



"Remember, Dial A Prayer

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Recently on the street, I had one of the most inspiring conversations with "Johnny" one of our troops.

He said, "Rabbi, we face so many challenges on the streets every day. We see more horrific things on the streets in a week that most people won't see in a lifetime, and the only that pulls me through is my faith. I try remind myself and all those around me to start each day with a prayer, it helps keep it all in perspective, and it is the sunshine that keeps the soul warm". I thought to myself how powerful a lesson, in time of need "Dial A Prayer". It brought to mind the inspirational story " My Interview With G-d". Here it is.

I dreamed I had an interview with G-d.

"Come in", G-d said. "So, you would like to interview Me?"

"If you have the time", I said.

G-d smiled and said, "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything. What questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises you most about mankind?"

G-d answered, "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.

That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.

That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future.

That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived."

G-d's hands took mine and we were sitting for a while and then I asked, "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

G-d replied with a smile, "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis!

To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them, and likes them anyway.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves.”

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for His time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and G-d replied,

“Anytime. I’m here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I ’ll answer. Remember, "Dial A Prayer" all prayers are answered, perhaps not to your liking, but you have trust me, I will only do what is good for you!” End of interview.

Remember, people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,

but people will never forget how you made them feel.

And here is a bit of humor from the "Moshe Files" to keep you smiling...

"The Lottery Ticket"This nice, elderly gentleman really wanted to win the lottery. So, one week, he goes to Temple to pray and says" Lord of heaven and earth, imagine how much good I could do with the money, I if I would win the lottery! Imagine how much charity I could give! Help me win the lottery and I will spend the money wisely!"

He doesn't win the lottery.

The next week, he goes to Temple again and says, "Oh, lord of heaven and earth, you must not have heard me last week! Imagine how many lives I could make easier with the money from the lottery! Help me win the lottery!" Once again, he doesn't win.

The third week, he goes to temple again and prays in a similar vein.

Suddenly, he hears a voice from the heavens: "Help me, help me!"

The man says, "Lord of heaven and earth, what can I do to help YOU?"

"Buy a lottery ticket!" answered the Lord.

As we go through life and say our prayers asking the Lord for assistance and guidance, let us not forget to do our part. (Isn't that the truth!)

Quote of the day: "Stay Away From Negative People, They Have A Problem For Every Solution", (Albert Einstein)

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G-d bless you keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care.

Should you need an ear to listen or shoulder to lean on or perhaps have some good humor or stories to share, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Have a healthy safe, and enjoyable summer. Amen.

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