



### “Interview With G-d???”

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Recently one of our members got injured and was taken to the Emergency Room.

While waiting for the attending physician to stop by our booth, we were standing around making small talk. It made me so proud to see the caring and concern from the many who stopped by the emergency room just to check in to see if anything was needed.

I was amazed when I asked - are you a friend or a partner? The response was no, just heard the incident on the radio and I'm here to help if I can.

A big thanks to each of you for ALWAYS being there for each other in time of need, NEVER underestimate the power of "just being there".

It reminded me of the parable called "The Dream"

I dreamed I had an interview with G-d.

“Come in”, G-d said. “So, you would like to interview Me?”

“If you have the time”, I said.

G-d smiled and said, “My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?”

“I asked, what surprises you most about mankind?”

G-d answered, “That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived.”

G-d's hands took mine and we were sitting for a while and then I asked, “As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?”

God replied with a smile,  
“To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis!

To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them, and likes them anyway.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves.”

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked the Lord for His time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied,

“Anytime. I’m here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I will answer.” When you will call (in prayer), you will never get a busy signal, I am always available.

Remember: People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did, but People will never forget how you made them feel.

Thanks to each of you for going out EVERY day and making a difference in people’s lives. And you DO make a difference, even if others don't acknowledge.

And here is another short story to remember, **“When the going gets tough, the tough get going”**.

**One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for ...hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.**

**He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.**

**A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.**

**As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!**

**MORAL:**

**Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up. Sometimes, easier said than done, but a little prayer and a lot of faith usually gets us through.**

Remember: "If you need something ask G-d, and if you don't, thank G-d!"

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G-d bless you and keep you safe. We are always here to assist in time of need, don't hesitate to call.

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