

Divine Messages and Divine Appointments

“Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other”

Psalm 85:10:31

Outdoors in the bright sunshine following a big rain with a high temperature of 62 degrees provided a memorable highlight day this week. Yesterday was a completely clear and sunny day accompanied by a cool breeze off the lake. Sandy's invitation to help with de-grassing the flower beds seemed yucky until I had been outside, in the sunshine, feeling cool and comfortable in less than 15 minutes. The weather was beautiful and birds decided to perform a concert at our home and neighborhood. Divine messages seemed to be clearly spoken by the music from a Cardinal, an American Robin, the screeching sounds of a Blue Jay and the combination of tunes from a Mockingbird. There was also a woodpecker providing percussion to provide rhythm from the songbirds in the trees.

For no reason I began to make up messages from the songs the birds were singing. The Cardinal was noisy and persistent. What sounds like cheer, *cheer, cheer, cheer* when one sings from our trees near the feeders became specific words stuck in my head. I have no reason to explain why the four sounds the Cardinal was repeating became *You Can Do It.... You Can Do It*. Throughout the day, the happily singing Cardinal sat in our magnolia tree spreading a positive message in my mind. The four sounds came in quick repetition and because I had created my own interpretation of the sounds. I realized that digging the grass became much less tedious.

The melodies of songbirds can become whatever words we need at the time. I began to hear phrases like *You Are Loved. Be Good... You Are Loved. Be Good*. Of course, it's just me making up words that fit the musical renderings of local birds. Admittedly, the Mockingbird makes it difficult to make a repetitive series of words. Considering the difficulty of conforming to the sounds of all the other birds emerging at one time from his song, there's no interpretation.

There are many ways God brings guidance and encouragement to His people. When I hear sounds and interpret words from the sounds, I know there are divine messages to be interpreted just to uplift and inspire the listeners. Messages from unexpected sources come as divine appointments with God and the sights and sounds of nature. You may be a source of encouragement to other people and can become a divinely inspired appointment with someone you never met before. What seems like a chance encounter today may change lives in some way later. It is providing a service or polite action at any given time. Politely holding a door open for someone whose hands are full just before they drop their load. Perhaps it is smiling and saying hello at the exact time the person needed to see a friendly face.

Divine messages and appointments make huge differences in the lives of others.

Peace always,
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