

## **Faith in the Miracles of God**

Every one of us likes to remember those small and big miracles that happen in our lives. They are milestones on our path to unity with God's love. And so it was with me:

With a lot of joy I bought a used motorcycle after passing my exams when I was 16 years old, and amazed the world and myself with my youthful zeal. Early in the morning, I drove with my motorcycle on this steeply sloping narrow farm road before going to work. At the height of a railway embankment, the farm road buckled 50 degrees into a tunnel, so that I could not see the tunnel entrance while riding my fast vehicle.

Suddenly, a small company transporter of the German Railway came towards me head on. Dodging it was no longer possible. I called out from the depth of my heart: "Lord, help me!"

For some inexplicable reason, I did not collide with the transporter, but flew parallel to the inner walls of the tunnel in a high arc, about 20 meters in the air, and landed on the tunnel floor. The motorcycle crashed on the inside walls, but except for some small scratches and ruined pants, nothing happened to me. The pickup truck with the workers in it continued unscathed. Blessing in disguise? – No.

Another story: When I was happy to receive my car driving license and was allowed to drive the first beautiful hours with my new Fiat, the following happened: In a 90 degrees curve in the road, a car came straight towards me. My brother in law drove about 100 yards before me and was able to see what was going on in his rear view mirror. There was no way to avoid a crash, but an invisible hand protected me. The oncoming car had suddenly disappeared.

Many people can report similar experiences that were inexplicable yet miraculous. For me, it is certain that it was God's hand that guarded and protected me. I believe in the words of Jesus:

"Your faith has saved you." (LK.8:48)

The connection to God is a connection from heart to heart. If we try to be in the presence of God, God's omnipotence and greatness will protect and guard us. The gratitude that I feel for God's love and care is infinite and gives me joy and confidence in my life.

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