

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ & you will be saved You & your whole household Acts 16:31

But as for me and my household we will serve the Lord Joshua 24:15

As a young married man God put on my heart my family including parents & my Nanna who were alive at the time My Grandfathers & Grandmother had passed on they were not Christians

My background as far as Christianity was concerned was pretty much nonexistent Apart from my two praying Aunts who were spinsters on my Dads side Whom I had a lot to do with as a young child staying with them in the family business where they lived in Sydenham Christchurch, I believe it is because of their prayers I became a Christian in my teens Marrying a Christian, a preacher's kid at that

We were living on Auckland at the time when God put on my heart to contact my Nanna whom was very special to me having spent 18 months living with her while my parents were overseas, I knew she wasn't well but prompted to write a detailed letter expressing her need to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord & Savior She had been going regularly to the Salvation Army ladies meeting but wasn't well enough but the Officers did call on her My Nanna died a few months later so I didn't see her before her death I wasn't sure where she stood before God I was to do the eulogy at her funeral The Officer came up to me & told me that my Nanna accepted Jesus Christ into her life That was the beginning

Both my children Jeremy & Janita are strong Christians having served God respectively in Fiji & Samoa They have Christian partners who are bringing up their children in the ways of the Lord

Now to my Dad Back in the 80s. I took him to a Billy Graham movie called the Hiding Place At the end of the movie there was an alter call I asked my Dad would he like to respond with tears in his eyes he explained he would but he knew my mum wouldn't handle his decision & didn't respond

It wasn't until my Dad became very sick & ended in a home waiting to die He was now separated from my Mum & as we (my son, wife & I ) asked Dad if he'd like to make peace with God With tears in his eyes he accepted Christ & the forgiveness of sins There was a restoration that only God could have done that day About a week later he went to Heaven Hed asked forgiveness of many family members & had a hunger to read Gods Word in his last days

As for my Mum who was never going to have anything to do with Christianity, She had been hurt by so called Christians & wasn't a forgiver As soon as you'd mention Christian things she'd put a wall up The only times I was able to share anything was when I came against the demonic influences over her life My Mum also had a number of physical issues that affected her as well breast cancer, severe burn, child death, hepatitis, leukemia among other things She was a bitter, self-centered & twisted lady but she was my Mum Believe it or not she could be funny, not very often I could say things to my Mum that no one else could so we have a special bond & she respected me

Anyways it was 4 years earlier that we visited the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, Israel If you have seen pictures it's the remaining wall of the Temple a sacred place for Judaism where the believers come & pray As they do so they nod their heads, a special religious act of their sincere belief & dedication to Yahweh The men & woman are separated & you put on the kippah (skullcap) What happens is you go up to the wall & pray If you'd like you to, you can write down on paper your prayer Then put it in the cracks in the wall So I wrote out one request that my Mum come to Salvation before she died As I did this a

dove landed above me on a shelf As this happened I felt the Holy Spirit say you're Mum will be saved I was overwhelmed with tears & jubilation Ive never felt the presence of God like I did at the wailing wall My experience of the Holy Spirit I regularly experience His presence

Over the last year of my Mums life as we prayed for her she softened it was quite amazing to see On one visit she told us that she'd had a visit from a little girl & her Mum She didn't see the girls face but thought it was her (this in fact was her daughter Lynette my sister who died at 11 months)

Mum had another vision as we call it This time, she saw herself on the sea shore trying to get to the cruise ship out from the shore She didn't trust any of the dinghy's along the foreshores they appeared like they'd sink

Last year 2019 my Mum had a fall at her nursing home breaking her hip & a lot of other complications her weak heart her leukemia These things prevented Mum from going to surgery & she declined physically So much so that we had to make a decision whether to continue or to let her die naturally Talk about hard but as a family we prayed together We were all in agreement to let her go

I tried to bring salvation up in fact we told her Jesus loves her Mums response was Jesus couldn't love me but she was distracted & that was the end of that As we each took turns to stay with Mum it was our turn to stay the night I read from the Gideon Bible in the hospital the story of the disciples on the sea when a storm came & they were afraid Then Jesus appeared & the storm stopped They were safe with Jesus Mark 4:35-41 That it was ok Jesus is there for you too She seemed to like that without much response As Mum was in & out of conscience I prayed against evil influences as I had before Then explained salvation & it required her to respond As I did this she opened her eyes as if to say yes because verbal communication wasn't very regular I believe she acknowledged Jesus because there was an amazing peace that came over her She slipped away some hours later with just a few of us there What a privilege it was to witness God at work in a seemingly impossible situation

But it doesn't finish there My wife Vivienne meet my ex-wife Jill who are great mates at a women's conference a week later Where Jill had a vision of my Mum without knowing anything of the vision Mum had Shared that she saw my Mum on the sea shore wandering along she saw a dinghy with 2 people in it come to shore Then a man (Jesus) got out of the boat & walked towards my Mum He put His hand out but she hesitated Seeing His overwhelming love she eventually took His hand Walking back to the dinghy she was over come as she recognized her daughter Lynette who died at 11 months They went back to the ship where my Dad was waiting

Isn't God amazing how He confirms what I believed in my heart That my Mum was saved be it the last minute He is so faithful when we pray for our loved ones, He answers Never give up praying or believing Even the hardest of the hard can come to Him If my Mum can find Christ, anyone can Let me say this I am not special, I don't deserve to see His hand on my life & families Because I was like David I sinned & turned away from God But he knows our heart & it was always for Him as was Davids I want to encourage you to believe for your whole household to declare & decree His Word

I wrote this on October 20 because it would have been my Mums birthday in honor of you Noeline Betty Adams