

The Jason Fisher Story

Today's Temple Talk is a story of God at work, a story of healing, generosity, Devine guidance, prayer, and forgiveness.

Jason, a young businessman, had just purchased a Fayetteville property on Route 30 to expand his business and give it more visibility. He planned to operate at two locations, Chambersburg and Fayetteville.

June 15 , 2022 was a life changing day. Vacation was to begin the next day. His wife, Jacki, was packing for the trip and Jason was on his way, by garden tractor, to mow the grass at their newly acquired property. He told Jacki, " I will be back in a little bit". But on his way he was smashed against a pole by a passing motorist and thrown onto Main Street, Fayetteville.

First on the scene was Trinity Member Jeff Witter, an off duty EMT. He called 911 and ordered a helicopter. A neighbor lady came forward and held Jason and offered continuous prayers. When the on duty EMT's arrived they did not recognize the victim, although they knew him, Missing his signature cap and glasses and covered with blood they did not know him until they pulled his wallet. Jason suffered many cuts, fractures of the face, brain bleed, broken leg, and many bruised organs. The EMT's took him to the Fire Hall where he was whisked off by the awaiting helicopter to York Hospital, a 14 minute trip. Jason was later told that if he had been taken to Chambersburg, a non trauma hospital, he may not have survived.

Meanwhile his wife Jackie, having seen the helicopter, is wondering, "What happened? Who is the patient? What is taking Jason so long?"

At the hospital, Jackie was informed of the seriousness of Jason's injuries. She felt a need to go home to comfort children, Dilynn and Alyssa, let other family members know about the accident, and get a change of clothes. A doctor told her she could not leave. She needed to be there 24/7 to make life or death decisions. After a short discussion he allowed her two hours to go home and back. Her first prayer, Don't let Jason die until I get back"

Jason spent three days in the trauma unit, at one point asking his mother, "Am I going to die? Telephone poles, bad" He then spent two days in intensive care. His next stop was to be a nursing home, OR home if he would have 24/7 care. Jacki, a former teacher, not a nurse, rose to the challenge to be Jason's care taker.

Meanwhile there was the business. Although she was its secretary she had no idea what all Jason did. But decisions had to be made. She knew she could not support two mortgages and if the business was not properly managed they could lose everything. She was on her own because Jason had no memory the first five weeks.

With God's guidance she was able to obtain building permits, complete the remodeling of the new building, move all the equipment from Chambersburg to Fayetteville, organize the new shop, manage employees, ask for forgiveness from customers waiting on signs, and sell the Chambersburg real estate, not easy because of its sentimental value.

Many people came forward to help: friends, family, contractors, competing sign companies, a realtor, their vendors. Gifts came in form of Get Well cards with money, gas cards, hotel lodging, and meal trains. Although Jason had disability insurance, it would not kick in for 90 days. Trinity members came forward with gifts of between \$3000 and 4000.

Jason feels that this incident is all part of God's plan, "a horrible thing turned good," he said. God's plan:

Bringing Jacki into the business 5 years earlier as his secretary.

A helicopter being ordered immediately instead of later

Condensing the business to one location and selling the in town property

Providing continued customer support. Customers were asked, "Can you wait?" Not a single customer was lost.

Contractors who came forward to help out. What might have taken a week or more got done in a day.

For example, when the equipment would not fit through the door, a garage door was almost immediately installed.

Vendors who offered more time for payment

Continued prayers, from Trinity, family, friends, and especially the lady at the accident scene.

Both Jason and Jacki have felt the power of prayer, God's healing power, His taking control of their lives, providing the continuance of Art Sign Company, and the unbelievable support of family, friends, and Trinity but also the community.

Jason does not hold a grudge against the motorist and forgives him "Accidents do happen". The outcome of Jason's healing is good. Doctors feel he will back to his full normality in a year and a half. Youth was in his favor. Jason said, " If I do have a limp from the broken leg, it's no big deal"

This is indeed a story of God at work, a story of healing, generosity, Divine Guidance, prayer, and forgiveness.