

GLORY TO THE TRINITY MINISTRY
“SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT”

THE TESTIMONIES OF ROSY CHAO

“MY BEARS & MY LIONS” PART III

I shall continue to share with you my spiritual battles along this narrow path of the cross once again. What I had written and shared with you in volume 2 and 3, merely reflect the goodness and the faithfulness of our Lord. Our Heavenly Father is always compassionate to His children. He is ever loving, and there is **“no shadow of turning with Him”**. He is the **“All Wise God”**, who is forever present with His children whether we go through the valley of the shadow of death or other trials and tribulation of life. Most of all, our Heavenly Father is **God the Almighty the omnipotent, the All knowing God the omniscience and God the omnipresent** who is always present to help us amidst our tribulations.

As I recount my spiritual journey through every trials and tribulations with you, may the name of our Lord once again be uplifted. The Lord God who is able to walk me through my spiritual journey will equally be able to walk through yours!

Let us once more give glory and praise to the name of our Lord for His goodness to His children, as I continue to share my stories with you. Amen.

THE DIVINE DELIVERANCE IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

It was without a doubt that my real spiritual training of faith took place within my daily business affairs in the world. There were many difficulties in my business that had to be battled ferociously by faith and faith alone in the Lord. God had given me the faith to trust in Him for every single trials, problems and solutions in the business dealing with my customer. As God was with King David in his battles and won wherever he went, God was definitely with me in my business battles for success. It was His divine presence that made it possible for me to operate my business successfully. Apart from providing my financial needs, God was interested in building His Characters of Christ likeness and faith in me.

Joe Cookie was one of my favorite customers who frequently ordered special occasion birthday dresses for his customers. He owned and operated a bridal shop in Brooklyn, New York. He was always sweet in his voice and I remembered vividly how he would talk over the phone to me about placing an order.

“Sweetheart, I need that dress by Saturday in the month of August, you know? Joe’s voice was reeling through my mind.

“That’s no problem, Joe”, I heard myself replying.

“It’s urgent, ok. So ship it overnight once you received it from your factory overseas, ok!” Joe continued.

“Of course, don’t worry, it will be just fine”, I continued to reassure him.

Joe cookie had ordered a peach long informal beautiful ball gown for a girl. It was a peach color, one of our latest styles. It was size 12 and had to arrive very soon, as it was urgent. In my years of business, I had never fail delivering all dress orders in time and on time to my customers, whether it was a wedding gown or special occasion gown for birthday use etceteras. God had been faithful unto me, making sure that I did not fail my customers in the delivery of their orders. However, this time I fell into a major problem. Praise God that the dress finally arrived through Fedex from Indonesia to Sacramento, where my office and warehouse was located. The arrival time was perfect and all we had to do was to repack and reship by UPS overnight from Sacramento to Brooklyn, New York.

Since I had just given birth to my son Isaac, I had to stay at home. In the meantime, I had to leave my office into Marlene Hoffman my assistant in the office for a short period of time. I remembered vividly instructing Marlene as follows:

“Marlene, please ship that package to Joe Cookie, Brooklyn, New York right away as the wear date is this Saturday ok!” I clearly instructed her.

“Also, make sure you fax me the UPS tracking label to make sure that there is no mistake”, I explicitly continued.

“Oh, don’t worry about it, I will take care of it and will do!” Marlene replied cheerfully.

Marlene was my employee, an elderly Caucasian American lady who would usually take my instructions with no problem. However, this time she did not follow my instructions and decided to ship the package without having me cross check the UPS label. Perhaps, the urgency of the package had push her to ship the dress without bothering me whatsoever.

“Marlene, did you fax me the UPS tracking label, yet?” I called to ask at 5.30 pm. from home that same day, as UPS office was about to close by 6 p.m.

“Its gone and shipped already”, Marlene replied.

“Did you ship it Ups Red!” I continued and was concerned since the wear date was so closed.

“Yap! Everything is red label, don’t worry”, she confidently replied.

So I rested with confidence that my responsibility for shipping the order to my customer was done after all. The very next day was Wednesday and Joe Cookie called:

“Sweetheart, I am getting worried. I did not receive the package. The wear date is this Saturday. Did you ship it UPS red? I recognized through Joe Cookie’s voice that he was worried.

“Yes Joe, we shipped it yesterday for sure UPS red, but I’ll call you back with the tracking number and see what happened”, I was getting concerned as I replied Joe but was not super worried.

Meanwhile, I sense something was not quite right as UPS rarely made a mistake especially in regards to an urgent next day air shipment. So I called Marlene and told her to check what had happened to the package. Before long, a phone call from Marlene rang.

“Rosy, guess what? I made a mistake and wrapped the packaged with UPS red label but when I entered the UPS tracking label, I did not enter next day air but UPS ground. And they said that the package will only arrive in Brooklyn, New York by Monday.” Marlene responded with a tone of regret.

As I heard Marlene’s answer, I knew instantly that “the ferocious battle is on!” that spelled major trouble ahead. Immediately, I had to call Joe to tell him the truth and begged that the girl would change to another style and offered a much more expensive dress for the same price.

“Sweetheart, the girl does not want to change neither the color nor the style. The banquet hall will be decorated as the color of the dress and so is her photo album and accessories etceteras. Now they threaten to bring a gun and kill me if I did not give her the dress that she ordered!” Joe replied in earnest desperation and spoke but the truth.

It was crystal clear that satan was about to attack me very hard. However, deep in my heart, I had every faith and knew that my Heavenly Father would somehow bailed me out with His victorious power and solution from this critical issue. In the meantime, I had called Ellicks my other employee from home, who was in charge of the computer to check if we had records of customers who had bought this style with the same size and color. According to Ellicks, there were only a total of 8 sold so far, since it was a relatively new style and in white only. “They were scattered all over the U.S but nonetheless the color was wrong”, I continued to think.

All of a sudden, Ellicks found from his computer a record that there was one customer that had the same dress, size and color that is located in the same city of Brooklyn, New York but had purchased the dress 8 months ago. Immediately, I had to call the customer for a major help, not knowing whether she even had the dress and if it was in a good new condition, since it was sold 8 months ago.

“Would you please do me a big favor of giving that dress to Joe Cookie and in exchange he will give you his dress by Monday. Is that ok? Also is that dress new and clean? As I explained my difficulties and problem to my customer.

“Yes, it is still new and that’s fine, no problem” the store owner replied.

What was amazing to this testimony was the fact that God had prepared a solution for my upcoming business problem. My Heavenly Father had known that I would face this problem down the road and touched another my customer’s heart from the same city as Joe, to purchase the exact same dress, color and size in order to meet Joe Cookie’s customer’s need. Mathematically speaking, United States being a huge nation, what are the chances that the same dress, color and size would fall in the same city in Brooklyn, New York and not sold within 8 months period? Hence, it took Joe approximately 45 minutes to retrieve that new dress from the other store to solve this impossible problem.

As Joseph was about to be harmed by his brethren, God had intervened in His wisdom by the coming of the caravan of the Ishmeelites in time to purchase Joseph and deliver him from their hands (read Genesis 37:27). Likewise, God had amazingly intervened and provided his solution to my problem in this story.

Can you imagine what would happen without His divine intervention to Joe Cookie, his customers and me!

God's provision of my seamstress Maria

Being God's children, nothing will cross our life by chance. God in His wisdom had orchestrated all things for our good to His glory. He will never fail us or leave us, so long as we depend on him moment by moment, trusting in His faithful provision in our life.

My customer Michelle had ordered a dress that needed to be altered. My alteration lady Manuela had promised to come to alter the dress. I had told her that the alteration needed to be done urgently as the wear date was very closed and had to be done within 2 to 3 days at most and then shipped it UPS next day air. It so happened that Manuela was not an honest and responsible employee. I had called her at least 5 times in a row to tell her to come. Her reply was simply: "I will be there tomorrow".

As God's children, the Holy Spirit always equips us with a sense of alertness and wisdom when something wrong was about to occur. The next day, I called Manuela again and she promised to come at 5 p.m. at the latest. The dress needed to be altered urgently, but by the time 5 p.m. came, Manuela did not appear after all. Her "no call no show" attitude merely indicated that my "six sense" was right.

I knew that I had to act out quickly and look for a professional seamstress to alter this bridal dress. Since, time was running out on this alteration issue, my next solution was to bring this dress to an alteration shop the next day. Most of the alteration shop in Sacramento could only handle casual wear which do not require any form of skill or quality. However, bridal alterations are much more difficult to handle and would require much higher skilled seamstress to handle the work. Personally, I had no idea whom to turn to in this case of emergency. While I was contemplating in my mind where to get it altered, the Lord immediately **"put forth Moses rod to open the Red Sea."**

"Maria, I am so glad to see you. I needed you right away to help me fix an urgent order for a bridal dress!" I shouted in an excitement, as I saw her walked into my retail outlet that I just barely opened, a few months Ago.

Maria was the best seamstress that I had hired more than ten Years ago. She had supervised Manuela the other seamstress and taught her How to sew. She was an extremely skillful in sewing and a very talented

seamstress that was difficult to come by. She had left me as I had decided to close the bridesmaids' production years ago. In the past, I had attempted to relocate her to rehire her back as my seamstress instead. However, since her phone was disconnected, I could never get hold of her. Honestly, to find a seamstress in Sacramento was not an easy job to begin with, let alone to locate a gifted and talented seamstress like Maria.

What **“man is not able to do, God who is able”**, brought back Maria my seamstress to fulfil and resolve my needs immediately. Maria my seamstress was sent by the Lord to once again help me in my business. Praise God, the urgent alteration was taken care of and the dress was shipped in time to my customer Michelle.

The story of Maria my seamstress, has always been in my mind ever since! There is a saying in Mandarin that concludes this story, that is: “the end of man's solution is the beginning work for God.” How amazing!

God's Choice of My Employee

In the business world, especially in the U.S, one of the most difficult problems in many small businesses is to find a good and honest employee. I had operated my business for more than 30 years and indeed I had to resort “on my knees” through prayers after prayers to receive God's provision for these help.

It so happened, that I was about to embark to Shanghai to meet our new Chinese bridal manufacturers. I had previously prayed about this help and believe it or not, God had His own choice while I had mine!

One night, as I was on my knees praying for the right help to assist me in the Chinese business venture, God had answered me with a vision dream. At night, after I had made the request before my Heavenly Father where to look for a new help, prior leaving to China to meet my Chinese suppliers; I was given a vision dream of my former employee Ellicks.

In the dream, Ellicks came to me for a brief interview and ask me how much would be his pay. The dream was crystal clear and I knew that God wanted me to rehire Ellicks, my former employee. When I woke up from my dream, my answer to God was “no Lord, not Ellicks!” I

had flatly refused in my mind and had given my Heavenly Father all kinds of excuses for not wanting to hire him back.

Hence, like Prophet Jonah (read the book of Jonah), I decided to do what I like. So, I put on the newspaper's ad and spent some money but to no avail. Again, it is a "no call no show" advertisement result. "The money was spent, alright!" I thought, but there was not even one ringing tone from the phone, let alone an extra help.

As God's children, we must truly trust Him in everything. Our Lord knows exactly what is best for us! As God's words says:

**"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING."
"IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATH"**

(Proverbs 3:5,6)

Even though I had changed my mind from time to time, God certainly had not changed His mind! So I decided to pray again for a good employee to help me as my trip to China was coming up in about 2 weeks.

"Lord, I really need a good and honest help, you know ", I prayed in my heart, as I was driving to pick up some food in a Chinese restaurant.

"Please help, Lord. My trip to China is only 2 weeks away" I earnestly petitioned further in my heart to the Lord.

As I parked my car, picked up my food and was about to pay my bill in the Chinese restaurant, all of a sudden I heard someone shouting my name.

"Hey, Rosy!" Someone had called my name loudly. I could not miss his voice as I knew and recognized who he was. It was Ellicks sitting down in a dining table with his wife and 2 grown children. Ellicks had quit working for me for the past 15 years, as he had to look after his 2 little boys. His wife preferred to work outside while Ellicks was left to be the daddy at home.

As I turned my head to Ellicks in a light surprise, I could not but smile at the very fact that my Heavenly Father had not change His mind and His decision on the employee that I should hire after all!

Dearly beloved, our Heavenly Father is the **All-Wise God** who knows what is best for His children. As the famous hymn sings:

“THOU CHANGEST NOT AND THY COMPASSIONS, THEY FAIL NOT. AS THOU HAS BEEN THOU FOREVER WILL BE, GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS! O GOD MY FATHER!”

Praise God! Our Lord was right! Ellicks was originally from Hong-Kong, China. It was through the help of Ellicks that I was able to communicate in the Chinese language, essential for the success of business with China. He had taught me how to write and communicate in the Chinese language through the internet, a written language skill that I had not practice in 30 years.

May these stories of **“My Bears & My Lions”** be testimonies that would administer grace and edification to your heart, soul, mind and spirit. Remembering always that God is faithful to the need of His children. His ears are always attentive to our cry while His eyes are always attentive to our needs. His heart is always filled with His compassion to our shortcomings while His wisdom is always protection for His children. Let us choose forever to abide under **the shadow of His wings of love!** Amen.

Prayerfully yours, His servant
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