

Women & More

Pleading With People

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We do not hear the word ‘pleading’ much any more—for anything or anyone. But it is what we must do **for** the lost before the Father through His Son, and in the Spirit. The results of their remaining lost are just too awful—the cost is too great! And ‘pleading’ is what we must do **for** the erring. And it often includes ‘pleading’ with them personally!

The **bad news**: “Since the first hour in which goodness came into conflict with evil, it has never ceased to be true in spiritual experience, that Satan hinders us.”

The **good news**: “We are not alarmed because Satan hinders us, for it is a proof that we are on the Lord’s side, and are doing the Lord’s work, and in His strength we shall win the victory, and triumph over our adversary.”

—Charles H. Spurgeon

Someone has said that if Jonathan Edwards were to preach his famous sermon

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, today,

it would have to be renamed: “God in the Hands of Angry Sinners.”

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Exodus 32:32 (Moses ‘pleading’ with God for the Israelites)

Job 16:19-21

Matthew 3:8 (Jesus speaking to the Pharisees and Sadducees)

John 10:10

Jude 22-23

Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 21:1 “*The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Define 'pleading' by circling any of the six words below that apply.

answering

begging

arguing

charging

appealing

acquitting

•If a dictionary is consulted, write out the **best** definition of 'pleading'.

2. Write down a prayer to the Lord God, 'pleading' for a lost family member's salvation.

3. Think of a time when you have pleaded with a believer to turn from un-Christian thinking or actions. Or if you haven't actually done that yet but feel God would have you do so. Share it below.

Recommended Reading:

Walking Wisely, Charles Stanley

When Godly People do Ungodly Things, Beth Moore

Charles Spurgeon, July 29, *Morning and Evening*

“Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out”

John 6:37—KJV

This declaration involves *the doctrine of election*: there are some whom the Father gave to Christ. It involves *the doctrine of effectual calling*: these who are given to Christ are not saved except they come to Jesus. Even *they* must come, for there is no other way to heaven but by the door, Christ Jesus. All that the Father gives to our Redeemer *must come to Him*, therefore none can come to heaven except they come to Christ.

Oh! the power and majesty which rests in the words ‘shall come’. He does not say they have power to come, nor they may come if they will, but they ‘shall come’. The Lord Jesus doth **by his messengers, His word, and His Spirit**, sweetly and graciously compel men to come that they may eat of His marriage supper; and this He does, **not by violation of the free agency of man, but by the power of His grace**.

I may exercise power over another man’s will, and yet that other man’s will may be perfectly free, because the constraint is exercised in a manner accordant with the laws of the human mind. Jehovah Jesus knows how, by irresistible arguments addressed to the understanding, by mighty reasons appealing to the affections, and by the mysterious influence of His Holy Spirit operating upon all the powers and passions of the soul, so to subdue the whole man, that whereas he was once rebellious, he yields cheerfully to His government, subdued by sovereign love.

But how shall those be known whom God hath chosen? By this result: that **they do willingly and joyfully accept Christ, and come to Him with simple and unfeigned faith, resting upon Him as all their salvation and all their desire**. Reader, have you thus come to Jesus?

Fanny J. Crosby's *Rescue the Perishing*

Chorus:

Rescue the perishing,
Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful
Jesus will save!

1. **Rescue** the perishing, **care** for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, **lift** up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.
2. Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive;
Plead with them earnestly, **plead** with them gently,
He will forgive if they only believe.
3. Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart, **wakened** by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.
4. **Rescue** the perishing, duty demands it—
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;
Back to the narrow way patiently **win** them,
Tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died.