

SLEEPING IN MY CAR (Part 2)

The Sturgeon

This is part 2 of my testimony of how I learned to walk by faith, and not by sight. My story resumes on day two of my Chicago trip. At this point, I had traveled about 400 miles and Chicago was fast approaching. Since it was getting dark outside, I decided to check into a motel for the night.

Now I've got to say that I don't deal well with uncertainty. I love structure and routine and knowing exactly what I'm going to be doing from one minute to the next. So this process of not knowing anything was very disconcerting for me. My anxiety level was off the charts. I barely made it into the room, before bursting into tears. I was so out of sorts that I did something that I don't normally do – I started complaining. Oh, the bathroom smelled, the shower wouldn't turn off, the bed made me itch, the floor was dirty, and the man across the hall was playing his music too loud. Yes, the pity party went on for a long time!

When I finally settled down, the Lord showed me two visions (1/24/2020). In the first vision I saw me handing a goody bag of food to Jared and Bryce, two homeless guys that I knew. They looked overjoyed. In the second vision I saw a teenage girl scoot her chair up next to mine. Then she asked me to explain something in the Bible to her. End of visions. I realized that the Lord was saying that I needed to focus on the things that really mattered – helping and teaching others -- and not my temporary discomfort.

Later that night the Lord gave me two more visions (1/24/2020). In the first one I saw a woman at an outdoor market pointing to something in a bag, which I knew in the spirit was a sturgeon. Not knowing what a sturgeon was, I had to look it up the next morning. Apparently it's a fish. Then He gave me another vision of two women in a restaurant filling out the tip section on a bill. One of the women said to me **“CAN YOU JUST JOIN US?”**

I knew these visions were clues to my destination. The sturgeon indicated water and since nothing says water like Lake Michigan, I figured that I needed to continue onto Lake Shore Drive. The other vision of the restaurant reminded me of Revelation 3:20. So maybe I was looking for a restaurant on Lake Shore Drive?

The next morning I checked out of the motel and went to gas up my car. A little while later I checked my email messages and I noticed an email from Discover saying that my stolen credit card had been inactivated for my protection. What!?! Apparently I had lost it at the gas station and a Good Samaritan had reported it missing for me. The fascinating thing about that email was the time marked on it -- **11:11 AM**. (A screen shot of that email is included at the end of this testimony).

I knew in my spirit that the Lord was telling me something. So I looked up 1111 in Strong's and it means to murmur or complain or grumble. And that is exactly what I had done the prior night during my pity party! I immediately repented for all my complaining the night before. Then I had the thought, what on earth am I going to do without a credit card. Yes, I had some cash on me, but not much. How would I be able to get a hotel room without a credit card? So my lost credit card was connected to last night's pity party. I wondered if all my complaining, which is sin, had opened a door for satan to attack me. Then I began to think about the law of sowing and reaping. And that the words from my mouth have immediate consequences. And that I can use my mouth for good or bad and reap corresponding consequences. All I knew was that I was now about 109 miles out from Chicago with 400 plus miles under my belt. There was no way I was going to turn around and go home to get another credit card. So I just kept going straight ahead.

Now I need to backtrack and describe two visions that the Lord gave me back in 2018 so that this next part will make sense. On 12/3/2018 I saw myself riding on a Ferris wheel in a vision. And on 12/14/2018 I saw a vision of a newspaper with **"US NAVY"** in bold letters printed across the top.

So as I was heading toward downtown Chicago wondering where to go next, I started praying in the spirit out loud. That's what I do when I need help and I don't know what on earth to do next. Have you ever had times where you are so emotionally spent that you can't even come up with the words to pray? Well, that's where I was at that moment. And the great thing about praying in the spirit is that it always comforts me. So that's what I was doing as my car flew down the highway. And my car was literally flying down the road because I was surrounded on all sides by other cars flying by. So I had no choice but to go with the flow of traffic.

Suddenly I saw Lake Michigan on my right. A few minutes later, I saw a huge Ferris wheel in the distance off to my right. Suddenly I remembered the vision of a Ferris wheel that the Lord had given me. About a minute later, I saw a huge sign that said "NAVY PIER". Whoa! I flashed back to the newspaper heading that said "US NAVY". Suddenly I had a knowing in my spirit that Navy Pier was the place where the Lord was sending me. There was no doubt at all in my mind. This was it!

So I followed the signs to the Navy Pier parking garage, pulled in, and parked. For about 5 minutes I was overjoyed that I had made it to my destination. I wanted to dance, sing, and celebrate the goodness of the Lord. So this was what "walking by faith" was all about! Amazing!

And then I had the thought "Now what?"

To be continued...

SCRIPTURES

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

ROMANS 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.

NUMBERS 11:1 Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

PHILIPPIANS 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

PSALM 106:24 Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word, 25But complained in their tents, And did not heed the voice of the Lord. 26Therefore He raised His hand in an oath against them, To overthrow them in the wilderness, 27 To overthrow their descendants among the nations, And to scatter them in the lands.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

ISAIAH 30:21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.

REVELATION 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

JOHN 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

EPHESIANS 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

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KJV Translation Count — Total: 8x

The KJV translates Strong's G1111 in the following manner: murmur (8x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* to murmur, mutter, grumble, say anything against in a low tone
 - A.* of the cooing of doves
 - B.* of those who confer secretly together
 - C.* of those who discontentedly complain