



***“I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people.”  
Isaiah 43:20***

Habitat for Humanity could probably publish an encyclopedia of stories about how their organization has demonstrated the power of trust as it has built homes – sometimes whole neighborhoods – with folks who otherwise could not afford one. In their book *“The Excitement Is Building,”* Habitat founders Millard and Linda Fuller tell how an all-volunteer crew was struggling one day to assemble prefabricated roof trusses that simply would not fit. “With half of the trusses already incorrectly in place, it was soon determined that no manner of recalculation or relocation would solve the problem.”

As the story is told, they barely noticed a passerby who had stopped to watch. When he asked to take a closer look, they were so intent on solving the mess they were in that they just nodded and returned to their challenge. “Because everyone was so frustrated by this time, the man was hardly noticed as he scurried nimbly up the framework and examined the layout. He soon came down and gave all the dejected volunteers a jolt. He explained a detailed but basic solution to the seemingly insolvable problem. The volunteers quickly set about doing just as he suggested, and his plan worked to perfection.”

The workers were so busy – and so relieved – that they never noticed when the man left. They had never seen him before, and they never saw him again. But they had no doubt who sent him. They called him their “divine engineer.”

Have you ever welcomed a “divine engineer” into your life? Someone who seemed to enter at just the appropriate time, providing you with all that was needed at that particular moment. Someone who just seemed to appear out of the blue, providing you with all the help you needed to solve a particular problem or concern. Perhaps it was help with an ongoing project that had you stumped; maybe a word of advice that you so desperately needed to hear; a sense of direction when you were lost; a saving act when you were at what appeared to be the end of the line.

During my lifetime I have experienced several situations where “divine engineers” have made themselves known. For example, I can recall times when I have been in a particular situation with my car – flat tire – broken down – and all of a sudden out of nowhere someone stepped in. I think about those occasions when I thought a particular outcome was lost to me only to have it made visible once again through an unknown set of eyes, wise advice, or an unexpected gesture.

But what about in your experience? Where and when have those moments happened in your life? At what points have those “divine engineers” entered and helped in ways that corrected or aided you?

And what about on the other end of it? How many times has God used you in the lives of other people? How many times have you been that “divine engineer” in someone else’s heart or story?

In a very concrete way I was reminded this past week that our God can and often does use us in many and varying ways in the lives of those around us. When we keep our hearts open and keep that sense of service and love leading the way, unexpected things have a way of surfacing. But here’s the thing, occasionally we have no idea the help we are providing to that other person, or the answer that we are helping them to formulate. Sometimes what seems simple and elementary to us is over the top and spectacular to them or to the circumstance.

So, I want to encourage you to keep your eyes and hearts open; trust your God, your faith, and let that love and call to service lead the way. Reach out to those you see who are struggling, or in need of help. Don’t be hesitant or over analyze the situation, just be the “Child of God” you were created to be – someone who is ready to serve and love – someone who just might be through God, that “divine engineer” needed in that particular situation or circumstance.

**Prayer:**

**Heavenly Father,**

**You are our Divine Engineer who makes all things work together for good. Help us to put our trust in you and you alone that together we might be better able to serve this world and those around us. Keep our eyes open and our hearts in tune to the needs that surround us. Use us and the gifts that you have given us to serve and love one another.**

**Amen**