

Lessons through a windshield Part II

Emergency Call Box



I Thessalonians 5:17,18

Intro: Before the birth of the cell phone emergency call boxes were often seen along portions of Interstate Highways.

But now with cell phones many have them right at their fingertips. Lets think about the idea of call boxes or cell phones for a bit today.

All believers may not have cell phones but all believers have access to an emergency call box. It is called the privilege of prayer

Thought: It is too bad we often only use it for emergencies and not get around to just talk to our friend on the other end w/o having to get help.

Thought: If we pray in times of victory, we will not need to plead in times of defeat because true prayer should be a way of life, not just an emergency detour.

A. What is prayer?

1. Prayer is a place of testing and conflict.

It is an attitude that says "I need you Lord" It is this simple realization of need

that causes much conflict in self - sufficient men especially in America. We think we can handle it.

2. Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders.

When we wear ourselves out from carrying the burden or problem prayer is where we can lay it down.

B. When can this call box be used? **ANYTIME** because of the assurance of Psalm 121: 3,4

C. Why call? Jeremiah 33:3 W/O the call we can never know what could have been concerning our need.

D. The comfort resulting from the call. The promise of I Peter 3: 12 **He will hear**

E. The expectation from the call. When we call, what should we expect??

First and foremost we should expect that God will answer. **Thought:** Someone has written - "to be sure, God knows exactly which of our prayers should be answered, and we must leave the decision to Him.

So in other words, our job is to call in the request for help and then let God choose the color of the ambulance he sends to assist us in our distress.

But we can be assured of one thing, He will answer the call, and the ambulance will be dispatched in a timely manner.

It is easy to get help in time of an emergency. All one needs to do in most areas of our nation is simply call 911.

But for the believer all you need to do and you can write this number down for future reference is call the following toll free number (1-800-call God)

If a care is too small to be made into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden.

Have you been using your emergency call box lately??

A final thought: Are you stranded in life, not ready to live and not ready to die?
If you are then run to the call box listed below and place a call to the operator who is always on duty and follow the instructions

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God.
Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the _____ day of _____ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: _____

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

You can reach us at lapeerchurch@gmail.com Subject line: (Salvation)