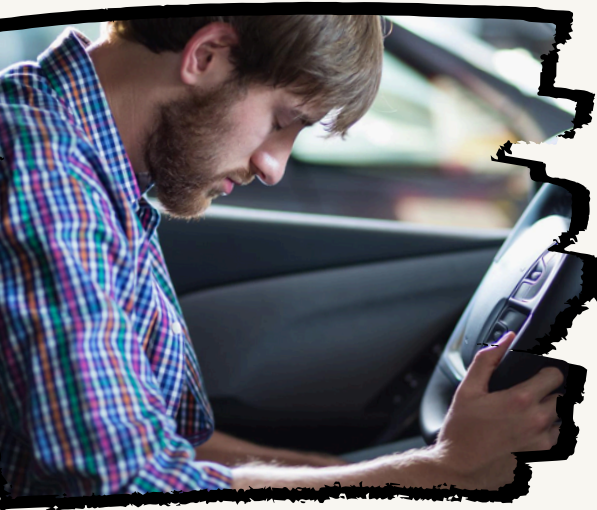


My Angel Drove My Car

by Anthony Castlebuono



In June 2019, I cried out to God, “Lord! How can I use my talents for you? You’ve done so much for me — what can I do for you? My heart breaks for the people that are not ready to see Jesus come; what would you like me to do? Please show me and direct my path!” I continued this prayer for weeks, crying out to God for direction on using my talents for Him. I kept praying and praying until He answered.

The Lord put on my heart to start a magazine focused on helping others get ready for Jesus’ soon return. I wasn’t so sure about the idea, so I kept praying for direction on how to use my talents for Him. Only a few days later, catastrophe threatened.

I have been a type one diabetic for over twenty years and am used to regularly checking my blood sugar levels and managing insulin. One early morning in late July, my blood sugar readings were steadily climbing. I gave myself the insulin I needed and planned to eat in about twenty minutes when my sugar levels had leveled out. I grabbed my work laptop and a breakfast to eat on the way to work. However, after driving for eight minutes, I started feeling like my sugar was dropping, so I glanced at my continuous glucose meter. Strange. My sugar levels were dropping much more quickly than normal. It didn’t make any sense. My sugar levels weren’t too low yet, so I confidently started eating my breakfast as I continued driving to work.

A few minutes later, I passed through downtown Stillwater, New York. Then, suddenly, I blacked out, and I don’t remember anything for the next twenty minutes.

When I regained consciousness, I found that I was driving on a four-lane road. I quickly pulled over, shocked by what had just happened. My heart raced as I wondered, “Where am I? How did I get here? Where am I in relation to my work location?” I looked at my phone GPS and my heart jumped in astonishment. I had passed safely through two stoplights, two roundabouts, and along a very curvy road I had never driven before! Thankfulness and deep gratitude for God filled my heart.

I realized that God must have something He wants me to do for Him. My mind went back to what He had shared with me a few days earlier and I wondered again, “Does God really want me to start a magazine? Why me? Why now?” I finished my drive to work in utter amazement and praise to God for saving my life. I should have crashed, but instead, my angel drove my car!

A few weeks later, after persistently seeking the Lord for direction on what He wanted me to do and wrestling with His idea of starting a magazine, I decided to move forward in faith. A few months later, my wife and I launched Time to Get Ready Ministries (www.timetogetready.org).

My friends, Jesus is in the miracle business. But the greatest miracle He has for us is to remove our stony hearts and give us each a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26-27). When we focus on the Who (Jesus), He removes the What (addictions, sins, things marring the perfect reflection of His character in us) from our lives. He is ready and willing to save us and help us get ready, so we can help others and inherit eternal life.

Be persistent with God. He is just as powerful today as in Bible times. His angels stand ready to protect and save us (Psalm 91:11).

Anthony is an HR professional and a Bible study leader in his local church in Tennessee. In 2017, he became convicted to start spending 60 minutes daily with Jesus following the seven key relationship principles of Back to the Altar. In 2019, the Lord put a burden on his heart to start a magazine that prepared people to get ready for the soon return of Jesus. This story has been shared with permission of that magazine, www.timetogetready.org.

World Church Prayer Requests

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- **World Church:** Pray that we would use every opportunity God gives us to lead souls to truth. Pray that when there are disagreements among us, we as followers of Jesus would recognize that our battle is not against each other but against principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places. Satan is our enemy, and he's trying to distract us from our mission. Pray that we would not get distracted, but keep our eyes on Jesus, sharing His love and the good news of salvation with all who are seeking, while there is still time.
- **United States:** Pray for the Thonotasassa SDA Church as they begin their Pentecost 2025 evangelistic meetings. This series will be running October 18-November 1. Pray that every member will be dedicated to God and will find joy in joining, supporting, and serving during this series. Pray also for the community friends in attendance that they will receive a clear Gospel message and begin a committed relationship with Jesus.
- **Ireland:** Pray for the Galway SDA Church as they prepare for a special Night of Prayer Vigil. Pray that those who attend will come with open hearts for Jesus to do a mighty work. Pray that their lives will be changed and that they will go out on fire for Jesus.
- **Vanuatu:** Pray for the Portoroki SDA Church and all the church companies across the country of Vanuatu in Oceania. The churches are growing after a recent "Say Yes to Jesus" evangelistic campaign where hundreds of people responded in baptism. Pray that they will continue to find Jesus not only their Savior but also their Lord and Friend as they grow in their connection with heaven.
- **Canada:** Pray for a group of members in Ottawa, Canada's capital city, as they prayerfully seek to start the only Filipino church in the city. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill them with wisdom and trust as they rely on Him to open doors in their mission of providing a welcoming environment to others in the community.
- **South Africa:** Pray for the NU9 SDA Church as they seek to learn and share the health and temperance ministry. Pray that those being treated will regain full health as a testimony of Jesus' power.
- **Côte d'Ivoire:** Pray for a revival in the publishing ministries of the West Central Africa Division. Pray that the literature printed there will spread far and wide, touching many hearts for heaven.