

**General Topics :: God used "the Bullhorn guy" in my life****God used "the Bullhorn guy" in my life - posted by sonofadam777 (), on: 2006/8/9 11:22**

A testimony of how God used an open air preacher to bring me to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as a false convert.

Do a google search on "the Bullhorn Guy". ~ Doug

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God used "the Bullhorn Guy" to bring me to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. Two years ago I thought I was a pretty good Christian. Yea I sinned occasionally; yelled at my wife and children on a daily basis, grumpy, angry, depressed AND also went to church weekly, men's bible study, sang on the worship team, tithed, and was very religious. But something changed when my wife said, "You don't act like someone who is saved and a Christian." Other Christians tried to help me change, hold me accountable, give me more Christian books, go to more conferences, but nothing worked. I was still a very religious self-righteous Christian. I disagreed at first with my wife in my self-righteous pride, but eventually I started to examine my self against what God's word said after I met "the Bullhorn Guy". The Bible does tell us to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith, but for 20 years in Church I never heard that. Yes, I could have found that verse in the Bible, but I didn't read that either.

In my quest to gain the approval of God and be more religious, I wanted to learn how to evangelize. A Christian sent me two DVD's of an evangelist doing open-air preaching. As I watched this man open air preach, reason, and teach sinners that they had broken God's law and that they had to face God on judgment day, I started to feel conviction of my sin and life as a Christian. I thought I was saved, I had said the prayer 20 years ago, and was water baptized; so I knew I was saved and going to heaven but was just a carnal Christian and was being "sanctified". Well that "sanctification" process that so many pastors talk about so far has been 20 years and I was still living with sins of the flesh and could not stop sinning. Why couldn't I stop sinning? But every time I sat and watched "the Bullhorn man" open-air preach my soul came over more conviction of sin and I started to really fear God that I would have to stand before Him on judgment day. I had never heard this type of preaching before ever in my Christian life. I really thought for the first time that I was never saved or born again. When I started telling other Christians this conviction and thought I had, they thought I was hearing Satan or wrong in my theology on salvation. But in spite of their thoughts, I still started to examine myself. When I looked at the mirror of God's law as a professing Christian. I was convicted because I stole things at work, lied to my wife and other people, lusted, coveted other's possessions, swore, and justified all of it!

My heart was as hard as a rock and I didn't care what God or others thought because I was religious and saved, or so I thought.

People make fun of or disagree with "the Bullhorn guy" or the street-preacher on the side of street reminding sinners how they have broken God's law and that they will spend eternity in hell if they don't repent. I am glad today that I watched him before I perished in my self-righteous religious pride and had to give an account to God for my sins and not repenting. I am writing this short story because if it was not for "the Bullhorn guy", I might still be in my sins convinced that I was saved. God does say in His word that one day there will be those people who thought they were Christians will be departed from a holy God to a just eternal punishment. People who make fun of "the Bullhorn Guy" will have to face God on judgment day for their pride and ignorance of not knowing God's word. Thank God for the Bullhorn Guy!

Re: God used "the Bullhorn guy" in my life - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2006/8/9 12:36

Great testimony. I'm still looking around on Google to find who "the bullhorn guy" is. Can you help me out. I'm curious..

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2006/8/9 12:55

AHHH!! This podcast makes me want to scream. I honestly can't tell if this is a joke or if this guy is serious.

(<http://www.podcast.net/play/45768/14>) <http://www.podcast.net/play/45768/14>

Even if this is not a joke, I think this is what "modern Christianity" thinks about Bullhorn Guys.

podcast - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2006/8/9 15:09

It is too scary. I guess this guy never heard of John the Baptist. and most everything he quoted sounded so out of context to me.

and we wonder why no one wants to be a Christian. why should they? are we any different than the world?

God Help US!

Re: podcast, on: 2006/8/9 17:10

Lord give us a thousand more "bullhorn guys"!!

Re: - posted by RevKerrigan (), on: 2006/8/10 19:52

I have uploaded the WHOLE VIDEO to my website, so that you may view the entire video should you like to. I bought this video a while back so I could see the whole thing for myself. Anyway, go

(<http://www.pinpointevangelism.com/Bullhorn.htm>) here to go to the page where you can view it. God Bless...

Re: Mars Hill Bible Church statement of beliefs - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2006/8/11 11:56

This is the church of the guy who did the 'Bullhorn' video

Mars Hill is devoted to joining the God of the oppressed in the restoration of all creation.

We believe the Bible to be the voices of many who have come before us, inspired by God to continue to speak to us today. God calls us to immerse ourselves in this authoritative narrative and to continue to faithfully live out that story today as we are led by the Spirit.

God, the author of all things good, created humans in his image to live in fellowship with him, others, our inner self, and creation. God is in a communal relationship with himself and his creation and he created us to be relational as well. Sin entered the world and our relationships with God, others, ourselves, and creation were broken and distorted.

We believe that God did not abandon his creation to destruction and decay, rather he promised to restore this broken world. God chose a people to represent Him in the world. This people started with Abraham and his descendants. God promised to make them into a mighty nation. In time they became enslaved in Egypt. They cried out to God because of their oppression and God heard their cry. He brought them out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. He brought them to Sinai where he gave them an identity as his treasured possession, a Kingdom of priests, a holy people. The story continues, revealing God's refusal to give up on his people through their frequent acts of unfaithfulness to him.

God brought his people into the Promised Land. They were blessed to be a blessing and called to put God on display to the nations. They made movement toward this missional calling, yet they disobeyed and allowed foreign gods into the land. In Israel's disobedience they became indifferent and in turn irrelevant to the purposes God had called them to. They were sent into exile, yet a remnant looks ahead with longing and hope to a new reign like David's where peace and justice would prevail.

We believe these longings found their fulfillment in Messiah Jesus, born of a virgin, mysteriously God in the flesh. Jesus came to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the broken hearted and set captives free. He lived a perfect life proclaiming the arrival of the Kingdom. He was rejected by many, crucified, buried, and rose again. His death and resurrecti

on bring hope to all creation. Through Jesus we have been forgiven and God is reconciling us to himself, each other, ourselves, and creation. Jesus is the only mediator between God and humans. For all who accept his sacrifice he gives the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth through a communal life of worship and a missional expression of our faith. The church is called to put the resurrected Christ who lives in and through us on display to a broken and hurting world.

We believe the day is coming when Jesus will return and reclaim this world, the earth's groaning will cease and God will dwell with us on a new and restored creation.

(somehow this just doesn't seem right to me) :-?

Re: - posted by murdog (), on: 2006/8/11 14:50

Members,

Yeah, the speaker in the video is right. We should never warn our friends and neighbours about hell and judgement and God's wrath. We should just keep on loving them right into Hell without ever telling them the truth.

"Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses." Prov. 27:6

Murray

Re: - posted by murdog (), on: 2006/8/11 15:28

Quotes from a Hellfire Preacher

"This is a wicked generation"

"You foolish people!"

"Woe to you!"

"Fear him who, after killing the killing of the body, has power to throw you into Hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him."

"You fool!"

"The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers."

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"

"Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division."

"But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Unsure of the source.....Oh, hold on it was

JESUS.

P.S. I got all these quotes from two chapters in Luke.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/8/11 15:56

Murray, I think it would be most revealing if you added WHO Jesus was talking to in each case here. I suspect that it is mostly the stubborn and proud self-righteous - those that were sure they were in God's good books!

Who may they be in our day?

Diane

Re: - posted by RevKerrigan (), on: 2006/8/11 18:17

If you don't mind Diane, I would like to take a stab at answering your question. I would say that almost everyone in America is proud and self-righteous. I have O/A preached hundreds of times and witnessed to thousands of people and can tell you that I haven't run into many humble people. I can count them on one hand. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. With that being said, we must be careful to preach with gentleness and reverence as well. I actually wrote an article on this a while back called, (<http://www.pinpointevangelism.com/Open%20Air%20Preaching%20With%20Gentleness%20and%20Reverance.pdf>) "Open Air Preaching With Gentleness and Reverence" that addresses this very issue. What it really comes down to is that whenever any of us go out to witness we must be prayed up and led by the Spirit at all times...God Bless

Rev Kerrigan, on: 2006/8/11 19:43

Thats a good letter you wrote: the "Open Air Preaching with Gentleness and Reverence".

Bespeaks volumnes brother.

bartle

Rev Kerrigan, on: 2006/8/11 20:00

I went to your blog, and listened to your street preaching, Bro, you're doing it right, you're doing it with love, and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

God sure guided you during that encounter with the lesbian heckler, you never took the bait, you continued forward in a firm yet loving manner.

God bless you dear Kerrigan, thats my prayer, bartle

Re: - posted by murdog (), on: 2006/8/11 21:54

Diane,

I know where you are going with that. Pharisees, Scribes, a.k.a. people who should know better. The problem is like what Paul Washer points out in his message "Modern American Christianity", after he was saved, he went home and knocked on everyone's door in town. And they all told him that they were a Christian. In this age of easy believism, everybody thinks they are a friend of God. But it simply isn't so.

"Depart from me, I never knew you".

Rev. Kerrigan is on the mark when he said almost everyone he runs into is stubborn, proud and self-righteous.

Murray

Re: proud and ignorant, or proud and learned - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/8/11 22:20

Rev. Kerrigan said,

Quote:
----- Diane, I would like to take a stab at answering your question. I would say that almost everyone in America is proud and self-righteous.

This is dreadfully serious, isn't it?! God will surely deal with this societal affliction: "God resists the proud..."

I'd like to put all these proud people into two categories: the unchurched and the well-churched. Many have never even heard the truths of God, or have a chance to say "No" to Jesus. That's an entirely different problem than the church has.

Murray said,

Quote:

-----I know where you are going with that. Pharisees, Scribes, a.k.a. people who should know better.

Yes, It seemed that Jesus reserved his most severe words for those self-righteous religious leaders and their followers who had received God's blessings: the history of miracles and judgments, the law, the covenant promises, the heritage, etc, and yet rejected Christ. They had NO excuse. I think that their hearts were so hardened that they were no longer open to the gospel (ie, Christ), and so God's kindness was replaced with woes and warnings of imminent judgments.

By the way Rev. Kerrigan , your article was excellent, very thorough, and very biblical! I extract a line:

Quote:
-----If someone claims to be a Christian and on his way to Heaven and is yet living in sin, then there is reason for rebuke, for that is what the Pharisees were. They were self-righteous religious people who not only thought that they were on their way to Heaven, but would also shut the door to Heaven for others.

Our modern church seems to be so much like Israel was in the time of Christ. In our recent history we have had the good news, the revivals, the blessings, the bibles, the bible school training, the books, tapes, audios, videos, ministries, miracles, and YET, we continue to live in sin: pride and self-righteousness. We have become immune to the gospel. So really, Jesus' harshest words should be directed to us, not the street people who don't even know what's in the Bible, and have little clue who God is.

"He resists the proud" God is bringing people the ground these days. I see those who have come to the end of their rope, and like the prodigal son, are opening to the gospel. I see Pharisaic Christians who are turning to Christ, authentically this time - not in great crowds, but one here, and one there. They made their choice, not as a result hell and judgment warnings, but because when they were on the bottom, they finally started looking up - to Christ for who he REALLY is. (I'm one of these)

I'm certainly not going to pronounce an Icabod on the house of God, though I realize that it is in bad shape. May mercy triumph over judgment.

Diane