

Kris Vallotton's Calling

Paul shared this at our Kingdom Community gathering this week:

“Bible and unwind from a grueling day at the shop by relaxing in our old, claw-foot bathtub. The bathroom was the only room in the house that locked, so it became sort of a place of refuge when one of us needed a break from the kids. When dinner was ready, I would get out of the tub and we would eat together as a family. Then I would play with the kids, and Kathy would get a break from her long day with them.

I grabbed my Bible, its pages tattered from years of steam from the tub, and carefully submerged myself in the hot water. It felt like a thousand needles were poking my frozen feet and legs as my body temperature slowly crept back to normal. As the pain subsided, I read a couple familiar chapters from the Bible, then I closed my eyes, praying silently for the things that concerned my heart. There was nothing particularly special about this night; it was just like any other time in the tub. I read, I prayed, I contemplated, I meditated...It was never a particularly exciting or extraordinarily spiritual time. Personally, I was not prone to mystical experiences or angelic visitations; it was always just a peaceful experience of sensing God’s goodness and enjoying a few quiet minutes to myself.

But suddenly, something astonishing happened. I heard a strange noise, and I opened my eyes just in time to see Jesus walk through the wall and stand in front of me! I sat up in the tub with a sense of awe surging through my being like electricity. I looked up into His face, and I could see the world in His eyes. Then, to my surprise, He began to speak to me.

“I have called you to be a prophet to the nations. You will speak before kings and queens. You will influence prime ministers and presidents. I will open doors for you to talk to mayors, governors, ambassadors and government officials all around the world. You will be a father to many nations, and you will guide many nations into prosperity, freedom and peace. I will put My words in your mouth, and the nations will know that there is a God in heaven who loves them, leads them and guides the affairs of men!”

The vision lasted for about half an hour as Jesus told me many other things that would happen in my life. I sat there in the tub, speechless, my mind swirling with thoughts, while my heart trembled with some sort of awesome fear, excitement and wonder all mixed up into one tumultuous emotion. Finally, the Lord turned His back toward me to leave the room. Then He suddenly stopped, turned back around and pointed right at me. He said in a serious tone, “History will tell us if you believe Me!”

A moment later, He was gone.”¹

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