

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday February 3, 2025 - Proverbs 3: 5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Read Proverbs 3 for meditation and inspiration.



Peace in the Storm

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

Since Niagara Falls was less than a day's drive from my Ohio home, our family was able to travel there several times to see this wonder of nature and act of God in power and beauty. I remember going there during a very troubled time in my life. I was trying to just forget my hurts, challenges and the escalating difficulties. Well, the falls did not disappoint. I decided to do something that I had done several times in the past and that was to take the boat called "Maid of the Mist." One man who took a tour of the falls on that celebrated vessel said this about the experience:

“The boat headed straight for the base of the majestic falls. The closer we got, the slower we moved. Water was showering everything around us, and we couldn't hear each other over the tumultuous thunder.

Suddenly, we broke through the curtain into a place of peace. Behind us, the water rolled from above and the sides. Ahead the falls were so close we sensed we could reach out for a touch. But there was a sense of peace which must be like being in the eye of a hurricane. Looking up, beautifully arched over our heads, was a rainbow. The wonder of it all filled our eyes with tears. I held my breath and listened closely, for I knew that at any moment, some great choir would break out in Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." There was peace in the midst of the storm! There was God in the midst of the storm!”

I agree with that assessment. God uses many avenues to catch our attention and to speak a word of love and peace into our troubled lives. He has done it for me time and time

again and He will do it for you if only you listen and surrender into his love and care. You are his beloved child and he yearns to bless you with help and hope.

In God's Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

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