



“Look who Is Calling??”

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A few weeks ago while chatting with one of our members "Billy", (Not his real name) he shared with me the following incident.

One day he was on his way home after a particular challenging day at work, driving down the Lake Front, Billy decided to pull off at one of the exits, to just enjoy the scenery, the water, the bikers, the joggers and just unwind a bit. After a few moments he noticed one of the joggers, a middle aged gentleman, start to stagger and then just collapses. Billy jumped out of his car and ran to aid the gentleman, when he realized that the man is in full cardiac arrest. Billy immediately started CPR and yelled to one of the other onlookers to call 911.

By the grace of G-d, by the time the medics arrived, Billy brought the man back to life. Just one of the many daily stories of one of our own hidden heroes, that never make the news, and as Billy said, after he told me the story, "I was just doing my job". I stood there in utter admiration of Billy and he said to me, "isn't it interesting how the Lord runs the world? He puts us where we need to be, at the right time. I pulled off at a random exit and just picked a random spot, but I guess I was supposed to be there, so I can save the man's life. I guess nothing is as random as we think, and is all part of a master plan". It reminded me of the story..."LOOK WHO'S CALLING"! (a true story) ...

Isn't it amazing how G-d works in our lives? On a Saturday night several weeks ago, a Reverend was working late at his Temple, and decided to call his wife before he left for home, to let her know he is on his way. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The Reverend let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer, but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry way.

The following Monday, the Reverend received a call at the Temple office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he was called on last Saturday night. The Reverend couldn't figure out what the man was talking about. Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer." The Reverend remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he had intended to call his wife.

The man said, "That's OK. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on las Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'G-d if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now'. At that point my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Almighty G-d'. I was afraid to answer!"

The reason why it showed on the man's caller ID that the call came from "Almighty G-d" is because the Temple that the Reverend attends is called "Almighty G-d House of Worship"!! Call it a mishap, call it a mistake or just call part of the "master plan", but here I am. End of story.

Remember, our prayers are always answered, sometimes we see the name on our caller ID and other times we just have to have faith, that G-d will never forsake us. Amen.

And here is another short story, to keep your heart smiling...

A man was being chased by a tiger. He ran as hard as he could until he was at the edge of a cliff with the tiger in hot pursuit. The man looked over the edge of the cliff and saw a branch growing out of the side of the cliff a few feet down. He jumped down and grabbed the branch just as the tiger reached the cliff. The tiger growled viciously as the man sighed a great sigh of relief.

Just then a mouse came out from a crevice and began to chew on the branch. The man looked down to what was a drop of a thousand feet and sure death and looked to the heavens and yelled out, "Dear God, if you are there, please help. I will do anything you ask but please help."

Suddenly a voice came booming down from heaven, "You will do anything I ask?" it questioned.

The man shocked to hear a reply to his plea yelled back, "I will gladly do anything You ask, but please save me." The voice from heaven then replied, "There is one way to save you but it will take courage and faith."

The branch began to weaken from the mouse and the tiger was still growling a few feet above the man, "Please, Lord, tell me what I must do and I will do it. Your will is my will."

The voice from heaven then said, "All right then, let go of the branch."

The man looked down to a fall of a thousand feet and certain death. He looked up at the hungry tiger a few feet away and he looked at the mouse still chewing on the branch. Then he looked up at the heavens and yelled, "Is there anyone else up there?" ...End of story.

Does that sound funny to you? Well perhaps. But let's stop and think about it. When you are in a terrible situation and you seek G-d for help, what are you going to do when He asks you to step out in faith? Or are you going to ask for a second opinion??As the saying goes "'Faith'- with it you have no questions, without it you have no answers".

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains, may G-d protect you , keep you safe, and always keep you in his loving care. Should you need an ear to listen or a shoulder to 'lean on', don't hesitate to give us a call.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain

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Please note: For the curious. The name of G-d.

I do not spell out the name of G-d out of respect. Spelling out The Name and then throwing it in the trash, would be a desecration of The Name, so I put in the dash. This is a religious custom I follow, and please don't be offended. Thanks for understanding.