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Selah: Stop, Look, Listen – September 30, 2023

The Lord be with you.

I wish you could have known my friend Bob... I mean, Bob was a wonderful and gracious man, but Bob wasn't always like that. I mean, Bob would have been the first to tell you. Bob wasn't born that way, he wasn't raised that way, he hadn't always been that way. But as Bob told it, his life had been one train wreck after another. He was angry, bitter, unhappy, and then finally, Bob hits bottom and he turns to God. He turns to God and he finds a sponsor, a friend of sort to help him to walk with Him. And one day, Bob's sponsor asked him to do something well, it just doesn't seem to make any sense, but Bob is ready to do just about anything, I mean, he's desperate, he knows that he needs help. And Bob's sponsor tells him, he says, Bob, tomorrow, tomorrow I want you to count every car you see that's painted green. As you drive to work, you look for and you count every car that you see, that's pain and green throughout your day on your drive home from work, you look for and count every car that's painted green. And then tomorrow night, tomorrow night, I want you to call me and tell me how many green cars you counted in your day.

So the next day comes, first thing in the morning, Bob starts looking for and counting green cars. He looks for them and count the green cars during the day, and then on the way home from work, he looks for and counts green cars, and then that night, he calls his sponsor, feeling, well, feeling a little bit foolish, but he tells him how many green cars he saw in this day. Wonderful, Bob's sponsor says, that's wonderful. Now here's what I want you to do tomorrow. Tomorrow, I want you to look for and count every green car you see, and then tomorrow night call me again and call me and tell me how many green cars you count. So again, the next day, Bob does, as his sponsor asked him to do, and he looks for and he counts what seems to be an expanding number of green cars in the world, but when Bob calls a sponsor the next night, I mean, Bob has to ask... He has to ask why, why am I coming the green cars in my day?

Well, Bob's sponsor explains. I bet you didn't know there were so many green cars until you started looking for them and counting them. I mean, you knew there are lot of white cars, you knew there were a lot of silver cars, but you had no idea how many green cars were until you started looking for them and counting them So Bob here's my point. My point is that in life, you're going to find what you're looking for. You look for mean people, you're gonna find them. You look for hateful people, you're gonna find them, but Bob, you start looking for caring



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people, you start looking for loving people, and you're gonna find them, and you will be surprised how many loving and caring people there are in your day when you start looking for them...

That's how counting green cars changed my life, Bob told me. Bob said that he started looking for it, he started finding loving and caring people throughout the day, and Bob said that he started looking for and finding God's goodness in every day. He started looking for and finding God's love in every day. It was there all around him, for him to see...

You know the prophet Isaiah says in Isaiah chapter 6 verse 3, "the whole earth is full of the glory of the Lord." And it is, you know when we look for it. Here's how David put it in Psalm 145, verses 3, and following, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall Lord your works to another and declare your mighty acts on the glorious splendor of Your Majesty and on your wondrous works, I will meditate, the might of your awesome deds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness." t.

The goodness of the Lord.It's all there for us to see the greatness of the Lord, it's all there for you and me to see in each and every day... This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

I am Tim Smith, a fellow traveler. Thanks for listening until next time.