

THE INTERCESSOR

When you pray for someone, you are starting a chain reaction which results in miracles. — Jesus (Originally published September 2000; updated)



IT WAS THE SUMMER OF 1977, AND BARCLAY TAIT, A 36-YEAR-OLD BASKETBALL COACH, HITCHHIKED WITH HIS CAMPING GEAR TO A CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE IN FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA.

HAVING ARRIVED FOUR DAYS EARLY, HE PITCHED HIS TENT BY A STREAM IN A NEARBY FOREST.



ON THE LAST DAY, AS HE SAT READING HIS BIBLE...

HI!

MY NAME IS DAVE.

BARCLAY TAIT.

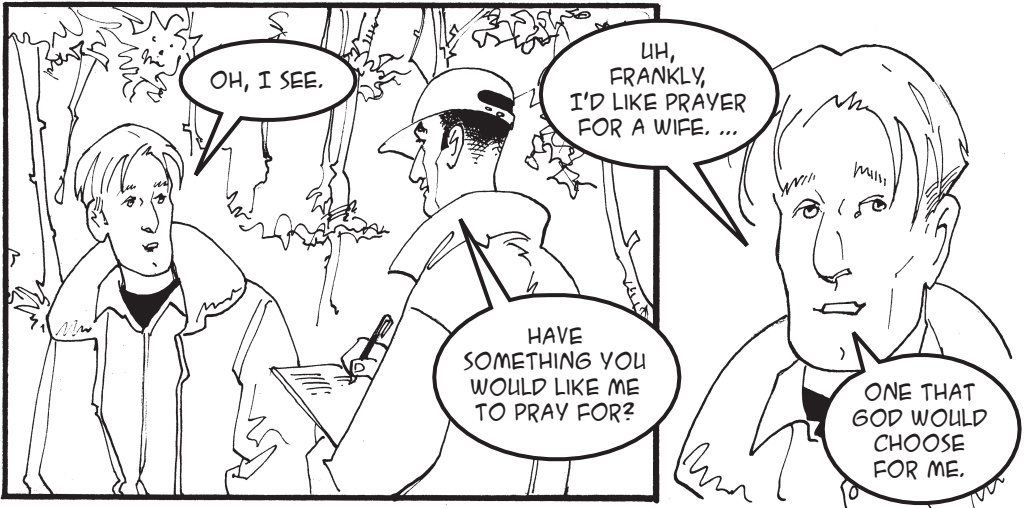
H - HI...

BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO GET ALONE.

YEAH. I CAME OUT HERE TO MEDITATE. AND ER ... YOU?



I'M AN INTERCESSOR.



OH, I SEE.

UH, FRANKLY, I'D LIKE PRAYER FOR A WIFE. ...

HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO PRAY FOR?

ONE THAT GOD WOULD CHOOSE FOR ME.

THE MAN WROTE THE REQUEST IN HIS NOTEBOOK, PROMISED TO PRAY, AND WALKED ON.



ELEVEN YEARS LATER, BARCLAY AND A LIVELY WOMAN CALLED SHERRY, TO WHOM HE HAD NOW BEEN MARRIED FOR FOUR YEARS, MOVED TO ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

THE LORD IS GUIDING US, BARCLAY.

CERTAINLY! EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW NO ONE HERE...



...AND HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE THREE HOURS, I'VE ALREADY GOT A JOB!

AND WE'VE SECURED A HOUSE!

You can make the usual into the unusual, the banal into the miraculous, and the mundane into the extraordinary by applying prayer. Prayer is the magic that makes things happen. — Jesus (Originally published August 2008)

A LITTLE WHILE LATER, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER IN A PARKING LOT LED THEM TO A CHRISTIAN GROUP ON A HILLTOP OUTSIDE OF TOWN AT THE HOME OF A UNC [UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA] PROFESSOR.

THEY ARRIVED JUST BEFORE THE 7 PM EVENING MEETING.



THEY WALKED IN AND FOUND PEOPLE CHATTING — ALL STRANGERS TO THEM.



JUST THEN, THE HOST WALKED IN FROM THE KITCHEN

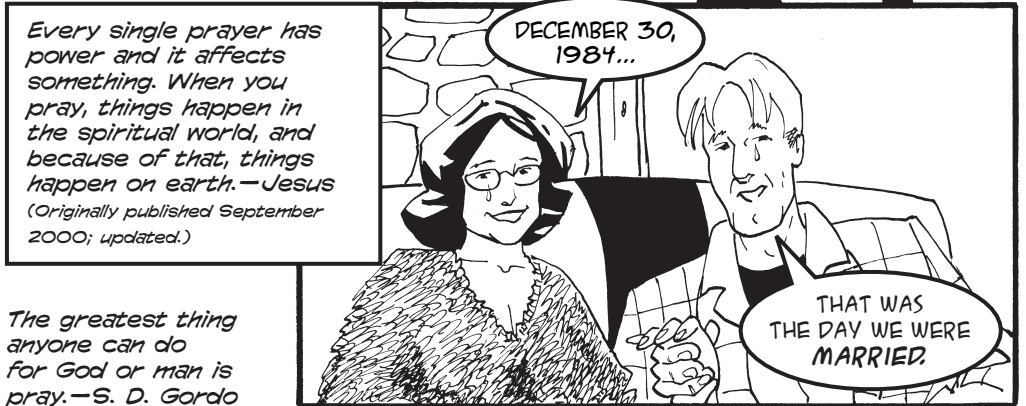
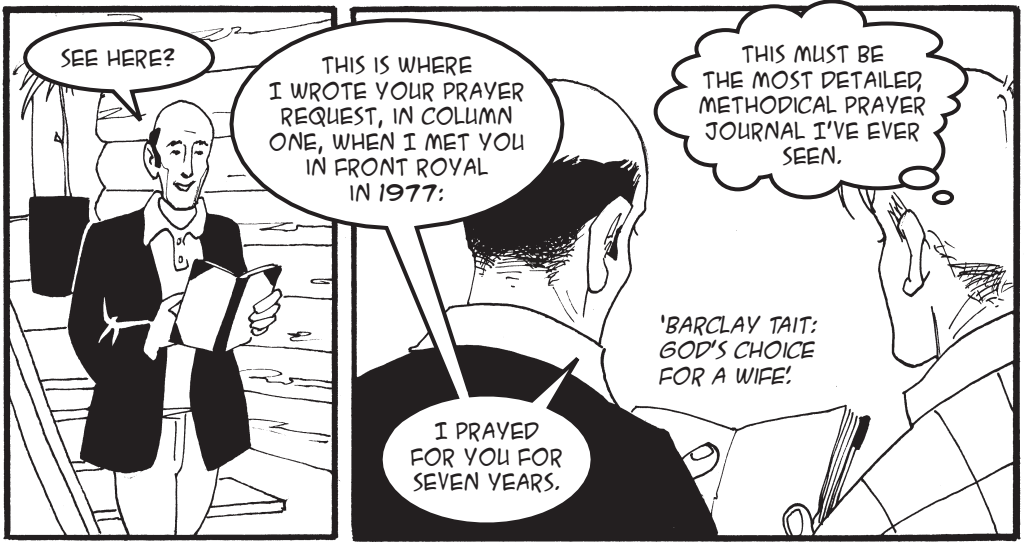
I KNOW YOU!

YOU'RE BARCLAY TAIT!



JUST A MINUTE; I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.





The greatest thing anyone can do for God or man is pray. — S. D. Gordo