

DAY 9:

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.

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 finishing Secondary 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 inside. He began to think that if that’s the way people thought of him, then he would live into it.

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 dark, his addictions grew, moving to harder drugs. His family tried every method to get through to him. They tried punishment, and Andrew would rebel more. They tried loving him in every way they could think of, and 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 - placing it entirely 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, some way, 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 blinders were off. He was saved and delivered into the love of God. His family gives God the glory for doing in Andrew what human beings could not.

PRAY FOR THOSE YOU KNOW WHO NEED TO BE SAVED AND DELIVERED TODAY.