

My Faith Story

My name is Dave and I want to share with you an event that occurred in my life, the results of which are reaching many people throughout the world every day. It started with a conversation and a card.

We all have had times in our lives when a situation comes up either at work, home or elsewhere; where a conversation occurs that you know you need to intervene in. That conversation occurred years ago at work when my coworker was humorously discussing the topic of apocalyptic jokes: rummaging through the personal effects of those who had disappeared to see what they could find. I compare this to the concept of the Rapture – when people will be called up to Christ from right where they are. **Later, this insensitive joking burned me in my heart** and I went to the Lord in prayer for guidance. That experience and prayer, led me to create a special card to carry with me.

I later went back to my coworker with the card, but not before asking for courage from the Lord, to speak with him. My coworker accepted the card and apologized for joking about the topic. I would and did speak with others later and offered the card to them, as well. Even a missionary from South America translated the card into their native language. I know there are many different interpretations of the book of Revelation and this card reflects my sincere personal belief, which may not be shared by everyone.

I call my card the **Rapture Card**. We don't know the day or the time when Jesus will call us home and there will be many still left behind who may, as my coworker jokingly suggested, rummage through the pockets of discarded clothing. What if they found a card that offered them a direction for the coming seven years? What if it helped nudge them in the right direction towards Christ? Would it be worth keeping a special card with all the other cards we keep in our wallets and purses; a card that can not only remind us there is still time to repent and accept Christ as savior but could also be passed from generation to generation until the coming day of our Lord?

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV). I don't think this story ends here as I still hand cards out at times and our time to be called Home has not yet occurred. Just knowing that I acted by **listening to the Spirit's guidance gives me hope that lives can be saved** through a simple card and conversation.