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We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

(2 Corinthians 5: 20)



In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

One God.

Amen

Maria woke up early at 6:00 am, and once she opened her eyes, she said to her well beloved: "Good Morning my dear beloved Jesus". As usual, she was holding her small wooden cross in her hand during her sleep. She bowed down three times before the Lord and started her usual worship for one hour.

Maria, a 22 year old girl, was an example of the true Christian believer who lives to glorify the name of the Lord Jesus. She has just finished her study in the faculty of Law and today was her first interview in a lawyer's office as a secretary of the General Manager.

After praying, Maria opened the door of her room and headed for the room of her parents to say: Good Morning. Maria was the only Child to Joseph and Therese and she was truly the best example of the virtuous obedient daughter. At 8:00 am, she took breakfast with them and got ready to go to the interview. The Law office in which Maria was going to do the interview was just 10 minutes

walking from home and this may be one of the most important reasons that motivated her to propose to this job.

She arrived to the lawyer's office at 9:15 am, fifteen minutes before the interview and she asked one of the employees called Samy about the Manager ; Mr. Maged. Samy smiled and asked Maria to wait in the reception after he directed her to it. Then Samy went to his colleagues: Safwat, Bassem and Mina in the next room. Maria then started to hear laughters without hearing what was being said.

In the room of lawyers, which contained all the lawyers working in Mr. Maged's lawyer office, the below conversation was undertaken.

Samy: A new victim is awaiting outside.

Safwat: Is she Pretty?

Samy: Gorgeous and seems to be so naive.

Bassem: Let me see her...

Mina: I do not think this is a good idea. Do you remember what the manager did with you last time? You know, no one can talk to his secretary that easy. He is always jealous about his secretary as you know.

Bassem: Does he have the right to do what he wants and then gives us lessons in morals? Does he think that we are stupid? I am waiting for the day when I can find another job to be away from boss Maged who always considers himself the cleverest among God's creatures. We all know that he is a lustful man who always run after girls and then yet gives us lessons about morals ?!!!

Mina: Turn down your voice as he may have arrived.

Bassem: Has he ever came that early? His majesty will never arrive before at least an hour! Sure he was spending his night in one of his parties.

Getting apart from Maria, the employees continued their daily conversation which was mainly about dispraising and criticizing the office manager.

Indeed Maged had a very difficult personality. Everyone would confirm that Maged was one of the most difficult persons he/she has ever dealt with in his/her life. Although he was very clever, his arrogance and pride made him seem stupid in front of others. Maged also did not accept any help or advice from anyone. Apology is not in his dictionary. His entire life was far away from God. His corrupt manners were quite evident to everyone. He always used to criticize others, and to see their weaknesses and mistakes.

While waiting for the arrival of the manager, Maria was praying: “Help me God to obey you and to make your heart happy. Help me to share your love with others in this office. Help me to be an ambassador of heaven by your grace. Let me be a light among them, to witness to you and to glorify your Holy Name”. Truly Maria was a true Christian believer how lives to glorify Christ.

Maged arrived at 11:00 am in his usual bad mood but

he smiled once he saw Maria and invited her to his office saying that the reason for his delay was some work which he had to finish. Lying was a part of Maged's personality. The interview took around one hour, in which Maged focused on Maria's personal life style with indirect questions and finally he told her that she can come from tomorrow to take over her job.

Outside, all employees were arguing about hiring Maria. They all agreed that Maria will be hired but they were discussing the period which Maria will bear to be able to work with Maged.

Bassem: She will not be able to work more than 6 months.

Samy: Hey man! 6 months is too much. Max 3 months.

Safwat: Who knows? May be more.

Mina: She is a fresh graduate who seems to be so kind. I feel sorry for her. She will have the worst working experience she can ever have at the beginning of her

work. Do you remember the previous secretary who could not stay for one month?

Before Maria left the office, Maged asked Mina to come to him as he trusted him the most. Once Mina entered **Maged** told him: I hired Maria as my new secretary. I want you to explain our work to her.

Mina: OK sir. When will she join us?

Maged: Starting from tomorrow.

Mina: Thank you Sir.

Maged: Listen Maria. I want all my employees to concentrate only on their work. Just focus on work and take the orders only from me.

Maria did not understand this part of the conversation, she looked surprised and confused, so he continued **Maged:** This means that every employee has his own job and I do not like employees to leave their work and to hold conversations with each other.

Maria: Of course.

Mina: Any other orders sir?

Maged: Thanks. Go to work now.

Mina left the office to transfer the news to his friends, while Maria went home. On her way back, she went to the church to thank God. She was very happy, not only because it was her first job, but also because she will now be able to help her family. Her Father was a simple governmental employee with limited income while her mother suffered from kidney failure which usually results in expenses exceeding their income.

In the following day, Maria arrived at work at 9:00 am, but she found the office, which was located in the Ground floor, closed. So she went to the security asking;

Maria: Good morning. Please, has anyone arrived yet?

Security: 15 minutes and they will all arrive.

Maria: And Mr. Maged?

Security (Laughing): Not before 2 hours.

At 9:15 am, everyone arrived and Mina opened the office. Through a small conversation, all employees agreed that Maria was a very good person. Everyone went to his desk except Mina who started to explain to Maria the nature of her work.

At 11:30 am, Maged arrived and found Mina explaining to Maria, so he asked him to go to his work and he started to explain to her by himself. Maged lived a life whose center was his Ego and Pride. He always thought that everyone is there to serve him and in spite of his continuous attempts to hide this fact in front of others, he always failed. Maged noticed that Maria was a clever girl through his contact with her for a couple of hours from the first day and this made him more attracted to her. Maged was a very clever person, everyone agreed on this, but his pride always let him fall.⁽¹⁾

(1) Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.
(Proverbs 16: 18)

The first three months passed quickly, where Maria began to understand the situation in the office well, that is why she started to pray a lot for all of them especially Maged. She continually used to give him some Spiritual booklets and readings, but he used to throw them into his desk without reading them. Maged trusted Maria more and more giving her more work. His attraction to her was increasing everyday and he was waiting for any chance to reach her, but at that time, Maged did not yet know the true meaning of Love. For him, love was just a way to satisfy his desires and feelings and only to take and not to give.

One day, Maged asked Maria to stay with him late to finalize some important work which needed to be finished before the weekend and Maria agreed. In that day, Maged seemed to be anxious and abnormal. After everyone left, he tried to open a conversation with her not related to work.

Maged: What are your plans for this holiday?

Maria: I have service at Church.

Maged: At what time?

Maria: From 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Maged: But this means that your weekend will be lost.

Maria: On the contrary, this is my best day where I see Jesus.

Maged: What are you saying? I do not understand.

Maria: Did not the Lord Jesus say in Matthew 25 “I was sick and you looked after me”⁽²⁾

Maged: I have some important work to do this holiday and I need you to come to review with me.

Maria: I am sorry Mr. Maged but I have to give “Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

(Matthew 22: 21)

Maged seemed to be very furious. He used to be obeyed by everyone and his heart which was full of lust and pride were now possessing him.

(2) Matthew 25: 34 - 46

Maged: What do you mean by “Sorry”? I want you to come this holiday. There is important work to do.

At that time, Maria was becoming more and more worried especially that she knows very well that there is no urgency for coming in the weekend. Also she wondered why he is asking her only to come?

Maria: I am sorry. You can please ask someone else to do it.

Maged: Are the people of Church now giving me orders?

Maria: Sorry Mr. Maged, I am late and I have to go now.

At this point, Maged realized that he has gone far with his anger, so he tried to change his way of speaking.

Maged: You know Maria that I trust you more than anyone else in this office.

Maria: Why? They are all good people and they look after work very well.

Maged: No one among them is clever enough to understand me as much as you can.

At that point, Maria was sure that all this conversation was not about work.

Maria: I am Sorry Mr. Maged, I am late and I have to go now.

Maria stood up, while Maged tried to hold her hand but he returned back as he strangely had a fear from her. God sent His fear so that Maged was terrified in front of her. Maria left the office and she decided not to come back while Maged was astonished and could not move.

After around half an hour, Maged began to realize what happened, and he was very angry. His great attraction to Maria was transformed to great anger and hatred. He felt that he failed to get what he wanted and that he was completely weak in front of a simple girl.

He started to curse her inside himself. His most anger was due to the fact that he knew that Maria would not come back again, and that he will not be able to express his anger to her. So he took the decision to slander her and to say to his employees upon their return from their weekend that he fired Maria due to her bad behavior and dishonesty. This was the only way for Maged to get revenge.

Maria went home directly and she was so confused. Once she arrived, she entered to her room, closed the door and started praying: “Thank you Lord for keeping me safe but I am not happy. I am afraid I cannot forgive Mr. Maged while you asked us to love our enemies. Please forgive me and forgive him also. O God! You know that I love you and that is why I cannot go back to work. I wish I could be your ambassador so that I can reveal to them the love of Jesus but unfortunately I am so weak and I can no longer do this.”

After praying, Maria felt peaceful, so she decided to read the bible according to her daily readings. And here was her surprise as her reading was St. Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 5 and this was one of her favorite readings especially Verse 20 **"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."** Maria felt that God is saying to her that He still wants to use her as an ambassador in this lawyer office. She prayed again and asked God to reveal His will to her and then she went out to sit with her parents as God's peace filled her heart.

The next day, Maria went to Church to attend the mass before the service. And again, she was surprised that the sermon title was "Christ's Ambassadors on Earth". The sermon was on the second epistle of Saint Paul to Corinthians, chapter 5. The pastor was clarifying how every true Christian has a role to be an ambassador to the Lord Jesus. We may face huge problems, rejections

and obstacles while doing our job as ambassadors but the grace of God will conquer and will give us wisdom and strength to reach those who are far away from God. Maria was crying during the sermon as she felt that God was talking directly to her about returning back to the office. After praying, Maria decided to return back to her job just for two weeks to deliver her work, but in case she felt any more harassment from Maged as the last time, she will leave immediately without return. Maria had a principle to run out from the whole plain of evil, just as the angel commanded Lot during his escape from Sodom and Gomorrah⁽³⁾, and as Joseph did with Potiphar's wife⁽⁴⁾.

Maria intensified her prayers during the weekend, she was praying with tears so that God would give her His grace and redeem Mr. Maged from his sinful life. By the beginning of the week, Maria went as usual to

(3) Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away. (Genesis 19: 17)

(4) But he his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. (Genesis 39: 12)

work, everything seemed normal. Maged arrived late as usual, and he was surprised to see Maria. He did not say anything, but he went directly to his office and started to think thoroughly. Finally, he decided to pour his anger upon her as she - according to his thoughts - insulted him and disobeyed his orders. And he started from that day and for two weeks to insult her in a direct and indirect way in front of her colleagues and clients, always accusing her of failing to do her job in the best way. Maria's stability against Maged's continuous offenses made him even more angry. Maria was severely suffering every day, yet upon returning home, she always went to her room and prayed for Maged to know the Lord.

When her parents noticed that she is suffering at work, they insisted that she should leave work in spite of their great need for money. As a result of her parent's insistence along with Maged's continuous offenses added up to her feelings that she failed to do any positive change in the lives of those who work with her at office, she decided to leave work. She cried to God in her prayer

saying: “God, you know how much I love You. Forgive me but I tried to deliver your love to Mr. Maged and to be an ambassador of Heaven at my work. I prayed a lot, and I endured all his offenses towards me. Forgive me my Lord but I feel that I failed. Forgive me and forgive him and give me strength to forgive him from all my heart”

The following day, Maria went to the office to resign. Maged arrived late as usual and once he arrived he called Mina on his extension to discuss a certain case. After they finished the call, Mina did not close the Loud speaker correctly, so Maged could hear the conversation between the employees of the office as follows:

Safwat: How is his mood today?

Bassem: Bad mood as usual and he will definitely make ours also bad.

Mina (Laughing): Pray to him as Maria always says.

Bassem: Maria is a very naive girl. The manager is doing his best to insult her and she is not only praying for him,

but also asking us to pray for him.

Samy: Yes, do you remember what happened last week when she heard us cursing him and wishing that God ends his life?

Mina: She was going to cry and she was very sad. She said that we must love all people and rather pray for our enemies.

Maged closed the line as he could not hear more. He has just received the biggest shock in his life. All of his standards of power have been completely destroyed. He discovered the truth about himself and others within a few minutes. But his biggest shock was in what he heard about Maria. He has just realized how much he was weak in front of this girl, that while his heart was full of anger and hatred towards her, she was praying for him and defending him in his absence. During all that, Maria was standing at the door asking for permission to enter. Maged was very confused and gave her permission to enter. Maria entered to give Maged her resignation, but she was astonished by his talk to her.

Maged: Good morning Maria.

Maria: Good morning Mr. Maged. I need to talk to you about my work. I (Maged interrupted her)

Maged: Can we please delay talking about work? I feel so tired today. By the way, thank you for your honesty and excellent work. I am really sorry if I

Here, Maged turned away his face rapidly trying to control his tears which conquered him. Maria felt that something is going on and this was very clear in his voice, but she could not know what it was. Could this be God's answer to her prayers at the same time she was giving up and quitting her job thinking that she failed to be an ambassador of heaven proclaiming the Love of Jesus? She kept quiet for a while and then she said to him:

Maria: This is my duty Mr. Maged.

Maged: Thank you.

Maria: Excuse me, sir !

Maged: You may go now - Thanks

After 10 minutes, Maged left in a hurry the office. He said goodbye to Maria and asked her to apologize for any appointment today. He said he was tired and needed to get some rest.

Maged arrived home and started to think about his life. He started to realize that he had failed in many important things in his life. And for the first time, he started to feel that he needs God. Previously, he thought he was able to gain people's love by his intelligence and his tricky words, but he discovered that he is simply a failure whom people hate. The biggest surprise to him was that he discovered that the only person who loved him and prayed for him was the one he used to insult in front of others. On this day, Maged started to be truly in Love for the first time in his life. He started to experience the true meaning of love, not the old kind of love that used to satisfy his desires and pride.

When Maria returned home, her parents saw her face

full of joy for the first time since about 2 weeks. They asked her about what had happened, so she shared with them what happened at work. Both Joseph and Therese were astonished and they stressed on Maria to leave work immediately in case any new problems happened.

The next day, Maria went early as usual to the office. She was surprised to find the office open. She thought that Mina came early. She entered the office and was most surprised to find Mr. Maged in his office, who once saw her, was strongly moved emotionally. Maged stood up from his desk with a big smile and went directly to Maria praising her on her commitment to working hours.

Maged: You are always on time. You are even 10 minutes earlier.

Maria: Thank you Mr. Maged. You came early today.

Maged: I opened the office at 7:00 am.

Maria: 7:00 am?!

Maged (Smiling): I woke up early today so I thought to get

benefit from my day from its start. I came early and began arranging my desk.

Maria: Being active is wonderful.

Maged: By the way, I started reading some of the spiritual booklets that you gave us. I started by “Come to the arms of Jesus”.

Maria was very happy and this was reflected on her face. The conversation continued until Mina and his colleagues arrived. They were very surprised not only to find Mr. Maged early in his office but also to see him talking to Maria on a friendly basis.

Maged talked to them in a very strict way, focusing on the importance of coming work on time, taking Maria as an example. Maged could not forget their conversation the day before and that is why he tried to return to them some of the pain they caused to him, but the new feelings of love towards Maria decreased his will for revenge.

For the next couple of days, everyone could see a deep change in the office. Maged who used to come late, became the first one to come and open the office. After his very bad relation with Maria, she became the link between him and the other employees as he lost all his confidence in them. Everyone noticed these changes and accused Maria of being behind this change. The situation had completely changed. After being Maria's enemy at the time when others were sympathetic with her, Maged has become the one supporting her while others acted hostilely towards her. All of that was happening and no one could know the real reason behind that change.

Maria noticed that everyone in the office became aggressive towards her, and they were always gossiping on her and Mr. Maged. She was very sad and tried her best to calm down the unexplained anger of Maged towards the employees, and indeed she succeeded to some extent, but relations never came back as the status quo ante.

With every passing day, Maria was becoming more and more appreciated in Maged's eyes who started to change truly. Maria was very happy because she managed, with God's grace, to convey to him Jesus' love, but the feelings of hostility from her colleagues in the office were increasing. She thought about it thoroughly and had found that there was no solution for that problem except to quit her job so that she would not be the reason for division in the office. She was thinking: What is the benefit of gaining Mr. Maged and losing all other employees?

Maria gave her resignation to Maged who was shocked and asked her about the reasons behind that.

Maged: What is that Maria? Resignation? Did I do anything that made you upset?

Maria: Not at all Mr. Maged. I really thank you for everything.

Maged: Forgive me Maria if I did anything that made you take this decision.

Maria: Believe me Mr. Maged, nothing from your side. You were an excellent manager.

Maged: Did you get a better offer? I can

Maria: No, believe me ... I just want to quit.

Maged: Did anyone in the office do anything that made you upset?

At this moment, Maria started to cry and asked him to leave insisting that this was her personal decision which she took for personal reasons, and she left while crying.

Maged felt that the reason for her decision was related to the employees, so he gathered them and he was very sad and angry. With his intelligent way, he accused them of being the reason behind Maria's decision to leave work. They seemed to be so confused, and that confirmed his doubts. At that point, Maged was so touched and revealed to them all what had happened, explaining to them the real reason behind his recent attitude towards them.

Maged: Do you want to talk about me badly as I heard you on the phone saying that I am? Ok go ahead. I really deserve that. But why Maria?! What has she done to you? She kept defending you all the time. Have Mercy!

At that moment, everyone felt the same feelings of shame and regret as Maged felt upon discovering that Maria was praying for him while he intended to insult her in front of others. Everyone felt so sad and apologized to their manager, but he insisted that they should not come back to work unless Maria returned.

Everyone tried to reach Maria through her cellular phone, but it was turned off. At that time, Mina remembered that his sister Sara serves with Maria at the same Church, so he called her and told her about the whole story. He asked her to call Maria at home and convince her to return to work. Sara managed to reach Maria at home and told her about everything, and she asked her to come back to office as soon as possible

while declaring to her colleague's apology. Sara also clarified to Maria, based on her conversation with her brother Mina, that Maged loved her and that was so clear through his reaction towards her decision to leave work.

Maria had only considered Mr. Maged as her elder brother, not a lover. He was around 14 years older than her. She did not even consider the idea of marriage at all, thus she was surprised from Sara's talk. Maria promised Sara to get back to work by the beginning of next week. Sara also asked Maria to turn on her cellular phone as everyone wanted to apologize to her.

After consulting her parents, Maria turned on her cellular phone, and the first caller was Maged. Maria was confused as she had realized his true feelings towards her. It was a short call during which Maged asked her to return to work and his voice seemed to be very affected. Maria thanked him for his concern and promised to get back to office by the beginning of the

week. Afterwards, phone calls from all other employees followed in succession.

The next day, Maria went as usual to church as it was holiday to attend the mass and then the service. She was very surprised to see Maged and all other employees at Church. Maged was the one who proposed going to the Church to apologize to Maria and everyone welcomed the idea. That was the first time for Maged to attend a Mass from years, while other employees attended the church once monthly. Maria was very happy to see everyone at church. After the Mass, Mina and all other employees apologized to Maria who thanked them humbly for their love and care. Everyone also met Maria's parents who were very happy for God's work with their daughter.

Maged asked Maria if they could attend the service of the old people with her, so she welcomed. And for the first time in their lives, Maged and the employees of the office attended a service related to church. The service

of that week was to visit the house of old people of the church. Everyone was very happy especially Maged. Of course, being with Maria was one of the main reasons for his happiness, but also because he felt new feelings of love and peace during his presence at church and through the service which he participated in. For the first time, he experienced the joy of giving⁽⁵⁾. He lived all his life searching for every way to receive and get benefit from others, but at that time he had started to experience the beauty of giving.

By the end of the day, Maria thanked everyone for their love. But there was something bothering her since Sara called her. Although she realized that Maged started to change, she knew that he came to church for his love to her and not for his love to God. Maria loved the Lord from all her heart and she wished that everyone could love him the same way. She was afraid that she would be the center of Maged's focus and not the Lord.

(5) It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20: 35)

Maria returned home at 6:00 pm and she was surprised to find her mother talking with her about Mr. Maged.

Therese: Mr. Maged seems to be in love with you.

Maria: How did you know mom?!

Therese (Laughing): Anyone can easily notice this dear.

Maria (Crying) : Everyone except me.

Therese (Worried): Why are you disturbed?

Maria: I wanted him to love Jesus and not me.

Therese: But he knew the Lord through you. This might be God's plan.

Maria: May be. "How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" (Romans 11: 33)

Therese: But the difference in age is somewhat large.

Maria: I love him mom as a brother in Christ. I do not even think about marriage.

Therese: It is time to think about it and God guides you my love. You are an amazing bride. Then she took her in her arms.

As usual, Maria prayed before going to bed, but her prayer that night was a special prayer. She poured out her soul to the Lord with tears telling him the desires of her heart to be her bridegroom and her first and last Love. Maria slept that night deeply, and woke up next morning very happy. She was very excited and told her parents about her dream.

Maria: Dad. Mom. I dreamed yesterday the most beautiful dream in my life.

Therese: What is the dream my lovely daughter? We are anxious to hear about it.

Maria: I saw the Lord Jesus Christ in my dream and I talked to him !

Joseph: Tell us in detail Maria.

Maria: I dreamed that I am wearing a wonderful wedding dress in a place full of joy and peace, and suddenly I saw lots of angels and I heard a strong voice saying: “The bridegroom has almost come”. Then Maria cried

Therese took her in her arms until Maria could complete

her dream.

Maria: I saw Jesus I cannot describe his beauty ... Really, he is the most excellent of men ... I heard him saying to me “I came Maria”.

Both Joseph and Therese were so touched and they took Maria into their arms and did not comment on her dream. Maria entered her room and prayed deeply. After a while, she left her room as she was ready to go to work. Her father Joseph had already gone to work while her mother went to church, so Maria left them a small message titled “Jesus is so beautiful”. Maria did not want to go to work that day, but she had to go as that was not the best time to take a vacation after all recent events in the office.

Maged was waiting for Maria in the office since 8:00 am. He decided that he will talk to her and reveal his love that day. He spent the whole night thinking about that. His life dream was that Maria would accept

him as a life partner. Maged and the other employees were surprised that Maria was late as she used to be the first one to arrive at work.

Maged became more and more worried, so he decided to go out in order to see her upon arrival. Once he went out of the office, he heard big noise coming from the other side of the road. He saw people gathered around someone. Suddenly, he saw the security of the building coming towards him and saying: “Help Mr. Maged! Maria was hit by a car while crossing the street”. A young careless man driving at a high speed while competing with his friend was behind the accident. It was a shock to Maged who could not think about anything except to cross the road to see Maria. He entered into the crowd and saw Maria on the ground severely bleeding. Maged was crying while he tried to talk to her. Although she did not lose conscious, but she was not able to talk to him.

The ambulance came at that time, and Maged insisted to go with her to the hospital. He asked the security man to tell the employees, who went directly to the hospital. Mina also told his sister who in return called Maria's mother on cellular phone and told her. Maria arrived to the hospital at 10:00 am as Maged was with her. Later on, her colleagues arrived followed by her parents who asked the doctor to see their daughter but he apologized as she was in a very critical condition in the intensive care unit. However, as her mother was asking him in tears to allow her just to see her, he finally agreed on condition that she does not talk to Maria at all and to stay just for 5 minutes only. Maria's parents had realized the meaning of the dream that she told them about on the very same day. It was a sign that she will go to heaven.

Once Maria saw her parents, she smiled and asked them to stay with her. Maria could hardly talk to them. Having a smiling face, she said: "My love has come to take me with Him. I am so happy". The doctor was

hearing the conversation and was very surprised. He realized that he was in front of a unique case.

Then all of them were astonished from Maria's request. She wanted to see the young man who hit her by his car to thank him. The doctor could not believe what he was hearing. He knew from the policeman who talked with him that this careless young man was guilty according to all witnesses. The doctor told Maria that the policeman was outside with that young man who will be condemned for driving in high speed and not complying with the traffic lights which led to this accident. Maria insisted more and more on her request to see him. The doctor refused initially as he was afraid that the policeman would ask her many questions, but due to her persistence he finally agreed. The reason for her insistence was that she knew that she is going to heaven and she needed to make sure that this young man will not be condemned because of hitting her. She wanted to gain the soul of that young man whom she did

not know before.

The policeman entered with the young man into the intensive care unit, and they were very surprised when Maria thanked the young man. The astonished policeman - thinking that Maria did not understand what happened due to the accident - tried to explain to her the facts of the accident, but Maria did not let him continue and confirmed to him that she did not blame that young man. She asked him with tears to set that young man free. The Policeman could not stand that very strange situation and asked Maria: “Why are you doing this?!”. Maria replied: “Because God is Love”. And then she smiled to the young man. Both the policeman and the young man came out from the intensive care unit so touched by what they have seen and heard. They realized that this young girl, who was in a very critical condition, had a supernatural power. They both waited outside waiting for any updates.

Maria then asked her parents to talk to Mr. Maged also. The doctor did not argue that time, as he had fully realized that he is in front of a very special person who should be obeyed without any discussions. Maged entered the intensive care unit, crying like a child.

Maged: How are you doing Maria? I wish I could be in your place while you would be safe.

Maria: I am so happy. Why do I see tears in your eyes?

Maged: By the will of God, you will be fine soon. We all need you.

Maria: You need to know and discover the source of Love.

Maged: I need you Maria. I love you. You are the best thing that happened to me in my life.

Maria: You need Jesus , not Maria.

If I have any thing good, it is from Jesus.

Hold fast to the Lord, and know him personally and you will experience the meaning of love, joy and peace.

He loves you much more than I do.

He died on the cross to save all of us.

Look at him, not me.

I am just a weak ambassador to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Maria groaned in a loud voice. The doctor asked everyone to leave the room immediately, but Maria asked them to stay and she requested her mother to hear the Hymn of: “Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph” on her cellular phone. Once the Hymn ended, everyone could hear Maria’s last words: “Finally you came my Love I love you so much”

Maria passed away at 11:00 am. The funeral was arranged quickly on the same day at 3:00 pm. It was a very majestic funeral to which many people who Maria serviced came. The doctor, the policeman and the young man who hit her also attended and that day was a new beginning in their lives. God used Maria to be his ambassador so that all of those people could know

him. After the funeral, Maged went with Maria's parents to their home where they found Maria's message titled: "Jesus is so beautiful", so everyone was comforted.

Maged's life along with all Maria's colleague lives had completely changed. They truly experienced God's love in their life. After a week from the passing away of Maria, Maged and all the employees started to serve in the older people service, where Maged became the service leader later.



Beloveds in God,

This symbolic story is an example to the call of the Lord to everyone of us to act as His ambassador on earth, by loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us. ⁽⁶⁾

Loving our enemies is against our falling human nature, that is why we need power from heaven and special grace to live not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. The cross is the perfect living example which is able to give us such strength. It is through the cross that we discover the depth of God's complete love for us⁽⁷⁾, as we can also see the Lord Jesus himself, praying for those who crucified him: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)

God's love which has been poured out into our hearts

(6) But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (Matthew 5: 44).

(7) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3: 16)

through the Holy Spirit by the living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ ⁽⁸⁾, can give us the power required to implement the commandment.

When the human soul is touched by the eternal love of God, the new nature that it had received in baptism is nourished and refreshed through the work of the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express⁽⁹⁾. In the renewed nature ⁽¹⁰⁾ day after day, the desire of the human soul is to act as an ambassador for heaven, to proclaim God's love.

Every true believer is called to be an ambassador for heaven, his life to witness on God's work in him and through him. The Church Saints have lived through

(8) God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5: 5-6)

(9) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. (Romans 8: 26)

(10) and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. (Colossians 3: 10)

all generations as ambassadors for Christ. Since the beginning of the Church of the new testament, we have seen Saint Stephen acting like Jesus; praying for those who stoned him ⁽¹¹⁾. We could also see Saint Paul the apostle who was acting as Christ's ambassador, saving the life of his jailor, not only from the death of the body but also from the eternal death ⁽¹²⁾. In the same way, all the martyrs and saints acted through persecution eras as ambassadors for Christ, proclaiming their love to their enemies, so they reached and saved thousands of souls from the hand of Satan by giving them a living example of God's love.

I wonder if we do act today as "Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We

(11) While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, «Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.» Then he fell on his knees and cried out, «Lord, do not hold this sin against them.» When he had said this, he fell asleep. (Acts 7: 59-60)

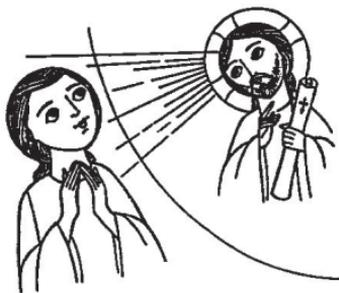
(12) But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household." (Acts 16: 28-31)

implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." (2 Corinthians 5: 20). Do we live according to Christ's Gospel, loving and praying for our enemies? Do we live honestly, holding on all God's promises to us until we receive the goal of our faith, the salvation of souls?

Christ ambassadors know very well the great honor of their mission. They understand the challenges and distress that they will go through on earth ⁽¹³⁾, for it has been granted to us on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him (Philippians 1: 29). **It is only through the living faith in Jesus Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit and loving God from all the heart, that we can act as Christ's ambassadors on earth.** God can use our weak jars of clay for His glory "to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (2 Corinthians 4: 7).

(13) In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16: 33)

God does not search for people with high qualifications, diplomas, or special powers to be His ambassadors on earth, instead He looks for souls who know their weakness and completely rely on God's power. God has chosen simple people as disciples to reach the world. "God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." (1 Corinthians 1: 27)



Prayer

- ❖ My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Thank you for your eternal everlasting love to me.
- ❖ Thank you for redeeming me on the cross.
- ❖ Thank you for your great mission to me so that I could be an ambassador of heaven on earth.



- ❖ Help me my living God to proclaim your love to the world.
- ❖ Help me to love my enemies and ask for their blessing.
- ❖ You know my Lord how much I am weak.
- ❖ Thank you Lord for choosing and preparing the weak to be your ambassadors on earth.



- ❖ I come to you today asking for the work of the Holy Spirit inside me.
- ❖ I need the work of the Holy Spirit inside me so that I can give fruit to the world. ⁽¹⁴⁾
- ❖ So that people can see your work in me, and glorify You in return,
- ❖ So that I can be a light to the world, witnessing on your love. ⁽¹⁵⁾



- ❖ I rely on your rich grace Lord.
- ❖ This grace which picked me up from the depth of my sins,
- ❖ will also work with me to pick up others from the everlasting death.

(14) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5: 22-23)

(15) You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5: 14-16)

- ❖ It is only you Jesus who can liberate the souls arrested by satan .



- ❖ Thank you Lord for hearing my prayer.
- ❖ Teach me God how to love you, so that I can love the others.
- ❖ Help me to be your ambassador on earth.
- ❖ So that others can know you and enjoy your everlasting love.



Other Translated Books for the author

❖ Prayer for Christian unity.

Other Books for the author in Arabic

❖ الصلاة من أجل الوحدة

❖ زيارة الرب يسوع للطفلة ماريًا.

❖ قدسني يا الله .

❖ هلم إلى حضن يسوع .

❖ انتظر الرب .

❖ ثق! قم! هوذا يناديك.

❖ سفيرة السماء .

❖ النصر في انتظارك.

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