

39th – Bible Seeds Podcast

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- Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Intro narrative by Carl Vasta

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topic as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is:

How You Know You’re Saved

To those who consider themselves saved by our Lord Jesus Christ, do you remember exactly when that happened?

Was it when you were presented in church by one or both of your parents to a priest and

baptized as a newborn child while your god mother or father stood watching?

Was it when your god mother or father presented the story of Jesus when you were older or were they even around to do that?

Was it when a member of your family read bible stories to you or helped you say nightly prayers at bedtime?

As a teenager, was it when you questioned your faith and wondered why there were so many churches that preached Jesus, and yet were in competition with each other?

Did you visit all of them to find out that the only difference was, they required your acceptance of their man made rules before you could join, and God's requirements were secondary?

Did you consider your salvation more when you sat in an empty church with stain-glass windows and burning candles?

Was your salvation encouraged by the music of an organ or a choir singing beautiful songs?

Did you feel closer to God out in the forest or desert and seeing a sky full of stars and hearing the wild animals or creatures at that site?

Were you ever troubled by your thoughts at a funeral, wondering what happens after we die and thinking about a place called Heaven?

Did you ever have close call with death because of an accident or some danger and suddenly realize how fragile life is?

I have had all these experiences but the one that sticks to me the most almost sounds silly to anyone I have ever told.

I was married to my lovely wife Mary and we had the first three children of our four. We bought a older house and I was in the process of fixing a leaking bathtub faucet.

It had a basement and I could see that all the plumbing were galvanized pipes that were old and rusted. I thought I could tighten the pipe coming out of the wall that was connected to the faucet and shower. As I was turning it with a pipe wrench, this voice came to my mind and said, "Don't turn it anymore or you will have three days work to fix it!"

I stopped right there and told Mary what happened and said "I must be tired because I'm hearing voices."

I took a break and then came back and started to work again, and again I heard the same voice with the same words.

I took special precaution and made sure to try and lubricate the pipe threads with WD-40 or oil.

Then I turned the pipe and it broke off!

Needless to say, it took three days to remove the old threads and make new ones and attach a new pipe.

I don't know what happened but during the three days I was fixing the pipe, Mary started to hear this voice in her mind. It was guiding her on small tasks and helping her to help me.

At first both of us thought we had too much kids and not enough quiet time, but it was just the start of God's testing us and helping us at the same time. We found that everything he guided us about was right, and our confidence became strong.

When Mary became pregnant with our fourth child, she had German Measles in the 3rd month and the doctor that delivered our children sent her for test to prove that it was German Measles!

At that time, the doctor said that there was an 80 percent chance the baby would come out with some deformity and we were scared.

Both of us heard our guiding voice and He said, "Don't worry, just have the baby".

Our parents thought we were crazy, but He kept assuring us to have the baby. We were scared and wondering if we weren't going crazy.

Our doctor was the woman who delivered our other children and she was of the Catholic faith as were at the time. But she said because of the 80 percent chance of deformity, she would authorize an abortion if we wanted it.

We decided to trust God and His Spirit and when our fourth boy was born, he was healthy and whole and we experienced the joy that God gave us.

All the children are married and I have three grand children. Mary died when the youngest was five years old but after all this time God's voice still guides me every day.

I do not know why God chose to speak to me or Mary. I know where Mary is and that she is proud of her children, as I am. And I'm thankful for the music God helped me make for fifty five

years, the website and podcast; dedicated to Him – our LORD Jesus Christ.

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, the good shepherd, to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these Bible Seeds: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the **PDFs** for Storyline Of The Bible and Quotes and Stories from Jesus. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: www.carlvasta.com Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

Ending The Program

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

New podcasts are released on Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time. God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .