

Another Chance - Another Opportunity

The plan was to have the RV hooked up to the pickup truck, all ready to go. Our destination was a state park just two hours away. With a 2 PM check-in time it made sense to have lunch at home and then start our trip. Kathy cooked a filling lunch before we piled into the truck for the short drive to the park.

I have a tendency to get sleepy immediately after a meal. Today was no exception. It came on me without warning. About an hour into our trip we were traveling South on I-73. The truck was on cruise control and a GPS provided directions. Kathy was napping and I was at the wheel. Something startled me and got my immediate attention. I had started to nod off and the truck began to drift towards the left hand lane. I made a quick correction and then glanced at the side view mirror. There was a car in the middle of passing me. If I would have stayed in my slumber a second or two longer the truck and RV would have veered across the highway, sideswiping the unsuspecting passing car. It is possible I might have even continued to cross the median into oncoming traffic.

When connected, my truck and RV measure 45 feet in length. Once alongside me the car attempting to pass me would have nowhere to go. Drifting into the adjacent lane was a disaster in the making. And I was asleep at the controls.

How many of us go through times in our life "asleep at the controls?" Things are going well. Our bellies are full - literally and figuratively. We are on "cruise control." And then a crisis strikes without warning. Somehow God intercedes just in time to avert disaster.

Life is full of unexpected crisis situations and we all have to deal with these from time to time. What happens next is the game changer. How do we react when God brings us through the situation?



I think God brought me through this situation for a purpose. There are things for me still to accomplish in my life. Perhaps my best service to the Lord is yet to come. Kathy and I were on a three-day camping journey to recharge our batteries; without God's intervention the trip could have ended much differently. But, God had other plans. I think God was setting me up for new opportunities. He got my attention. He gave me another chance, in hopes I will use it to serve Him. I will!!!

A closet in my home has 11 boxes of new devotional books to share with others, with two book signings already scheduled. There are several speaking engagements and Christian workshops on my calendar just in the next month. All of these events are about sharing God's message with others. I also have the continued opportunity of helping the YMCA stay focused on its Christian mission. God awakened me in time to fulfill these commitments. I am grateful for the opportunity.

So, how about you? Can you recall a narrow escape from a potential disaster in your life? Perhaps God was giving you another chance, too. In response, did you renew and strengthen your commitment to serve Him?

God put us on earth for a reason. There are times we need to wake up from our unintended slumber and seek to live out His plan for our life.

Question: What are you doing today to fulfill God's plan for your life?

Scripture: *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).*

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for giving us the opportunity to share your Good News with others with renewed enthusiasm. Thank you for protecting and enabling us to be your servants. Amen.