



Hello **Church Family**,

It's wonderful to be here in April! This has been an amazing year for my family. The Lord has been so close and so good to us always. I want to take this month's article to give some praise to Him for what He's done in my family's life recently. I also want to share briefly what my focus is for my personal Bible Study over the next several weeks. So first, here comes an amazing story of God's provision and blessing for us.

Back in 2013, Gary and I were expecting Eden and needed to purchase a bigger vehicle for our growing family. We sat at a table at a dealership for 2 hours deciding on if we should buy this new Ford Flex or not. We wanted to use our money wisely. So we prayed. I heard the Lord tell me, "Kari, I'm not a magic 8 ball. You guys decide. Either buy the car or don't buy the car, I'm with you either way." So, we eventually decided to buy the car.

After 20,000 miles we began having trouble with our car doors. The doors would intermittently have a 'door ajar' indicator go off. We made several attempts to get them fixed. But Ford dragged their feet in replacing the door latches on our vehicle and eventually ran us out of our time on our warranty. So we ended up just dealing with the problem for 5 years or so. Our car alarm would go off randomly. I couldn't lock my doors while the car was on if I was in an unsafe area. Our dome lights would not immediately shut off while driving at night, impairing our vision- there was no off switch for the dome lights either. But we patiently dealt with it. I called Ford Customer Service every year to see if they would do a recall or at least repair my car. I got nowhere.

Finally, this year I decided to call a Lemon Law lawyer who had sent me a letter. This fabulous lawyer helped me through the entire process of a buyback for my Ford Flex **FREE OF CHARGE!** Is that amazing?!?! Is that the Lord's favor or what?!? Ford agreed to buy back my 2013 Ford Flex for the purchase price we paid. Well done, Ford!! They sent me a check. I used the money and bought a new car. I now drive a new 2018 Honda Odyssey that is 75% paid for and get this... my auto insurance is \$1.00 less a month!!!! I'm blown away at God's goodness to us!!!



God is so good and I'm **THRILLED** that a few days from now, I will use this new car God has provided us and go pick up the ReSet Haiti Mission team from LAX. I'm so excited to use this vehicle for ministry purposes. It's my joy!!!!!!

So, I don't really know if my focus for my personal Bible Study applies to the story above but I still feel the need to share it here in writing. The phrase that God has me meditating on is 'keep watch'. I will search for these words everyday I'm in my Bible. The main thing I'm thinking of is that we are supposed to 'keep watch' for the Lord's coming. Also, it can mean to 'keep watch' for the Lord's moving. Or, 'keep watch' on the Lord as not to fall into sin. I asked the Lord what does someone look like who's keeping watch, what do they do? His response was funny and perfectly explained. "Kari, you're a mother. You know how to keep watch over your children. Keeping watch for Me has the same intensity and it's the same thing. You know when your children sleep, what they've eaten, who they're with, what they're doing, you can hear them get out of bed at night, you notice if they cough or sneeze, you talk with them, you plan time for them or you drop your personal plans for them. Keep watch for Me."

There it is.

I hope you are encouraged by my writing today. I love you all so much.

~Kari

