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Words to Find:
 Abraham
 Ananias
 Isaac
 Jacob
 Laban
 Michal
 Rahab
 Sapphira
 Sarah
 Satan
 Saul

A Forgotten Vow

Sunday School Times

Several years ago, a young mother was desperately ill, so to a Christian neighbor she made this vow, "If God will spare my life one more time, I'll be a different woman. I'll take my children to church, and try to raise them the way God would have me do."

She recovered completely and for a season remembered her promise, but as time went on she began to drift back into her old

sinful ways. One day, while riding with an old friend, they both took a nip of gin, and that resulted in a fatal auto wreck.

The nearest phone to her home was the Christian lady's to whom she had made her vow. When the message was given, the godly woman simply turned from the phone and said, "*He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.*"

Proverbs 29:1

The **Bible View**

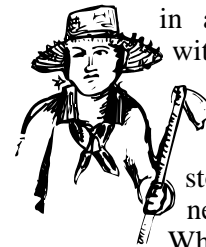



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"But Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

D. L. Moody

When I was a young boy, before I was a Christian, I was in a field one day with a man who was hoeing. He was weeping, and he told me a strange story, which I have never forgotten.



When he left home, his mother gave him the text, "... Seek ye first the kingdom of God ...," but he paid no heed to it. He thought when he was settled in life, and his ambition to get money was gratified, it would be time enough then to seek the kingdom of God.

He went from one village to another and got nothing to do. When Sunday came he went into a village church, and what was his great surprise to hear the minister give out the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God ...". He said the text went down to the bottom of his heart. He thought that it was his mother's prayer following him, and that someone

must have written to that minister about him. He felt very uncomfortable, and when the meeting was over, he could not get that sermon out of his mind.

The man went away from that town, and at the end of a week went into another church and he heard the minister preach from the same text, "... Seek ye first the kingdom of God. "He felt sure this time that it was the prayers of his mother, but he said calmly and deliberately, "No, I will first get wealthy."

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Another Chance

Bill Brinkworth

Oh, I've heard that before," replied Gail.

"You did? When was that?" I had just spent 45 minutes telling her how to be saved; how she must know that she is a sinner, how she needed to believe that Jesus died on the cross for her sins, and that she needed to ask Him to save her from a deserved hell.

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He went on and did not go into a church for a few months, but the first place of worship he went into he heard a third minister preaching a sermon from the same text. Desperately he tried to get the sermon out of his mind, and resolved that he would keep away from church altogether, and for a few years did keep out of God's house.

"My mother died, "the man in the field said, "and the text kept coming up in my mind, and I said I will try and become a Christian." The tears rolled down his cheeks as he said, "I could not. No sermon ever speaks to me anymore. My heart is as hard as that stone!"

The man's story touched my heart! I went to Boston and was converted, and the first thought that came to me was about the man hoeing. When I got back, I asked my mother, "Is Mr. L. living in the same place?"

"Didn't I write to you about him?" she asked. "They have taken him to an insane asylum. To everyone he sees he points up with his finger, and tells them to "seek first the Kingdom of God." The text his mother gave him had sunk into his soul. It had burned down deep. Oh, may the Spirit of God burn the text into your hearts tonight.

When I got home again, my mother told me he was in his

house, and I went to see him. I found him in a rocking chair, with a vacant, idiotic look upon him. Whenever he saw me, he pointed at me and said, "Young man, seek first the kingdom of God." Reason was gone, but the text was there. Last month when I was laying my brother down in his grave I could not help thinking of that poor man who was lying so near him, and wishing that the prayer of his mother had been heard, and that he had found the kingdom of God — when he could.

Another Chance

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"Well, let's see. I'm 38 years old now, so I was about 30 when someone else told me I must ask Jesus to save me. But there just wasn't time then, with raising the family and all. When I was 25, I heard on the radio how I needed to trust the Lord for my salvation. I felt that I really needed to ask Jesus to save me, but I guess I just put it off."

"Oh, yes," she continued, "When I was about 12, someone took me to Sunday School. I remember the teacher showed me how I could be saved. All the other kids got saved, but, well, I guess I felt I could do it some other time."

"Well, Gail, you've heard the message before. God loves you

so much that He hasn't given up on you. He keeps trying. How about right now asking the Lord to save you?" I pleaded.

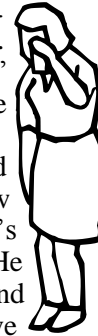
"I, I ... just can't. Maybe some other time. I'm just not ready yet!" She again evaded the invitation.

That night, I learned quite a bit about how God works in people's lives. It was clear He keeps trying, again and again. Most people have heard the Gospel message many times, and each time they tell God "no" by not obeying, their heart gets harder and colder to the things of God.

Most likely, when Gail first heard the Good News, she was tempted to make the most important decision for her eternity. For whatever the reason she said, "No."

Her heart stiffened against the calling of the Holy Spirit in her life. It got hardened even more the second time. By the time she heard the message the third time, it was rock hard, and by all appearances, it looked like it would never be softened again. She said "no" to God, just one time too many.

Since that night, I have observed that most of the people I have talked to about the Lord, have also "heard it before." Maybe they heard it from their grandmother, parent, friend, Sunday school teacher or even read it from a Bible tract left in a public bathroom. Many that have



put their salvation off before, will still make excuses to put it off again.

I marvel at the way God keeps on trying. He never quits on us — if there is an interest on our part. What matchless love and compassion God has for us! How sad it is to hear one, who has heard the story before, say "no", one more time.

One time, it will be their last opportunity. They will not have that "next chance." Many hope that they can get saved on their deathbed. It has happened. However, there is no guarantee that they will have that opportunity. Even if they have that last chance, there is no telling that their hardened heart may say "some other time" to God's invitation.

Mr. Meant-to

Author Unknown

Mr. Meant-to has a comrade,
And his name is Didn't-Do.
Have you ever chanced to meet
them?

Have they ever called on you?
These two fellows live together
In the house of never-win,
And I'm told that it is haunted
By the ghost of might-have-been.

Don't Wait

Sunday School Times

On the church calendar of St. Peter's Vicarage, was this advice, "Those people who expect salvation at the eleventh hour often die at 10:30." Postponement is perilous in spiritual matters.

"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:" — Isaiah 55:6