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Well, I’ve done it again. I thought that I was in control, and could steer my life in the direction I wanted it to go. I’m no different than any other man, both Christian and non-Christian alike. I tried taking control of my life, thinking that I knew best. That’s an easy thing to do, especially when everyone around you seems depressed. The news is depressing, people you know are dying of cancer, people you know have committed suicide, people you know had their house foreclosed on, etc. Those aren’t made up things; those are things that happened in my life, affecting many people that were close to me recently.

I slowly started sliding away from God, slowly stopped reading my bible in the morning, slowly stopped praying to him, eventually I slid so far away from God that I almost sacrificed not only my spiritual life, but my family’s as well. It was in the midst of my sin that I realized that I needed God in my life more than ever. I cried out to God for help, and he immediately stepped in and saved me. I can’t describe the peace that I felt instantly. Yes, bad things were still happening to good people in my life. I don’t think man will ever be able to answer the age-old question, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” I don’t know. I’ve struggled with that question my entire life as well.

One thing I am sure of is God’s love for me. You see sin, and the things men seek like pornography, women, alcohol, and other things like that, are just like the Egyptians chasing the Israelites. Sin will always chase you no matter where you are in life, and how close you are to God. You have to come to a point in your life as I did recently where I realized I’m not in control, and I fail miserably when I try to control my life. Once I called out to God to save me from myself, He intervened on my behalf and removed the sin (the Egyptians) that were chasing me.

Don’t be afraid to call out to God. Stand firm, and let God intervene for you. He’s waiting for you to ask, but you must ask. Call out to Him today, ask Him to come into your heart and dwell. Ask Him to come into your life, to take control. Once He does, be quiet and listen for God to speak to you. I promise you, it will change your life.

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