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## **A Is Coming**

My dad jogged in the mornings down our country road, and he always came in all hot and sweaty. I ate breakfast that morning in the house, and like always, he came busting through the door in his usual style. At this time, I had been living with my parents around three years since my initial move to the upstairs loft. With a smile on his face, He said that while he jogged God had spoken to him, saying “A is coming.” Well I began to shout for joy as I stood up, ran around the house like a wild monkey, and leaped for joy. I had such an inner excitement within my heart that I had not felt in a long time. God in all His splendor had announced that Amanda Gill would be coming onto the scene.

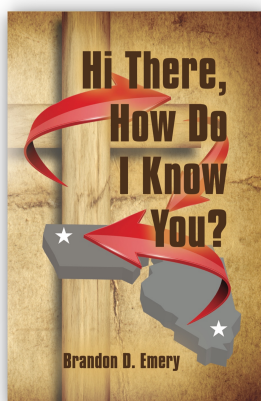
I remember trimming my beard, putting extra cologne on, and staying well-dressed after that day. I had no idea when we would meet or where. I thought maybe the grocery store, maybe at a sporting event, maybe she would walk right into our church, or maybe God just gave her my phone number. All these thoughts filled my head! Did she even know anything about me? Had God been giving her things on me as well? All I know is, in the fall of year 2015, God blessed us with the news of Amanda coming into my life. Every time I

went somewhere, I looked for her like a young kid searching for a new toy. While looking down aisles and scanning people coming through doors, I anticipated that we would run right into each other.

But, with all the excitement, the devil planted a trap. He waited until the very end to try and derail what God had planned for our lives. The devil walks up and down in the earth, uses his demons to do his will, and strives to break up what God is about to do. I do not lift the old serpent up, but I am mindful of his tactics. People receive promises from God through prophecies, and the devil hears about them as well. He fights to keep the believer from receiving anything good from God. Even Apostle Paul mentions hindrances by the enemy.

“Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but satan hindered us.” – I Thessalonians 2:18

The old serpent works overtime trying to stop progress and block the path to God’s divine will. I believe the devil knew Amanda would be coming on the scene as well. He loathed the idea, and came up with a plot in a last-ditch effort to stop it.



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