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Father sometimes I offend you.

I know Jesus died because we have all offended you.

I believe God You raised Jesus from the dead.

Save me from my desires that offend you.

Jesus of Nazareth
I confess that you are Savior & Lord.

Forgive me for offending you in Jesus name I pray.

Here is your job description from now on!

Do no more evil

Tell about Jesus

Be baptized, Learn about Him in your Bible.

HE KNOWS YOU, THE INDIVIDUAL!

I hope that today, as we go through the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, we remember Gods love for each of us. I mean Individually.

We, or at least I, used to think that God loves us, but in a collective way? You know? "God loves everyone." But truly God loves each of us individually, and He wants to help us. Love us, and be there for each of us. I guess you can say He sees the day-to-day circumstances that each of us go through, and he wants to help us through them. In this writing (and I must warn you, it's a very dark, but a very true story), I want to share with you, how I've come to realize that God is ready to relate to each person on the earth, if the individual, is ready to put God first in their life. .

Back when I was seventeen, working in an auto body shop (I was a helper. You know? I swept floors, and I was an extra pair of hands for the staff auto body technicians in the shop). It was a very bad time in my life. I was suffering with torment in my mind (unknown by me, I would find out twenty-three years later that I was suffering with a mental illness called, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, or, OCD.). I was a devout Christian at the time, and was continuously in prayer, and studying God's word on how to serve Him. I was very focused on this effort.

However, as I mentioned earlier, I suffered terrible mental torment. I was having terrible violent thoughts that were very contrary to my beliefs in God (for the sake of those using search terms "Christian Torment" or "Mental Torment"). These thoughts were becoming

more-and-more violent and intrusive into my general day-to-day thinking. This increasing persistence continued. By this time, I had been suffering with these symptoms for about two years. The horrible violent thoughts literally put the proverbial fear of god into me, and they led me to realize that I might hurt, or worse, kill someone. I was fifteen years old when the problem began happening. When they began, I immediately spoke to my parents, (literally the very day it started). They told me then, that everything would be okay, and that I was at an age where a young man goes through these types of things. Well, The truth is the problem became so severe, so fast that I demanded that my parents take me to a psychiatrist because, as I said to them, "My brain isn't working right!" Well, My father agreed, and took me to a psychiatrist in New York City. To my amazement, the doctor told me I was fine, and perfectly normal. Which would make sense, since I later learned, the disease wasn't discovered until years later.

Anyway, moving ahead to seventeen years old, and back to the body shop. I began a task that my boss requested of me. As I began, suddenly I was caught up in this thought process, in which devastating violent, horrible thoughts (with associated images) were firing off, and flashing across my mind with lightening speed. It was like a slide projector, firing off mental images at a staggering rate. Each snap shot pounded my mind with devastating force. They occurred so fast I could not respond, or rationalize through, because the next thought was on me, before I could re-

spond to the last. You see, in normal human thinking, a person could have a violent crazy thought, and the person would simply dismiss the thought. But! With O.C.D., the victim tries to dismiss the thought, but the thought remains, growing more persistent. This causes other new thoughts with it, increasing the associated fear. The cycle of unanswered thought amplifies the fear, which create terrible anxiety.

Before I knew it I staggered into the coffee area. I needed to get a hold of myself. I remember pressing my face against the wall, and slowly sliding down the wall, as my knees were gave way to exhaustion (of course, I didn't know it then, but a psychiatrist told me twenty-three years later, that I was in the throws of a nervous breakdown). I could not stop the thoughts from pounding my mind, and by this time, I didn't stand a chance at regaining my composure, and mental state. My eyes felt like they were sinking deep, into my brain. The pressure in my head was so great, it was like a baseball was stuffed in my forehead, right between the eyes, and I could not turn it off.

As I collapsed further down the wall, I tried to brace myself. The exhaustion was intense, but the incessant thinking kept me alert. It was here that the tide was turned. God miraculously showed up. He intervened. As the images were flashing and firing off, and pounding my mind, God opened a path into my thought. He commanded me and said, "Rick! Praise me now!" Immediately, I grabbed hold of the lifeline God threw me. I clinched my fists and focused on praising His name in chant-like thoughts and mumbles. I began to recover. Soon, I was on my feet again; my fists remained clinched as I focused like a laser beam on praising Him. I con-



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tinued praising Him and when the chemistry in my mind returned to a form of normalcy (actually, I would learn of the chemistry issue much later), I went back to work. I was exhausted. No one in the shop knew what had happened to me. I fully emerged from the battle with a new form of faith and belief in God. God was no longer a foggy indefinable figure beyond space. He was God, bigger than life. He opened a doorway to see Him as He is. He knows the individual, the person, and He shall commune with you, if you determine to go to Him with unstoppable determination. God will talk to you, too. He will love you and make things move that seem impossible to move. God will do things for you, unimaginable things. Just like He did for me. The truth is, He'll probably do even greater things.

Of course, there are a number of important points of the story, that I hope you the reader can take away from my experience.

First, I was born with this disease, and no, "God did not strike me" with it. Please don't believe that silliness.

If God went through all the trouble to become a man, to suffer a horrible death to rescue us, why would He call down curses on you? Actually, everything the Bible teaches about God's love for us is completely opposite of that silly teaching. However, The bible does teach that people who live in this life will suffer the ill effects of it, as a result of man's original sin through Adam. (and Yes, I ab-

solutely believe Adam existed. But that's for another day).

Second, prior to the event, I had already begun a relationship with God, but it was far from miraculous. I was just a kid who realized, believed and accepted that God existed, and I simply wanted to serve Him in a meaningful way.

Third, when the event took place, it was "a miraculous intervention". That is, according to my doctor twenty-three years later. It was a type of recovery that he never heard the likes of before. God saw my situation and intervened. To humans this is miraculous, but to God, He simply loves us!

Forth, as I said, I'm no-one special. However, I realize now, there was one very special ingredient. Prior to the event, through reading His words, and learning from the examples of Old Testament and New Testament men of God, I grew to understand, that if my relationship with God was going to be meaningful, I had to put His teachings first, and abandon my desire to "rationalize away," the functions that God wants me to perform as His child (simply put, I was obedient). That seems tough to some. It sounds tough, right? But it's not really. Mostly, it's simply living as I do, but when my conscience is challenged with choosing between Self and God, the goal is to push hard toward what God wants. In any event, that's what was going on in my life at the time.

Fifth, as the disease attacked me, I kept doing what God's word taught me to do. God's word says, "Give thanks to

God for everything." I simply did what He told me to do. Also, I kept bringing my requests to God. I cried out, "Please help me, Please help me!" I praised Him for everything I could think of, the trees, the sunlight, the air, the rain, the smog, the bad things, the good things, and everything in between. I did not care. I praised Him. Really, all I was doing was following what He told me to do in the Bible.

Sixth, even with all I was doing, the disease progressed. Of course, the disease progressed to the point where my mind (if intervention had not happened), and brain would have suffered permanent physical damage. Really, it could have left me incapacitated for life. I was almost destroyed. So, after I did all, which God commanded; and After exhausting all of the tools He provided, and doing everything I could do, the disease continued to overcome me. Then God miraculously intervened. When asking God, why did you allow this to happen? A flood of answers came to me that just went on-and-on! But the long and short of it is this: I was being prepared to be a witness to people, and provide an explanation. That is: that God is willing to be there for us, and help each of us (and I do mean everybody on the planet), as He helped me that day.

Lastly, God, never did heal me of the disease, that may sound strange but, again it's the truth. As I said earlier, the answers to "why He chose this path" are numerous indeed. But, I can tell you. The day that I recovered from the attack of the disease, that evening I came from work. And instead of going straight into the house for dinner, as I normally do. I began walking to the top of my street. I was praying. I had

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only one prayer on my mind that evening, and I kept repeating it as I walked up, and back down, heading toward my house. "Lord!" Please teach me and give me answers for people. Prepare me, so that I can provide wise, truthful answers that people need. I don't want anyone to go through what I just went through."

This event really happened. I am convinced it was a true and miraculous event prepared by God, for you the Reader. Many great things occurred as a result. But the greatest thing that happened (as far as I'm concerned), is that I can stand confidently before people and say, God loves each of us. He is familiar with everything you are going

through. He knows that your problems, desires, needs, and wants, are different from that of your neighbor's, and He wants to help you through your life. He also wants you to begin dialog with Him. You may think, "why doesn't He talk to me then." He is talking to you right now, through this letter. I am acting as His mouthpiece, and spokesman. God loves you and will do for you in similar fashion as He did for me. He will meet you in person as He met me. God loves every person on the planet this very same way. If you dare to enter into a relationship with God, you will experience wonderful, perhaps even miraculous things.

If this writing has touched you, and you would like to begin

a relationship with God, You can confess this little prayer before Him, wherever you are. Father I ask you to forgive me of my sins, I want you to be in my life, I believe that Jesus Christ Is Lord and God has raised Him from the dead. I will work to follow your teaching, and live as you teach me, according to the Bible, which is your Word, to all mankind. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

P.S. Always pray in the name of Jesus Christ when you pray. He requires it. it is obedience. I hope you have enjoyed this story. God Loves You and so do eye.

If you need me, please call 860-946-7095. Thank you, have a wonderful day.

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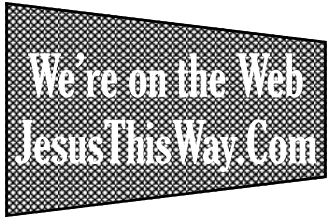
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