

Random Acts of ?????

Why do you think, Jesus was so popular with the people of his day? Why did many follow him? Why did many come a lot of miles or days just to listen to him? Why did some of them give up everything they had just to walk with Jesus for three years? Why was he so persecuted? Why did he give his Life on the cross? Why did God orchestrate all of the above and have it planned and put it into place? Why have I got a heap of question marks in the title and why am I asking why all the time? Have you figured it out yet? I know one person who has because I asked him if I could use the title in this newsletter.

Recently, I received an email from someone in Bikers 4 Christ who will remain nameless, and they offered me an amount of money \$\$\$\$\$\$, an undisclosed amount, to have my teeth fixed, whatever it costs they said. At first I had a good giggle at the email because the person was worried about asking in case they offended me (which is extremely hard to do) and then I thought, I haven't got any teeth anyway! But the person who wrote the email explained where the money came from, and they called it "Random Acts of Love" and you know what? As much as I appreciated the offer, the biggest thing that really touched me was those words "Random Acts of Love". I could not help but think about Jesus, walking through the streets, touching people's lives randomly as he walked.

I emailed the people back and thanked them and declined the offer as the "Forde Enquiry" Foundation for kids in detention in the 60's and 70's are paying for my teeth at this very moment although I appreciated the offer, had they offered it 6 mths ago, I would have jumped at it. Anyway, ever since the email and those words "Random Acts of Love" I have seen Jesus every day walking the streets touching people, hugging people, giving them money to buy food, healing them, talking with them, LISTENING to them, that is a big one, the best counsellors are the best listeners! Everywhere I look, I see someone with a broken heart and I see Jesus touching them and mending their broken heart.

What is a broken heart? A heart that does not know God, a person who is searching and searching, they are empty and lifeless and they don't know why because NO-ONE has told them about Jesus and his random acts of love. Every day these words echo in my head, every day I see someone that needs to be touched by Jesus with a random act of Love, and every time I think of it, I know Jesus wants to use me as his vessel of Love, What about you?

You know I could have or you could have put any word you liked at the end of that sentence, Random Acts of kindness, generosity, humanitarian, trust, evil, good, or whatever, you could come up with a few more. But only one word fits, only one word covers any area you care to talk about and that word is "Love". So a lot of women would ask what is love, the only love I know is warped, a lot of blokes would say, never used the word love in my life it's a sissy word. The Devil has had a feild day with it! For God so Loved the world..... **John 3:16**, there are so many different meanings for love in the greek, the hebrew, the english, japanese, blah blah blah..... etc etc..... What does the Bible say in John 3:16? God gave!

God gave us Jesus, Jesus gave us everything, maybe we should follow the pattern and we should give? Man's sin nature is so selfish, that some of you just asked yourself "Give what"? You will probably forget by tomorrow about this message. We should be asking God give to who? We need to open our eyes and take a look around, because for this person to notice my teeth was not easy as when I smile I mostly keep my mouth closed, a lot of people out in the world are like that, they try and hide their problems, but God may be showing just you what that problem is and wanting you to go and minister to them in whatever way is necessary.

For us to give Random Acts of Love is to be like Jesus, God showed him specific people that were in a crowd of thousands and healed only them, or touched only them, or he played with the little children when the adults told them to go away, he told them to let the children through, there were thousands there most likely, but he randomly picked the children, not the sick, the blind, the dying, they all would have been there too! Yes at times Jesus did heal all! But what about the random things? We don't have to heal all, or visit all, talk to all, we need to do something random, and we need to ask God what would you have me do Father? Everyday, I have started asking God myself again since the email. I got slack, and the email pulled the slackness out of me. Now I read my Bible at work again, I think about who I am working with and ask God how can I touch their life today, it does not mean go and witness to them and get them saved, too many people think that this is all we have to do.

NO, the only way we have to witness to a person is to show them the Love of God!! Jesus said "continue on in the works that I do", "I have loved you therefore you love others", that is what he said, he did not say win converts, he said "go and make disciples", walk beside them, help them, let my (God's) love flow through you and touch them as I choose. Random Acts of Love, is or would have to be the biggest witnessing tool we have, it crosses all sorts of barriers like nationalities, cultures, language, lifestyles, fame, richness, poorness, you name the barrier it will cross over and reach out.

We are some times too busy arguing about doctrine, or other Christians, gossiping, when we should be loving on them. It doesn't matter where you come from what church, belief, or background we all have one thing in common and that is we have all received the Love of God that he Gave - Jesus! Now we need to share that Love by inviting someone over for dinner, ringing someone up and going for a ride to cheer them up is a recent one God has shown me, visiting those that can't get out of the house for whatever reason, those that are sick, christians and non christians alike. A random act of Love is actually to have some non Christian friends too!! They will see the Love of God in you and get saved, then you will have to go and find another non christian friend! It's really not that hard try it and see that the Lord is good, see for yourself in **Psalm 34:8; Psalm 100:5; Psalm 135:3; Psalm 145:9; Jeremiah 33:11; Lamantations 3:25; Nahum 1:7;**
Bless ya, Roscoe