



A Feather From Heaven

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Sometimes we fail to see the blessings that come to us in the smallest of ways. I had a very unique experience the other day. This happened on Friday, May 6, 2016. I am a big fan of the OKC Thunder and had a chance to go to a playoff game 3 against the San Antonio Spurs in Oklahoma City. Naturally since I had never seen a live Thunder game, I was very excited to get my ticket to attend.

My fiancé and I had decided to get an early start to beat the crowds and took off of work a couple hours early. My fiancé had heard of this local burger joint called, "Tuckers" off of NW 23rd street in OKC and he wanted to go check it out. We arrived and made our order and I couldn't help but notice one of the female employees there. She appeared to be in her late forties or early fifties and I could see some of the gray peeking through her brown hair. She had beautiful piercing blue eyes and such a beautiful friendly smile. When she smiled at us and other customers, her whole face lit up with beauty. Thinking no more of this, my fiancé and I sat down to eat our meal.

About halfway through our meal, I hear a simple whisper in my ear telling me I needed to go give this woman a compliment because the compliment was needed. I told my fiancé about the message I had just received to which he simply replied, "Then you need to go tell her." I told him I knew but I also would feel like a coo-coo bird going up to a complete stranger and telling her something odd. I told him she would probably think I was a complete weirdo!

We completed our meal and as we were cleaning up, my fiancé asked me if I was going to go say something to the woman at the counter. I told him yes but I didn't quite know what I would say just yet. As I got up, an idea on what to tell this woman came to me. It would be simple. I walked up to the counter and asked to speak with the woman. I told her I just needed to tell her that she had beautiful eyes and a beautiful smile that lit up the entire room. As I told this woman, her face at first was awestruck by my words but then her eyes lit up again and her smile appeared as she told me, "Thank you."

I walked away from the restaurant feeling very strange. I know I was supposed to give her a compliment but I still felt odd for doing so. I told my fiancé that I didn't know why I was supposed to do it but it was done. As I began to talk with my fiancé, I told him that perhaps this woman was going through hard times and she needed the encouragement. I had done what I was supposed to do and now the rest was up to God to let it bless her life.

We got into our car and proceeded to wait at a stoplight just under the 1-35 underpass. My window was down and I was enjoying the bright evening sunshine. I was looking out my window when all the sudden and very quickly, a small white feather came floating in down at me. It caught me off guard since it flew in the window so quickly but it didn't take me long to realize that I was being told "thank you" for the loving and kind words I had just shown to the lady at the restaurant. I told my fiancé and told him, "Look, I just received a feather from Heaven as a thank you." My fiancé just smiled and said he thought that was pretty awesome.

So in closing thought, we never know what trials people face in life. We never know if something simple that we may do like a smile or a compliment will touch the life of someone so drastically. I am reminded of a scripture found in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that says: ***"13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*** The greatest gift you can give anyone is the gift of LOVE! If you stop and ponder on that for a moment, it can really be a powerful thought! Love...so simple to give but yet oftentimes so hard to receive from so many in a selfish world that we live in. I challenge each and every one of you to make a special effort to show God's love to someone on a daily basis! You might be pleasantly surprised at how good it will make you feel. Give love with an open heart and just know that God sees your effort no matter how big or small. Never expect a blessing to given instantly to you but know that when you find yourself in a time of need the most, God will pour out His blessing and fill your need.

Blessings,
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