

Letter 47
Faith Comes By Audio,
AND
Audio By iPod
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Dear Dan,

For all the years that I have spent running a vacuum, cleaning toilets, emptying trash, and other cleaning duties, I have had the privilege of listening to some form of audio. When I first started working as a substitute custodian in 1976 (and still a senior in High School), I purchased a Headphone Radio from Radio Shack and would listen to it while I was vacuuming.

Then Sony came out with their Walk-Man series of tape decks, radios, etc. so I could record custom tapes and listen to them as well.

My first introduction to MP3 audio was with a Sony Walkman Stick. It had something like 32 MEGs of RAM. Barely enough space to hold one CD. But it was cool. And the Lord used that to promote healing to my soul in the aftermath of the Day of 7. I would record songs of worship and walk the trail behind my house and listen. But it was really too small, memory-wise, for industrial use.

So it was in 2001, when I went to work at (G6), that I brought with me the audio device I had used while a private contractor in 1990-1993, a Panasonic Radio/Cassette tape player with auto reverse. Not long after that I discovered a similar device that played CD's. Way cool.

In 2001, the same year that I started at (G6), Apple Computer introduced the iPod. Now I typically am not an "early adopter" of new technology, but prefer to wait a year or so for bugs to be discovered and corrected. So I paid little attention to the iPod at that time. But, someone at work brought in an RCA Kazoo and showed it to me. It was a lot smaller than a walk man tape deck or CD player, and came with more memory than the Walkman Stick. So I purchased one and decided I liked it better than the Walkman style of audio devices.

I used the Kazoo for some time, then got a similar device from RCA with an FM radio in it. And it could be used for file storage as well. When that broke I began to look for a replacement. That's when I decided to look at an Apple iPod.

After perusing the Apple web site, I discovered the refurbished department. I purchased a refurbished iPod Nano, second generation. It had 2 GIGs of RAM, a lot more than the 512 MEGs of the RCA. It would sync up with iTunes, and I could make my own play lists that actually played in the order I set them up. Even more way cool.

After learning about and searching for podcasts, I was able to have a pretty good line up for each night of the week.

And so it was that these small electronic devices the Lord led me to and bestowed upon me gave me the things I needed to get through each work night at (G6).

To date, the ONLY good memories I have about working at (G6) are what I remember listening to, where I was when I heard it, and what I was doing at the time. I have learned to make custom play lists for each night, each location, and almost the every hour, that level of granularity. And it is these playlists that I think about when I begin to get ready to go to work each day.

I remember listening to a geek podcast discussing the upcoming release of Windows Vista. I remember vividly the restrooms I had just cleaned as they discussed the pros and cons of WIN-XP over Vista.

I remember listening to a debate between two theologians, one a Calvinist, the other an Arminian.

I remember many and much of the Bible studies, sermons, and lectures. And of course, very much music.

What I didn't know (although the Lord had given me a clue years earlier) was that what I was listening to each night could be heard in the spirit realm as well, and Satan didn't like what was being broadcast. So he began a conspiracy to terminate my ability to listen to audio while working at night at (G6).

Of course I knew that the Angels that worked with me could hear what I was listening to, since they are privy to even my most private thoughts. But I thought that was a personal phenomenon unique to me and maybe other individuals. I really didn't consider whether there were other spiritual ramifications.

Just this year the Lord allowed Satan to attack the freedom I enjoyed to listen to His word via iPod. And it was due to the trauma and result of that attack that the timing and desire of these letters came about.

But the Lord would vindicate His servant in a way unique to His own Purpose and Will.

This will be described in great detail in a future letter.

P. S. Indeed, it is the Audio, or hearing the Word of God that gives me the faith to overcome moment by moment. I believe it is the Audio that the Lord used, and still uses, each night to gradually overwhelm the Spirit of Death that ruled (G6) for so long, and that attempted to prevent me from working there in the first place when he was allowed to drain off my life force suddenly in the first few weeks of my tenure.

For now, as always,

Blessings....

Romanus Theophilus