

Example of Spirit Led Moment

My dad suffered a stroke a few years back, and it was a pretty significant scare for our family. He has always been the picture of strength and stability, and seeing him lying in a hospital bed was pretty difficult to process. In addition, the doctors struggled to provide definitive answers on his condition. I know strokes can be peculiar, and the damage can be difficult to pinpoint. I chose to stay with him through the night and allow the rest of the family to go home and rest. Unfortunately, that night brought drastic news about his condition. The doctor made it clear that his condition was terminal, and that he would not recover. In fact, he advised that he might not make it through the night. I was completely overwhelmed, and I struggled to maintain composure. My dad was conscious and able to engage with us, so it did not seem possible that these would be his last moments. But if he only had a few hours left, then I would need to pray through all of them. I felt the Holy Spirit leading me to place the full weight of the moment on the Lord, rather than creating a panic by contacting family. I prayed silently for the remainder of the night, as my dad rested. And when the specialist arrived the next morning, he completely reversed the report! The unique brain condition that the previous doctor identified was not terminal, and my dad would make a full recovery.

I know the Lord intervened on my behalf. I say “on my behalf” rather than “on my dad’s behalf”, because I believe there was something specific He wanted to show me. As the youngest child, it was rare that I was ever in a position to stand representative of the entire family. I feel the Lord graciously extended Himself to strengthen my faith in this situation. He used the most extreme moment, to remind me that He was with me - and to give me confidence that if I call on Him, He will answer.