

**General Topics :: An all too common tragedy****An all too common tragedy - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/6/10 14:17**

Chapter VII from: "The Short Stories" by Ernest Hemingway

"While the bombardment was knocking the trench to pieces at Fossalta, he lay very flat and sweated and prayed oh jesu s christ get me out of here. Dear jesus please get me out. Christ please please please christ. If youâ€™ll only keep me f rom getting killed lâ€™ll do anything you say. I believe in you and lâ€™ll tell every one in the world that you are the only one that matters. Please please dear jesus. The shelling moved further up the line. We went to work on the trench and i n the morning the sun came up and the day was hot and muggy and cheerful and quiet. The next night back at Mestre h e did not tell the girl he went upstairs with at the Villa Rossa about Jesus. And he never told anybody."

Re: An all too common tragedy - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2019/6/10 17:21

There's plenty of Jesus save my marriage and I will...
Save my kids and I will...
save my job and I will...
get me this promotion and I will...
etc etc.

The fact that follow through didn't happen is no shocker, the real shocker is God still has mercy on the unjust, is kind to t he wicked, shows tenderness to the cruel.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/6/10 17:27

Thank goodness for that.

This passage struck me as very sad when I read it recently.