place and reached home.

He didn't want to talk to anyone. The power of the Holy Spirit started working inside him, making him strong that he could face and defeat the devil. She was also praying for him day and night to fulfill the plan of the Lord in his life. One day she received a call that he wanted to marry her. It was shocking news for her. She might have fallen in love with him, but she didn't tell him until she heard him saying so. She sought the will of her parents for this decision. Their parents agreed and in the Lord, they were married.

Though they married, their lifestyles were totally different. How a righteous, faithful and a pious girl could live with a man who is not even believer and seldom went to church? He was still involved with other girls and in drinking alcohol. It was more painful to see her husband coming home very late and he was not released fully from the bad habits, they were still chasing him. This used to give her immense pain that her husband was cheating on her.

But as she was in the covenant of marriage, the responsibility of prayer was more than the past. Whenever she tried to have conversation on family life, she was always scolded and given many lame excuses. He thought that he was doing absolutely right and didn't know that it was totally against the Word of God. It was months over since they were married but he was still not faithful to his wife. Daily fights and bad words didn't make her love him less. She was getting stronger in her prayers and asking Lord to change her husband altogether and make him an article of honor in His house. This is exactly what Lord wanted him to be.

During this all, she conceived, Lord could give a disabled or sick child but it is written in the Word **Psalm 128:3** "*that your sons will be like olive shoots around your table*". Why then the Lord would not bless His children with beautiful gifts. The time came when he took his wife to the hospital for delivery. While he was standing outside the operation theater he saw a nurse calling out that who is her husband, he moved forward with a hope that the Lord has blessed him with a child, but it was totally opposite. The nurse said that the delivery could be complicated and you may have to sign a paper that one of them, or both, could die. The staff will not be responsible for whatever happens. There was no time to think over it, it really quenched his heart. It

was the very first time when he thought about God and prayed that “Lord please help me, save my child and my wife I beg you”. He signed the papers reluctantly with this prayer. When nurse took the paper inside, he started thinking that he has himself signed the death certificate of his wife and child. The Devil was also threatening him to shake his hope and faith. But that very moment he felt a power in his heart. This was the power of the Holy Spirit encouraging him that nothing will go wrong. You love your child whom you haven’t seen yet, do you know your Heavenly Father has sacrificed everything (Jesus Christ) for you, that He could meet you.

Now we can imagine how much God loves us. Word testifies **John 3:16** “*for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life*”. He started praying, that may the Lord extend his mighty hand to keep his wife and child safe. The nurse came out again after sometime; he was standing beside his mother facing the Operation Theater. The moment he saw the nurse he was scared, and wanted to move his body which had no power. Before he could fight with his body to move forward, the words that came out of the mouth of the nurse, released the power of his body that he could rush towards her. She said the Lord has blessed you with a beautiful son, he was so happy that he could not help himself shedding tears. He put his head in his mother’s lap and started crying, but she could not figure out the reason he was crying though this was his very first son. In fact the reason of the tears was that he was blessed with a complete and healthy child. It was non-stop tears in his eyes with thanks to the Lord. He started confessing that he doesn’t really deserve to have such gifts but Lord you are still so gracious and kind. Because it is written that “he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends the rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. He paid the price for the whole mankind. Surly Lord wanted to make him realize that there is someone who sustains everything by the power of his Word and that is the Lord our God himself. He couldn’t stop himself shedding more tears when he held his son in his arms, it was such a great work done in his life. Holy Spirit was making him realize that how much God loves him.

They brought their son home and took a new start of life. It was totally different now, making fun with this little angel. Just think it over, the man who didn’t change his life even after getting married to a faithful girl, how come it’s possible for him to accept Jesus Christ as his savior and live a righteous life. Though he was spending his maximum time with a faithful wife.

In fact I’m also thinking over the same thing that he can never change his life, it’s simply impossible. But we all know the power of Word, the Word itself

doesn't change, but it has the power to change the world.

You might have seen coal in your life; it is purely of black color. Is there any detergent that you may know which makes it white? In simple words it's not possible to make it white, it is black and it will remain black. But let me tell you there is something that can change its color, **Jeremiah 23:29** "*is not my word like a fire says the Lord*". And fire is the only tool, which can turn its black color into red. When the power of the Word comes in our life, it makes us pure and changes the attributes of our lives.

When we come under the fire of the Word then it removes darkness from our lives. What a power that the Word carries in it.

One day a servant of Lord Pastor Rick Zachary from America came to Pakistan, he had to speak in a seminar. Where he was also invited to take some pictures during sessions. At the end of the seminar the pastor came to him and asked him if he has learned something from seminar. His answer was "NO" as he didn't learn anything. However, there was the power of the Holy Spirit that poured out on him through Pastor Rick. The Lord spoke to him directly "*you may not need me but I need you, you will teach those who preach in churches and big multitudes*" the touch of the Holy Spirit was so powerful; that he couldn't help himself bow-down before Lord and shed tears. It was entirely a new experience for him, because he never wept before. It was a great work being done in his life. This was the very first prophecy concerning his life he ever heard. He couldn't understand the true meaning of the words but he was given a new track to walk on, with faith. His wife was so happy when she heard that Pastor prophesied about him, she was actually waiting for Lord to speak to him and work in his life. They both discussed over it, and she told him that you are called to be a Teacher. He didn't know, what was that all about but he was meditating on it?

One night he was sleeping and someone shook him and he woke up, but he didn't find anyone around. He was sitting on the bed wondering and suddenly heard a voice, "*Get up and evangelize*" but he had doubt, is it the voice of the God? In awhile he heard the same words again. Than he said Lord if it is you, prove yourself or don't play with him. He heard the same voice again, open the Bible and read **Proverbs 8:1**. He rushed to get the Bible and tried to find out the reference he just heard. It was too difficult to open the right page, as he never read or studied the Bible before. Finally he reached the reference and read that, it is written "*does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice*" the moment he read that, he understood that this is Lord Himself speaking to him. He was present in the room, he started crying before the

Lord, don't know for how many hours he cried for his repentance and forgiveness. Because this was the time when God was cleansing him and sanctifying him with the precious blood of Lord Jesus Christ and making him an article of honor for His house, for he never repented before. And I want to tell you very clear, blessings come after repentance. For scripture says in **Psalms 66:18** *“if I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.”*

When he got up in the morning he shared all that with his wife, she was eagerly waiting for Lord to reveal His plans on him. She was so happy to see that the prayers were answered. For that is true *“those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy”*

He then called his Pastor straightaway and told him the whole story, Pastor said brother your Lord is calling you for the ministry; you will have to serve Him.

That was the turning point when he gave his life to the Lord altogether and turned from sinful ways. He repented first of all, baptized and then entrusted himself to Lord so that He could make him an article of honor in His house.

He was obeying devil but started obeying God.
He was under the curse but came under the blessing.
He used to serve Satan but started serving the Living Lord.
He would fulfill sinful desires but changed his motives.
He had negative thoughts but turned toward positive thinking.
He would always cheat on her wife but became a trustworthy husband.
He doesn't beat his wife now but loves her and pray for her.

That's the power of the Word and prayers (hallelujah). You know this all took place in his life just because of continuous prayers, tears, wailings and groans before Lord. If you have anything that you think is not possible, please start praying for that, no matter how difficult that task is, it can be solved by His grace. Things will be changed, and life will not remain as it was before, Satan will leave his possession, and the blood of the Lamb will protect you.

It may take sometime to see things working but please don't get disappointed. As it took almost three years to see her husband saved. Let the Lord work for you. Because he is the only one who can prepare table in the wilderness.

Dear brother / sister would you like to know about that man, would you like to know about his wife (**a patient woman**)?

I am that man, who is writing this testimony. It is my personal testimony you have just read. And I believe that you are blessed by the words that Holy Spirit is bestowing upon me to write and share. The Lord has really done a magnificent and glorious work in my life.

I pray for every single one to be partnered with a faithful husband / wife so that one could save the other. As scripture also testifies in **1Corinthians 7:14** *“For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.”*

Now I know a man (myself) fallen in love with God the Father and living an image of Christ. Now the truth is reflecting from every act of my life. For I have found favor with God. My chief end is to worship the Lord and by His grace I'm quit successful in it. (Praise the Lord)

Dear reader you are always welcome to contact us (me & my wife) for any comments or to send your prayer requests at the email given below. We would love to join hands for your deliverance and strength in Lord.

May His only name be glorified now and forevermore.

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