

## Angie's Marriage Column – June 4, 2008

### My Husband is Addicted to Methamphetamines! How Can I Help Him?

**Marriage Question:** My husband was a good man, a hard worker, good father and husband, but gave into the sin of greed and the lust of drugs and money won him over and he started using methamphetamines, I have tried to get him help, and he is now agreeing to go into inpatient, but when we speak I feel he really needs God, but do not know how to get him to turn to God, I have been praying that God does something in my husband's life anything that would stop him in his tracks and turn to God, but is there anything I can do? How do you spread God's word and get someone back into believing and become a man of God once he has fallen off the path?

**Marriage Guidance:** If you or someone you know has fallen off the path and is lost, it only means you need to find your way back home once again. God has left us with his navigational chart in His Word. *The most important thing we can do is get to know God and humble our lives to Him every second of the day, no matter where we are or what we are doing.*

As long as we put God at the top of our priority list, nothing can get in the way of our relationship with Him.

We fall away from the path when we allow people, feelings, addictions, and other worldly messages to get in our way of seeking God for our life. We wonder away from the path only when we stop looking where we are going.

Whose responsibility is it to find the lost sheep? Is it up to the loved ones to help the lost and those who have fallen away from God's truths to find them? Unfortunately, it is pretty much out of our control. All we can do, as loved ones, is be a light for those who are walking in darkness. Maybe they will be found, maybe they won't. But the more we try and make others do something or be something because that is what "we want" the more we will be pushing them away.

Jesus Christ is our Shepherd. We can say to Jesus when we pray, “*I know where you can find a lost sheep, will you go and find him so he can find you?*”

We can pray for those who have fallen and God will listen to our prayers. God does answer our prayers, just not in the way we expect for Him to answer, or in the timeframe we want. Many times we think that God has NOT answered our prayers. If we pray out of selfishness we will expect an answer that will “feed” our selfish ways, but do you really think God will give you what “you think is best?” I don’t think so. **The sheep must be ready to be found and that is out of your control.**

In desperation that is when we decide to go to God for help and in that desperation we usually want and need answers, quick. No one likes to suffer; no one likes to see a loved one suffer in addiction, depression, ill feelings, or ailing health. But have we ever asked ourselves why have we waited so long to seek God? When everything is going good in our life, some of us end our relationship with God. But did you know that “being saved” and “salvation” is an ongoing issue between you and God? It does not stop once we confess and repent, we *continue* living our life *for God*.

Ok, so now we’re desperate and out of that desperation we begin to control circumstances and people so we can “feel” better. But this does not make us feel better, but worse! Where is God in all of this? When everything is going great in our life, we forget about God, and then, without warning we are left alone to deal with a big problem in our life, or at least we think we are alone. Even though sometimes we ignore God, He is still with us because He loves us no matter what we have done – He is waiting to get the indication from us that, “*Yes! We do want to be found.*” ***We really do want to be found!***

Why wait to have a relationship with God?

If we want to help the lost, we FIRST need to be found. If we want to shine our light for others to see Jesus Christ, we FIRST need to get out of the darkness. So how can we help our loved ones? By taking care of ourselves; by repenting of our sins; by seeking forgiveness of those sins; by asking Jesus Christ into our life; by humbling our whole life to God – not “part” of our life. And by realizing that as a child of God we MUST make Him be in the forefront of our life ***in everything we say and do***. This is how we can help the lost find their way back on the path to God.

“... The Lord is with you, while you be with him; and if you seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.” (II Chronicles 15:2)

### **Article Resources**

Shinning Your Light in Marriage -

<http://www.heavenministries.com/Articles/shineyourlightinmarriage.htm>

You Can Restore Your Marriage -

<http://www.heavenministries.com/HeavenMin/Articles/youcanrestoreyourmarriage.htm>

[Married To An Unbelieving Spouse](#)

### **Book Resources**

Journey on the Roads Less Traveled

Angie's Personal testimony of seeking Christ, finding Christ, accepting Christ and overcoming addiction. Available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Alibis, Books A Million, etc.

The Alcoholism Trap

Learn how to detach from the addiction. This book will give you the starting point to get yourself back on track, so you can then help the addicted person in your life. Before you can help the addict, you need to help yourself. This book will help you with that.

<http://www.lulu.com/content/946885> This book is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Alibis, Books A Million, Lulu, etc.

Until next Wednesday, May God bless each and every one of you for His glory in His kingdom!

-- Angie and Frank