



Shiloh Messenger

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Because You Can't Never Always Sometimes Tell

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to Angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

We have done some pondering, revisited in our minds this puzzling happening with its too few remembered details and given some interesting thought to a visitor we recently had. She looked quite common initially, ordinary as one can be we had supposed, with pleasing mannerisms, coupled with cordiality, presenting casual dressed attire and looked to be perhaps in her mid-sixties. This visitor had appeared to have made no hesitation in coming right up to our door, advancing and entering into the Shiloh Ministry Reception area. She had come to us requesting help, stating the need was fuel for her 2004 Chevrolet 15 Passenger Van in which she had driven onto the Shiloh property.

While waiting on a Resident Councilor to assist her, she was observant and swift to notice that another staff member of Shiloh had accidentally and quite grievously dropped paint on the carpet. She spoke up immediately and said, "A little vinegar and water will take that right up." He thanked her and turned to get the suggested materials for clean-up. She then left following a Shiloh Councilor to the local Community Convenient Store for the gas that she had requested. As Cliff pumped her gas she kept telling him repeatedly, "it want hold that much, be careful not to waste it, it will overflow quickly." He finished pumping the gas with all that the van would hold, and he then proceeded to pray over her, in which she then finished with a blessing over him. This Visitor was courteous, offered advice, was careful not to waste, received the prayer, gave a blessing and with great haste off she went.

Now This all seems fairly normal if you think about it, It happens, someone in need, coming onto a Ministry ground and asking for the Ministers to help meet the need, but that is not all that happened for there is yet a bit of mystery involved. You see when the guy returned to clean the paint up, the spill was completely gone with no evidence of it ever being there to start with which left him very much astounded to say the least, because there had been no time for anyone humanly speaking to get the paint up with no trace, that quick, even with the best of paint removers and cleaning equipment.

The Bible is replete with accounts of Angelic Visitations to humanity, from Abraham in the Old Testament to many Prophets and onward with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and many of the Apostles as well. Take notice how these Biblical Saints of old responded to them. Revelation is certainly full of Assignments that Angels have been given regarding bringing about the revelation of Jesus Christ. Psalm 91 a passage most believers are familiar with is quoted often as it reminds us that Our Father in Heaven has Angels assigned to us to watch over and protect us.

Years ago Pastor Rocky had a visitation that he is quite sure to be Angelic, as he vividly recalls before his deliverance from his heroin addiction. He was at a home installing window glass, as this was his manner of livelihood, being a glazier. He was there alone with no one at home and had accidentally cut his arm when a piece of glass fell out of the opening. An artery was cut and spurting blood everywhere. A large fair skinned blonde haired man appeared and began to assist him in applying the needed pressure to the area and began to tell Rocky things that only he and God knew. The angelic visitor reminded him about his salvation experience when he was eight years old. This visitor continued in ministering by saying, "God wants you back in relationship with Him and He has an assignment for you." He then left as quickly as he had appeared. Nonetheless, this Angelic encounter got Rocky's attention and one month later he arrived at Canaan Land Ministries in Alabama to get set free from 23 years of drug addiction.

We were in Kiev Ukraine with a team of YWAMers in 1994 and were getting ready to leave on train from Kiev to Liviv. The team consisted of 20 adults and 4 small children, with lots of luggage between all of us for a two month outreach. The team had made it to the train and safely on, with the exclusion of Debbie and Janet who were waiting for some of their team mates to come back and help. The Conductor was already blowing the whistle alerting everyone that they were about to pull off, when Suddenly a very tall dark skinned man quickly appeared, picked up the majority of the heavy bags like a super human strength was involved and began to run toward the train without ever saying a word in which Debbie and Janet followed suit and made it to the train in time. The YWAM Team leaders being extremely grateful turned to get money to pay this individual but he had speedily gone as quickly as he had come.

In Hebrews we are given instructions to be careful how we entertain strangers as we may be entertaining Angels unaware, and also Hebrews tells us that Angels are ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation. These Angel beings that are created by God are found over 300 times in The Bible protecting believers, waging spiritual warfare, comforting and encouraging, bringing blessings, bringing strength during trials, assisting in bringing people to Christ, Disclosing God's will, Bringing answers to prayers, and Glorifying God's Name. We are not to worship them, for God alone is to be worshipped, yet we are not to be ignorant about them and non-receptive either. We are to know that they are positioned and assigned by God with rank and order, and The Bible reveals to us that Angels will escort us into the presence of God upon our earthly death, and that one day the saints will judge Angels. They most assuredly play a significant and vital part in God's Beautiful Creation, and we are sure that many reading this Newsletter can testify of their own personal Angelic Visitations, having had Divine encounters where you were supernaturally protected, encouraged, and even given a message by an Angel from God. Hind's sight is said to be 20/20 therefore we are all to develop prudent foresight Being Alert, & watchful because you can't never always sometimes tell.

Student Testimony

Hi, my name is Michael Ford. I live in Oakdale Louisiana. I am 36 years old and the youngest of 4 children. I come from a great family that raised me with plenty of love. At a young age I began making wrong decisions. I would hide my mistakes from my parents to avoid discipline. I created a pattern of getting away with many things. By the time I was a teenager things started catching up with me. I ended up in many Juvenile Detention Centers. I felt labeled as a criminal and rejected from society. I was very angry with myself and lacked self-control. This drove me into great rebellion against my family and those whom loved me the most. This led me to experimenting with drugs, and using alcohol to escape from reality. With no direction in my life, I found myself in and out of jails and prisons. At this point I lost a third of my life being institutionalized due to the bondage of drugs and the desire to please myself with the wicked things of this world. I was released from prison in 2001. I then began a relationship with the lovely woman who is now my wife. Trying desperately to put my past behind me, I was continually pulled into darkness by the enemy's lies. Selfishness and greed took control of my life and again I began medicating myself while neglecting everyone around me. In the midst of being consumed by the enemy. God blessed me and gave my wife and I three beautiful children. Still, I wouldn't stop my addictions. God gave me a good job and supplied us with all we needed. But I still wouldn't serve Him. The Lord blessed me with a great Church family and wonderful Christian friends. I still wouldn't turn from my sins. At the end of 2012, I lost my job due to my drug use. Everything started spiraling down at this point. I began selling my belongings to support my habits. My wife asked me to leave or get some help before I destroyed my family. I was torn and broken with nowhere to turn. Unable to support my family and feeling helpless, somehow God gave me the strength and wisdom to call Shiloh Ministries. 1 Corinthians 12:9 says, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in your weakness." It was the best decision I could make. I was tired of running from salvation and freedom. Matthew 11:28 says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." I was ready! I surrendered my life to Jesus. Now I know my purpose in this life. Since coming to Shiloh my life has endured a total transformation. With the help of Shiloh's wonderful teachers (Mrs. Barbara Page and Dr. David Walls), I've earned my GED and Associates Degree in Theology. Thank you Shiloh Staff for your support and sacrificing your time to sow into my life and the lives of Shiloh Men. A special thank you to Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie for their obedience to the will of God. By dedicating your lives to Shiloh, I now have a relationship with my Heavenly Father. Most of all, I thank God for being faithful to His Word. Now my life is full of peace, love, and joy. The verse that comes to mind when I think of what God has brought me out of is Psalms 18:2, "The Lord in my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Thank You Jesus, my Lord, Savior & Redeemer!



We want to thank everyone who financially partners with us in this Supernatural Ministry. It is because of special people like you, men have the opportunity to encounter the "Presence of God." Since the year 2000, we have been participating with the Lord in seeing men restored back to Him, so their destiny can be fulfilled. We are thrilled to hear from our graduates testifying about their experiences of advancing the Kingdom of God in their families, the market places and foreign countries where many are serving as missionaries. We would also like to invite others to help us financially in this ministry of reconciliation for restoration. Please consider Shiloh Ministries as good ground for your financial seed. We would also like to ask Pastor's for the opportunity for the students to come & share with their congregation. We invite everyone to come and take a tour of the Shiloh Campus, if you are in the Liberty area (located 45 miles east of downtown Houston). We would be glad to meet you and show you what extraordinary things the Lord is doing at Shiloh. Thanks again, for co-laboring with us and prayerfully considering financially supporting The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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