

# Perspectives

## You Saved My Life

Growing up, a movie that I enjoyed watching was the *Poseidon Adventure*. The plot of this motion picture centers on a cruise ship that is hit by a giant tidal wave and capsizes—turns upside-down in the water. The main characters are a handful of people who believe that if they can get to the propeller room, where the ship’s hull is the thinnest, they might be saved. One particular scene has always stood out to me. Halfway through the movie the main cast encounters another group of people heading in the opposite direction. The groups stop and talk briefly, each claiming to know which direction leads to safety. What stands out to me is that one group was actually right. They knew the path to life, while the other group was headed toward a certain death. If only they had listened and followed the right way.

None of us know 100% what lies ahead in life or what’s around the corner. However, each of us has the choice of which path we take. Looking back over my life, I can see how the decisions and choices that I made impacted me. I am thankful for those who helped point me in the right direction at times when I was unsure about which way to go. In some ways, I consider them lifesavers.

In our world today, there are people who are heading—intentionally or unintentionally—in the wrong direction. Their lives are on the wrong course, and if they continue it will lead to spiritual death. God has not called believers to judge or condemn people, but has called us to share the good news of God through the things we say and do. Sometimes this might mean sharing with someone how God has transformed our life; other times it might mean saying nothing, just living Christlike before them.

This quarter we are exploring what Paul wrote to the people in the churches at Philippi and Ephesus. He wrote about salvation, godly relationships, spiritual growth, standing firm, and imitating Christ. Each letter is filled with pointing people in God’s direction.

Think about the people you pass each day. In what ways can your life, through the power of the Holy Spirit, help point people to the path that leads to abundant and eternal life with God? It’s not about what we can do, but what God can do in and through us. May our words be like those of Paul, “I can do all this through him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13).

May God bless you as you study His Word this quarter!

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