



ON HER KNEES



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I had the opportunity this week to build a life memory. You know the kind that imprint themselves onto the wallpaper of your thoughts and will remain with you forever.

I had to go to Hong Kong to oversee the Global Leadership Summit there [the last one for me for this year!] and I had the privilege of taking my mum with me. Actually, she heard I was going and put together her frequent flyer points and with a bit of juggling of flights...we were off for 5 days on this adventure! We laughed lots, rode the endless MRT underground train system and were 'lost' on many occasions; we bartered in markets and gasped at breathtaking scenery...yet there's one memory that will remain stronger than all of those.

I had awoken one morning when it was still quite dark. For me, it was just to turn over and go back to sleep...however, I glanced at mum's bed to just check she was still there! She wasn't. As my eyes tried to adjust to the dim light I noticed a figure on the other side of her bed and heard faint whispers. She was kneeling and praying. For many years she has spoken of daily praying for me and my family, for friends, for needs...yet to see her doing this in the early hours of the morning deeply touched me.

I said nothing but quietly rolled over in my bed leaving her and the Lord in their time together.

Each morning was exactly the same. I would 'feel' her praying and peep through my sleepy eyes to see her kneeling by the side of her bed, starting her day with God in intimate conversation. It is a picture that I will hold dearly in my heart.

There are so many times that we tell others the way to live. We have great advice. We have excellent answers. We can give 5 steps to improving things. Yet, we forget that people are watching us more than hearing us. It is the silent, supposed secret things that make the loudest noise and has the most resounding influence. It is the way we live that shouts loudest about our integrity and character and has the greatest impact on those around us.

My desire is to be found in secret praying on my knees; to be offering a meal to the hungry when no one sees; to be reaching out to the unloved, when there is no gain in return; to be 'caught out' in random acts of kindness. I desire to shout the love of God loudly...without using any words. What about you?

With love in Him

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"Preach the gospel always. If necessary, use words."

St Francis of Assisi

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord,
for those who have
faithfully prayed for me...
thank you.

For those who need me
to pray for them...
prompt me to be faithful
and to bring them as an
offering to You.

Thank you for meeting
me in the quiet places
and for walking the
secret journeys with me.

Recall Notice!

(author unknown)

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed "Sub-sequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion in the mental component
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of the repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E. (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

- GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!

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