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

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Pet. 4:10

My "Suddenly!" Came Twelve Years Ago

At a conference in 2011, the Lord impressed in my spirit that He was going to move me into fulltime ministry. I'd already been ministering to believers with unwanted LGBTQ issues for eight years but doing so parttime in the evenings after my fulltime day job. I began praying into that sense from the Lord and shared it with my wife when I was firm in my belief that this was the next step in His path for me.

I knew that would mean leaving my day job, so I began actively trying to raise support so the ministry could pay me a fulltime salary. After close to a year of getting nowhere and raising nothing, I talked to one of the other ministry leaders I knew about my situation. He shared with me that he'd had a business when the Lord called him to ministry and he tried the same thing. He realized, though, that as long as he had his business to fall back on, very few would invest in the ministry work he was beginning to do. That resonated with me.

As I continued to believe fulltime ministry was the Lord's calling for me, and continued to pray into His leading, I again approached my wife. I had already shared with my pastor and the church elders this course I believe the Lord had us on, and was receiving encouragement to continue forward to hear more from the Lord, and to also make certain I was not running ahead of my wife. This would have been in the summer of 2012. Moving forward would mean stepping out in faith for the Lord to supply our needs, in addition to her salary and benefits. I was ready to jump, but she really needed to hear from the Lord for herself that this was a God-ordained venture, which did happen in a shorter time than I thought it would be.

One day in mid-October 2012, I'd been in my quiet time before I left for work that morning, praying for this new direction, and I had the sense from the Lord that He was saying, "I am ready. I'm just waiting for you to move out in faith." I shared that with my wife, who seemed to give more of an onboard response than before. I suggested we see if we could set up a meeting with our pastor and his wife for the four of us to talk about what we were all hearing from the Lord. November 4, 2012 was a Sunday, and we'd made arrangements for the four of us to have lunch together after the morning service that day.

In that meeting after much discussion and encouragement, we decided I would go into my office on December 15, 2012 and give my two weeks' notice, then start 2013 doing ministry fulltime in faith.

The next day was Monday, November 5th, and just like any other Monday at work. About 4:15pm as I was finishing up with a phone call and putting my notes in the system, my boss walked by my desk and asked me to meet her in the conference room when I was finished. She had also asked the fellow who sat behind me to meet as well. There in just a matter of five minutes or so, we were told we were being laid off effective immediately. We both had already survived two other layoffs. But this was my time. My "Suddenly" came in the blink of an eye!

So, we took this immediate layoff as the Lord saying, "You are on the right track, but now you are on My timing." The very next day after we decided to step out in faith! There were two other things going on that day. It was on our 29th wedding anniversary that I got laid off, and I had our ministry quarterly board meeting that night as well. So, I got to give an update to the board about what they knew from the beginning had already been in the works.

During this month of focused Thanksgiving to the Lord, I am so grateful to be making disciples in the Lord's kingdom on earth for 21 years now. I am thankful He finds us worthy to join Him and serve Him in this way. I am grateful that most of you who receive this monthly newsletter from Abba's Delight are saints I've met along the way. Thank you for your prayers and support over these decades. May the Lord return to you blessings upon blessings!

Responses From You

From an Australian supporter: Always a pleasure to read through these newsletters.

From a local pastor: Blessed and Good Morning Daniel! Thank you for sharing your newsletter! I listened to your testimony for the first time, read all the FAQS & spent an hour+ on the website...excellent!! Also introduced my GRANDSon to your testimony, FAQs & other site nuggets...after the Holy Spirit woke me up about 5:30am. He said no more delay...repent, get help, start here and now! Sure there is more from the Lord to come for my GRANDson's restoration. Thank you, God's blessings!

From three different Facebook friends:

- Worship music is such a blessing in my life as well. God knows how we tick and I'm thankful for all the ways He is faithful to meet us. ♥
- Thanks for sharing, brother!
- Praise God! Yes, He's pulled me out of many funks with beautiful worship music

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Overcomers Group: December 5, 2024

Year-End Giving

As we have entered the final quarter of 2024, I want to thank all of you who have so generously contributed to Abba's Delight during this year. To all our readers, please prayerfully consider becoming either a one-time or monthly donor. Your giving will enable the ministry to continue to provide help and care to those impacted by unwanted LGBTQ issues, and to family members who have loved ones caught in the snare of these unhealthy and harmful lifestyles. Checks can be mailed to the ministry P O Box at the top of page one of the newsletter or go to the website and donate by PayPal. All gifts are tax-deductible. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselees • New members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives) • Ministry Finances • Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and Family & Friends • Continued freedom to operate ministry in KY. Continued speaking engagements



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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