

Angels Witnessed my Test: And Learned from it

The testimony which follows is true in every way. I was called to witness to a certain person the gospel of Jesus Christ at a particular place at a specific time without receiving details about the ministry. The test was not unlike Job's in that I did not know that God had allowed the enemy to try to keep me from anointing His minister. I knew in the spirit that it was a test but my understanding was not opened to how long the test would take, where it would take place or the circumstances surrounding the test. Even the name of the person that I was called to anoint was not revealed unto me at the beginning of the test. In fact, I did not learn the person's identity until nearly the end of test which covered several years. In this testimony, I have not listed his name nor have I witnessed to him the testimony that is being shared at this time.

Angels were allowed to follow my test from heaven. Once more, I did not know that this was occurring until after the test was completed. I do know that angels desire to look in on the faithful church to learn things that aid their spiritual growth. Also, God never leaves himself without witness. The Hebrews writer talks about a great cloud of witnesses looking in on the people of God. As the "cloud" is their fixed position, the witness is from above and not below. The testimony covers several years and involved an unconventional tennis and golf ministry.

When God called me to play tennis, I knew it was a ministry but did not understand the unconventional nature of that ministry. I knew it was an important ministry because I had been taught that everything God does is important and that I had to treat the ministry with a sincere heart if I was to be successful. As first, I approached the tennis ministry pretty much as all beginners. I had a desire to learn the game, but later learned that God's "game" was not the same as men. I was called to play "winning tennis" meaning my attitude had to be right and that I had to be faithful unto God in all that He called me to. Others saints were called to join me in the ministry that I might have some to fellowship with. They too were called to play winning tennis. The Lord used tennis to make me and through me, those He called to fellowship with me.

God directed us to play tennis with men and women who were not members of our local church. They too were taught to play winning tennis by our obedient example to the word of God. As the test went on for years, some of the saints grew weary and did not give their whole hearts to the work and were eventually overcome. This was evidenced in their failure to remain faithful to the Sunday Park Ministry. I, however, and a few of the saints were faithful to the call of God. His remnant kept the Park Ministry alive.

After a decade, the Lord directed me to take up golf fulfilling His word that one of the saints and I would do so early on in the tennis ministry. The golf ministry was like the tennis ministry in that I had to be faithful and wait on the Lord for this aspect of the work. With the foundation from the tennis ministry, I quickly learned to play "winning golf". Like tennis, winning golf was about my attitude being right and the heart given over to

the Lord that His will be done. Also, He called for others saints to join me that I might raise them up to fellowship and to learn how to “fight the good fight of faith”. The tennis ministry had prepared for the higher golf ministry work. During golf, God would reveal unto me the devil’s evil work and how the saints were fairing in battle. As I proved faithful unto the calling of the Lord, I gained mastery over every club in the bag. I learned to do spiritual warfare very skillfully, evidenced by the skillful golf play and taught the saints to do the same.

There were times when I was fought by the enemy with symptoms of sicknesses and afflictions of no small portion. Other times I was challenged with weather conditions and the cost of golf. In all that I faced, the Lord took me through and provided for my every need. At some point during the work, the Lord directed me to a golf range for “practice”. I was called to go to this particular range once a week: rain, cold, hot or whatever the weather situation. In due course of time, a man that I had not seen for years, but had played tennis with, began to come to the same golf range while I was there. I would speak to him and have short conversations showing myself to be friendly. This went on for a considerable period of time.

One night recently, it came up in my spirit that I would witness to the man, but I did not do so. Again, I saw him but I did not do so. By the third week, the compelling anointing kicked in and after finishing my “practice” round, I approached the man in ministry. It was not a long ministry but an effective one. He had been crying out unto the Lord for direction as he had a heart to do God’s will, but he did not have the power nor wisdom of God found in God’s Christ. He was a Christian but he only knew “Jesus named” ministry. When I revealed unto him that Jesus was Mary’s son, but Christ in Jesus, the Son of God, his whole countenance changed. After further ministry, he acknowledged that all that I had preached to him made “good sense”.

Upon leaving the golf range, the Lord showed me that His Tennis Ministry and Golf Ministry were about this man. He showed me that He had called me to be tried for more than 15 years to reach this one man and to prove that I would not faint but be faithful to the work. Moreover, he revealed that certain angles had been tracking my tennis and golf ministry for years. In doing so, they learned obedience, faithful service, patience, humility, among other virtues. In a word, they learned how the creature must relate to their Creator.

I, Deryl G. Hunt, testify that this is a true testimony.