

DAY 30

Kind Angels

Psalm 37: "Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand"

I'd just been to Chad's Dwelling in the Word Bible discussion. I didn't have my car so I got a ride home with Ron. When I arrived home, I realized I didn't have my phone. So I got in my van and I drove back

to the church. And as I was getting out of my car to go look, Nora came out of the church. She had been at the Bible session with us. I told her "I believe I left my phone here." She said "I'll go look.". She came back and said the phone wasn't there. I thought."Oh, Great!"

It's funny, when you lose your phone, your first thought is," who can I call to help me out?"

I thought, well, if the phone isn't here, I must've left it in Ron's car. So on the way home I was thinking how I could get a hold of him and ask him if he could help me find it. When I got into my house, there was my phone, sitting on the arm of my couch. I started to have a meltdown. Within seconds, my phone signaled a text message. Here's how it went:

Chad: Hi, Katie! Did you get your phone?

Me: yes. Thank you. How did you hear? I really don't want everybody to know how stupidly absent minded I am that I would put my phone down in my house and then desperately start looking for it. Cone of silence.

Chad: No, that's what I wanted to tell you! You left it at the church. Kathleen found it and then met me at the restaurant at the Corners and then I got it and then put it inside your house. I put it on the sofa arm, so I would know you would find it. I meant to message you because I was sure you would have been very confused about how it got there. LOL

Me: OMG! I am so relieved to hear that. I really thought I was losing it.

Chad: I'm so sorry. I got home and had to scramble around to get on a zoom call. You're not losing it.

Me: Are you sure? Chad: Positive! ©

To say I was shaken is to put it lightly. But then I began thinking that the common denominator in all this was my fear that I'm getting forgetful. And then I began to look at this story in a different way. I saw that I am surrounded by angels: Ron, Nora, Kathleen, Chad. I am so fortunate to be able to know that, no matter what happens, there are people who have my back.

My conclusion? Even though I have managed to go from young and foolish to ancient and absent minded without passing through old and wise, I am blessed by the presence of kind people.

Dear God, remind me daily that I am a creature of your creation, and therefore worthy. And I thank you for the angels all around. Amen.

- Katie Baird