

## All jokes aside by jared marcus

The last few articles that I have written have been light-hearted and hopefully humorous to some degree. This one I hope makes it to the innermost part of your heart, 'cause that is where it belongs.

Has God ever put someone on your heart so bad that it almost brings tears to your eyes? If He hasn't, start praying now that He would, 'cause it's life changing! There's a young man that's been coming to the Post, for as long as I've been director. But here in the last couple months, God has stamped this young man on my heart, almost to the point it hurts. I want so badly for this young man to receive everything that our Awesome God has to offer.



He has fought through a childhood of not knowing his father and a home life that is just simply 'unfair'. Yet, he has begun the journey of allowing God to transform his mind and how he handles all of life's challenges. About 8 weeks ago a group from Zion Chapel came and volunteered their time on a Saturday morning to help clean up the Post a little bit. And the following Monday when the Post opened, this young man was the first one here. I stepped into my office for maybe 4 minutes and when I came out, all of the supplies that were left out from Saturday were put away. I said nothing or hinted nothing; it was just something he wanted to do.

People are you getting this? He is following his heart! Young men and women with the childhood he has had do not do that! God is changing generations to come through this one young man. How stinking awesome is that? This is no small step; Eternity is different for this young man. His life is forever changed, HE GETS IT! God has done an amazing thing in this young man's life, God truly is a miracle worker.

...and there's the tears (you can only fight for so long).

## FIRST BANANA SPLIT by brian amundson

One particular Thursday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup>, I noticed "Max" was with us again. Max, 11 years old, had moved to Michigan in early spring with his family. Somehow, he had found a ride down to Goshen, by himself, for a week to visit us. He had been a regular & was now again at The Post everyday.

Max with his usual fun & gentle way was visiting with me on the front steps. Said he was staying near the college & needed to start walking back before dark. I offered him a ride and told him I would like to take him to Dairy Queen too. His face brightened & on the way Max told me he had never been to Dairy Queen. It touched my heart. I thought, "Wow, I get to introduce & share the DQ experience with a first timer." I explained the kinds of treats & flavors. Max ordered a banana split & I, a sundae. I thoroughly enjoyed Max enjoying his first banana split. He saved half to take home. I felt privileged.

After I dropped Max off, I was savoring the moment when unexpectedly I heard an inner audible voice say, "Thank you for the banana split." I said, "What?" Again the voice said, "Thank you for the banana split." I had instant recognition it was the voice of Jesus Christ. Then a verse came to me at the same time, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you've done it unto Me." I replied, "Your welcome."

God enjoys us enjoying life & sharing with others.



## By His Grace by erica jenkins

Praise be to God, Most Sovereign in all the earth! Our Savior and Redeemer! He chooses us in all our insignificance, wraps us in His grace, and does His perfect work in us!

My heart was so touched by experiencing the grace of God in the life of a young lady I have had the great pleasure of getting to know through the POST. This particular female student tugged on my heart strings from the first time I met her last fall. Something about her eyes hinted at a trace of vulnerability that



her “I can take care of myself” attitude did not openly reveal to the common observer. My heart became burdened to spend time in prayer for her after only a short time of knowing her.

Over the course of the past year I have seen evidence of the battle for this young lady’s soul. She has experienced many

heartaches and obstacles in addition to her successes. Through conversations with her, I found that she, like many others, had been deceived to believe that she had to attain a certain level of “goodness” before she

could be worthy of becoming a child of God. After some time, it seemed that she gave up completely

and didn’t care anymore. I have to admit that I experienced some frustration that stemmed from a loss of knowing what to do to motivate or encourage her, but I continued to commit her to God in prayer.

Then, one evening, after an organized discussion that touched on God’s grace she broke down and admitted that she wanted to be a “good girl” and make a commitment to Jesus that night! Praise God! At that moment, I could almost hear the angels rejoicing in Heaven! If I have learned anything from my time at the POST, it is that the best thing we can do for those we love is to commit them to the hands of God where they are safest and nothing we can humanly do will ever best what God can do!

Ephesians 2:8-10 “God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”



## Ways to make a difference...

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