

A MOST UNUSUAL REQUEST

One day in October of 2017, the Lord gave me a most peculiar vision. I saw myself going to a book store and purchasing a bible for my mother. **End of vision.** At first I wasn't sure if I had understood correctly, because it seemed like such an outlandish to do. You see, my Mom has been practicing Transcendental Meditation for almost 40 years and does not believe in the God of the Bible or in heaven or in hell. She believes in reincarnation. She thinks that when you die, you get to do a "do-over" and try again. And she thinks that there are many ways to be saved. So, understandably, I was struggling with this most unusual request from the Lord. But I thought that in the event that I had heard correctly, I needed to obey.

So I went to a bookstore and searched for a pink bible (Mom's favorite color) with oversized print. Finally I found one that fit the bill. Well, actually it was burgundy, but same color family, right? Upon closer inspection, I realized it was the best bible I had ever come across and I wanted it for myself. I kept thinking that to send it to her would be a waste of a perfectly good Bible. But then I told myself – no, obey the Lord and give it to her. So I mailed it to her but did not include my name so she did not know that I was the source.

On November 29, 2017 I came across a post by Angie van Greuning called "Urgent Word" with a posting date of November 15, 2017. It appeared on her Do What Matters Facebook page. Link is <https://www.facebook.com/431979946889816/posts/urgent-worddear-friendsi-was-just-spending-in-time-with-my-father-now-resting-my/1543507995737000/>. Below is an excerpt from it.

"Today, no matter who you are, whether you are My child or not, there are MANY people who have this morning and last night, prayed some prayers for needs they have. And if you are reading these words, then I AM talking to you...!"

"I have chosen you and many others, literally to "be" and to "bare" the "answer" to these prayers. I have equipped you with the answer. No matter the prayers, and no matter what you think you can or cannot do! Just obey me! ..."

The article went on to say that the prayer may be for someone we don't particularly like and that there would be a "cost" involved (emotional, financial, etc.), and that once we felt "peace" in our hearts, we should proceed. It also said that the one, to whom He sends us, will know that it was Jesus answering their prayer. And that we must tell them that He sent us.

Okay, I've got to tell you that I was simply intrigued. Since the Lord had just led me to Missouri, I figured that the person whose prayer that I would answer, would be local. I figured maybe someone needed financial help or maybe they needed a ride somewhere or they needed a chore done. I almost skipped to my prayer closet in excitement. Sometimes I can be very naïve, and this time was no exception. So I immediately began praying and told God that I wanted to accept the assignment. I

was like “Lord, send me”. Then I waited. After a few minutes, I felt intense heat on the top of my head. Then I saw a vision of me going to the phone and calling my mother! I was like what? NO WAY! ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Now my Mom and I had not spoken in almost a year. Our relationship had always been volatile and painful, filled with unforgiveness on both sides. Once we went eight whole years without speaking to each other. Yes, you heard right – 8 YEARS! Then we reunited briefly. Then a traumatic event in 2016 caused us to detach again in January of 2017. So the last thing I wanted to do was to call my mother. Pretty much after every phone conversation, I would just break down and cry. So the thought of having to call her brought me right back to that place of pain and despair. Then I remembered Angie’s post had mentioned that there would be a “cost” involved.

The next day, after much prayer and many tears, I waited until I felt peace in my heart about the whole situation, then I called her. No answer, so I sent her a text message. She responded at once saying that she had been missing me terribly. Then we spoke on the phone and I told her about my move to Missouri and she seemed greatly shocked. Then I told her that the reason I had called her was because the Lord had asked me to. She asked me to repeat myself. She seemed stunned and speechless. I absolutely knew by her reaction that she had been praying that I would contact her!

Scriptures

REINCARNATION?

HEBREWS 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

MATTHEW 25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

PSALM 78:39 For He remembered that they were but flesh, A breath that passes away and does not come again.

JOB 7:9 As the cloud disappears and vanishes away, So he who goes down to the grave does not come up. 10He shall never return to his house, Nor shall his place know him anymore.

2 SAMUEL 12:22 And he said, “While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who can tell whether [b]the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’ 23But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.”

MANY WAYS TO BE SAVED?

JOHN 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

ISAIAH 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

COLOSSIANS 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2 SAMUEL 24:24 Then the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing.”

1 CHRONICLES 21:24 Then King David said to Ornan, “No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.”