HOOKED!

NO!

KRASH!!

JAMAL! YOU SAID YOU QUIT!
AND NOW YOU'RE SHOOTING UP WITH ME IN THE OTHER ROOM!?

I JUST-- I JUST NEEDED SOME--THAT'S ALL!
AND NOW IT'S RUINED!

NOW I'VE GOT TO GET SOME MORE!
SLAM!!

OH JAMAL
LORD JESUS--

"--PLEASE SAVE JAMAL!"
SHE DON'T CARE ABOUT ME.
NOBODY CARES ABOUT ME.

THERE HE IS.

HEY THERE, JAMAL!
BACK ALREADY?

HEY WARNER
IT...IT GOT RUINED! I NEED MORE, BUT I DON'T GOT NO MORE CASH! COULD YOU MAYBE--

AIN'T NOTHIN' FREE IN THIS LIFE, SON.

BUT...TELL YOU WHAT--

I'LL LEND THIS TO YOU! YOU GO EARN YOURSELF THE GREEN!
COME BACK SOON--

"DON'T KEEP ME WAITIN' ALL NIGHT."
16th St
LUPE
LIQUOR MART

DING DING
HELLO, YOUNG MAN! CAN I--
WAIT

IS THAT JAMAL?
IT'S ME, "OLD MAN JOHNSON"!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR YEARS! WHERE'D YOU DISAPPEAR TO?

OH...UH...HI, MR. JOHNSON. I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE PLACE.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, SON? HEY, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A JOB, I COULD USE SOME HELP AROUND HERE!
YOU WERE THE BEST WORKER I EVER HAD!

UH, I'M SORRY, MR. JOHNSON! I GOTTA GO!

GOT TO GET AWAY!
FROM EVERYTHING.
NOBODY WANTS ME.
NOBODY CAN HELP ME.
NOBODY LOVES ME.
I'M SUCH A FAILURE! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING!
WORK, SCHOOL, MAKING RONDA HAPPY--KICKIN' THE HABIT!-- EVERYTHING IS SO HARD!
I JUST NEED IT TO BE-- EASIER.

"MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT."
WHO THE-- ?!?
YOU FOLLOWING ME, MAN?!
AND "YOKE"?
WHAT THE !?!? IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
IT MEANS THERE'S NOTHING HOLDING YOU DOWN THAT I HAVEN'T ALREADY BEATEN.
YOU?!?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW, MAN?!
YOU EVER HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANYTHING LIKE--
THIS?!?
YOU'D BE SURPRISED, JAMAL.

WE ALL HAVE MARKS, JAMAL.
SOME, WE GIVE OURSELVES.
SOME, THE WORLD GIVES US.
"I'VE BEEN BEATEN AND WHIPPED, THORNS PRESSED INTO MY TEMPLES."
"A WOODEN CROSS WAS STRAPPED TO THE SHREDDED FLESH OF MY BACK AND NAILS WERE HAMMERED INTO MY HANDS AND FEET."
"AND I HUNG ON THAT CROSS IN THE HOT SUN FOR HOURS, AS MY COUNTRYMEN MOCKED ME AND THEIR CONQUERORS GAVE ME VINEGAR FOR MY THIRST AND GAMBLED FOR MY CLOTHES."
"FINALLY, THEY PIERCED MY SIDE WITH A SPEAR, BUT I WAS ALREADY DEAD."
I DID ALL THAT FOR YOU, JAMAL.

YOU ARE WANTED AND LOVED, JAMAL.
BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
BY GOD --BY ME.
I WENT THROUGH HELL FOR YOU, BUT I CAME BACK.
IF YOU LET ME HELP YOU, YOU CAN COME BACK TOO.
IT'S CALLED BEING "BORN AGAIN"! AND NO MATTER WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH, NO MATTER WHAT'S BEEN DONE TO YOU OR WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE DONE TO YOURSELF, YOU CAN BE BORN AGAIN!
YOU CAN HAVE A FRESH START THROUGH JESUS CHRIST WHO HAS CONQUERED SIN, AND DEATH, AND HELL ON YOUR BEHALF! THEY CAN HAVE NO POWER OVER YOU AGAIN, IF YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS! HE HAS BEATEN THEM FOR YOU!
THERE ARE COUNTLESS TRUE STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE ADDICTED TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, PROMISCUITY, OR WHATEVER WHO WERE INSTANTLY HEALED AND DELIVERED FROM THEIR ADDICTIONS WHEN THEY CAME TO CHRIST! THE SAME CAN BE TRUE FOR YOU!
IF YOU WANT TO BE DELIVERED, IF YOU WANT HOPE, IF YOU WANT TO HAVE THE ETERNAL SALVATION THAT JESUS WON FOR YOU ON THE CROSS, BELIEVE IN HIM AND PRAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS:
"LORD GOD, I BELIEVE THAT YOUR SON JESUS DIED FOR ME, TO FREE ME FROM MY SINS AND THE PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVE! LORD JESUS, PLEASE SAVE ME AND BE THE LORD OF MY LIFE! I AM SORRY FOR MY SINS AND I WILL FOLLOW YOU FOREVER! ALL THIS I ASK AND THANK AND PRAISE YOU FOR IN JESUS' NAME! AMEN."
IF YOU BELIEVED AND PRAYED THIS PRAYER, YOU ARE BORN AGAIN AND SAVED! THE SINS OF THE PAST HAVE NO POWER OVER YOU ANYMORE!
NOW, FIND A GOOD CHURCH WHERE ONLY THE WORD OF GOD (THE BIBLE) IS PREACHED AND TAUGHT. PRAY TO GOD THE FATHER EVERY DAY, BE BAPTIZED IN WATER AND IN THE SPIRIT.
AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS--THAT JESUS HAS HEALED AND SAVED YOU!
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