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Several years ago I viewed the movie “The Passion of the Christ”. I found the movie to be very good and gave explicit graphic displays of what our Christ actually went through when He was crucified. One can only imagine the agony Jesus Christ went through on the cross and the days leading up to His crucifixion.

I appreciated Mel Gibson standing tall and producing this movie when many others were against him and said it would never survive. The movie did well even though Gibson was criticized by many for his undertaking. Maybe Gibson was the one person that helps us realize the suffering that Christ went through for our sins and maybe, just maybe, bring all of us back into the realization that all of us need to get on our knees and ask forgiveness for the way we have allowed our society and country to become as it is today.

I read a story several years ago and I cannot validate the story because I did not do the research, however I feel it could be well founded.

In 1858, a Boston Sunday School teacher named Kimball began visiting one of his students at the shoe store where he worked as a clerk. Eventually, he led him to Christ. That student’s name was D.L. Moody.

Twenty-one years later, Moody, now an evangelist, visited London, and a great spiritual awakening took place. F.B. Meyer, a local pastor, went to hear Moody, and his life was transformed. Late Meyer went to America to preach, and in one of his meetings, a student named J. Wilbur Chapman got saved. Chapman became active in the YMCA, where he met and discipled a former baseball player called Billy Sunday.

Billy Sunday became a great revivalist, and in one of his crusades in Charlotte, a group of businessmen came to Christ. A year later, they decided that their city needed another crusade, so they invited Mordecai Ham to be their speaker.

After three weeks, Ham left town, discouraged because he’d only had one convert: a 16-year old boy called Billy Graham.

One Sunday School teacher started it all.

One brother, Andrew, led another brother called Peter to Christ; and Peter brought multitudes.

One woman whose name he still doesn’t know, led David Yonggi Cho, Korean pastor of the world’s largest church (over 1,000,000 members as of 2007), to Christ.

One person – just one – can make all the difference. Will you be that one?

Prayer: Lord God help me be the one person that will help others see and ask for you Saving Grace. Use me as your instrument and give me the words to say and the strength to say them. Amen.

(Suggested daily Bible readings: Sunday – Acts 4:23-31; Monday – Isaiah 6:8-9; Tuesday – Matthew 5:13-16; Wednesday – Psalm 119:25-32; Thursday – Revelation 20:4-6; Friday – Proverbs 10:19-21; Saturday – 2 Corinthians 4:1-6.)

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