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People often think that to get in touch with God they have to do spiritual somersaults come up with a flashy spiritual resume to get his attention by doing something wonderful.

Some folks say, "What's the use? My life's a mess. Why should God hear my prayers?"

And all the while, Friend, God has been trying to get in touch with you!

**He's been speaking to you.**

His Word is closer to you than your own breath.

**Hear it.**

**Open your heart to it, and a miracle happens!**

Listen to this… think about it….open your heart to it....

***But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy. Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, he united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by his wonderful grace!*** ***and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus***

***Ephesians 2:4-6***

In other words.

God reached out to you…. before you were born and provided a way for you to rise up out of your life of discouragement and defeat and sin

….. into a **NEW LIFE** …beginning right now.

The Spirit of the Crucified and Risen Jesus hovers above you as you read these words. Even if you know very little about him, just ask him to enter your heart and show you the way.

Your prayer will be heard…

… you will pass from death **into life**… *starting now*.

***When those known as the Pharisees saw what was happening, they were indignant, and they kept asking Jesus’ disciples, “Why would your Master dine with such lowlifes?” When Jesus overheard this, he spoke up and said, “Healthy people don’t need to see a doctor, but the sickwill go for treatment.” Then he added, “Now you should go and study the meaning of the verse: I want you to show mercy, not just offer me a sacrifice. For I have come to invite the outcasts of society and sinners, not those who think they are already on the right path.”***

***Matthew 9:11-13***

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