

TOMMY WANTS HELP BUT NOT FROM PETE

Tommy could not be sure what to do when he saw Jimmy being tortured and raped by a gang of horribly evil men. He did not have his weapons with him so he decided to go for help or at least to run and get his weapons. Tommy used the spirit tunnels and made it back home in a matter of minutes. He knew he was breaking the rules concerning the spirit tunnels because doing so would upset Grandmother's little gopher friends; no time for thought of that now, he had to get back as fast as he could.

Tommy was devastated when he rushed into their cave. He found Grandmother 10 All talking joyfully with a frightening man that Tommy knew that had terrified him during his childhood. He remembered Pete and Tommy's father doing horribly evil things the night before his father brought him to live with Grandmother 10 All. Tommy was stricken nearly mute at the sight of this man. Tommy's child hood stutter returned and he found himself unable to speak.

After what seemed like moments to Tommy, he was finally able to speak again and he pleaded with Grandmother 10 All, "I cannot believe you are talking with this man, do you know how horrible and evil he is? Please make him leave! Grandmother please help me! I know you cannot fight but you can tell me the best way to help Jimmy. I trust you but now I see you with this evil man. The men that are hurting Jimmy are just like Pete was the last time I saw him. Pete wanted to do the same things to me but my father stopped him. My father was very evil too but at least he protected me.

I have seen those men that took Jimmy and they are hurting him. There are at least six of them torturing and raping my friend. I watched them through the window in the door for a long time. My gaze was frozen because of the things they were doing to my friend and I could hardly breathe because of the fear that what I was watching could have happened to me if my father had not saved me from Pete and now you are having fun with this man! Laughing together as if you are having a party! Please send him away and tell me how to help Jimmy."

Grandmother 10 All tried to reason with Tommy and said, “Tommy, Pete was a very evil man but my God has changed him. Pete has excepted Jesus and is no longer the evil man that you remember. Pete can go with you and save Jimmy. Pete is a mighty warrior but now he fights for the Lord!” Tommy could not believe Grandmother and yelled at her, “I have listened to your secret graduation speech but I do not believe in this Jesus that you told me about. Now I wish that you had sent me away with the other graduates instead of giving me more time to live here with you because of my disability. I can not except your Jesus! He is a dead God. I cannot believe that He was raised from the dead. I saw with my own eyes how evil this man is and I do not believe that Pete will help Jimmy. He would probably torture and rape us before we even get back home from that ranch. I will get my weapons and go save Jimmy on my own!”

Pete interrupted, “Please Tommy, I am so sorry for doing the things that you saw me do and I know you are right that I would have hurt you too if your father had not stopped me. I was a very evil man but I have been changed inside. I still know how to fight but now I fight for the Lord instead of for my own evil pleasure of killing innocent people and pleasuring myself any way that I could no matter who I hurt. I know I deserve to die for what I have done but I know that Jesus has changed me and he will guide me in how to live for Him now. Please Tommy trust me! Better yet, trust Jesus! I will go with you and help you save Jimmy from the evil things that are happening to him. I know some of the men that work for that ranch and they are very bad men. Some of them were even in my gang for a while but they left us because I was even more evil than them because I murdered so many people after I tortured and raped them. Tommy I know that I was the worst of the worst of all men but I am not like that any more. Please, can you trust me!”

Tommy screamed at Pete, “NO! I do not believe you, I remember what you and my father were doing to that woman in our house eight years ago just the same as if it were still happening and I cannot even stand the sight of you! Get away from me and if you hurt Grandmother 10 All or any of my friends here I assure you that when I get back I will cut you into a million little pieces.”

Grandmother 10 All became so upset that she just started ignoring two of her most favorite people in the world and turned her attention to the One that she knew could help and started praying to Jesus. She prayed harder than she had ever prayed before. Tommy became very angry with her because she would not give

him the advice he longed for to help him to know how to proceed and Tommy did not believe in Jesus so he did not understand that Grandmother's prayers were the best way that she could help him. Tommy would not except any help from Pete because he was convinced that Pete could never change and he knew how horrible, mean and evil this man had been the last time he saw him. Tommy had seen Pete and his father raping and torturing and Pete even killing a young lady in front of Tommy and he was only seven years old.

Tommy could not listen to anymore of this. He felt like Grandmother was wasting his time and betraying him. In a flash Tommy rushed off to get his weapons and headed for the spirit tunnels that would take him quickly back to the ranch to save his friend without a care or thought for the little gophers screaming and hissing at him as he went.

Pete helped Grandmother 10 All up into the elevator and hand cranked the platform up to the highest lookout room so she could observe everything for miles around and he planned to be back long before the month's supply of dried beef, water, berries and honey could be used up and that supply is meant to last a month for as many as fifteen people crammed into that 10x10 space. Grandmother had already instructed the eleven remaining children, the older kids were teamed each with two younger children and were told to pack light and run to their farthest hiding holes for fear that their hidden home could soon be found.

Pete wanted to follow Tommy but he did not remember his childhood lessons in how to use the spirit tunnels. Pete wanted to prove to Tommy that Jesus had changed him and that he was no longer the horrible man that he had known.

Pete begged God to let him get there in time to help Tommy but God has a lot of ways of answering prayers and when he answers YES and we get what we ask for we sometimes find that it is not what we wanted and when He answers NO it means that what we wanted was not the best for us. God always knows best whether He answers YES or NO it is still what is best for us whether we understand His choice or not. Pete will shortly find out that this is true.

Pete took off as fast as he possibly could after Tommy. Tommy wanted nothing to do with Pete but something had to be done. Tommy had a head start and knew how to use the spirit tunnels and Pete being so massive had no hope of

getting there in time to be of any help. He ran only about 50 yards and was completely exhausted. Pete could not even stand. He fell when trying to run up the first hill and fainted. When he came to he was not able to get up. He started rocking back forth, desperately trying to manage to get a knee or an arm into a position to lift his massive body but instead he started rolling down the hill toward the windmill's overflow pond at the bottom of the hill.

The miracle happened again, the same way he had arrived at this place just couple of days earlier, when his head hit the water he was instantly transported to the place he wanted to be. Pete miraculously arrived at the bunkhouse ahead of Tommy. Pete looked in through the window and was emotionally crushed when he saw what a gang of men were doing to a helpless young boy. Pete was immediately overcome with dread and started to cry uncontrollably. Pete was so emotionally traumatized because he knew that only a few days ago before he met Jesus, when his best friend, his TWO, Warring Walt had died, he knew that then he would have been the worst of these men if he had such an opportunity to rape and torture a child, boy or girl. Pete had even killed many of his victims and now his heart had softened so much that all he could do was cry.

Pete was moaning and wailing as he staggered out away from the front of the bunkhouse into the road. He was crying so hard that he could not see. Pete started praying out loud between bellowing sobs asking the Lord to empower him to battle these men the same way He had when Pete had protected the twin white buffalo babies from his own gang of ex-friends. Pete begged the Lord to let him save Jimmy from these horrible men but the Lord said, "NO".

Pete felt all the pain of his own victims fall on his soul as his emotions drained his strength and still he prayed for his courage to return but he was not even able to lift one of his machetes let alone spin his special neck mounted collar weapon that was around his neck as always. The Lord had not miraculously brought him here to fight and protect Jimmy but rather to teach Pete in a deep way what pain he had caused his victims and how much love he had received from Jesus to forgive his many sins. Still Pete cried and prayed but the Lord said, "No. this battle belongs to another".

Just then Tommy showed up. We was about to burst into the bunk house when a young man came rushing out squirting blood from between his legs.

Tommy decided to let him go since it looked like he was bleeding too much to live very long anyways and decided to just let him suffer. It was obvious that he had seen Tommy but he was way too busy with his own problem to warn anyone. Tommy quickly entered the bunkhouse. The battle was over in less than a minute.

Ben had already radioed the sheriff because he could not raise his hired hands on the CB radio again after they told him they had found Jimmy when they were coyote hunting and Jimmy got so mad at them for killing the pups that he did not want to go with the men so they beat him but still he would not come with them willingly so they tied him into the back of the truck and planned to take him to the bunk house to teach him a lesson. Ben had told them not to hurt him but they refused to answer the radio again. Ben knew what they had in mind but did not want to admit to why he knew but he knew. His abusive grandfather, Butch McDeadlip, had hired most of these very, very bad men!

Ben called the sheriff on his CB Radio and sped off from town where he had been drinking heavily with some friends but he hoped to reach the ranch in time to help Jimmy. Now he was worried because he would be in trouble with his Granddad for telling the sheriff what his hired men were doing. As he topped the last hill on the dirt road into the ranch he was not able to stop in time and smashed into a massive man staggering around as if drunk in the middle of the road. Ben could have sworn he had tears in his eyes before his truck even hit him. The man was so massive that there was more damage done to the truck than to the man.

As Ben got out of the truck he could hear horrifying screams coming from the open bunkhouse door and behind him were the screaming sirens of the sheriff's car and truck quickly approaching. Ben knew he should wait but the screams from the bunkhouse were even louder than the screams of the sirens. Before Ben could reach the door the screams suddenly stopped.

He grabbed his shotgun and rope from his pickup truck and rushed into the bunkhouse. Ben found a horrible bloody scene. All of the hired men were dead and a young blood covered Indian boy was sitting on the bed beside a traumatized Jimmy. Ben could only assume in that instant that the boy was about to harm Jimmy and he quickly lassoed the Indian boy and tied him up securely as the sheriff's men came rushing in leading a chained Pete with them but Pete could not get through the small door way so they locked the chain to a post out front.

Pete was still crying uncontrollably and even though he knew he deserved to be locked up for many, many other crimes he knew that this time he had done nothing wrong and he was in great pain both emotionally and now also physically from being hit by a truck and chained with a heavy log chain and now he was also very angry. With one great heave Pete lifted the big post effortlessly out of the ground, even though it had been planted deep in the ground for many decades.

He then tried to run but he could hardly move with the chains padlocked around him in several places from his neck down to his ankles. After only a few steps he stumbled and fell to the ground. We know that Pete is pretty helpless once he is down and even though he still had his hidden weapons on him, as always. The deputy that chained him had not been found the weapons because they were in to much of a rush to even search the big man but chained as he was there was nothing that he could do. At this point he just wanted to get away so he could help the eleven other children and Grandmother 10 All but with the chains locked all around him, all Pete could do was lay there on the ground, in front of the bloody scene at the bunkhouse, just wiggling and screaming as he attempted to roll the chains rattled loudly.

Pete wailed angrily and screamed in pain both emotionally and physically. One of the deputies stepped out to see what the noise was and just laughed at the big man laying there wiggling and crying on the ground. The deputy left Pete lay there on the ground in his misery and went back into the bunkhouse to help investigate the awful bloody scene.

Pete continued to scream and rattle the chains in hope of breaking free but he was not strong enough to break the locks or the links of the log chain. The noise was beginning to irritate the sheriff and his men trying to investigate the sickening bloody scene in the bunk house and trying to decide how they could best help Jimmy whom unable to respond to them or even speak at all. Jimmy just sat there on the bed and starred blankly as if no one was even there. The sheriff suddenly became very angry and yelled, “would one of you men please do something to shut up that wailing big man out front. He is really getting on my nerves.” One of the men grabbed the tin pitcher of water out of the sink and rushed outside. He tossed the entire contents of cold water from the pitcher into Pete's screaming face.

The miraculous happened again! The deputy stood there totally confused because not only was the pitcher empty but now the chains that held the big screaming man were empty too. How would he explain this to the sheriff? But at least the boss would be glad that the screaming had stopped. He would try to explain the rest to him later.

Pete was instantly transported to where he most wanted to be. He found himself inside the the coyotes den next to where the opening to the caves should have been. This wonderful place where Grandmother 10 All had made a home for so many children for so many decades but now Pete was not able to enter. The inner entrance to the caves had collapsed and he could not understand what had happened. He tried briefly to break through but it was a solid wall that he could not find any clue of a way through it. His fingernails were not long enough for sand swimming and could not remember how anyways.

Pete went out front and yelled up at the tower hoping Grandmother 10 All would be able to hear him. He was not able to hear a response from the tower but at least a dozen little gophers came scurrying down the cliff from their tunnels that appeared from the sandy parts of the tower's wall. As a child Pete had been one of the few children that Grandmother was able to teach how to communicate with her little fuzzy friends. Somehow Pete was able to remember their odd language. They communicated to him that Grandmother 10 All was safe and that with the help of her fuzzy little gopher friends had released the trap doors that caused the tunnels leading into their home to cave in. She did not want anyone to find their home because she feared that evil would overcome all of her children if they returned to their home here so she sealed herself into her own tomb to prevent her children from being harmed.

Through communication with these little fuzzy gophers Pete was able to understand that Grandmother 10 All wanted him to go to the three distant hiding holes where the children were hiding and help them to find their way to some other place were they could live safely.

Pete wanted to bring some of the children back to sand swim in past the caved in tunnels to help Grandmother 10 All but she made sure that he understood that he was never to do that. She was determined to save the children from the evil that was so close to finding them.

Pete was very sad to leave Grandmother 10 All alone in that tower but he knew she had plenty to eat and she loved the company of her fuzzy little friends so she would be okay for a long time and Pete hoped to come back and help her later. Pete had great respect for her wishes but he could not stand the thought of leaving her there to die the slow death of starvation.

He knew that helping the children is how he could be of the most help now so he reluctantly left this wonderful place and went searching for the children having no idea how he was going to help them when and if he could find them but after all the miracles that had been happening around him he was confident that God would guide him in what to do if he kept his mind on the ways of God.

I will continue this story another time telling you about what becomes of Tommy and Jimmy and how Pete will help the children to find new homes but this is the end for now but I hope you like what you read so far and come back for the another story soon.

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