

DAY 10

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TO BE SAVED AND DELIVERED

Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

ACTS 16:31 (AMP): BELIEVE IN AND ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST—THAT IS, GIVE YOURSELF UP TO HIM, TAKE YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR OWN KEEPING AND ENTRUST YOURSELF INTO HIS KEEPING, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED; [AND THIS APPLIES BOTH TO] YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD AS WELL

Andrew was 17 years old, grew up in a strong Christian home and was clearly loved and cared for. He was close to completing high school, but the past few months had taken a turn for the worse.

Andrew was a smart kid, but academics were not his forte. His friends joked, “Andrew will work at McDonald’s for his entire life.” They thought it was funny. Andrew laughed about it on the outside, but grew more broken on the inside. He began to hear it so often that he started to believe that was all he would achieve in life.

Early in the school year, he began to use drugs and drink alcohol with his friends. He kept it a secret from his family; he thought they would not understand. In the darkness, his addictions grew, moving to harder drugs. His family tried every method to get through to him. They tried punishment, Andrew would rebel more. They tried loving him in every way they could think of, he rebelled more. His family was exhausted and confused. They came to a place where they finally realised that the situation was out of their hands and placed it intirely in God’s hands.

His family cannot explain it, nor can he really, but when things seemed most hopeless, God saved him. Andrew struggles to put it into words, but somehow, someway, he felt the love of God and that altered the course of his life. It was almost as if a light went on inside him; the blinkers were off. He was saved and delivered into the love of God. His family recognised their failed attempts and give God the glory for doing in Andrew what human beings could not.

REFLECT

Who does your heart ache for God to deliver and save?
Will you trust that God will do the impossible in their lives?
In this painful and confusing time, will you trust God to be your rock? Take refuge in Him.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for the hurting and lost of this world. I ask that You do what only You can do in the life of _____ (insert name). Be their Rock, their Redeemer. Use me in effective ways to show Your love. Enter into the hearts of those far from You. Be their Saviour; deliver them into a transforming relationship with You. I pray for any loved ones by name who do not know the Lord or have fallen away from You. I ask You to reveal Yourself to them as the awesome God that You are. I pray a hedge of protection around my family from all deception, temptation and any plans of the enemy that would thwart the good plans God has for them.

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