

BILL'S STORY

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1. What condition was Ebby in? (2 sentences)
2. How did this affect Bill?
3. What rumor had Bill heard regarding Ebby?
4. What did Bill wonder?
5. What were Bill's plans?

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- (P) 6. When Bill welcomed Ebby at the door, what did Bill see? (3 sentences)
7. What did Bill wonder?
- (P) 8. What did Bill do?
9. What did Ebby do?
10. How did this hit Bill? (2 sentences)
- (P) 11. What did Bill ask Ebby?
- (P) 12. What was Ebby's answer and in what manner did he give Bill the answer? (2 sentences)
- (P) 13. How did that strike Bill?
14. What did Bill suspect about his old friend?
15. What did Bill notice about Ebby? (2 sentences)
16. What did Bill decide to do?
17. Why didn't he mind if Ebby wanted to do a little preaching?

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(P) 18. What did Ebby tell Bill? (2 sentences)

19. What had these two men told Ebby?

20. How long had Ebby been sober?

(Comment: We must wonder where the idea came from that an alcoholic should be sober for a number of months or years before they make 12th Step Calls. It certainly is not supported by anything in the Big Book.)

21. What did Ebby's two months prove to Bill?

(Comment: If Bill had not known how bad Ebby's drinking problem had been, would Bill have given any serious thought to what Ebby had to say?)

(P) 22. Why had Ebby called on Bill?

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1. Was Bill interested in what Ebby had to share? (2 sentences)
2. Why would Bill be interested?
- (P) 3. Did Ebby have just a few words for Bill?
4. What did Ebby's sharing do to Bill?
(Note: This question is answered by the rest of the paragraph.)

(Comment: Notice the word "denial" in this paragraph and how it is used. This is the only place this word is used in the Basic Text. You will, however, find "insanity" and "insidious insanity" used several times).

- (P) 5. Besides Bill's childhood, what else did Ebby's talking remind Bill of?
- (P) 6. What had Bill always believed? (2 sentences)
7. Was Bill an atheist?

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8. Despite contrary indications, what did Bill believe?
9. What did he ask himself?
10. Was Bill an agnostic? (last 2 sentences)
(Comment: An atheist is defined as a person who denies the existence of God. An agnostic is defined as a person who accepts the concept of God but denies His involvement in human affairs).
- (P) 11. Where did Bill draw the line when it came to religions?
12. What was Bill's attitude when someone wanted to talk of God?

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- (P) 1. What was Bill's attitude regarding Christ?
2. How did he feel about Christ's teachings?
3. Was he a follower?
- (P) 4. What made Bill skeptical (agnostic)?
5. What was Bill's attitude toward organized religions?
6. Judging from what he had seen, Bill believed what?
7. Who did Bill believe was Boss of the Universe?
- (P) 8. What did Ebby declare to Bill?
9. How well had Ebby's willpower served him?
10. What hope had the doctors given Ebby?
11. What was about to happen to him?
12. What had they both done?
13. What had then happened to Ebby?
- (P) 14. Had Ebby accomplished this miracle by his own willpower? (2 sentences)
15. Had Ebby shared the same level of powerlessness that Bill was experiencing?
- (P) 16. How did that affect Bill?
17. What did it begin to look like to Bill? (2 sentences)
18. What was happening to Bill's ideas?
19. What did Ebby appear to be to Bill at that moment?
20. What did that tell Bill?
- (P) 21. What did Bill see in Ebby?