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The intervention of Heaven, we have seen it before. Many times.

Zechariah is in the temple doing his Jewish-Priestly duties behind the scenes. An angel tells him that his wife, Elizabeth, even in her advanced age, is expecting a child. His name will be John.

Meanwhile, Mary is full of grace. As Heaven intervenes, and an angel tells her that she too, as impossible as it sounds, is expecting a child. His name will be Jesus.

Today, we hear that Heaven intervenes once again and unlocks prison doors so the Apostles can go free and preach "the life."

We have seen it before. Many times. Heaven's intervention:

St. Therese of Lisieux, as a child, felt Heaven's intervention bringing calm to her anxiety and panic by simply observing a statue of Mother Mary smile at her. St. Francis of Assisi knew of Heaven's intervention when he walked into a church falling into disrepair. At the time the ruined church reflected the state of his own life and soul, and really the life and soul of the Church. It was a crucifix that spoke to him, "Rebuild my Church." So he did. A mother, St. Monica, with her wayward son, Augustine, knew Heaven's intervention when her son finally found Christ. He eventually became bishop whose writings have continued to influence the Church in our own times.

Where has heaven intervened in your life?

Heaven has intervened at various moments in the Mass where the presence of God is tangible. When a penance is given to me in the confessional that makes me wince with its challenge but motivates me to growth. In seeing a person, with more life experience than I can ever imagine, abandon themselves to the prayers of anointing and an audible sigh of relief from family who hear the Apostolic Pardon given in love to the one they love. Heaven has intervened in a song coming on the radio that I needed to hear and at just the right moment. A person calling just when needed. A note received when the words were right to be expressed. Running into an individual that needed to be seen. Reading a paragraph that spoke volumes to the time. The sun shining, the rain giving way to reflection, a gentle breeze refreshing, a memory rekindled. None of it silly coincidence. All of it – Heaven's intervention.

Where has Heaven intervened in your life? Don't miss it.