

# Priceless! You are Rescued!

## The Ultimate Rescue

On August 5, 2010, a section of a San Jose mine in the Atacama Desert of Chile collapsed, trapping 33 miners, 2,300 feet underground. After 17 days of searching, rescuers confirmed that the miners were alive and had survived on meager rations.

Once they discovered that the miners were alive, they had to figure out how to rescue them. The rescue operation, involving a newly drilled escape tunnel and a capsule called the "Fenix," took 52 days. Sixty-nine days after the collapse, on October 12 a rescue worker was lowered into the mine inside the capsule. Just after midnight the first worker was drawn to the surface. By that evening (October 13), the last man, a shift supervisor who had organized the men during their time underground, had been rescued.

Those trapped in the mine had no hope in rescuing themselves. The entire world watched as rescuers from outside attempted to rescue the miners who were cut off from the outside world.

Just as those 33 men needed rescue, we all need rescue. Just like the miners needed someone from outside the mine to come and rescue them, we need someone beside ourselves to rescue us from the pit of sin.

In Psalm 40:1-3, David writes a beautiful description of what the rescue Jesus provides for us. ***I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.***

Sin is like a slimy pit, filled with muck and mire, and no matter how we try to climb out of the pit of sin, we slip and sink deeper into it. We just can't get our footing, and we can't climb out. But when we call out to Jesus to rescue us, He reaches down and lifts us up. He lifts us up, out of the pit of sin and places us on solid ground, on a firm foundation, on the rock. Jesus is the rock on which we stand.

We are rescued, and then we should be singing praises to God for the rescue He offered. I can guarantee you that the 33 men that were rescued from the mine proclaimed their praises to their rescuers. They didn't keep their story silent, but celebrated the fact that they had been rescued.

Notice what David says in verse 3, ***Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.*** When we share our rescue story with others, they will be blessed and perhaps your rescue story is what God will use to bring someone to a saving faith in Him.

Have you been rescued from sin? If yes, then who can you share your rescue story with this week? Besides initial salvation, how have you been rescued recently? Perhaps you were able to say no to temptation, or you will be able to choose God's way over your own this week. That too is rescue! Be sure to share your rescue stories with others.



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## Conversation Starters



Gather with some friends and spend some time going deep in conversation around the fact that you have been rescued by God.

- ◆ The world is fascinated with the idea of rescue; that's why superheroes are so popular. Who is your favorite superhero and why?
- ◆ What is your favorite rescue story from the Bible?
- ◆ Have you ever needed to be rescued? What happened?
- ◆ How did you feel before someone came to rescue you?
- ◆ How did you feel after you were rescued?
- ◆ When did God rescue you from sin? What is your salvation story?
- ◆ How has God rescued you lately?
- ◆ Is there anything that you need God to rescue you from? How can you be rescued?
- ◆ How do you show your thankfulness to God for the rescue He provides in your life?
- ◆ Who in your life do you know needs to be rescued by God?

***“God undertook the most dramatic rescue operation in cosmic history. He determined to save the human race from self-destruction, and He sent His Son Jesus Christ to salvage and redeem them. The work of man’s redemption was accomplished at the cross.”*** Billy Graham

### Additional Resources

Check out our website for more resources to help you focus on your identity - You are rescued: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

Bible Study: *Rescued at Jacob’s*

*Well* by Major Cathi Boyd

Blog: *In Need of Rescue* by

Major Beth Desplancke

Devotional: *Your are Rescued*

by Captain Tanya Pemberton

Craft: *Book Knife Block* by Lt.

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Check out our Playlist of songs

that speak of our identity in

Christ: WM 2024-2025

Priceless: [https://](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7xLxDn8lLdAq4je3D5L4YK?si=547054ac7309495c)

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## Rescue Prayers

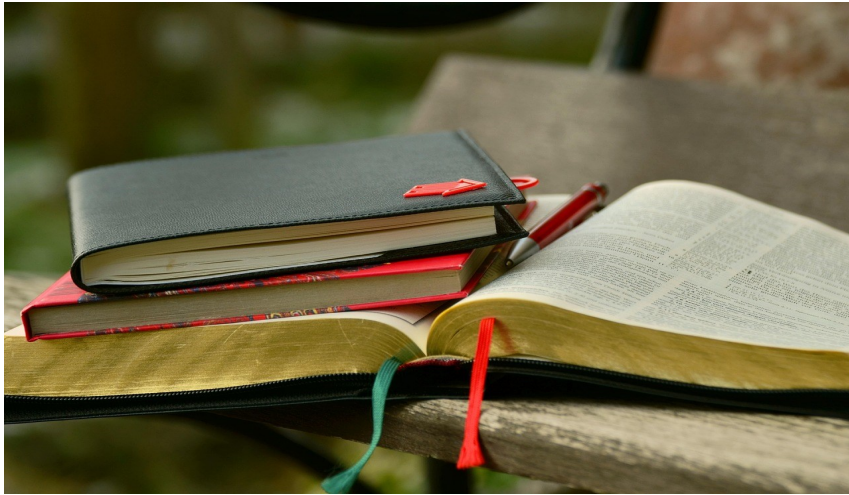
In Mark 2, Jesus is having dinner at Levi’s house, and many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Him and His disciples.

***When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “What does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”*** Mark 2:16

Jesus answers in verse 17: ***“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”*** In order to be rescued, we need to be aware of our need to be rescued.

This month every time you drive by a hospital or doctor’s office, or every time you go to a doctor’s appointment, think about the fact you were rescued, and you still need rescue. If we can rescue ourselves, we don’t need a rescuer. Use the doctor, dentist or hospital as a reminder to thank God for the rescue He gave in saving you, as well as the rescue He still provides every day.

Now think about those who are in need or rescue. Every time you see an emergency vehicle or hear the sirens, lift up those in your life who are in need of rescue. Do not only pray that they will experience salvation, also pray and ask God how He can use you to help in their rescue. Perhaps the Lord is leading you to share your rescue story with your loved one, and this time when they hear it, they will realize that they too need rescue.



*The story of the Bible is all about how God sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin!*

## Flourishing in the Word

God is the Great Rescuer. He sent His Son Jesus to rescue us from our sins. This month read the Gospel of Mark, and focus on how Jesus came to rescue us.

May 1	Mark 1:1-28	May 17	Mark 9:2-29
May 2	Mark 1:29-45	May 18	Mark 9:30-50
May 3	Mark 2:1-17	May 19	Mark 10:1-31
May 4	Mark 2:18-28	May 20	Mark 10:32-52
May 5	Mark 3:1-19	May 21	Mark 11:1-11
May 6	Mark 3:20-35	May 22	Mark 11:12-33
May 7	Mark 4:1-20	May 23	Mark 12:1-27
May 8	Mark 4:21-41	May 24	Mark 12:28-43
May 9	Mark 5:1-20	May 25	Mark 13:1-19
May 10	Mark 5:21-43	May 26	Mark 13:20-37
May 11	Mark 6:1-29	May 27	Mark 14:1-31
May 12	Mark 6:30-56	May 28	Mark 14:32-72
May 13	Mark 7:1-23	May 29	Mark 15:1-20
May 14	Mark 7:24-37	May 30	Mark 15:21-47
May 15	Mark 8:1-21	May 31	Mark 16:1-20
May 16	Mark 8:22-9:1		

### Flourishing Ideas from the Territory

**Centennial, CO** started a discipleship program with 5 young adult women at her corps, and they in turn mentor seven teen girls in the corps.

**Centralia, WA** had smores and celebrated Some More of Jesus!

**Concord, CA** held a country cook-off. Everyone brought a dish and they voted on whose was the best.

**Gilroy, CA** has been holding a weekly sewing workshop. Ladies have been learning basic sewing and made aprons, a circular skirt, bags, and cushions.

**Mat-Su Valley, AK** had a tailgate party with a football theme. They had to look up verses and find the name of the football teams. This could be easily adapted for any other season sport (or wait until football season)

**Modesto, CA** had a "Three Piggies" program (Bargain Piggy, Cleaning Piggy and Cooking Piggy).

**Ridgecrest, CA** held a thrift store fashion show.

**Rita, Marshall Islands** prepared 6 baskets for a community baby shower.

**Tucson Amphi, AZ** had an 8-week course on nutrition.

**Tulare, CA** celebrated Hawaiian Day in the park.

## Love Lifted Me

In his hymn, *Love Lifted Me*, James Rowe gives a beautiful description of how God rescues us. The words of the hymn (The Salvation Army Songbook 2015, #853) say this:

1] I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore;  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me; now safe am I.

Chorus]

*Love lifted me, love lifted me, when no one but Christ could help, love lifted me (2x)*

2] all my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling;  
In his blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true merits my souls' best songs;  
faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.

3] Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.



***“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*** Colossians 1:13-14



## Identity Statements

You are God's child and He has rescued you! Here are some identity statements for you to claim, memorize and meditate on.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. Psalm 18:16-17, 19

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:24-25a

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen . Galatians 1:3-5

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. 2 Timothy 4:18