

KNOCK KNOCK

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Knock Knock, are you in there?

Have you ever felt that God was knocking and you let him in but then life made a bad turn and you kicked him out?

How could God let this happen to me? I'll just put my wall up and keep him out! I don't need him! He's not real!
How many have felt this way?! Well, I did...

Now, I feel like there are two persons in each of us. The outside person and the inside person.

The outside person takes all the hits life throws at us. That person deals with work, stress, bills, death of loved ones, wondering where our next meal will come from, how will we keep our children warm, why am I so sick? So many overwhelming things to think about.

Then there is our inside person. Our heart, our ability to love and give love and compassion.

How can God reach our inside person if we keep our wall up and the door shut?

Sometimes it takes someone in your life that knows you love God in your heart and steers you back to Him no matter how hard you resist.

I started to look at things God had given us. So many unexpected things that helped us so much. There was an unexpected gift of food from a neighbor and a check owed us from two years ago or a new friend we'd met who turned out to be wonderful and who showed us how to have fun and showed us new ways to enjoy our life outside of work. Miracles happened with my children, brother etc., Sooo many things I can't begin to list them all.

Is it easy to let your wall down and to open that door one more time? No! I was afraid of being hurt and disappointed yet again. Reluctantly, I slowly let the wall down and opened the door.

But...even if we open our door and our heart to God, we will have hard times and disappointments. But...I realized we will not be alone this time because God is with us! No matter what, with God in our life, we have an anchor and we will never, ever be alone again!

Today I met a man sitting outside the grocery store with a sign saying, "hungry and homeless, please help." In the corner of the sign it said, "God bless you." I don't give money but I did give this gentleman my change. As I gave it to him, I said, "God Bless You." He said, "Yeah, thanks." I took the shopping cart back up and leaned over him and said, "No, really, may God bless you." He gave me a look of bewilderment and then smiled and said thank you!



May God knock on this gentleman's door today and may he let Him in.

Jesus, the Light of the World, stands at a door, which is overgrown with ivy and weeds. The door clearly represents the door of someone's life. This person has never invited Jesus to come into his or her life. Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. He is awaiting a response. He wants to come in and be part of that person's life.