



“fog” that keeps most of us from accomplishing our goals and dreams. In amazement, I found myself mesmerized watching his self-assured movements and being drawn to the beautiful golden highlights in his hair. I quickly realized I had so much to learn from this amazing creature. I wanted our introduction to be perfect, but sadly he was too busy to notice me, let alone give me any of his precious time. He was too focused on his “to do” list and making sure his purpose was fulfilled on the ranch. While I felt very unimportant, I also felt as if he wanted to show me what being in charge of your own destiny resembled. He moved so quickly from chore to chore around the ranch, he almost looked silly. It was clear he could not possibly make time to slow down to visit with me, so I left his presence hoping for another opportunity to get to know him.

As I thought about his “busy” life and self-importance on the ranch, I couldn’t help but think of how much he was modeling how I behave day-to-day. So busy all of the time, but what was it all for? Cause’s actions helped me stop and reflect upon who exactly am I serving and what exactly for? On our second encounter, Cause stopped and gave me his undivided attention and allowed me to see a few things from his eyes. The way he inspected my hands told me that these hands were meant to do God’s work, and as long as I will remember this, all I do will be pleasing in His sight. Cause also helped me to see that if I will be still and quiet before God, I will know what my calling in life is. I gained clarity to see that I have been blessed with a mind of creativity and I am meant to inspire and promote this for myself and others. Cause spoke to me of an everlasting love so great that I could never understand the depths of it, but if I would trust God, He would lead me to experiences that were bigger and greater than I could ever imagine. When I looked into Cause’s eyes and felt his cheek on mine, I completely understood that this tender embrace was symbolic of the love my Lord has for me in a way that said, “I am especially fond of you.”

It bewilders me that I found this perfect peace and felt the grace of God’s love in Cause. Mainly because Cause is a horse. A beautiful 16-hand horse they call a Strawberry

My Cause

By Cayce Kaufman

My simple story of gratitude comes packaged in a tall and handsome stranger that is wiser than any other 20-year old I have ever known. In only a few days, this kindred spirit changed my life and helped me to see what my Soul Purpose is. I am so indebted to my chance meeting with him and he is someone I humbly thank God for each and every day.

It was at Rocky River Ranch in Wimberley, Texas when I first noticed this proud and fearless leader standing among his peers. He stood taller than all of the others with his swift and confident movements. He had a definite presence about him that let everyone know he was large and in charge, as the saying goes. You knew to stay out of his way as he was a man on a mission and could not be bothered with trivial inquiries. I suppose this is why they refer to him as “Cause” as he certainly knows what his is in life. As I observed Cause, I found myself feeling somewhat envious; after all, what a tremendous gift to know for certain what you want from life and the purpose you have been created to fulfill. It was clear that Cause does not tolerate getting caught up in the



Roan. The most majestic creature I have had the pleasure of learning from. Cause helped me meet God in a way I have not known until now and to know He is pleased with me no matter what I do in life.

As I said goodbye to Cause and headed back to the hustle and bustle of everyday life, I reminisced on the wise words inspired by Mother Teresa: "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing and dance. It is there for each and every one of us."

Ultimately, my gratitude is in knowing a God that meets us wherever we are in order to gently lead us where we need to be. And how blessed I am to know a God who is creative enough to accomplish it through a horse!

This story shares Cayce's encounter at a Women's faith based Leadership Retreat called the Soul Purpose Experience.

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