



#### AN ACT OF GOD

A fresh realization of what took place, those many years prior, came after a jolt to that memory starting whirling around his thoughts. His flashback went to that particular morning. The passing of time has given John Levai opportunity to meditate on just how close he came to dying.

On that early spring morning, John was heading to work in his red sports car. It was 1983 and there was an Animal Hospital just around the bend up ahead, on Route 47. As he approached the curve, a truck coming from the opposite direction tipped slightly; giving way to just the right angle for bricks to fall from it's truck-bed. The tumbling bricks scattered over the road in front of John. He swerved and maneuvered like he was in a game of dodge-ball. John's car was slipping on the dew covered road and, as he said, "I must have spun around, 360 degrees, a few times..." "When I hit the large oak tree, I hit it on the side of the car...it slowed me down...then I hit a fence...it was like a James Bond movie, all this wood flying in the air." John continued, "my head hit the windshield, but not seriously...no injuries." "I landed in the middle of the parking lot of the Animal Hospital and just missed crashing into the house that was near by," John recalls. He said, "the car was totaled...it was beyond repair; I really liked that car."

John then tells me, "The Lord spared my life for a particular reason...It's all about the Sovereignty of God." "Through that accident He spared me so I could be with my wife, to be a father, to participate in the ministries He has given me." John's wife, Carol, was sitting with him as he was retelling this story. She said in response, "The situation, the car spinning like that, it was totally out of control...but God was totally in control!" John agreed, with an expressive nod, and added, "It's just this, the Lord chooses to do the things He chooses to do.. we can't question why." "If I had hit the big oak tree head-on, I would have been probably killed." "I did not hit the house, the kennels, and I landed in the middle of an empty parking lot because no one was at work yet."

After the accident, John and Carol went to the Police Station to pick up the accident report. The desk clerk looked at John and said, "You're a very lucky young man!" As they read down the page they came to the part which asked for the reason for the accident. The report read, "An Act Of God". Those words are as clear to them today as when the report was first put in their hands. "An Act Of God", NO KIDDING! John said to me, "You know God has a plan, you just don't know what it is. And He will always do His will....we just can not understand all the things He does when He does them...sometimes not until years have gone by."

"O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand on me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I can not grasp it." - Psalm 139:1-6

The Lord knew when John was rising up that morning, that his car would be spinning out of John's control, heading toward certain disaster. The Lord also knew how many years beforehand to plant a seed, that it would grow into an oak tree strong enough to slow down John's car.

The Lord knew just how much dew to lay on road and the angle of each falling brick. Surely He measured out the skid line before the accident even happened. Surely the Lord was already acquainted with that bend on Route 47 before the truck tipped at the curve.

Did the Lord hedge John behind him, to the side of him, in front of him? Yes indeed; and His hand was laid on John even before his car clipped the first brick. John's path was already planned before the sun rose that morning.

It is indeed all about God's sovereign- reign. He reigns over the dew and dawn, over the bricks and the bangs, over the oak and the "almost". It is, no doubt, and no less, "An Act Of God".

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