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The police knocked on the door of the small, unsightly shack. The door opened and a middle-aged woman, unkempt in appearance, stepped out to explain the problem.

“It’s my son,” she stated simply. “He’s out back.”

Her voice was desperate and pleading, and something in her eyes had definitely caught my attention.

The officer asked her the nature of her problem. She explained that her son was getting high sniffing paint. She wanted the police officer to arrest her son and get him some help.

“There is no law against that, Ma’am. There is nothing I can do.”

“But, you don’t understand,” she persisted. “My daughter had this same habit! Two months ago, high on paint fumes, she drove her car over a cliff and was killed. He is all I have left! Please do something!”

I watched the remainder of that COPS episode through eyes blurred with tears.

She followed him to the squad car, begging for help or advice of any kind. He suggested a couple of agencies and each time she replied, “I’ve called them! Yes, I’ve tried that.” Finally she exclaimed, “I’ve called every number in the book! **Who else can I call?**”

I watched this program several years ago, but the scene has remained vividly etched in my mind. I also can recall what the Holy Spirit of God burned into my heart that day. It was time to stop being a complacent Christian. People are desperate for answers!

The police officer did not have the answer, but I did! I wanted to jump through the TV screen to tell that poor woman, “JESUS is the answer! Yes, there IS someone else whom you can call, and His name is JESUS! He is faithful and true. If you call upon His name, He will hear from heaven and save your son!”

The Bible says that we as Christians are to be ready always to give an answer for the reason of hope within us.  
*(1 Peter 3:15).*

I have hope because I have the Word of the Lord! His mercy has rewritten the course of my life!

One of my sons was severely injured in a car accident; he was not expected to live, but today he is alive and well by the grace of God. Another son was saved in a jail cell and today is preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere he goes. Another professed to be an atheist, but the Almighty God revealed Himself to him. One month ago he confessed his faith in God and was baptized in the Name of Jesus!

Over and over again my God has answered my prayers. When I am confused, He brings wise council. When I am afraid, He brings calm. When I am hurt, He brings comfort. JESUS is the answer to every problem! If you turn to Him, He will save you from a life of heartache, frustration and despair.

The Bible says:

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.  
(Hebrews 10:23)*

*He is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
(Psalms 34:18)*

*The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. (Zephaniah 3:17)*

*Call unto me and I will answer you and show you great unsearchable things you do not know.*

*(Jeremiah 33:3)*

You can call the hospitals and the rehabs. You can try the 12-step program. You can call all your friends and you can call all the various social services. You can call the police and the mayor, and, if you are really desperate, you can call the psychic hot-line. But when you come to the end of the list and your life is still wrecked, I have a suggestion.

Give your broken, twisted life to Jesus and humbly invite Him into your heart and life. If you look to God, you will find help in the time of trouble. He will bring restoration to your soul, healing to your body, peace to your mind, and deliverance to your family!

He did it for me! He will do it for you. Yes, there is someone else whom you can call. Put down the phone and look up from your tattered, yellow pages. His name is JESUS!

*Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. (1 Chronicles 16:8)*



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