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## The Story of Three Trees by Roberta D'Amico

Many times we have heard the story of the Two Trees. First, is the Tree of Knowledge that was in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve ate from it even after God told them they must not eat of it, causing sin to come into the world, and 2nd, the tree that Jesus was crucified on, bringing salvation and forgiveness to rescue all who believe. We hear all about this one at Easter time.

But there is a 3rd tree, the one we see in Genesis 3:22, the Tree of Life! It is a real tree, with fruit on it, and whoever eats of it will have everlasting life! So the Lord said that since man has sinned and now knows good and evil, he must not take from the tree and live forever! God blocked the way to the Tree of Life so man would not live forever. Can you imagine living forever with a sinful nature, experiencing all the pain and misery that is in the world due to sin? How horrible. Man must die, and so be released from this sinful state! So God, in His mercy, allowed death as a gift, to make possible an end sin and our suffering from it!

But, there is good news! The Tree of Life still exists! At the end of time, when God redeems the world, and makes heaven and earth new again (Revelation 22:2), there stands the Tree of Life, for us to eat of it. All who are saved, who know and love Jesus, will have access to it, to eat of it and have everlasting life. There will be a river of the water of life, as clear as crystal . . . and the Tree of Life on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, for us to eat, and the leaves thereof are for the healing of the nations!

I love to think about my heavenly home, where Jesus has gone to make a place for me. (John 14:2,3) I am eternally grateful for the second Tree, the one Jesus died on for my sins, so that when I put my faith in Him, through the power of the Holy Spirit, I will get to enjoy the third Tree and everlasting life with God.

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## Call on the Lord!

by Iris L. Jenkins, PhD United Temple Church of God In Christ.

Psalms 50:15 (KJV) " And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

From the time we are children, we learn that there are certain people who we can call on when we need help. As children, we first look to our parents or guardians for help with many things. Whether we're hungry, have fallen and scraped a knee, need a ride to an event, or need other material things, we have expectations that calling on a parent or guardian will get us what we need.

As we continue to mature, we learn that our parents are not the only ones we can call on for help. Who we call for help, really depends on the type of help we need. For example, we call on teachers to help us learn, firefighters if we need help putting out a fire, doctors when we are sick, or dentists when we have problems with our teeth. We learn that we should call the plumber if we're having problems with the pipes in our homes, or electricians if there's a problem with the electricity. We understand when it's appropriate to call on beauticians, barbers, mechanics, and lawyers. Each of them can help us in some way.

Yet, with so much help available, it only works if we know which one we should access for the situation we're facing. If we're experiencing pain in our bodies, contacting all of the firefighters in the world won't help

us. If we're having problems with our teeth, what good will it do for us to call the police? Not only must we choose the appropriate helper, but that helper has to be available when needed. Of course, people are unpredictable. They can't be everywhere at the same time. There will certainly be times when they are not available even if they are the appropriate source for help.

Yet, there is One who doesn't have any of the limitations of our earthly helpers. He is not limited to offering only one type of help. He is not restricted to helping only at certain times. He is not limited in knowledge and understanding. God is ALWAYS available. God is ALWAYS the right choice, no matter what the situation or circumstance. We don't have to go to a special place to meet Him. We don't have to speak with God's assistant and make an appointment in hopes of getting help. We can call on God at any time, and anywhere.

Too often we don't get the help we need because we aren't going to the right source. We must call on the Lord who is able to help us above all. We must put our hope and confidence in Him, knowing that there's nothing too hard for Him. God has told us to call on Him when we face trouble. He is willing and able to deliver us, and when He does, we are to glorify Him. Let's call on the Lord!

## **Pastor Renzo Report – February/March 2024.**

As the Evangelist and Revivalist from Redemption Gate Mission Society and Holy Grounds Coffee House since August 2020, Pastor Renzo Ventrice contacts pastors and shares the need for New England churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. After forging relationships with about 271 pastors, his hope is to preach revival and teach Christian History.

2/22 – Visited Crossroads Church of East Hartford, CT.

3/5&12 – Rise Up New England (RUNE) Prayer Meeting in Agawam, MA, with CT and MA believers.

3/9 – Prayer at Jubilee Family Outreach in West Springfield.

3/10 – Greater Grace Church of Enfield CT, on Matthew 28:16-28 and the life and ministry of Patrick.

3/15 – WLPV 97.3 FM Radio – about the Evangelistic Celebration on June 22, Springfield MA, with Dr. Michael Youssef.

3/17 - Betsy and I visited The Christian Cathedral in their "Eagle's Nest" Chapel in Springfield, where they mentioned Michael Youssef and the upcoming Discipleship Training to be held in MA and CT churches. Pastor Renzo and RUNE have visited over 210 churches in New England.

### **Regular Events:**

**Morning Bible Study is open to all to learn more about the Bible –**

**Monday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Services at 5 p.m. with Pastor Bobby Quinones.**

### **Coming Soon:**

During June of 2024, many will gather in Springfield, Massachusetts, to hear Dr. Michael Youssef preach the uncompromising Truth of Christ—the only source of hope and the only path to eternal life! This is the largest evangelistic outreach event since Luis Palau in 2001! Featuring Dr. Michael Youssef, held at the MassMutual Center in downtown Springfield, Massachusetts, Saturday, June 22, 2024, 6 pm. Free admission!

**For more information, contact Pastor Cooley at (413) 626-6807 .**

