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The Story of a Carpenter

Lets portray the story of Salvation through the story of a carpenter.

Once upon a time there were rumors about a carpenter who would be visiting this town. The carpenter was brilliant and masterfully skilled to transform any home into a dream home. The transformation would be unimaginable. The new house would be constructed in a way that would withstand earthquake, fire, tornados, and any and all natural disasters. It would last forever. The whole project would be outrageously costly and expensive. The great news was, He would be doing it free of charge. He would provide all labor, parts, anything that was needed. He would pay for the whole thing. All homeowners had to do was accept it and receive it.

Some people heard the story and could not wait to meet this carpenter and ask Him to come and transform their home.

Finally the day came; the carpenter arrived in their home town. He started knocking on doors to offer them the free gift of a total remodel, building them a brand new house that would last forever.

Some opened the door and met Him, and they actually agreed to allow Him to do the remodeling of their house. They just "chose" to trust Him and turn their house over to Him.

So while the remodeling project was going on, their neighbors drove and walked by and saw that the neighbor's house was under construction, and was being remodeled.

The neighbors who went through the construction witnessed to their neighbors and confirmed the rumors, that indeed the Carpenter was delivering what He had promised, he was undertaking the whole project with its labor and costs.

The carpenter knocked on everyone's door, but the skeptics would not open the door. They were reluctant and questioned the character of the carpenter, and the integrity of the whole story. They reasoned why would someone offer such hefty price free of

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charge? How do we know if what we heard is all true? They dismissed the testimony of their neighbors, so they refused to open the door.

There came a time when everyone in town had heard the story, and the carpenter had knocked on everyone's door. The ones who had heard the story and believed it, opened the door, and received a complete transformation of their home. Then there were the ones who partially believed the story and the ones who didn't believe any part of it. Those people never opened the door and never received the free offer. Some actually believed their house was fine the way it was. They also reasoned if and perhaps when natural disasters are about to strike, we will deal with it then.

This is the story of Christianity. You will hear of the story. He (Jesus) will knock on the door of your heart. Some will open the door, say come on in; we accept your free gift of a total makeover and Salvation. Some will hear and say, I don't believe the story; it's too good to be true. Why would someone offer such a hefty gift, when I don't deserve it, and neither have I worked for it? Some will say, there is no need for it, I am a good person and I don't need to be saved. There is no need for any change or improvement in my life that you can do. I am happy with the way things are.

Some will say I will deal with it when I am faced with Death. I am not going to worry about it or deal with it now. There is no need for it now.

You might say well, I never had Jesus come and knock on the door of my heart. Are you sure? Has there been a time when someone asked you to go to church with them, or someone asked to pray with you, or someone handed you a bible or a book that would point you to the bible, or a small pamphlet with the message of Salvation? Have you never heard someone say do you want to surrender your life to Christ today? If you answered no to any of these, then consider this story as Jesus' attempt to reach you.

So, which one of these groups of people do you identify with?