

A Great Day in the Kingdom – 2/2/24

Years ago, when I was beginning in ministry, preparations were being made for the first celebration of life I would perform. The celebration was to honor a wonderful woman who had lived to the age of 97. She was a joy. Her two Daughters were a joy, yet I had not met her Son prior to her celebration. Both Daughters warned me that he was a devout atheist. What I would soon find out, during this precious Lady's celebration, was the Son loved to flaunt it in his Mother's face.

The service was beautiful, with numerous testimonies to this Lady's credit. She simply was a joy to know. The Son of course got up to speak, and inevitably, thirty-seconds in, began to speak his opinion on the ridiculous nature of all religions. He was offensive. He was unapologetic. He was haughty. He was a complete, as my daughter used to say, "Not nicer." By the time he was done speaking, it was my turn and there was plenty to say, in my mind. The one nice statement the man had made was, "no matter how upset or sad I made my Mom, she Loved me."

First, Atheists are the best candidates for conversion. Secondly, as this man joked about religion, without his awareness, he had testified to his Mother's relationship with Jesus Christ. I wonder even these days about this man. His Mom had given him a strong foundation, of experiencing the unconditional Love of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 7:24-29, When we build on a firm foundation of Christ, we can withstand whatever comes our way.

Earthly death came this precious Lady's way. What was the result? An Atheist unknowingly testifying to the power of Christian unconditional Love. ALL THE TIME!!!!

Have a Blessed Week!!!

Love You All!!!

Pastor Joel