

## 3.6 He Took My Call!!



**Spartacus**

**Leatherwood Dahlias**

**Maggie Valley/Waynesville, North Carolina**

**John 3: 16**

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

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I've had a couple of difficult days, before that a couple of BLESSED days, but tonight took the cake!

On Thursday a week ago, I stopped in at a "Do It Yourself Store" to inquire about an herbicide that kills crabgrass and sedge. After getting the information I needed, I turned around to hear the words I seldom hear, "Hi Dr. Rapalje!" I said, "WHAT did you say??" He repeated the greeting, and a former student named Patrick from about 20 years ago thanked me for being such a good teacher.

On Friday, my EMT friend from across the street asked me to help him transport a car to his fire station for a special event scheduled for the coming 9/11 weekend. After we arrived, he gave me a tour of his station, introducing me to a couple of his colleagues. There it was! I heard it again for the second day in a row: "Hi Dr. Rapalje!" This time it was another student, Jarell also from about 20 years ago. Well, for 36 years I had been a professor of mathematics at Seminole Community College, renamed Seminole State College of Florida since my retirement 14 years ago. There are currently only about three people I know of who still call me "Dr. Rapalje," two of whom are colleagues from before my retirement, and the third is a very good friend of mine named Edward.

A week went by, and I had been sick for a couple of days. It looked as if Martha was not well herself. I had been trying in vain to make a connection between her doctor and the mail-away pharmacy for about 2 weeks. It was 8:50 p.m., and Martha's doctor had left the office about noon on Thursdays. I hated to continue bothering the doctor, but I decided to go ahead, call his office, and leave a message requesting a refill for Martha. Expecting the message machine, I was shocked when a PERSON answered my call. I thought I must have dialed the wrong number! In total surprise, I said, "Is your office OPEN??" The reply was, "No! We are just here working, and the doctor, recognizing YOUR NUMBER, said to take your call!" WOW!! I actually got to talk with Martha's doctor! HE TOOK MY CALL!! Isn't that the way with the Lord, the God of the Universe? When we get into trouble, and we need help, HE TAKES OUR CALLS, and HE MEETS OUR NEEDS!!!

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