

SLEEPING IN MY CAR (Part 4)

On the second night that I slept in my car in the parking garage at Navy Pier, I heard a **g_u_n_s_h_o_t!** Immediately images of roving **g_a_n_g** members with **g_u_n_s** terrorizing vulnerable women sleeping alone in their cars popped into my mind, and my whole body suddenly froze in fear. I started praying and asking the Lord to protect me. Then I had the thought, wait a minute. The Lord sent me here. He knows my circumstance. And didn't He tell me last year **"FEAR NOT FOR I AM WITH YOU" (5/8/2019)**? And doesn't Psalm 91 say that I am not afraid of the terror by night? If God has my whole situation under control, then why was I panicking? I kept telling myself over and over "God has this, God is in control". And "I am NOT afraid of the terror by night!" After that, I calmed down and fell asleep.

On my third day in Chicago, I ran out of clean clothes. Since I had not bathed for many days, I was starting to become offensive, even to myself. I tried to clean up in the public restroom, but I still felt miserable and stinky. So not only was my body unwashed, but I was now wearing dirty, smelly clothes. During prayer, I wondered what I was supposed to learn by going without bathing for so long. Whenever I go through hard things, I always ask the Lord what is the lesson. What should I be learning from all this? Suddenly, I was flooded with understanding. In Isaiah 64:6 it says that we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. It dawned on me that my dirty body and clothes were as offensive to me, as the sin of His people is to God! Our sin is repugnant and disgusting before Him, because He is Holy. I was blown away! That is why He says over 100 times in His Word to repent. So He can wash away all of our unrighteousness and give us robes of righteousness.

Later that day I walked outside along the Pier and noticed a huge naval ship docked there. The name of the ship was ODYSSEY, which means "journey". I thought that was quite significant, since my Chicago trip was a journey of learning to walk by faith and not by sight.

As I stared at the ship floating on the lake, I thought back to some of the words the Lord had given me. On **10/1/2018** I heard the Holy Spirit say to me **"I DREW YOU OUT OF MANY WATERS"**, which is straight out of Psalm 18. In that context, it means He drew me out of danger and peril – He delivered me from the enemy. Another time, He showed me a vision of a **WATERPROOF TOTE FLOATING ON THE WATER (11/24/2019)**. That reminded me of Noah's ark, which was waterproofed with pitch, being lifted up in the rising waters. Then I thought of Pharaoh's daughter drawing Moses out of the water. He too was resting in an "ark" of sorts that had been waterproofed with slime and pitch. I felt the Lord was saying that when we are in the ark of God, we are "waterproofed" or protected from the enemy. By the way, the "ark" of God isn't necessarily a physical place. It can be a spiritual one too.

As dusk fell, I noticed a lighthouse on the distant shoreline emitting a glimmer of light. Immediately I thought of that passage in Isaiah that says "Arise, shine; for your light has come. And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you." I thought about how that passage refers to the servants of God. I thought about two visions the Lord had given me. On **2/21/2019** I

saw a hand turning on a flashlight. Then on **11/8/2019** I saw a flashlight with light coming out of both ends. **End of visions.**

Around 3 AM, as I was trying to sleep in my car, a female security guard walked up to the car and asked if she could help me. I told her I had been locked in the garage for three days and didn't have the money to pay the parking fee, which at this point was well over \$150. She told me to go to the office when they opened and they would reduce my charges so I could leave. I told her how scared I had been and about the gunshot I heard. She said that the Navy Pier Parking Garage was the safest place to be in all of Chicago. Not only were there security cameras and guards everywhere, but I was locked in. I had to laugh at the irony because here I was concerned I would be shot by roving g_a_n_g_s, and the Lord had sent me to the safest place in all Chicago!

Early in the morning of my fourth day in Chicago (**1/28/2020**), I saw a vision of a blonde woman in a white dress load up her plate from a buffet table. Then she carried it up a staircase. **End of vision.** That vision made me think of Revelation 3:20. Suddenly I heard the sound of music and singing. It was a new song, one I had never before heard. And it wasn't coming from anywhere around me. It was the sound of heaven! And it was the most glorious thing I have ever heard. Here is the first part of the song that I heard:

Halleluiah, Christ has come
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O Ho O Hosanna, O Ho O Hosanna
O Ho O Hosanna, O Ho O Hosanna

Glory to the King of Kings, Glory to the King of Kings
Glory to the King of Kings, Glory to the King of Kings

O Ho O Hosanna, O Ho O Hosanna
O Ho O Hosanna, O Ho O Hosanna

Glory to the King of Kings, Glory to the King of Kings
Glory to the King of Kings, Glory to the King of Kings

He is the King of every mountain,
He is the King of every people,
He is the King of every valley,
He is the King of you and me,
He is the King of you and me.

He is the King of every mountain,
He is the King of you and me.
He is the King of every people,
He is the King of you and me.
He is the King of every valley,
He is the King of you and me.

Afterwards, I wondered what "Hosanna" meant, so I looked it up in Strong's. It is an exclamation of adoration. THE END

SCRIPTURES

PSALM 91:5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night

DEUTERONOMY 31:8 And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

ISAIAH 41:10 Fear not; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.

ISAIAH 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

1 PETER 1:15 But as he who has called you is holy, so be holy in all manner of conduct; 16 Because it is written, You will be holy; for I am holy.

1 JOHN 1:9 says “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”.

ISAIAH 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

PSALM 18:16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. 17He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them who hated me: for they were too strong for me.

JOHN 17:15 I pray not that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil.

EXODUS 2:3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

EXODUS 2:10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, “Because I drew him out of the water.”

ISAIAH 60:1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you.

REVELATION 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will eat with him, and he with me.

ISAIAH 42:10 Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise from the ends of the earth, You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, You coastlands and you inhabitants of them!

PSALM 40:3 And he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

REVELATION 14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

PSALM 96:1 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.