Dear Lexie,

The other day I was sharing an incident with a Sligo member that took place when my family and I returned to the Maryland area twelve years ago to be the pastor for young adults here at Sligo. As we were driving down the infamous 495 Beltway during the heart of the rush hour, our vehicle experienced a blowout. As I look back on that moment, I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that it was only by the grace of God that I was able to get control of the car and guide it safely across three lanes of traffic onto the shoulder.

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"Not by Accident"

As I exited the car to begin the process of changing the blown out tire, I quickly discovered that I did not have the wrench to remove the lug nuts to take off the damaged tire. What made things even worse was when we discovered that AAA couldn't assist us because our membership had recently expired.

I couldn't think of anyone that we could call for help because we had only been back in Maryland for a few days. But then the thought came to me as it often does whenever I find myself in a helpless situation, pray. And pray I
did. And my prayer went something like this. "Lord, I don't have the right tool to change my flat tire, my AAA membership has expired, and none of the other drivers on the road cares enough to stop to come to our rescue, so I need you to send me a preacher." And as hard as this might be to believe, that is exactly what He did. Within a few minutes of expressing my helplessness before God, a car pulled off the busy beltway and came to my rescue. And who was in that car you ask? Not only was it a preacher, but the Lord sent me someone that I knew, who by the way was a former associate pastor at Sligo.

Now trust me when I say that I am not making any of this up, nor am I embellishing any of the details, but everything happened just as I have shared. In my opinion, this experience not only confirmed that God was with us in our decision to return to this area, but it also taught me that whenever an answer comes to our cry of helplessness, we shouldn't just quickly dismiss it as an accident, a moment of chance, but it should be seen exactly as it is, a direct response to a child's desperate cry for help.

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