

Zane: Yeah, but not right now. I've still got some serious partying to do.

Emily: Please don't wait 'til it's too late!

"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:" Isaiah 55:6

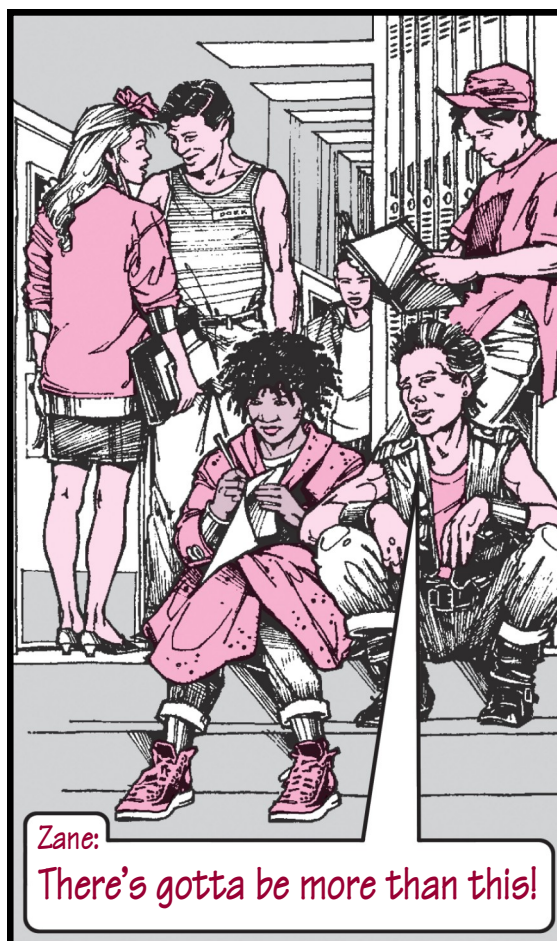
"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:14

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" Hebrews 9:27

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:13-14



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Zane: School stinks, home is nothing but a bunch of rules. Everyone's on my case all the time. I can't wait 'til I get out of here and go party! Wanna go?

Emily: No thanks. I don't do those things anymore.

Zane: I know, just thought I'd ask. You act like a different person now that you've found God.

Emily: I am a different person now. I used to think it was fun to get high, but when God saved me, He changed my way of thinking. I fought with my parents and stayed in trouble all the time, but now I know that my bad attitude was the cause of most of it. I just wasn't happy. I thought partying would make me happy, and it seemed like it did for a little while, but then all the problems would just start all over again. As long as I was high, I just didn't care.

Zane: What do you mean God saved you?

Emily: I read in the Bible where God said, "...there is none that doeth good, no, not one...For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Romans 3:12,23. Well, I'm not stupid; I knew I had done lots of bad things.

Zane: Yeah, but so has everyone else.

Emily: But isn't that what God said, we are all sinners? Then Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death..." I was afraid of dying! I got to thinking about my brother's wreck last year and wondering if he was gone forever or was there really a Heaven and a Hell.

Zane: There's a Hell all right and this is it!

Emily: I used to feel the same way but not anymore.

Zane: If you really believe there is such a place, then since we're all bad, I guess God sends everyone to Hell.

Emily: God doesn't send anyone there! People choose to go there. God made a way for everyone to be saved. I'll bet you remember John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Zane: Yeah, I remember that one.

Emily: Have you ever thought about what that verse means? God loves everyone so much that He gave His Son Jesus to be the payment for our sins. Romans 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus died for us on the cross, was buried and three days later arose from the dead! All that, so you could be saved from Hell and go to Heaven.

Zane: If that's true, then aren't we all saved?

Emily: I wish everyone was, but the gift of everlasting life that Jesus offers free to all is rejected by many people. They just don't believe it even though God's Word, the Bible says so. Well, I believe it, and, deep down inside, I felt sorry for all the things I had done. Romans 10:9 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Then it says in verse 13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." When I read that, I fell to my knees and called upon God to forgive my sins and save me! It was just like a miracle. I don't know how to explain it, but I just knew God had kept His promise. I've been different ever since.

Zane: You got that right!

Emily: I know that while I'm not perfect by any means, I am saved and God promised me a home in Heaven one day. I want you to go, too. Don't you want to be saved?