

Being Mysteriously Transported and Trying to Get Home - Dream Given to Karen Sue Nyquist - 3/13/2022

1st Paragraph of the Dream - I was driving my car with my adult daughter. It was early evening and was just starting to get dark. Suddenly, the car was surrounded with thick fog. It was so thick that I couldn't see where I was going and it wasn't safe to drive, so I stopped the car. Sitting there, I felt vulnerable, hoping no one would drive into us. The fog parted momentarily and I saw another car and a police car, both stopped near me, so I felt better.



2nd Paragraph of the Dream - When the fog finally lifted, I did not recognize where we were. The police car and other car were both gone. We were out in the country on a very narrow road. I just assumed we were somewhere near our home. I had to drive slowly because occasionally another car would be coming toward us and both our cars would have to maneuver past each other.

3rd Paragraph of the Dream - I asked my daughter if she had any idea where we were. She replied that she didn't. At first, we were looking for a place to turn around, so we could head back toward home. But there was no place, so we decided to keep going until we found a town where we could ask directions. Since we were getting farther and farther from home, I decided to get out and walk. Maybe I'd see someone I could ask. Next, I noticed I had lost my watch and cell phone. When did that happen? Wow, now I really felt alone. I ended up walking all night and saw no one.



4th Paragraph of the Dream - In the morning, I arrived at a small town. I looked behind me at the road I had been on and noticed smoke from a huge wild fire. The car was far enough from the fire, that I was not worried about my daughter who was probably still sleeping in the car.

5th Paragraph of the Dream - I entered a building that was an all-purpose community center. It contained a postoffice, sheriff's department, and other services. Public employees were there to help answer questions or provide services. There were even areas for after school children programs. The officials were friendly. I asked a sheriff deputy where I was and was told, "You're in Arkansas." I told him where I was from and wanted to know which way to go to get home. He told me which way to go to get on the path that I could take to walk home. I almost told him about the wild fire but assumed, since he was an official, that he already knew. I was just focused on trying to get back home.



6th Paragraph of the Dream - I found the path, it was narrow and not very many people were on it. As I was walking, I was wondering how I had gotten transported all the way to Arkansas? I did not feel any danger. I felt sure my daughter was safe and as I walked I would find her in the car. Then we could walk on the path in the right direction until we were transported back to our home.



7th Paragraph of the Dream - On the path were other people, all of us were walking the same direction. At night time, we arrived at a dimly lit cave. As we went through it, we saw other travelers were sleeping in small enclaves, just big enough to curl up in with blankets. It looked really uncomfortable, but they had adjusted. I instinctively knew that some had been staying there, sleeping for a long time. (The cave



reminded me of the catacombs that early Christians had to meet in and where they buried their dead during the great persecutions of Rome.) Most of us walkers decided just to keep walking, we didn't want to stay in the cave and try to get comfortable.

8th Paragraph of the Dream - When we came out of the cave, it was daylight again. Now the path was not as easy as before. Sometimes, we had to climb steep hills



where the path was very rocky. Occasionally, someone would stumble, but would get back up and keep climbing.

9th Paragraph of the Dream - As we were walking, we started chatting together and found out that we were all Christians, that all of us had been transported from many places, and that we were all trying to get home. One traveler called us together and insisted that it had to have been God Who had transported us all here to Arkansas. He must have a purpose for us. Instead of focusing on getting home, we needed to ask God what He wanted us to do. He also suggested that the Lord wanted us to be soul winners and when each of us had witnessed to all the souls He expected us to minister to, then He would transport us home. We realized he was right and immediately started turning around, looking to see who were around us that we could witness to. When we saw them, we started telling them about God and salvation.



Interpretation of the Dream Up to This Point

1st Paragraph's Interpretation -



a) My daughter and I were driving together - Often Christians tend to hang out with each other and don't spend much time with unbelievers. Jesus made opportunities for Him to do so. "How *is it* that **He (Jesus) eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?**" (Mark 2:16).

b) It was getting dark - We don't realize how little time we have left to work for God and to witness to others. It is getting late! Jesus said, "**I must work** the works of Him who sent Me **while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work**" (John 9:4). Soon it will be too late, we will run out of time.

c) The thick fog made us slow down then stop - We might be regular church-going Christians or only occasionally. Nevertheless, we may keep going our own way, doing our own thing until we realize we can't see where we are going and we are forced to stop. When we realize that, we feel vulnerable and unsure of ourselves. We might look at other people or leaders and try to reassure ourselves, thinking we are "OK," but inside we know we have "lost our way."

2nd Paragraph's Interpretation -

a) The fog lifted and we didn't know where we were - When the situation improves, we should still have big questions. What am I doing? What am I supposed to be doing? Where am I and where am I going? Am I going the right way? Am I doing just my will? Where does God want me to go?



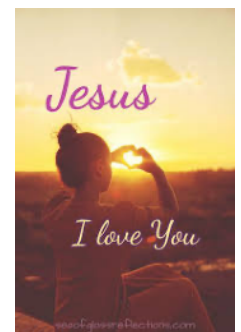
b) On the narrow road, our cars would move out of the way of each other - Often we purposely maneuver ourselves so we don't need to interact with others. Sometimes, God wants us to interact, He makes our "roads narrow." How can we make connections with others or witness or minister to them if we avoid interactions?

3rd Paragraph's Interpretation -



a) I asked my daughter, but she did not know where we were - When we are lost, we often ask each other. That's Ok, but better yet, we really need to seek God and ask Him. "Therefore, for Your name's sake, **Lead me and guide me**" (Psalm 31:3).

b) We looked for a place to turn around, so we could go back home - When Christians know we are going the wrong way, it is good to turn around, to go back. But some of us may think we want to go back "home," to our "comfort zone." No, Jesus wants us to go back to the beginning. Where is the beginning? The beginning is when we first fell in love with Jesus. Jesus said, "Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. **Remember** therefore **from where you have fallen; repent** and **do the first works**, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lamp stand from its place—unless you repent" (Revelation 2:4-5). Remember when we first got saved? **When we first fell in love with Jesus?** We were head-over-heels in love with Him. We talked about Him all the time.





We shared the gospel with our friends and family, maybe even with strangers. We need that love again, our first love. It is infectious and can make others hungry for Jesus too.

c) I decided to get out and walk - When we are going the wrong way and don't ask God for directions, we can make even worse decisions. (God is our GPS, our God Positioning System.) I thought walking alone, in the dark was a good idea? Really? I only made it worse, losing both my watch and my cell phone. Now I had no idea what time it was and had no way to call anyone for help.

4th Paragraph's Interpretation -

a) I noticed smoke from a big wild fire - Smoke is a warning, a sign that there is a fire. People who are not saved will go to hell. As much as I didn't want to believe it, there are too many times in the Bible that describes hell as a place of fire. Jesus warned others saying, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to **go to hell, into the fire** that shall never be quenched" (Mark 9:43). Only in this incident was Jesus speaking like this. On this occasion, He was trying to shock the people, to wake them up to the truth. Sometimes, if led by His Spirit, we might have to get that graphic, to wake unbelievers up.



b) My daughter was sleeping in the car - Sometimes, we Christians can be spiritually asleep. We need to watch out for each other. There was a wild fire and I was not worried about my daughter? Really? If one of us is asleep, unaware of a spiritual danger in our lives or in the world, we need to be willing to wake each other up. "And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time **to awake out of sleep**" (Romans 13:11).



5th Paragraph's Interpretation -

a) I entered a community center - Most of us live and work in communities. There we are often served, having our questions answered and our needs met. We also have opportunities to witness, if we look for them, if we ask the Lord to lead us.

b) I asked where I was and was told I was in Arkansas - How and why in the world did I get transported here? To be explained later . . .

c) The sheriff deputy told me where to find the path - God will often lead us to someone (our pastor or a mature Christian) who can tell us how to get on the right path. Likewise, we need to be the person that helps others find the way to God and salvation.

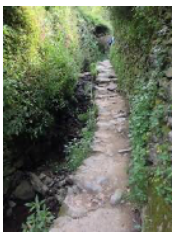
d) I did not tell him about the fire - I made an assumption that could have been SO WRONG! I should have told him about the fire. Likewise, it is so easy to assume that someone already knows the Lord, or that someone else will tell them, or that they won't listen, etc. Often we decide we'll tell them when we have a better opportunity. We shy away from telling them of the impending danger of not being saved, that there is a hell to shun.

e) I was focused on getting home - I was not focused on the needs of others, nor on the danger of the fire, but on my own needs and desires. "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself**" (Romans 3:9). Would we want to be warned? Of course!

6th Paragraph's Interpretation -

a) I found the narrow path with few people on it - God is so gracious to show us the path to follow. "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because **narrow is the gate** and difficult is the way which leads to life, and **there are few who find it**" (Matthew 7:13-14). We must be eternally grateful! We must tell others!

b) My daughter and I could walk together on the path - We Christians want to help our families' walk in 1) "The Way." We need to extend that to 2) our church families and to 3) the unsaved. 1) Christianity was first called "The Way" (Acts 9:2). "When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, **they took him** (Apollos - a new believer whose doctrine needed some adjusting) **aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately**" (Acts 18:26). 3) "These men are the servants of the Most High God, **who proclaim to us**



(unbelievers) the way of salvation” (Acts 16:17). What a wonderful calling, to be a servant of the Most High God, proclaiming the gospel of salvation to others. Let’s not neglect our calling.



7th Paragraph’s Interpretation -

a) Even though we were walking the right way, we came to a dimly lit cave - During our walk with the Lord, **we will go through dark times, hard times, even times of persecution.** We shouldn’t **choose to stay in the dark** and **try to get comfortable,** nor should **we let ourselves fall asleep spiritually.** David had to hide from King Saul in a cave (2 Samuel 23:13), but he did not stay there. “But you be **watchful** in all things, **endure afflictions (hard times), do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry”** (2 Timothy 4:5).

8th Paragraph’s Interpretation -



a) We kept walking and exited the cave into daylight - When we go through times that seem dark, we need to turn to God’s Word, there we will see how to keep going until those times pass. **“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path”** (Psalm 119:105). It will help us stay on the path until we get out of the “cave” and back into the light.

b) The path became difficult, sometimes it was steep and and very rocky - “Because narrow is the gate and **difficult is the way which leads to life”** (Matthew 7:14).

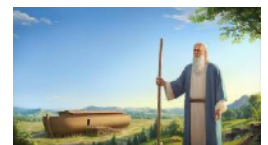
c) Sometimes, someone would stumble, but get back up and keep climbing - As we Christians travel on our path, we may stumble into sin or unwise choices, but we should repent, get back up, stay on the path and keep climbing higher. If we keep our eyes on Jesus, the climb will be so much easier.

9th Paragraph’s Interpretation -

a) We started chatting with each other - When we talk with other Christians and share our testimonies of what has happened to us and how God has helped us, we learn from each other.

b) One traveler insisted it must have been God who had transported us all - **Sharing our testimonies helps us gain insights and revelations that God wants to show us.** These help us to ask Him the right questions and listen for His answers and directions. We were asking, “How do I get home?” We were not asking the right questions. “God, why are we here? What is Your purpose for us? What do You want us to do?”

c) Why did God transport us all to Arkansas? - He chose that place as a metaphor or to symbolize the “Ark” that He had Noah build. Noah made the ark big enough for everyone who wanted to get in and be saved from the flood. He preached against their sins, telling them to repent. Then he warned of the coming flood. Next, he explained the good news that God had provided a way of escaping and being saved. Finally, he invited as many as wanted to accept God and His plan (1 Peter 3:20-22). Noah was witnessing and hoping to save souls. We are to follow his example. God’s good news is ready, we need to share it, and see souls saved.



d) We immediately turned around to see who we could witness to - The immediate obedience of Christians pleases God. The first purpose of this dream is to encourage us to win souls. The second purpose will be discussed in the second part of the dream.

e) Why did God miraculously transport us in the dream? - He did so to bring our attention to Philip. In Acts, the Lord saw Philip’s heart’s desire to win souls. He tells Philip to go into the desert where he witnessed to the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39). “Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the **Lord caught Philip away (transported him), so that the eunuch saw him no more;** and he went on his way rejoicing. **But Philip was found at Azotus.** And passing through, **he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea”** (Acts 8:39-40). The Ethiopian saw Philip vanish before his eyes. Then Philip found himself transported to Azotus. WOW! That’s exciting! God used a dream where He transported us, emphasizing that He



wants us to witness and that we'll change whole nations, just as Philip and the Ethiopian did!

**History and oral tradition tell us that the Ethiopian brought the gospel back to his country and Christianity spread throughout the nation. "... 300 years later (Christianity) become the official state religion of Ethiopia." (1) "Black History: The Ethiopian Eunuch," 2/3/2021, theogetics.org)*

Now let's return to the dream.

The Lord's first purpose of this dream is to encourage us to win souls. The second purpose is to give us practical soul-winning advice.



10th Paragraph of the Dream - The scene changed several times as we were sharing the gospel in different places. We witnessed to adults, some were interested and accepted the Lord easily. Some didn't want to listen at first, but finally did accept the Lord. Some of us could feel the **zeal for the Lord burning in us.**

Interpretation - As soul-winners, we know people will respond differently and not to be discouraged or give up. The zeal of the Lord, God's anointing, will make witnessing easier and more productive. **"But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones"** (Jeremiah 20:9). Expect the Holy Spirit to move in the various gifts such as Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, Prophecy, etc.

11th Paragraph of the Dream - In between scenes, we were still on the narrow path, all heading toward "home." Every once in a while, some of the travelers would be walking on the path, going up a hill and we never saw them again. We knew instinctively that they had witnessed to all the souls they were supposed to and God had transported them home.

Interpretation - We were thinking that "home" was where we lived, where we had been transported from. We assumed that we would be transported back there when we finished witnessing to all that God wanted us to. But the truth is, **God's perfect will** is for us to

continue witnessing and doing all that He has called us to do, finishing our mission on earth, fulfilling our destiny and purposes, and leaving a godly legacy. When we have done that, God will "transport" us home to heaven.

This might be by passing on to be with the Lord or by the rapture. Paul said, **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-8). Praise the Lord, that includes us!

12th Paragraph of the Dream - A number of the unbelievers or even by-standers would mock us. Others had physical ailments start to bother them. Some would grimace as memories of heartbreak would enter their minds so they could not focus on what we were saying. We kept sharing, doing all we could to help them focus on the message of salvation. Thankfully, some were getting saved, even a few of the mockers.

Interpretation - While witnessing, we know that the Devil often will use these tactics and others to distract the unbelievers from getting saved. We need to be prayed up to know how to handle this. God can give us the **discernment of spirits** and lead us how to deal with it. When witnessing in pairs, one of us can continue with presenting the gospel, while our partner can silently bind Satan, commanding him to be silent "in Jesus' name." If they mention a physical ailment, we can pray for their healing and expect Jesus to do the miracle. If healed

instantly, it will be a testimony that God is real and cares for them. If it doesn't happen immediately, we can assure them that God is working. Just hearing the Holy Spirit anointed prayer, with God's love, can soften their hearts to the gospel. If they mention something in their past, we can pray for their memories and broken





hearts to be healed, for appropriate relationships to be restored, etc. If they have a current troubling situation, we can pray for God to intervene and to give them wisdom and peace. One of my favorite verses about witnessing is, “And they went out and **preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.** Amen” (Mark 16:20). **WOW! As I typed that last sentence, a very bright light suddenly shone through my window! What a sign! God’s perfect timing!** What happened? The sun had moved into the perfect position

to reflect off of a window across the street and shine brightly into my room! This is the first time, that I can remember, that it has ever happened! God is telling us to expect signs, wonders, and miracles while we witness. Performing miracles is one of the Gifts of the Spirit.

13th Paragraph of the Dream - The scenes kept changing to different situations. We were witnessing to strangers and to people we knew. There were even those who were witnessed to, by one of us, who left, hid, then later got saved as another one witnessed to them. “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). I witnessed to a backslidden Pentecostal that I knew and prayed with her until she was speaking in tongues. She was so happy! I saw one boy that I knew, who was usually mischievous. At first he was hiding, but then he listened to me and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Interpretation - This is pretty clear, don’t write anyone off. God can save those who seem the least likely. (I once witnessed to a punk rocker with a blue mohawk who was really interested in the Lord.) Some may quietly pray the sinner’s prayer, others may say “no” or they’ll “think about it,” still others might be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues. Their responses can vary so much.



14th Paragraph of the Dream - We were using different methods, depending on the person. With some, we were smiling and explaining the plan of salvation, or sharing our testimonies. With others, we were pleading. The Holy Spirit was leading us. Sometimes, we would use ourselves as an example. “I have had bad thoughts that I would not want anyone to know. I have said things that were wrong and I would not want you to hear. I have done things that were wrong that I wouldn’t want you to see. I am a sinner, but when I confessed my sins to Jesus and told Him I didn’t want to do these things anymore, He forgave me. Have you thought bad thoughts? Said wrong things? Did wrong things? Do you want Jesus to forgive you?” Some responded by walking away, others started crying, repenting. Some would willingly pray, asking to be saved. We told them, “We are all sinners. We all need Jesus’ forgiveness and help.” Then I woke up.



Interpretation - When we are witnessing to others, it’s good to use “we” instead of “you.” They will be less likely to feel we are looking down on them, judging or condemning them, or “preaching” at them. Using “we” puts us on an equal level. We are all sinners and can be saved and changed by God’s grace. Usually while witnessing, we will be showing compassion and love. “And on some have compassion, making a distinction;” (Jude 1:22). But in rare, desperate situations, the Holy Spirit may have us pleading with them, mentioning the danger of not being saved, of their present sinful state, of going to hell, etc. “but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh” (Jude 1:23). Thank God we have the Holy Spirit’s anointing to lead us in every soul-winning situation! Thank You, Lord, for giving us this dream.



Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, please give us the compassion, anointing, zeal, focus, and sense of urgency for soul winning that You have. Thank You! In Your name we pray. Amen!



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