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THE LORD WILL NEVER REJECT YOU

Near me lives a happy couple in their early 60s. I have visited them often, and the husband always talks about world problems. Recently, I tried to speak about the Bible, but he said, "I do not like to speak about it."

I told him, "Today you are here, but tomorrow you may lose your life. I do not mean only the body, but you may also lose the most important thing, your soul."

His wife gladly received a Bible and was interested in knowing about eternal life. I read to her Psalm 23, ending with, "I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

The husband asked, "Do you want to die now just to receive this everlasting life?"

I replied, "Everything comes in its own time. The Bible says, 'The Lord gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD' [Job 1:21]. When I die, I will not be sorry because I know in whom I have put my trust."

He then said to his wife, "Do you see how crazy he is? He puts his trust in the Bible."

I corrected him: "I do not put my trust in the Bible but in God." This statement made him angry, and he cast the Bible I had given to his wife

out the window, declaring, "Now your faith is out!"

"No," I replied, "I have my faith with me in my heart. Your wife has received the Lord, and she will have eternal life. Even after all you have done, the Lord will forgive you too. The way is always open."

He then began to shout, "Go away! My wife will never receive your Bible or your faith."

His wife quietly said to me, "I do believe, and I know I have everlasting life. I am sorry my husband does not want to believe."

I replied, "It is written, 'the just shall live by his faith'" (Hab. 2:4).

Before I left, the husband told me, "I never want to see you here again!"

On my way home, I prayed for him and thanked the Lord his wife believed. Several days later, the same man called, saying, "Please come quickly. My wife died two days ago. I must see you." I immediately went to his home. When I arrived, he cried. "I love you. Please forgive me. I have nothing against you. I am alone in this world now. Who will be with me?"

I told him, "There is only one person who can help you—the Lord, our Savior. If you put your trust in Him, as your wife did, you will no longer be alone."

He replied, "I cannot believe because I cast away the Holy Bible."

I assured him, "The Lord is a God of love. He will never reject you." I then read Jeremiah 31:31–35 so that he would know all people have the opportunity to go to heaven if they give their hearts to the Lord.

He talked to me as a small child and was hungry to hear God's Word. No

one had come to comfort him after his wife's death, and he was bitter. He continued, "Please help me; I am so alone. You can come to my home whenever you like."

I told him, "If you receive the Lord, you will never be alone. You can speak with Him at any time, as with a best friend—even as with a father. The Lord has said, 'Fear not, for I am with you'" (Isa. 43:5).

He begged me, "Please come to see me every day. I promise that I will never do what I did before."

I assured him, "If you promise this to God, He will forgive you. All is forgiven and forgotten. Now, I beg you, begin a new life full of light for yourself." He gladly received what I said.