



Pastor's Comments

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The Coupling

Jack, the brakeman, was under the influence of liquor when he entered the bunkhouse where Davis was reading his Bible. "Are you a preacher?" Jack demanded roughly. When Davis assented, Jack began to curse and swear, belittling God, the Bible, and all Christians. He then spat tobacco juice on Davis's open Bible!

Davis, whose former quick temper and willingness to fight at the drop of a hat had been changed by the power of Christ, got up and wiped the spittle off his Bible and shirt; but his calmness only further enraged the brakeman, who thrust his big fist against his nose pushing his head back against the wall.

At one o'clock the next morning Davis was summoned to the office and told: "**There's been an accident!** Jack was coupling the engine to the logging train. He slipped...falling under the car wheels. **It took his right leg off!**"

At the site, Jack, crushed and bleeding, extended his hand and humbly asked Davis to forgive him. "I will; how is it with your soul, Jack?" Davis asked. "I am lost," Jack replied. After telling the dying man about the thief on the cross who was forgiven by Christ, Davis led in a prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner...." A smile spread over Jack's face and he exclaimed, "I see. I see. **Tell the boys I-made-the-coupling!**" And with a smile upon his face, he passed into glory.

How is it with you? Have you received Jesus into you heart as your Savior? The Bible says, "***But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name***" (John 1:12). **Have you made the coupling?**

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