



Pastor's Comments

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Sins Too Great?

Maria came to the altar for prayer and told the associate pastor that **her sins were too great for God to forgive**. She seemed too upset to listen to his counsel, so he asked Susan to visit her. Susan arrived at her home with another woman. After some time, Maria answered the door obviously upset, her otherwise attractive face swollen from crying. Susan began by asking, "If you were to die tonight and God asked you why he should let you into heaven, what would you tell him?" Maria began to cry, and answered, "**He wouldn't let me in.**" After Susan asked why, Maria explained she felt like a building that, although nice on the outside, was dirty, filthy and falling apart on the inside. "That's what my life is like," she told Susan. "On the outside I'm OK, but on the inside I'm a total mess." Susan quoted Romans 3:23, "**all have sinned and come short of the glory of God**" and read John 3:16. She used the "Roman Road" (see <http://www.naog.ws/pc>) to share the plan of salvation with Maria, who was crying and asking questions the whole time. Then Maria told how her sin had destroyed her marriage and that **God could not forgive her** – someone had told her that adultery was the unpardonable sin. "Oh Maria," Susan replied, "God sent us to tell you that **He loves you and is ready and willing to forgive you**. The only unpardonable sin is the sin of rejecting Jesus Christ. Don't let us leave here without asking Him into your heart." Maria responded, "I need help." Susan then led Maria in a simple prayer of confession and faith. "I have never seen anyone more sincere or more broken," Susan said. "As we stood up, she hugged me and said, '**You saved my life.**'" Susan quickly replied, "**No, honey, Jesus did that.**" That's when Maria said, "Hold on, I want to show you something." She went to her bedroom and returned with a **loaded pistol**. "When you drove up," Maria explained as she emptied out the bullets, "I was sitting on the side of the bed with this gun to my head. So see, you did save my life." – Condensed,
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