

# The Old Man Who Sat by The Tree

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Judges 6:11-12 Gideon Called

Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the Terebinth tree which was in Ophrah which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him,

“The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor.”

Every day on my way to work I would see an old man sitting by a tree, I didn't know who he was but he had a very kind face and he would always smile and wave at me.

As time went on I began thinking more and more about this man, I mean who is this guy anyway? Then one day I decided to stop and say hello to the old man who sat by that tree and when I walked over he smiled as he looked at me,

“Well hello there young man, my name is Red what's yours?”

I told the man my name was Daniel, then he said with a very kind face,

“Please sit and stay for a while.”

I told the man who sat by the tree whose name was Red that I couldn't stay long because I had to go to work but I could stay for 30 min. or so, then man looked at me and said,

“Well that will do just fine.”

The man began telling me a fantastic story about his life experiences and before I knew it 30 min were up. I wanted to stay and hear more but I had to go. The old man who sat by the tree whose name was Red invited me to come back soon and so began Thursdays with Red.

I would go and visit Red every Thursday for about an hour and we would talk about life and about God and we would share each other's life experiences.

This went on for about a year or so, I grew very fond of the old man who sat by the tree whose name was Red. Then one day I was saddened to see that my old friend Red who sat by the tree was gone so I began looking for him, it would seem Red had gotten very sick and was taken to the hospital. When I found out what had happened I rushed to be by my friend's side.

I walked in Red's room and there he was on a breathing machine looking up and smiling at me. Then he handed me a letter that he had written shortly after we had first met that read,

Dear Daniel don't be sad for the Lord is holding me securely in His hands. You were a true blessing in my life by spending a little time with me during my last days here on earth. We laughed and we cried, we shared life stories and we learned a great many things about what is truly important in life. Thank You Daniel for just being you, I know our Lord truly loves you. I will be just fine and I will always be watching over you. Remember to read your Word and please ask the Lord to lead you to someone like me who is all alone so that the two of you can be a true blessing in each other's lives. You take care kidd, we will see each other again one day in eternity basking in Christ Yeshua's glory and love.

Always remember Kidd, love holds the answer to every question and the solution to every problem, Love your Pal Red.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.