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Ministry Moment...

Do you believe in chance? Some people do and some don't: I do and I don't. I believe in chance when flipping a quarter or rolling a die, but I don't necessarily believe in chance meetings. I believe that God actively ordains our interactions with each other.

I bring this up, because I don't consider you reading this letter to be anything but God-ordained and significant. Can you consider that you are exactly where you are, at this very moment, reading this letter, and God has intended for you to read it, to hear it, and to respond to it?

Like I said, do you believe in chance? So here it is, the very thing that God is intending for you to read, to comprehend, and to act upon--the very thing that God wants you to know.

"The Spirit of Jesus is leading you to love your God and your neighbor."

Is this a chance statement, or do you believe that at this very moment God wants you to hear it? Maybe you have heard it before, maybe it is your life verse, maybe it is your church's mission statement, or maybe it is a new concept for you. Whatever it is, it is here and now before you, and God wanted you to read it.

Now what?

Now, He wants you to love Him by loving your neighbor, and in case you can't think of a neighbor, I'd like to suggest that there is one (or a few) in a nursing home or Adult Foster Care home right down the road from where you are right now.

Hmm, was that a chance statement?

I thank God for you, for praying for and supporting us, this ministry, and the residents we serve. And I want to encourage you by telling you that individually, or as a group, you can do a lot of loving on your neighbors just by visiting them.

Please pray about how God might use you and your church to be a blessing to Him and your neighbor. And feel free to contact me if you need some pointers.

~John

Mark 12:28-34

Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner,

Happy, April! I love the spring season; this time when the birds are singing once again and Michigan's dead brown world returns to the fresh green of life. It's appropriate that we celebrate Easter this month, don't you think?

Earlier this month I was privileged to attend our association's leaders' conference in Grand Rapids: I enjoyed my time with the brothers and sisters. I feel blessed to have friends who love and pray for me and to be reminded of that fact during this annual conference.

Next month I am going to a men's retreat. I'm looking forward to this, because I am told that this event is different from other retreats. I am told there aren't physical activities to participate in, but rather spiritual exercises geared to enhance one's relationship to God through the Spirit of Christ. I am told that when this weekend is over I will feel spiritually wrung out. I am looking forward to this as I have been experiencing some spiritual anxieties of late. Please pray that this time will be a major adjustment to my heart and faith as I desire to meet with God in a new and dynamic way.

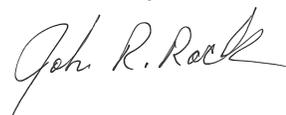
Terry will be coming home from Florida this month. I am thankful that she was able to escape our Michigan winter, but I'm glad that she is coming home. Please pray for her safe travels.

Please pray for Megan and me as we attempt to manage our family as we should. Between home schooling, raising children who will (we hope) someday become well-adjusted adults, and keeping our marital relationship at a healthy place, we often feel overwhelmed and like we are failing. Of course, I know that our home is covered by the grace of Christ, but still, we are always concerned. Please remember to pray for God's hand of blessing in our efforts.

And finally, two dear friends of ours and long-time supporters of this ministry welcomed a new daughter into their family at the end of February. Little Verity was born with Trisomy 18, a syndrome that comes with a shortened life expectancy and a variety of special needs. Please pray as our friends so bravely love and fight for their daughter and cherish the precious little life that God has blessed them with. You can follow Verity's story on Facebook (search for the group "Verity's Voice: A Trisomy 18 Song of Triumph").

Have a great month!

And thank you,



John R Rock

**Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."
(1 Samuel 17:45)**