

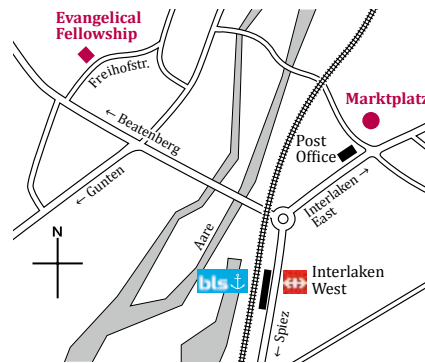
Does God answer prayer?



English Services

EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP

Freihofstrasse 16
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Regular Services

- **Every Sunday** in June, July, August and until mid-September **10:30 am**.
- Every first and third Sunday of the month 10:30 am.
- Also Easter Sunday and Christmas Day 10:30 am.

Open-air Services

- Marktplatz, opposite the Post Office in Interlaken
Saturdays, 8 pm:
22 and 29 July 2017
5 and 12 August 2017

Everybody is very welcome

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► Then I did something I hadn't done before: I prayed, asking God to give me a confirmation. It was only 6 am; I listened to some music on the radio, wondering for myself, whether or not it was right to ask for an additional confirmation. At 7 am the news followed and a 'Word for the Day': Psalm 118! The above mentioned verse was read aloud, barely an hour after my prayer. I was deeply moved and convinced that God had spoken to me again. Similarly, he also had spoken to my wife and the children.

Facing the amputation

Many of our Christian friends prayed for me. Ten days later, before the amputation of my left leg, the Lord reminded me of the received message. It wasn't that God couldn't have healed my leg. This he could have done – no question - but that I would not die. I had to face the amputation and also the chemotherapy that followed.

Six months of harsh treatment followed and I had to get used to walking with a prosthesis. The experts told me, that the chance of surviving a year would be less than one per cent. God fulfilled his promise. By His grace I am, 26 years older and still gladly aiming to do what the Lord had been telling me, namely proclaiming his deeds.

God has a perfect plan for each one of us, whatever the situation might be. However, God is even more concerned about our spiritual health and the life after death, than our physical well-being. I want to encourage you to read the Bible, God's Word for yourself (see voucher). *Peter Kunz*

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Welcome to Switzerland!

Dear visitor

Welcome to Interlaken! It is good to see you here and we hope you are having a good time.

This leaflet has been passed on to you by someone who just likes to share the Good News about God, the creator of the beautiful mountains, lakes, forests and even each one of us.

You might have many questions about life even such as: "Does God answer prayer?" or "Does God exist and how can I know?", even when on holiday. Hopefully you'll read this leaflet and become encouraged to read the Bible, even if it should be for the first time.

You should find a **New Testament** (Gideon's Bible) in your hotel room or apartment. If you'd like to have your own free copy, just fill in the voucher. We also send you a DVD*) for free, which gives you some interesting facts about the Christian heritage of Switzerland.

You are warmly invited to join the **English Church Services on Sunday** morning (see back page).

Have a good time, *Peter Kunz*

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)



* DVD **"More than chocolate and cheese":**

- (30 minutes), languages: English, German, French, Italian, Arabic St., Chinese, Japanese, Spanish
- Jesus-Film (80 minutes), languages: Arabic, Cantonese, Czech, German, English, Farsi, French, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish

Two Men Went to Pray

I want to tell you about two men. One of them was the good man who was bad. The other was the bad man who was good. They both lived in Jerusalem; they both went into the temple to pray.

Listen to the prayer of the good man who was bad:

'God I thank you that I am not like other people. I am not a thief and I've never committed adultery. I fast twice a week and I give a tenth of what I earn to support this temple'. Then he looked at the other man praying in the temple - he was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans. 'I am not like this man' he sneered. The first man thinks he is good.

Listen to the prayer of the bad man who was good:

He is afraid to look towards heaven. He is thumping his chest. Tears drop from his eyes as he prays, 'God have mercy on me a sinner'. He doesn't talk about himself. He doesn't seem to notice the man who is praising himself. The second man knows he is bad.

What did God think about these two men?

He rejected the prayer of the proud self-righteous man - the Pharisee. In God's estimation he was the good man who was bad. God forgave the sin of the humble penitent - the despised tax collector. In God's estimation he was the bad man who was good.

Both men had broken God's rules - the Ten Commandments ...

...so both deserved his punishment. Both were sinners. We too - the good and the bad - brake God's rules. We too are sinners.

The punch-line of the story - based on a parable of Jesus - is that God rejects the good and forgives the bad. To quote Jesus' own words, *'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted'* (Luke 18:14).

The message of the Bible is that Jesus Christ - God in a human body - came into our world to save the bad. The bad people asked him for pardon. The good people nailed him to a cross.

Are you like the good man who was bad or like the bad man who was good?

"Thought for the day", by the editor of Grace Magazine

"A few more weeks to live"

"I am sorry to have to tell you that you have just a few more weeks to live." That was the report of the doctor after just a minor operation, back in 1991. A lump on a muscle on my lower leg had bothered me for some time. 'This is a minor operation - no problem,' I had been told beforehand. However, I was worried and asked the elders at church to pray for me, beforehand.

After the first operation ...

Back on the ward I was told, 'A highly malignant sarcoma, which cannot be removed, as the tumor has already spread. The only possible measure is to amputate your leg.' But they feared that there would be dozens of metastases. What now?

Hadn't God answered our prayers?

I knew that for God nothing is impossible. Had I not often preached about the wonderful plan he had for each person ...? - That evening in hospital I felt miserable. What of my dear wife and my four children, the youngest even not yet attending school? Was it fair to have to die at the age of only 41? The only thing I could do was to lay the matter before God, again and again. Finally, I fell asleep.

The next morning ...

I woke up with a clear message in my mind, **"I will not die but live, and will proclaim the deeds of the Lord."** Instantly I knew this was an answer from God and a verse from the Psalms. I rejoiced in having received this clear answer, but the lump was still there and ... also the doubts.

Voucher

- We send you free of charge; no obligations
- New Testament (Bible)
 - Book: "Jesus our Destiny"
 - DVD: "More than chocolate and cheese"

Other language than English:

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