

My name is Eroni Racule. I was married for almost ten years, but then in 2010 my wife passed away and went to be with the Lord. I have four children. My youngest is still in school. I'm so thankful that the Lord is with us here. I thank God for His grace and mercy.

Many times I looked to my wife for personal support, but I think God allowed her death to happen so that I put my faith in Him and in Him alone. She believed that I was called to do the work of evangelism, while she looked after the family. My youngest daughter was three years old when her mother passed away.

GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE

I was saved back in year 1984. Something happened in my life that was my turning point. I was under the influence of liquor and marijuana, and I was drawing near to the gates of death, but God gave me back my life. I saw that I was heading towards a dark tunnel. I could see people crying with a loud voice. People were crying for maybe two or three minutes, then my breath came back again. I was alive!

I was a religious person. I used to go to church and pray, but Christ was not living in me. I was living by a double standard. I was a hypocrite. I used to hear preachers say, "If you die without settling your sin account you will cry in Hell forever and ever." I knew that, but I was magnetically attached to the sin that was dragging me down and down; but then I saw the darkness. It was like my whole body came to a stop. I was going through a dark tunnel and I could see people crying for help, but there was no one there to rescue them.

If you die without Christ you are lost and will cry in Hell, "Help me, help me. Save me," but no one can save you. Jesus died upon the

cross two thousand years ago to pay the price for your sins, but you must do something about your life today. You must allow your sins to be washed away, so that your heart is changed. I knew that if I died that day my destiny was Hell because I was heading to that place. I had heard men of God say, "Sin blinds, and after it blinds, sin kills and destroys."

I was still under the influence of liquor that day. Monday I slept, but Tuesday something happened to me. It was like someone was speaking to my heart that I needed to get my life right with God, so I surrendered my heart to the Lord. By Wednesday I was a completely changed person and from that day on I have been serving the Lord. That is how God changed my life; that was my turning point.

HEARING THE VOICE OF THE LORD

I was just a young Christian; I think in my second year. I used to listen to the pastors of the Assemblies of God church saying that God spoke to them. I was asking this question, "How? I know the Bible and that God can speak to us through the Bible, but how can I hear God's voice?" I was seeking the Lord because I wanted to experience how God can speak to us. I was fasting and praying for three days. I was seeking the Lord and praying in tongues.

On the third day, for the first time in my life, I experienced how God spoke to me through the Holy Spirit. As I was praying I felt the presence of the Lord and I heard a voice deep down in my heart, calling my name, "Eroni, Eroni. I want to use you. Go back to the streets and tell the people that I am coming soon." I knew that God spoke to me that day, so I started going to the streets with that deep conviction, telling the people: "Repent! Repent! Change! Jesus is

coming soon!" That is how I came to be a street preacher twenty years ago.

I used to give out booklets and then I started preaching in the open air using a sketch board from 1998 and that is what I'm using today; going around Suva, Valelevu, Nausori, to the West, and to some of the schools. I want to see the Lord raise up many other street preachers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE

I want to encourage the believers that the bottom line is that we need to live a life of obedience. If you know that God is calling you, just simply obey. Be obedient to the small thing and be faithful, for God will be faithful in using you as an evangelist. I was just a nobody; giving out booklets and praying for people on the streets and going from shop to shop. The first time I did it I was a bit embarrassed and ashamed, "What are these people going to think?" But as I continued obeying, things started to change. An amazing thing that happened was that God changed my heart, on the inside. I was then really excited to preach on the streets.

There are some things that I can't go without. I was sharing with a person how you can't go without food. If you go without food you will be hungry. Also for me, if I don't go out on the streets and preach then there is something that I am missing. If you are a believer I encourage you to go down to the streets and share the word of God with others. Start with something small, maybe just share a few words and tell them that Jesus loves them, and then God will help you to achieve bigger and higher things.

The most important thing is to know that God has called you and then get more of your heart, soul, and spirit into the word of God. Reach into the word and believe the word. Get the word

into your system. Accept the Bible and just keep on believing. Without the word of God pushing you and encouraging you there are times we feel like giving up, so let the word of God be your light and strength.

For me personally, I have children to support and food to provide on the table. For four years I was only getting ten dollars a week from the church, but it doesn't move me. God is faithful and He provides by using some other Christians. Something that encouraged me to persevere as a street preacher was the desire to live a life of obedience, complete obedience to the calling.

MAKE SURE OF YOUR SALVATION!

To the unsaved I want them to realize that the word of God, the Bible, has been decreed in Heaven and it has already been settled forever and ever. Everything you do in this world is only on a temporary basis. You are not going to live in this world forever. One day you will grow old and if you don't make it to old age it is because somewhere along the line you died. That is reality. One day your body will decay. The grave is going to swallow you. That is where your body is going to end, but the question that I want to ask you is this: "Do you know where you are going after death? Are you sure?" There are only two places: eternity lost in Hell or eternity in Heaven, happy and blessed.

Bear in mind this Bible verse: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16). God designed you for a purpose. He loves you. Jesus died so that no one should perish. He wants you to live eternally with Him, but we have the choice which path we are on. It's not God's fault that people are making the wrong

choice. The Bible says, 'For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23). I was on the wrong path when I was in my twenties, but thankfully Jesus gave me a second chance.

I'm now 60 years old, but I will keep on preaching and sharing the gospel. If Jesus hasn't come, I want to die preaching the gospel on the streets. Jesus truly is the way to Heaven, the Saviour of the world. Please walk with Him so that your heart is filled with the light and love of God. The people of this world are lost in their sins and we have to do what we can to lead them to Christ. There are false preachers and true preachers in Fiji. The one who is true is the one who loves Jesus and leads you to take Him as your Saviour and Lord.

'If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved' (Romans 10:9).

SALVATION PRAYER

If you have not received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, please do so now. Open your heart to the Lord and begin to pray:

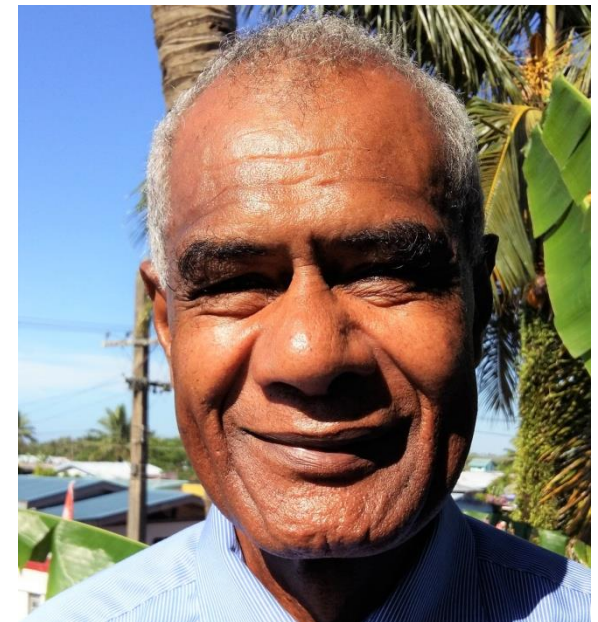
"Oh Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner. Save me and set me free."

Note: Eroni is now with the Lord. He passed from this life to the next in March of 2019.

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