

Around the World by Sea in 2023

God has just called Sandy and me to travel around the world by water. His desire is for the entire planet to be filled with the *“knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”*

As I relay the sequence of events leading up to this unique mandate, please remember that we each receive spiritual ‘downloads’ in ways distinctive to our calling. How God speaks to me may differ significantly from how He speaks to you.

Having lately completed my fourth walk across America, entreating God for a Great Awakening, I felt due for a time of relaxation. So, this October, Sandy and I found a much-discounted cruise beginning in Quebec City, Canada, which followed the Saint Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic Ocean and then down the east coast of America.

Sandy was born in Canada and was eager to pray for Canadian provinces she had not yet visited. She was also excited to continue to pray for revival in America as we cruised the eastern seaboard and visited historic sites where our nation had its beginnings. She felt that we were placing a spiritual seal of completion over the prayer work that had been accomplished during our last two prayer walks across the nation.

In addition, as I often receive prophetic revelation as we travel, she was fully expecting that I would hear from the Lord on this

voyage, possibly getting my next prayer assignment, which she felt could be for Israel.

Truthfully, my hope was simple enough as I only wanted to rest.

Therefore, shortly after boarding the ship, I was surprised to hear the Lord say, “I am again sending you to the ends of the earth.”

I was puzzled by this message. God has sent me to the “ends of the earth” multiple times. As I have followed His prompting, I have been to the equator, the North Pole, the South Pole, and numerous far-flung points. What other “ends of the earth” places could He have in mind?

A prophetic download had begun, and I would receive further revelation a day or two later.

As the ship entered the Atlantic Ocean, traveling at a snail’s pace because of whale migration, the Rhema word of the Lord came to me again, this time from John 15:7, “Because you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it will be done for you.”

I then realized God was giving me the authority to pray another faith venture into reality, provided I prayed according to His will.

I have often experienced the outworking of this scriptural principle, as the Lord has burdened me with an “exploit” that He wants me to accomplish and then gives me a “spirit of prayer” to bring it to birth. When I received this verse, I knew

He was about to task me with a new mission, and my spirit rose. It seemed the Lord was giving me His authority to travel again to the ‘ends of the earth.’

What clarification would He give next? I was listening!

God speaks to us in many ways, and His ways are often very different from ours. When you receive a spiritual revelation foreign to your way of thinking, it can often be a telltale sign that you are hearing the voice of the Lord.

An Elder at my home church once said, “Notice what you’re noticing,” which I find to be good advice when seeking direction from the Lord. Accordingly, I try to tune my spiritual ears to hear His voice in any surprising way He wants to speak.

For example, in 2007, God spoke to me through a series of whiskey billboards in Barcelona. As I’ve never been one to imbibe, this was very foreign to my thinking! The signs were for Johnny Walker whiskey, and the slogan said, “*Johnny Walker, keep on walking.*” Johnny Walker was my nickname from previous walks across America. As I looked at the billboards, I wept, sensing that God was speaking and that He had more walking for me to do. A year later, after much prayer, I launched a 6,000-mile prayer walk from Portugal through Europe and Central Asia, arriving at the border of Kazakhstan and China in 2010. What was the prophetic significance of this two-year walk? God wants His world back and is about to invade lands that have been historically hostile to His presence.

Since 2007, I have often heard or seen the words “Johnny Walker” shortly before being sent out by the Lord.

Back on the cruise, I walked past a bar on one of the ship’s upper decks when I distinctly heard the words “Johnny Walker.” I heard nothing else, only “Johnny Walker.” A man was talking about whiskey, but God was talking to me.

“OK, God, you are calling my name,” I thought. “I am listening!”

Soon, we made a stop in Portland, Maine. Strolling along one of its many historic streets, I passed a woman calling to her family in a foreign language. I smiled broadly at her, and she said, “Oh! Do you understand Hebrew?”

“You’re speaking Hebrew?” I replied, “No, I don’t understand your language, but I love Israel.”

Maybe the next mission does have something to do with Israel. Pieces of the puzzle continued to fall into place.

A day later, Sandy and I arrived in Boston. Walking the ship’s outer deck just before landing, these words bypassed my mind and came straight out of my mouth, “One if by land and two if by sea.”

“Whose words are these?” I asked out loud. A fellow passenger chimed in that it was a Revolutionary War signal tied to the exploits of Paul Revere, who sounded the alarm that the British were coming. One lantern would be lit in a church tower if the

British came by land, and two lanterns if they approached by sea.

Immediately, my mind raced to a faith venture God called me to in 1987. My family and I were to travel around the world by land. I had received a vision of circumnavigating the earth multiple times like an astronaut. The vision was vivid enough to leave me feeling slightly dizzy. At that time, not knowing anything about this, my pastor, Alan Langstaff, called and stated that he thought God wanted me to travel right around the world.

That trip was a massive stretch of faith. I can honestly say that we did not have a single dollar a week before departure. Yet, by the grace of God, enough funds came in to get our family of five from Minnesota to England, across Europe, Russia, Mongolia, China, and home again to Minnesota six months later.

I thought, “Lord, you’ve just said, ‘One if by land, two if by sea.’ I’ve already gone around the world by land. Are You asking me to go around again, this time by sea?”

Shortly after, a fellow passenger approached and asked if I had cruised much. “A little,” I replied. At that, he related how he and his wife had cruised twice around the world.

Astonished, I stopped him and said, “What did you just say?”

He repeated, “My wife and I have cruised around the world twice. It took us about three and a half months. We’re not

wealthy by any means; the money came from a church project I worked on as a semi-retired architect.”

God had provided the cost of this man’s travel around the world by water. The Lord had my attention.

In the meantime, Sandy struck up a friendship with his wife. She had just written ‘Ticket to Space,’ a children's book scheduled to be launched and read by astronauts on the International Space Station. She had worked at the NASA Visitor’s Center for fifteen years and was very knowledgeable. All the necessary arrangements to get the book into space had been made (including a chemical check to ensure the ink wouldn’t explode in the zero-gravity atmosphere!). Her book would make multiple trips around the globe, bringing me back to the dizzying vision I had in 1987. It seemed God was giving me the ‘Ticket’ or authority to circumnavigate the globe!

Intrigued, I searched for global cruises and discovered a ship heading west across the Atlantic Ocean from Southampton, England, departing on January 3, 2023. It goes around the world and stops in many ports and “end of the earth” islands before returning to Southampton from the Pacific Ocean on April 13, 2023.

Amazingly, this trip takes 99 days, a significant number for me!

In 2018 I prayer-walked America along Route 66 from beginning to end with a Divine mandate of flipping the effects of ‘66’, the

number of 'man,' to '99', the number of 'covenant with God.' This was a 99-day cruise, and my spirit leaped!

Though substantial, the price of the 99-day cruise was considerably less than other world cruises. In addition, it cost just about the same amount that had come into our bank account during the last prayer walk of America. It seemed most of the price had already been provided!

Just then, a spirit of prayer came upon me. I petitioned God to permit me to take that 99-day voyage, embarking from Southampton on January 3, 2023.

As is often the case, once hearing from the Lord, I went into an "Is that you, God?" phase. Not only did God confirm my steps, but He also showed me the link with Israel.

An email from friends who reside in Jerusalem greatly encouraged me:

"Praying you back into the land of Israel. I understand the vision God has given you now...to SEE that His gospel has gone to the ends of the earth...even to the furthest islands, "the set time has come" for the gospel to come to them. I sense that when you both come to Israel, the declaration of this amazing moment in time will be a calling forth to the four winds! The Jews are not yet gathered as they should be in the land. Thousands have not yet made Aliyah. This is part of the calling. They will be saved in the

nations as they come home. At the same time, they will be saved in the land of Israel. Can these dry bones live? I have been getting that scripture all morning!

Something was awakened in the Spirit for me when I realized the root purpose of your going to the ends of the earth!”

The Lord is directing us to make Scriptural declarations as we island-hop the globe as a witness that the Gospel has been to the ends of the earth. It is now time for Israel’s eyes to be opened to her Messiah and for a Global return to covenant with our Creator God.

God desires that *the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*

After bringing the matter before the Lord, Sandy and I decided to step out in faith and purchase the tickets for the 99-day trip, which we did on October 31st. It was Halloween day, precisely four years from the beginning of our walk of Route 66.

What an honor it is, at age 72, to still be doing faith ventures in obedience to the Lord!

We live in momentous times, and the Lord Jesus Christ is soon returning.

Sandy and I covet your prayers, and we will try to be diligent at communicating our progress and insight as we move forward.

We are retooling our website and will pass along new contact information as it becomes available.

Thanks so much for your love and support as we head out on this new mission of obedience, carrying a heart of revival for Israel, the 'ends of the earth' and 'islands of the sea!'

John and Sandy Halvorsen 😊