

Chaplain America 193 & The Holy Illuminator

Part 9



Psalms 55:6-8 So I said, “Oh that I had wings like a dove, I would fly away and be at rest. Indeed, I would wander far off and remain in the wilderness. I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.”

Daniel informed me that the Lord had granted Pastor Shon and I a well-deserved rest so he was sending us to an island paradise somewhere in the south pacific.

I thought we would be staying in a really nice hotel or resort, but Daniel had other ideas. In an instant Pastor Shon and I found ourselves sitting on a desert island, O we had a hut and supplies but we were on our own.

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Danial and Raphael popped in and explained that a little solitude was a good thing and there were many lessons to be learned while Pastor Shon and I were there. The good news was Pos was staying with us and Rabbi Hersh was going to be stopping by once a day to bring snacks.

“Well I guess it’s all for good, so why not? Let’s get this va ca started.

Pastor Shon and I set up shop, we built a campfire and Pos seemed to enjoy the peace and quiet. As we were sitting by the fire looking at the ocean a full moon seemed to rise up right out of the water, its silver reflection seemed to reach out to us like a distant dream as the ocean waves gently crashed upon the awaiting shoreline. Then a green sea turtle swam slowly by as three seagulls hovered just above us.

“Hey John, I didn’t tell you about what happened at the hospital in Alaska while you all were back in 1898. As you know we were sent there to anoint 7 of the chosen few, well you and Margaret were two of the seven and three of the chosen few were one RN and two CNAs who totally became on fire for the Lord immediately after being anointed and the seventh person was a patient by the name Molly.

Molly was in her forties, and she was suffering with cancer, I had invited her to be anointed and she felt very honored. Now this was amazing, as I was anointing her a bright light once again filled the room.

I really didn't know what was going to happen, I closed my eyes and the next thing I knew I was on a fishing boat headed out to sea, I was with my dad and he saw me as being young. I could barely contain myself, I was filled with great emotion. I jumped right into action taking hold of line and net just as though I had been there all along, me and dad were getting along just fine, we caught a good catch that day and afterwards we began heading back to port.

When we returned home my dad said,

"Thanks for the help son, we did good today, I'll see you tomorrow."

"Dad"

"Yes."

"I love you dad, you take care of yourself."

"I love you too son."

"Dad."

"Yes son."

"Jesus loves you and so do I."

"Thanks Son, we'll see you bright and early tomorrow morning, don't stay out too late tonight."

And with that I was sent back to the hospital with Molly who by the way was completely healed for the glory of God, and John, I'm not ashamed to tell you I cried for over an hour."

“God gave you a wonderful gift, He allowed you to go fishing with your father one last time and you were able to tell your father that you loved him and Molly was healed of her cancer for the glory of God.”

“Praise God, Praise God, this is all so very incredible, what a blessing.”

“Hey Pastor Shon, I got a story to tell too, while I was back in time with the Blackheart Gang I was able to minister to my Pals by reading the Word of God to them twice a day, once in the morning and once at night right before we turned in. While we were reading the story of Jonah the boys asked many questions, Frank Star asked,

“Jonny, how could someone survive being trapped for three days in the belly of a giant fish like that.”

And Dan The Man asked,

“Does God really turn us around in life like that even if at times when we don’t want to?”

Then Coyote Pete chimed in and said,

“We can run but we can’t hide, if God wants us to do something He will surely make it happen for His good purpose.”

Then Billy Blackheart said, “God gave Jonah a plant for shade and then He took the plant away with a worm, what I got out of that is, God giveth and God taketh away so enjoy it while you can boys because tomorrow aint promised to anyone especially not to outlaws.”

The night before we rode out to rob the stage we read some of the book of the Gospel of John, we read John Chapter 4:1-26 with emphasis on John 4:13-14 Yeshua answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst, but the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water springing up into everlasting life.”

Carson City Jake looked at me and asked,

“Hey Jonny, what is this living water that we will never thirst for again.”

“Well Jake, the living water that the Lord is talking about is our salvation because once we are truly saved we no longer thirst for our salvation, you see, at that point it’s a done deal partner, you see Jake our sin debt has been paid for in full through the shed blood of Christ our Lord when He was crucified on the cross at Calvary.”

Well that must have sunk in real deep because later that same night three members of the gang woke me up and asked me to lead them in a prayer of salvation, so we went out back and under the light of a full moon they invited Christ Yeshua to come into their lives and it was a darn good thing they did because the very next day they were all shot dead by the law at the stage coach robbery, Lord please welcome my Pals into Your Heavenly Kingdom just like You did with the thief on the cross over 2000 years ago...Amen”

“Hi boys shalom, I brought snacks just like Daniel promised, here I’ll set up a little table for you guys, no worries, just enjoy your rest, I got this. Boy what a view, have you both been doing any fishing yet.”

“No fishing yet Rabbi Hersh, maybe we will try our luck tomorrow. Hey grab a seat Rabbi and stay for a while.”

Well the three of us sat on the beach and we looked out on the ocean, we talked about life and the Lord and our blessings and adventures, we praised God, we thanked Him and we asked for His continued guidance, protection and love.

Pastor Shon, Rabbi Hersh and I did go fishing and exploring on the island the very next day and soon it was time to go home. On the last day we were there Pastor Shon found a blue stone lying on the beach, Raphael told Pastor Shon about the significance of the blue stone and he instructed him to give it to Chaplain Paul Vescio back at North Mountain.

Pastor Shon was sent to North Mountain to continue ministering to the staff, patients, and family members at least for an appointed time. Rabbi Hersh and Raphael were always close by.



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The Water Stone

I went to visit Pastor Shon today, we shared the Word of God and talked about life, then as I was about to leave he motioned me to come over by his bed and he handed me a blue stone. Pastor Shon looked at me with a very kind face and said, "Chaplain Paul this stone is a gift take it with you wherever you go and may you be filled with our Lord's peace, love, and joy."

Then Pastor Shon looked at me and said,

"Jesus loves you and so do I."

I thanked Pastor Shon and then I put the stone in my pocket and went home. When I got home I took the blue stone out of my pocket and examined it, the stone was a very deep blue like the color of the ocean or the blue sky above. The stone looked like deep blue turquoise.

In the days that followed I took the stone with me wherever I went, then about two weeks later as I was visiting a patient I mentioned water baptism and she seemed very interested in getting baptized and as we were talking my pocket became wet. I took the stone out of my pocket and the stone was wet. I couldn't understand what was happening.

I asked Joanna if she wanted to be baptized and she said yes, I explained to her that because she was a patient that water immersion wasn't an option but I could pour a small amount of water over her head and we could place a towel around her neck so she wouldn't get too wet. Joanna agreed and I proceeded to fill a cup with water and once again my pocket became wet but this time it was really wet, at this point I was led by the Holy Spirit to take the blue stone out of my pocket and use its water to baptize Joanna.

I began to baptize Joanna and as I placed the stone over her head water began flowing out of the stone then I said,

"Joanna I hereby baptize you in the Name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Then suddenly I found myself in the presence of the Lord. The Lord Christ Yeshua invited me to sit with Him. I was overwhelmed with a sense of peace and love.

The Lord told me to go forth baptizing in the Name of The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for the glory of God then the Lord looked at me and said,

“The stone Pastor Shon gave you will provide you with an endless supply of baptizing water so no matter where you go you will always be able to baptize others, now go in peace, peace shalom, for peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

And with that I found myself back in Joanna’s room and it was as though I had never left. In the weeks that followed I offered to baptize the patients I visited, many of them were energized with a newfound leaf on life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away behold, all things have become new.

Water baptism is a public affirmation of faith. When we go into the water we are crucified with Christ. When we go under the water we are buried with Christ and when we come out of the water we are resurrected with Christ. Old things have passed away, behold all things have now been made new for the glory of God.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Yeshua came and spoke to them saying, “All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on Earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age...Amen”

The End?