

Trust in the Lord with all Your Heart

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“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

This is one of my favorite verses in Scripture. I’ve found it to be so true in my life. I only pray the Lord will help me to trust Him more and always acknowledge Him in my ways. Yes, He is faithful to forgive us if we confess our sins and ask for His cleansing. He is so gracious and merciful that He even sends angels along to help us. We may not even realize it most of the time, but once in a while we will recognize a supernatural experience in our lives. Just as the Apostle Peter was rescued from prison (Acts 12), we too may have an angel to help us through a difficult or impossible situation, even if we may actually never see them. Paul tells us to *“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:2).*

I’m sure there have been many times when angels have helped me through a difficult or impossible situation, and I didn’t even realize it, but there have been several times when I was absolutely sure of angelic intervention. One such time happened many years ago when my wife, Marge, and I were on our way back home to Beaver Bay on the North Shore. As we were driving up into Duluth on old Highway 61 at night, all the traffic came to a complete standstill at the top of the long slope. It was so foggy, we could no longer see the road. It was very dangerous to drive in fog as thick as that, so all the cars in front of us stopped. We also decided to wait until the fog lifted. There was nothing else we could do, it was just too dangerous.

As we waited, car lights came up behind us, but instead of stopping, they pulled out around us. Just before the car passed us a voice of the Lord said, “Follow those lights. If they leave the road, you leave the road, but follow them as they pass by.” Well, when the Lord speaks to you, you pay attention and obey! I pulled out of the line of cars and followed the red taillights of the car over the edge of the slope and down the long hill. We were the only other car driving down that steep slope, and we moved along at a good clip following those taillights.

When we reached the bottom, the fog began lifting and the taillights we had been following vanished, too! They were just gone! It was then that I realized no one could have been driving at that speed in the dense fog without ending up in the ditch or in a terrible accident. Just think about driving downhill in the dark without being able to see the road! It could only have been the supernatural guidance of the Lord.

We praised God and went on our way, making it home safely. I am convinced that God sent an angel to escort us down that hill in that dense fog. We were delivered just as David said, *“The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them” (Psalm 34:7).*