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Nathan and Dawn street preaching in the French Quarter.



We ministered a lot to an intoxicated Australian man.

Dead Man on the Street

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When Dawn and I drove into the French Quarter to street preach, the road was blocked by the police. We knew something significant had happened. We could see a person lying on the ground covered by a blanket. We knew it was a dead body. My heart started pounding. I took a deep breath and told Dawn I was going to pray for him.

I walked up to the police officer and said, "I'm a pastor, can I pray for this guy?" The officer replied, "Sure, but this is a crime scene and I can't let you come any closer." I was 15-feet away from the man on the ground. I asked if it was a gun shot wound, but the officer said it was a drug overdose.

I began to pray out loud and speak to the dead man. I quoted Matthew 10:8: "Jesus said, '...raise the dead...' "James," I command you to come back to your body and start breathing in Jesus' name." I continued praying even though the police and others were there. I thought for sure he was going to sit up and start breathing. As the morticians were bagging him, I asked the officer if I could lay hands on James. The officer denied me.

After they left, Dawn and I continued to pray for him in the car. We prayed that if he didn't come back to his body that God would save him. I spoke to James, "If you are being carried to hell, call out to Jesus. Call on the name of Jesus Christ. Ask the Lord to save you." As soon as we prayed this, we both felt a peace fall over us. Is it possible for a person to get saved shortly after they die? I don't know, but we felt released to stop praying.

