

# Silver Lining Stories



A parishioner lost the job he had for almost thirty years due to the pandemic. He had seen the writing on the wall for quite a few years, surviving two rounds of layoffs in the past six years. As he opened his heart and honestly looked at the situation, he had not been happy at this job for quite some time. He stayed there because it allotted him a good salary and benefit package. He prayed that he would be able to retire from there someday but was willing to be led where God wanted him to go. Every day he would come home from that job feeling unsatisfied and unappreciated but still could not imagine working anywhere else, especially after spending most of his adult life there.

GOD answered his prayer. His worst fear came true. He was let go from this company. Looking back, it is obvious that God was doing for him what he couldn't do for himself. You see, he never would have left of his own accord and would have stayed there suffering until he retired. His wife knew he was not happy and was relieved when he came home and said that he had lost his job. She knew his abilities and skills and was confident something better would come along. She kept telling him it would be ok, and GOD had better plan for him. He soon came to believe, knowing that she was right.

His confidence grew by leaps and bounds as companies reached out to him. He was not sure where he was going to end up, but he knew GOD did. If he trusted and followed the path that was laid out for him it would work out better than he could imagine. He made random contact with a parishioner who happened to be looking for someone with his skills. He interviewed for the position and submitted a resume. He was hired a few weeks later. The lesson he learned was to Trust in GOD, knowing GOD was always working for him even when he did not know it himself.