

Tear-stained Bible

I heard a story about a Christian woman who speaks to other women all over. While traveling to a women's convention she was sitting on a plane when a man sat next to her. She was very tired and thought she would read her bible, and the man would either leave her alone or it would bring the conversation to something meaningful. Right off the man said, "so you are just going to sit there and read your Bible the whole flight?" She found out the man's name was Ron. As they talked, she found out that he knew nothing about the Bible, so she wrote down some Bible verses and told him to get a Bible when he got home and read these verses. At that point she felt God nudge her to give him HER bible. In her spirit she argued with God. "But wait! This is MY BIBLE BIBLE!! My tear stained, praising God and highlighted Bible with notes written all through it". But she had heard God right and she knew she was supposed to give THAT Bible to the stranger. They got off the plane, and she never saw him again, but she did write about it in one of her books. Well in the way that only God can do, she was at a women's meeting 24 years later and 3 women came up to her. They wanted her to know that they were Ron's wife and daughters. They proceeded to tell her that when he got home, he took a week off of work. He read the Bible, committed his life to Christ and his whole family was saved because of it. He had passed 3 yrs prior to this conversation but imagine the amazement of the writer when she learned that he and his whole family were saved because she followed the leading of God's voice in her head that day. The daughter reached into her bag, pulled out the very Bible that she had written in all those years ago, then she saw Ron's handwriting and since Ron's death, his daughter's handwriting. The daughter told her it had been very hard since he passed but that Bible kept her going.

Today. Are we listening to the leading of our God? Today. Would we give our favorite, tear-stained Bible to a stranger if God asked us to? Today. Would we reach out in faith and speak truth to a stranger? I pray that I will. I pray that I do not miss the chance to change someone's life. To bless someone who doesn't know the Lord. That is our main reason for being.

Lord, thank you for the blessings that we have. Help us to bless others and to listen for your leading. AMEN.

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