

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Hell

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There was a gospel artist by the name of Sammy Hall. He named one of his LP albums the same title as this article. The central theme of his recording was that someone loved him enough to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with him, while he was working hard to go to hell. What happened while he was on his way? He got saved!

Recently I was thinking about a loved one who has gone to meet my Lord. This woman was very instrumental in me receiving salvation. This is what I mean: She stood between me and the gates of hell; I was on my way there. I met this woman when I was in my last two years of high school. She had enough love for me to tell me about Jesus. She had an unrestricted interest in me because I was dating one of her daughters. After understanding this woman I am convinced that it really didn't matter whether I was dating one of her daughters or not – she knew I needed a Savior. Not only was she fishing to catch me, she was fishing for her daughter as well (Matthew 4:19). She could see that her daughter and I were getting serious. Without speaking a word to her about marriage she knew we were headed in that direction. One of the boldest things she ever said to me was "If you are going to marry my daughter, you are going to change." Well, it wasn't long and I did. Shortly after that her daughter and I entered holy matrimony.

Six years went by and I was considering a life of ministry. I had a desire to prepare for that kind of life and I was interested in a two-year bible training center. I asked my mother-in law about this school and I was given her stamp of approval. It is essential from time to time that we have others evaluate our prospective steps. Why? Because if the people hearing about our thoughtful steps are spiritual enough they can give us their insight on what they know, or are hearing from 'The Spirit of God.' Now, that individual is never to take the place of 'The Spirit of God' within, because we must learn to be led by Him (Romans 8:14-16). Their advice is to either bear witness to what we are doing or give us a warning (1 John 5:9-10).

I am so glad my mother in law didn't run me off. She could have very easily had the attitude that I wasn't good enough, or I was the wrong color, etc. She didn't. When she first met me I was not a God-fearing young man. She took the high road and had the insight to my potential for life eternal. I needed 'The Savior', and she took the opportunity to tell me about Him. I have never regretted living for my Lord and Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ.

A funny thing happened on my way to hell, I Got Saved!