

A Message from Pastor Travis Dean

I thank God for 'Aha!' moments. Often they bring meaning to a mundane daily routine. Have you had an 'Aha!' moment? I'm talking about those times when you have an overwhelming realization. You see or hear something that makes you stop and say, "Wow! That's profound!" Last month I mentioned an 'Aha!' experience: seeing Elijah use sign language to communicate his need for help. This wasn't actually the first time Elijah induced an 'Aha!' moment.

I don't remember how old Elijah was. He might have been a couple months old. I had laid him on the changing table and stepped away for a moment. When I turned and saw him laying there, an overwhelming feeling came over me. It was an 'Aha!' moment. It came as a question in my mind.

"Where did HE come from!?"

I was overwhelmed with the thought that this boy in front of me was here because of us. A few months ago Elijah Dean didn't exist. God, my wife, and I working together had brought him into existence. It amazed me to be a part of such a miracle!

In Psalm 139:13-16 David praises the Lord for his own miraculous birth: "For You created my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."

What a blessing to know that we were designed by God. We are not accidents. We are here because God destined us to be here. So, when the daily routine of life seems mundane, remember this. Let the miracle of your birth refute the idea that your life is meaningless. God has a plan for you. It extends throughout eternity. Don't miss out on that.