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Letting Go...

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I did what I had been taught in this program. I reached out to other addicts. I called my wife. I called/e-mailed friends and I worked through it—slowly, but the Fear only subsided. It did not go away.

Over the course of the first six months of my retirement, many of the fears did manifest. The ex-wife sued me. Monetary woes. Rip-offs we couldn't afford. However, through it all we did not lose the house. We did not starve. Friends stepped up and we worked through it. Budgeting, planning, we are getting through.

Per company policy I had to wait six months before I could go back to work for them, even with a different company. To help ease my fears, four months into my retirement I contacted the first person who offered me the job. They said, "Sure, no problem. Working on it." The next month, same reply. The following month they hinted it could be possible for me to work from home. An even better plan. Things were looking better.

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A month before I could start work, I contacted the contract company that would hire me out to my old company. We worked together to get me set up and ready. I even got paid for this training. Things were looking much better. Then they weren't.

On my final day of training for the job I had been almost guaranteed at my retirement party I got a text. I got this text two minutes before I was to start my final few hours of training. The text said, "Sorry Man, the job isn't happening." I was devastated, to say the least. I didn't know what to do. Again the training, the lessons I learned in my years in recovery kicked in. I took a breath and looked around.

Working 45 years in the same location you make friends. This training class was different than most of the others. It was at the location I had been working for all those years. Therefore, when I looked around I saw some people I knew and talked to them. They knew a guy who knew a guy that perhaps could have a job. I felt a bit better. Thank You, God.

I had to turn my cell phone off for the training class so I didn't get the follow-up text until after the class. They suggested I contact a different person who works for the company. This was the second person at my retirement party who said they would hire me. I hadn't talked to them yet. I called them and they were ecstatic. I talked to them face to face and they wanted me to start the next day. That afternoon I got everything I required and I waited.

It has been three months and counting. No job yet. At least not that job. I have done more training for the contract company. Thereby earning a bit of additional income, but not much. And I wait.

The longer I waited for this new job my worry and fear grew. Every night as I walked our dog I would look up at the sky and pray. Being winter time my favorite constellation, Orion was overhead. I prayed for the God of my understanding to come into my heart and take away this fear. They did, and the fear slowly eased. I prayed some more. The fear eased some more.

Today, as I write this, the fear that so overwhelmed me nine months ago is gone. It is gone because I have let go of that ladder. I have let go of expectations. I have let go of what I think I need and have turned it over to God – to the God of my own understanding. Also, they have assured me that yes they do want me. The holdup is corporate paperwork. Meaning I haven't landed yet. However, I feel God has given me wings to ease the landing.

Another saying from early on, "Don't give up until the miracle happens." No, I don't have the job, yet. Although the job was only one of my worries. I had my ex-wife's lawsuit. My lawyer and her lawyer talked and talked. This happened, that happened. My ex-wife passed away, but not the lawsuit. Finally, with less than a day to go before the court date, where I was going to have to pay several thousand dollars of money I didn't have regardless of how the lawsuit turned out, it was dropped.

I cut out the lawyers. I talked one-on-one to the person pushing the lawsuit, and it was dropped. That wasn't me. That was the God of my understanding coming into that person's heart and easing their pain. I don't know what God has planned for me, for the rest of today, or tomorrow. I know it will be what is best for my family and me. My immediate and

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extended family. All I have to do is Trust God and Let Go.

After writing the first draft of this article, I got a text from the person trying to get me the job. It said all the corporate paperwork had been cleared, and the job was happening. Yeah, thank you, God.

And I waited. Three weeks. But those three weeks were nothing. I knew I had the job. I knew God had helped me through, and it is happening. It has been processed, and the job is happening in two days. I have, with the help of a God of my own understanding, friends and loved ones, AND this program, made it through. I made it through and on to another adventure.

I am grateful for this life I live. I am grateful to live this life I love. I am grateful to live this life I love with those I love, and who love me. I am oh so grateful to live this sober life with God. ▲

~by Jeff M.

Life with Hope – “potential” Promises within Each Step

[Editor's Note: This submission by Darlene D. will span multiple ANL issues. All copy is quoted directly from *Life with Hope*. We have not included line-by-line citation detail, but instead encourage our readers to discover where in the book these lines can be found.]

Step One

- we discover the reality of powerlessness
- we found the courage to tell the truth
- first step to freedom
- give up our arrogance and defiance

Save the Date!
Feb 14-16, 2020
MA World Convention



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District 6, Los Angeles
“A Vision for Us”
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Step Two

- introduced to the principles of open-mindedness and hope
- begin to see the possibility our beliefs about ourselves (while using) had been mistaken
- sane minutes, hours, days and weeks
- found the way to a new Faith or renewed our old one

Step Three

- accomplishment of making a decision
- our lives and the responsible use of our freedom to us choose are returned to us
- we cleared the way for growth and recovery
- faith and acceptance are our new solutions
- faith gives our lives a new direction
- opened the way to a new reliance on a Higher Power
- restoration of our inner wisdom

~by Darlene D. (to be continued...)

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Michael H. 4/20/2006 13 yrs
Michael S. 3/13/2009 10 yrs

District 5

Cory D. 4/24/2014 5 yrs
Gary L. 5/8/2007 12 yrs
Laura B. 4/20/2004 15 yrs
Lyman 4/27/2010 9 yrs
Mary C. 5/10/2010 9 yrs
Tom G. 5/17/2010 9 yrs
Trevor 4/24/2013 6 yrs

District 11

Craig S. 5/26/1987 32 yrs
Judy T. 5/13/2014 6 yrs
Lael P. 5/18/2011 8 yrs
Lisa G. 5/16/2013 6 yrs

District 22

Rachel C. 5/29/2015 4 yrs

District 24

Zack O. 5/1/2018 1 yr

Ann Arbor, MI

Noah C. 5/8/2016 3 yrs

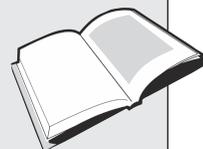
MA Phone Groups

Darlene D. 5/7/2016 3 yrs

From Life with Hope

Step Six

We're entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.



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