

Pete Gonzalez shares a life-changing experience while ministering with Manna of Life Ministries

About 6 months ago, a gentleman named Martin asked Pete Gonzalez, (one of our co-laborers in the Manna of Life Ministries) how much he was selling the food he was handing out in front of the PATH shelter; Manna of Life Ministries as a rule distributes food there. Pete jokingly said, 'two dollars for a soup and two sandwiches. And I will throw in an apple.' While Martin searched his pockets for the money, Pete told him he was kidding. Martin said, 'I thought it was just for the people here.'

Pete explained that the food and clothes being handed out was for anyone who needed them and served Martin soup and gave him some sandwiches. Pete asked if he was from around the neighborhood. Martin said he lived by the entrance to the Triborough Bridge. Pete thought of a building he knew of at that location and asked him about it. He said no I live under the Triborough Bridge. Pete realized he was homeless and lived literally under the bridge. Pete told him it must be cold there and asked if they had blankets. Martin explained how other people live their and make it 'livable.' Pete then invited him to pray with the Manna group that was there and Martin agreed.



Pete grabbed Martin's hand and began to pray. He noticed tears were rolling down Martin's face. He told Pete he was touched by the prayer he heard. When Pete was about to leave he stopped Martin and invited him to come by whenever he wanted so they could talk some more. This is when Martin opened up and told Pete, 'I was thinking of committing suicide, but you introduced me to Jesus and I want to know more about him.' Pete said, 'you be here next Saturday and I'll tell you more, but don't do anything foolish, because your life doesn't really belong to you it belongs to Christ; He has good things to do with you.'

Martin showed-up the following two Saturdays then wasn't seen for three months. This past Wednesday, Pete was sitting at home and received a call. The person on the other side said, 'because of you I'm still alive.' Pete said, 'amen, thank you Jesus!,' and the person repeated, 'because of you I'm still alive.' Pete said, 'praise God! Who is this?' The person said, 'because you spoke to me three months ago, I'm still here. It's me Martin; How you doing Pete?' He said, 'I'm no longer in the area, that's why you don't see me. I live in Boston, working in a restaurant. I live in the house where the owner of the restaurant lives. A lady there brings me clothes every once in a while, now I don't have to ask for food.' 'I want to thank God,' he said, 'because now the food that is left over I give it out to homeless people in an area nearby.' He said he learned how to do this from Manna. He said, 'you remember giving me your card? You said if I ever need prayer I can call you.' 'I want you to pray that things go so good that I can take a weekend off so I can come see you guys and help you on a Saturday.' Manna of Life Ministries had placed Martin at a shelter. After three days he met someone outside the shelter who took him to Boston, where he currently is.

Pete gave this testimony at that very shelter. 'You think God is going to forget you? Look

at this man (Martin); he was here just like you guys.’ Three people received section 8 vouchers that same day.



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