

A SCARY STORY

Friends:

In a previous evangelization letter, I suggested you share stories of how you believe God acts in your life with your family and loved ones. Have you done that yet? If you need an example, here's one of my stories.

In 1987 I was in my last year of law school at Notre Dame. On Fridays, we had Mass at school. It was a cold January day, and the homily was about doing the will of God.

I have struggled with this my whole life. What is it that God wants me to do? How do ordinary people figure this out? As I listened to the homily, I began to cry. I thought I must be a failure because at age 35, I still had no idea what God wanted me to do.

During the long ride home, I kept thinking about the homily. I was actually sobbing. I sped past a broken-down truck with a huge scary-looking man standing beside it. He wore tattered clothes and had long, scraggly hair. Next to him was a small woman.

As I passed I thought, "Oh my God, no one is going to stop to help them."

Still sobbing, I said out loud, "God, I don't know if this is what you want me to do. I don't know if I will die (I do tend to be a bit melodramatic with God), but if that's your will, so be it."

I backed up. The man opened the car door and peered inside. The first thing he said was, "I told my wife God would send someone to help us today."

Every day, God whispers in our ear what he wants us to do. Actually, he shouts. Did you hear that voice today? Did you feel like helping someone today? And did you?

Christ asked us to go and make disciples. That message is still being whispered to us today. He asked us to teach others what he taught: love and compassion. That's how he converted hearts. Follow his example of evangelization, and you will do fine as an evangelizer.

Ever since, I no longer worried about my purpose in life. I just listen and go where I believe. God leads me. Remember: don't worry and keep listening.

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