

# ***THE STORY OF THE TITANIC CALLED... "LOST OR SAVED?"***

Introduction: Good afternoon everyone, my name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Today I am here using this sketch board to share with you a great message. I would like to talk to you about a famous story that is known throughout the world that was actually made into a popular movie. Once I start sharing the story, you let me know when you think you know what it is.

## **UPPER LEFT HAND BOX**

In 1912, there was a ship that one of the largest and most beautiful in its class.

\* Begin drawing the ship in black

It was set on a journey to sail from England to New York across the Atlantic ocean. Some of the most wealthiest men and women were on board the ship. Not only was the ship big and beautiful, but it was said that it was build so well that even God could not sink this ship.

Does anyone know what story or movie I am talking about?

That's right, the Titanic. What a tragic story. But stick around, because I am going to share something about the Titanic story you have probably never realized.

Does anyone here know how many people were on board the Titanic (wait for a response)? The answer is 2224

Those 2224 people probably had no worries as set out over the icy ocean waters because they entrusted their...

\* Draw in the word LIFE in the box

...to the captain and boat. Their life was in the captains hands. But little did they know that the captain wanted to break a world record to get from England to New York in world record time.

## **UPPER RIGHT HAND BOX**

During the middle of the night on April 14, 1912 the captain received a warning from another ship about icebergs ahead. Now, remember that I said you would learn something new you didn't know about the Titanic story, here is one of them.

What actually sank the Titanic? (Wait for a response)

Most of you say the iceberg. I am here today to tell you that I don't think it was the iceberg that sank the Titanic. Do you know what it was? Let me tell you.

Because the captain wanted to set world record with the type of ship he was sailing, he did stop but actually went through the iceberg ...

\* Draw in the iceberg

... which gashed a three hundred foot gash along the side of the ship that began to fill it with water. But is the iceberg the reason why the Titanic sunk? No. Then what was it?

Before I tell you, does anyone know how many people lost their lives that night? (Wait for a response)

Over 1,500...

\* Draw in 1,500

lost their lives that night as the ship sunk and people died in the icy waters because there was not enough life boats for the passengers on board. A trip of pleasure and enjoyment, turned into a trip of...

\* Draw in the word DEATH

As the news got back to England about the Titanic disaster, families began to panic and worry as we all would about their loved ones. And so, downtown on a large chalk board they wrote basically these words...

KNOWN TO BE...

\* Draw in the word LOST in the title

\* Draw in the word OR...

KNOWN TO BE...

\* Draw in the word SAVED

Instead of having CNN or ABC to watch people would crowd around this big chalk board as names of those who had died began to put on the board on the lost side. And in relief, some were rescued and put on the saved side.

## LOWER LEFT HAND BOX

But, we still haven't answered what actually sunk the Titanic. Here is the answer. If it wasn't for the...

\* Paint over the word PRIDE in wax

...of the captain those people lives would have been spared. So, it really wasn't the iceberg that killed those people but the captain who wanted to make a name for himself by breaking this record and crashing through the iceberg.

We think of what this man did and we shake our heads at what he did because of his pride, and rightly so. But did you know that that same kind of pride is alive and well right here in downtown \_\_\_\_\_? Yes, that's right. And I would like to prove it to you and show you a live example of it. Here we go.

Beginning the swing from the natural to the spiritual

Imagine that you were on that ship...

\* Draw in the black stick figure on the boat

and there were no more life boats for you. Most of your friends or family have already gone in the water and died and you are about to go in the water in a matter of minutes. What would you be thinking about at that moment? Would you be thinking about, "My watch, where's my watch? Where's my wallet? Where's the remote, I forgot to record American Idol tonight." No you would not be think about material, temporary things, but I guarantee this would be on your mind...

\* Draw in the word ETERNITY

That's right, eternity. Those people didn't buy a ticket for New York City but a ticket for eternity. You might not of thought about eternity when you woke up this morning, but doesn't the true story of the Titanic really teach us all about what really is important?

Because we are all going to die somehow, talking about eternity is a very important issue. But it's hard to talk about eternity because of the one word I mentioned already. I also said I was going to show you a live example of it right now. Here it is...

Statistics say that ten out of ten people die, that's you and me. Do you know what that means? That means that in your hand, you have an invisible ticket. You have a ticket for eternity! It has the day and the time that you will die. Because of this you will walk into eternity and have to deal with the person that made you, and everyone else in this world...

\* Draw in the word GOD

So let me ask you a very important question: "If you were to die today, and stand before God, and He were to ask you, why should I let you into heaven, what would you say?"

If you have never thought of that question, we all need to think about that very seriously because God says that one day we will stand before him and will give an account of everything we have done on earth (Hebrews 4:13).

Ladies and Gentlemen, remember I said pride is alive and well. Look around you, when the story was light and non-threatening people stayed, but the moment you mention spiritual things and especially God, people walk away. Why? Because of pride. It was the pride of that captain that brought the death of over 1,500 passengers, and it is pride in the heart of a person that will walk away when they hear about their God. Why is this important?

Because God says, "Pride goes before destruction..." Proverbs 16:18

And "There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

People know they are going to die, eternity is days away, but yet they turn their back and walk away from God's message. That's prideful. And that kind of pride that will lead a person to destruction and eventually hell. Why?

"Each man is destined to die once and face judgment." Hebrews 9:27

Are you ready to meet God? God wants to be your friend and Savior, not your judge. But the way you stand right now, you are not ready to face eternity. Why?

A long time ago, God gave us The Ten Commandments to show us that our hearts are evil and desperately wicked.

## **LOWER RIGHT HAND BOX**

Preach through some of the Ten Commandments

Because of the breaking of God's law we have sin between us and God.

\* Draw in the word SIN in-between God and the earth

Because your sin, God says you are lost and need to be saved from your sins (Point to the title)!

So, ladies and gentlemen, are you lost or saved? Your day on the Titanic is coming, you have a ticket for eternity, and you need to be ready. How do you get ready? Listen to God's good news on how to be saved and rescued from your sins...

Preach the Good News

When you come to the cross...

- \* Paint in the cross connecting God and the earth

- \* Paint in the nails

- \* Paint in the blood

- \* Paint in the "Up" arrow for the resurrection

Because what Jesus Christ did for us by taking our punishment on the cross, we can be pardoned for our sins because Christ paid for them with his own blood and then rising from the dead. What should be our response to this.

God commandments all men everywhere to repent! Acts 17:30

- \* Draw in the word TURN

Ladies and gentlemen, you must come to God realizing you need to be saved. You cannot keep going through this life thinking your okay, God doesn't care about your sin, your good enough to go to heaven. No! We must repent and agree with God that He is right, and we are wrong. It is the opposite of being prideful.

Then, in humility we place our...

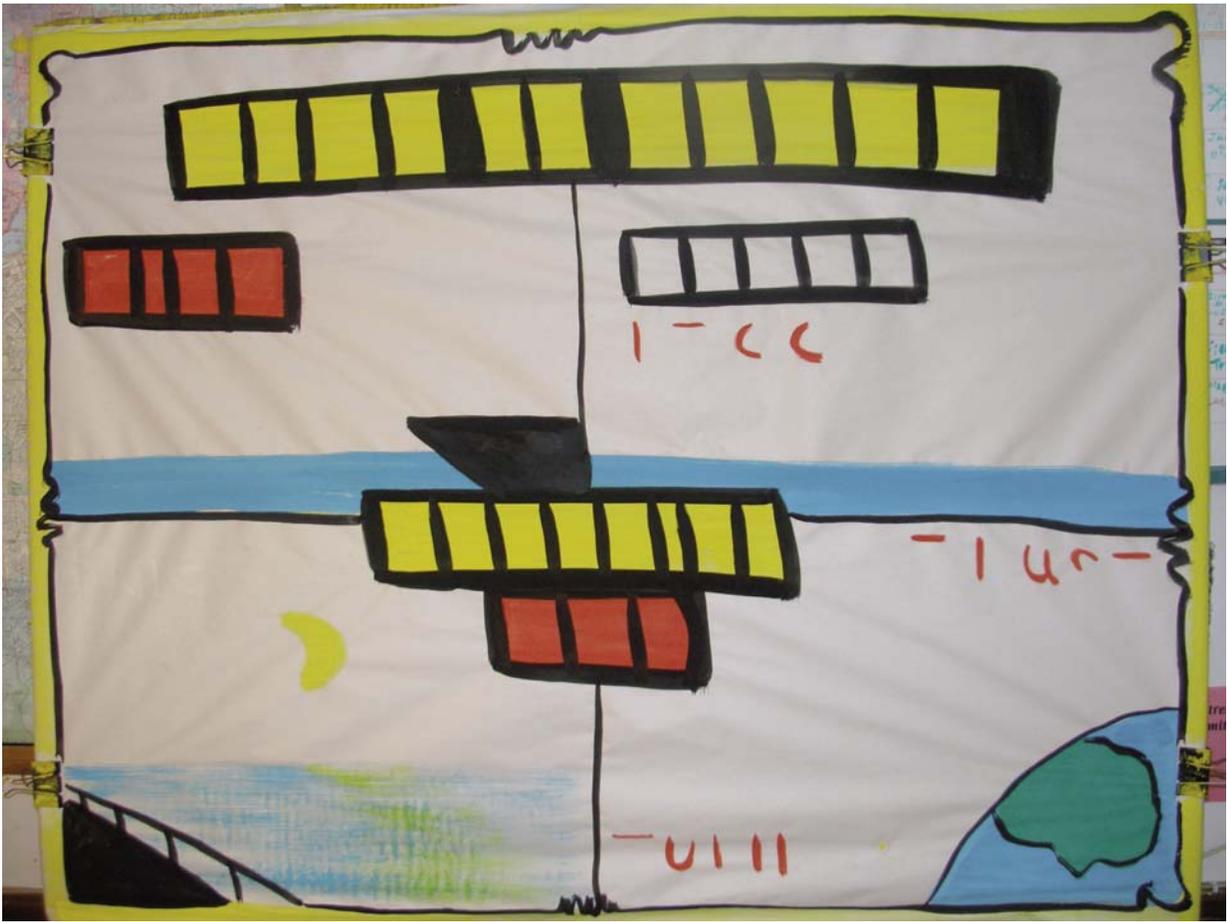
- \* Draw in the word TRUST

in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Either your faith is in a religion, yourself, or it can be in Jesus Christ as the only one who can forgive you. Place your faith in Him today as the only one who can rescue you from your sins, death, and hell.

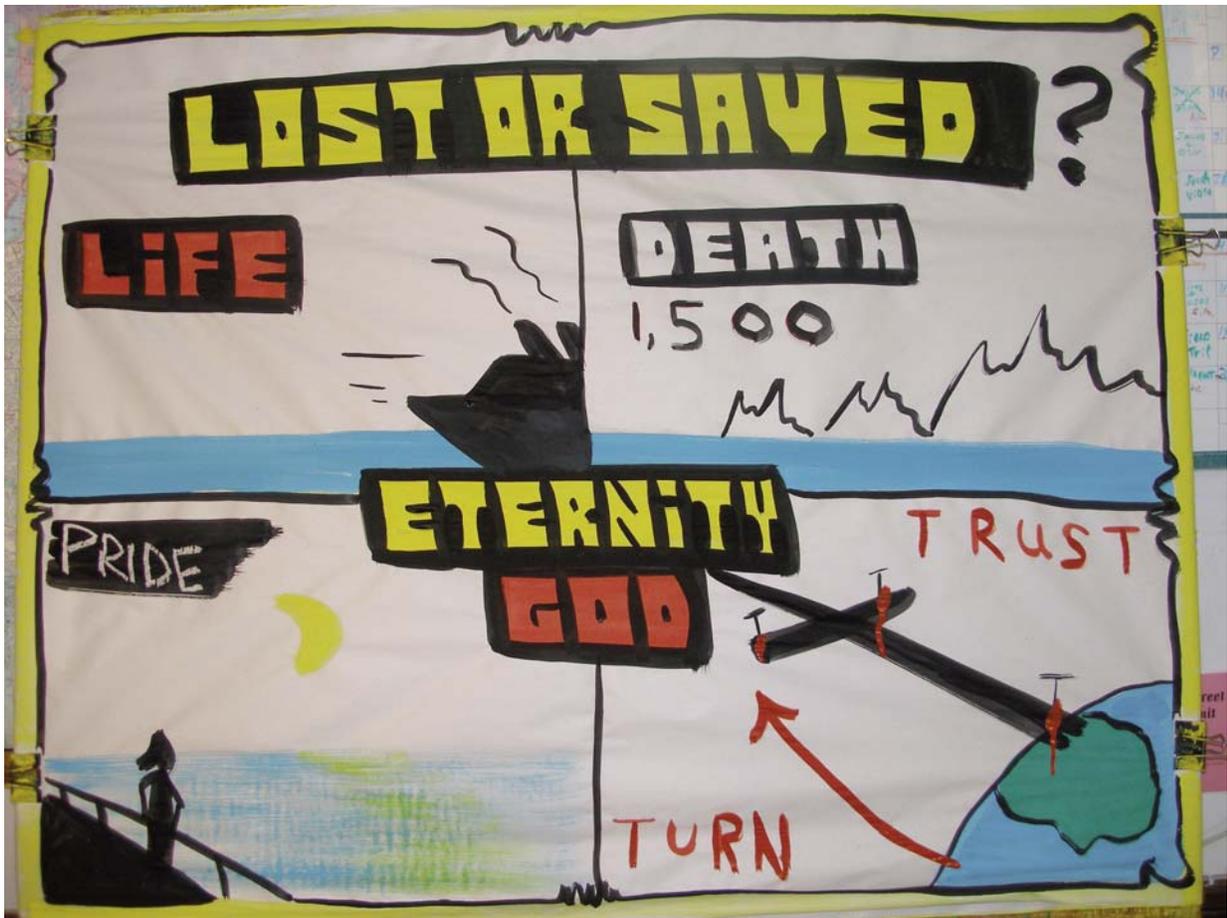
So, let me end my message today by saying again, are you, "Lost or Saved?"

Today, I have a free booklet in my hand, if anyone would like one to learn more about what I said, please come up and take one from my hand, thank you very much.

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