

He Hasn't Asked Me Yet

The weekend I planned to ask Kathy to marry me I made a visit to her hometown in Missouri, to celebrate Thanksgiving with her family. Kathy suspected the proposal was coming so she guarded the door to the basement when both her dad and I were downstairs. This was “the conversation” with her dad before I would ask her to marry me. I spent hours talking to him, going over the life I planned with Kathy. I told him about my anticipated career path and goals for the future. I wanted to reassure him I would be able to care for his daughter. I was very thorough, and thought I had all the bases covered. I presented Kathy with the ring later that weekend. Planning for the wedding began.



Fast forward now to the night of the wedding rehearsal. While the pastor was walking us through the ceremony, Kathy's dad was checking out the decorations in the back of the sanctuary. Then the pastor came to the part of the ceremony where the father is to give his daughter away. Pastor said, Leon, this is when I will ask, “Who giveth this woman.” Without a moment’s hesitation Leon said with a loud voice, “I don't know. He hasn't asked me yet.” All eyes immediately shifted to me as I turned beet red.

Have you done all the right things with your life at church but failed to ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior? Do you attend church, Sunday School and participate in many church activities, but not actually ask God the important question? Just being present doesn't cut it. You are seeking a relationship with God, not just participation in the activities. You need to ask God the central question – to be your personal Lord and Savior. You certainly don't want to come to the moment of truth without asking for a formal relationship.

Will God say, “I don't know. He hasn't asked me yet?”

My moment of truth was at the wedding rehearsal. Leon had a great sense of humor, just waiting for the right moment to show it. Even though I tried to cover all the key points well in advance, I hadn't asked the simple, key question. Leon wanted the opportunity to say “yes.” And so does God.

Question: Have you asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?

Scripture: *If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).*

Prayer: Heavenly Father. We ask you, Jesus, to be our Lord and Savior. You are the Son of God, whom He has raised from the dead to take away our sins, and to provide the hope for eternal life with you. Amen.