

How a Prophet Can Change the Course of Your Journey

One work day for my husband, Jerome, turned into a day of destiny. "I see the river of God coming to you, and you need to jump into it," the man said across the aisle. "There's a major change coming, and you will not be in the same place spiritually, physically and financially."

How many guys get a visit from a prophet at their job?

The man, John Rohrer, was a minister from Ohio. He had stopped at Jerome's job on his way to Lawrence, Kansas. Jerome had no idea that John was coming to his job. John didn't know that we were being asked to leave our church and that I was dealing with the darkest depression from my mom dying.

John had a sense of urgency to interrupt Jerome's work day to bring a word of life and hope. Today, I thanked John 20 years later in Nashville for stopping that day to burst in at an inconvenient place at an inopportune time to bring a word of life and hope to Jerome. "I remember looking into your husband's eyes and there was a vortex of hopelessness," John said today. I wept with thanksgiving in the Asian restaurant where I met John and his wife, Marretta.

I'm saying thank you to John, 20 years later, for stopping by my husband's job and bringing a word of life and hope.

That prophet's word set the course for the next 15 years of our life. We moved to Kansas City a year after he yelled across the aisle at Sears. Our younger son, Alex, was a year old, and Chris was 4. Today they are serving God at 16 and 19.

Jerome would never have considered the possibility of moving until the prophet showed up. That word opened up a new way of thinking to Jerome. Something new was born in those moments.

He called me laughing, and the Jerome with the sense of adventure was back. "You wouldn't believe what happened to me, honey!" he said as he related the story of a prophet's visit.

That one visit changed our lives. You can change a life by bringing a desperately needed word of hope and life to a person at an inconvenient place at an inopportune time. Life doesn't burst in on our schedule. Life and hope arrive when we are stirred urgently by God, such as John, to drop everything and declare God's goodness to someone else.

May God stir you and me just as He moved John 20 years ago to drop by Jerome's job with a word of destiny. Someone needs to hear that God is good. Someone needs to hear that God has a plan for their life. Go tell someone!

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