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He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. 1 Pet 4:8,9

A Divine Appointment With Robert

Recently, my wife Fran and I attended the Freedom March in West Palm Beach (WPB), Florida and we made plans after it was over to take a few days' vacation in Ft. Lauderdale. We decided not to get a rental car at the Ft Lauderdale airport in order to avoid the long lines at the car rental desk and the aggravation of them not having a car ready for us upon our arrival, as that has been our experience as of late. Instead, we opted to use Lyft rides for our transportation.

On the evening before the March there was a dinner, worship, testimony, and prayer time for a few hours. At the end of the time together we ordered a car which came promptly. Our driver's name was Robert, a man our age (late, really late 60s) with long stringy gray hair who appeared to be a throwback to our own days as hippies in the early 70s, and somewhat "burned out." Robert asked us what kind of event we were having at the church, so we began to tell him about Freedom March being an opportunity for men and women who used to be SSA and/or in the LGBTQ life who had left their identities and behaviors behind to follow Jesus. He was quite interested and impressed, asking a lot of questions. We answered openly and honestly, not holding back in any way.

We discovered in our conversation with him that he's a believer, though not your most conventional one. But he sure was a lot of fun to talk to, and quite willing to engage with his riders. It was about a half-hour trip back to our hotel in WPB, and we also told him of our plans to go to Ft Lauderdale when the event was finished the next day. Right away, without hesitation, he asked, "Can I be your driver?" And right away we said, "Sure!" We exchanged phone numbers, and I gave him the address of the venue for the next day's march, as well as the times it was happening. I told him I'd call him when we were ready to have him come, and he dropped us off.

The next day when the event was over, while we were still packing up from having set up an exhibit table for the Transformation Ministries Alliance network during the event, I got a

text message from Robert, "Where are you?" He had gotten to the amphitheater already, left his car parked, and was walking around looking for us. I spotted him about a football field's length away and told him that we were still packing up and would be ready soon. So he started walking around, and after a bit, I guess he went back to his car because the next thing I knew he had come up the hill behind where we were packing and said, "Daniel, I'm right here whenever you're ready." Then he went back to his car.

We had brought our suitcases with us when we'd left the hotel that morning, so we started dragging them up the hill, and when he saw us, he got our luggage from us and put them in his trunk. Then we were off to Ft. Lauderdale, about an hour's drive away; except for the pit stop when we all got out at the gas station to use the facilities. (When was the last time your Lyft driver did that?)

We had a wonderful time together in the car as we headed south, talking again pretty much the whole way. When we got to the Ft Lauderdale hotel, Robert got out of the car, grabbed our bags out of the trunk, came around to the front and said, "I want to pray for you guys." I had been thinking we should pray for Robert, and planned to do that when we stopped before we got out of the car, but he had jumped out so fast to get the luggage, I didn't get a chance. And then he beat me to it, telling us he wanted to pray for us. So, there we were parked in front of the hotel, valets standing around, the three of us holding hands in prayer. Robert went first and we followed. Meeting him, talking with him, and praying for Robert was one of the highlights of our Freedom March experience this time around. And he prayed some really great things over us.

I love how Father gives us exactly what we need when we need it, all part of how He loves and cares for us. I guess in this case it was a who we need, and he was delightful. Thank You, Father, for Robert.

Responses From You

From a former ministry participant: Daniel: It has been quite some time since I responded. This article was simply too good and relevant to let pass without commenting. Well said and beautifully written. I give myself permission to say, "No." Thank you!

From one of my church family: Thanks for sharing!

From a recovery group leader: Passed your website link on to a guy tonight looking for help.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, Nov 2, 2021; Tuesday, Nov 16, 2021; Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021 Overcomers Group: Thursday, Nov 11, 2021; Thursday, Nov 25, 2021 No Meeting (Thanksgiving)

Upcoming Ministry Events

Commonwealth Policy Center's Christianity and Culture Conference, Friday, November 5, 2021 Center for Rural Development, 2292 S Hwy 27 Ste #300, Somerset, KY

End of Year Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated in 2021 to Abba's Delight ministry. Your generosity has enabled us to continue the work we do in bringing hope and healing to those impacted by unwanted LGBTQ issues; bringing discipleship into the lives of our participants and family/friends group; participating in conferences and events that help further our education and ministry; sowing into the lives of those Father puts in our path. Thank you for supporting what Father has called us to do. Please prayerfully consider continuing your gifts.

If you have never given before, we would love to add you as a monthly donor or a one-time giver. Especially if you are a pastor whose church can support Abba's Delight as part of your missions giving! A monthly donation commitment will enable us to know what we can count on throughout 2022. If you believe in the equipping work Abba's Delight is doing in the hearts of those who have left LGBTQ lives or attractions to follow Jesus, please help us continue those equipping endeavors. Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25