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But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" Matthew 14:30 (NKJV)

Thought for today...

Many people will be breathing a sigh of relief today, believing that life has returned to some form of normalcy, thereby enabling us to pick up where we left off at the end of 2019. Yet there are those for whom life held no semblance of normalcy prior to 2020, and who today are still crying out for help.

In 1888, whilst observing a life-saving drill at Point Allerton, Nantasket Beach (Massachusetts), and being mindful of a shipwreck that occurred previously at that spot, the Rev. E. S. Ufford saw when to throw out the life-line and was inspired to pen the lyrics of a song aptly titled 'Throw Out The Lifeline'. Some of its lyrics are:



- ① Throw out the Life-Line across the dark wave; There is a brother whom someone should save - Somebody's brother! O who then will dare To throw out the Life-Line, his peril to share?
- ② Throw out the Life-Line with hand quick and strong - Why do you tarry, why linger so long? See, he is sinking! O hasten today, And out with the Life-Boat! away, then, away!

Are we poised to recognise those around us who are sinking and in need of a lifeline? God has equipped us and given us the wherewithal to be the answer to someone's prayer today. He wants to use us to change someone else's destiny - whether it be with our time, talent, gifting, money or other resource.

We may choose to throw out a lifeline to someone who is sinking or we may choose not to, however, the choice that we make will determine whether on His return Jesus says to us:-

“For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.”

Matthew 25:42-43 (New International Version).

‘Then they will reply, “Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?”’

Matthew 25:44 (New Living Translation).

‘The King will say to them, “Whenever you failed to help any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you failed to do it for me.”’ Matthew 25:45 (Contemporary English Version).



Are we willing today to heed Rev. E. S. Ufford's plea?

Refrain: Throw out the Life-Line! Throw out the Life-Line! Someone is drifting away; Throw out the Life-Line! Throw out the Life-Line! Someone is sinking today.