

## What Places Will You Go, Senior Bethany?

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## He led them with a cloud by day and with a light of fire all night.



Psalm 78:4

How cool would that be- to have a visible *Spiritual* GPS system? Wouldn't it be awesome to have no doubt about how to navigate through life with it's many decisions? If I had visible confirmation if I should stay put or go forward?

Ha! Reality Check. I say I'd that, but I know my own impatience to get going and get something done.

What if the Glory Cloud or Pillar of Fire moved on and I didn't want to?

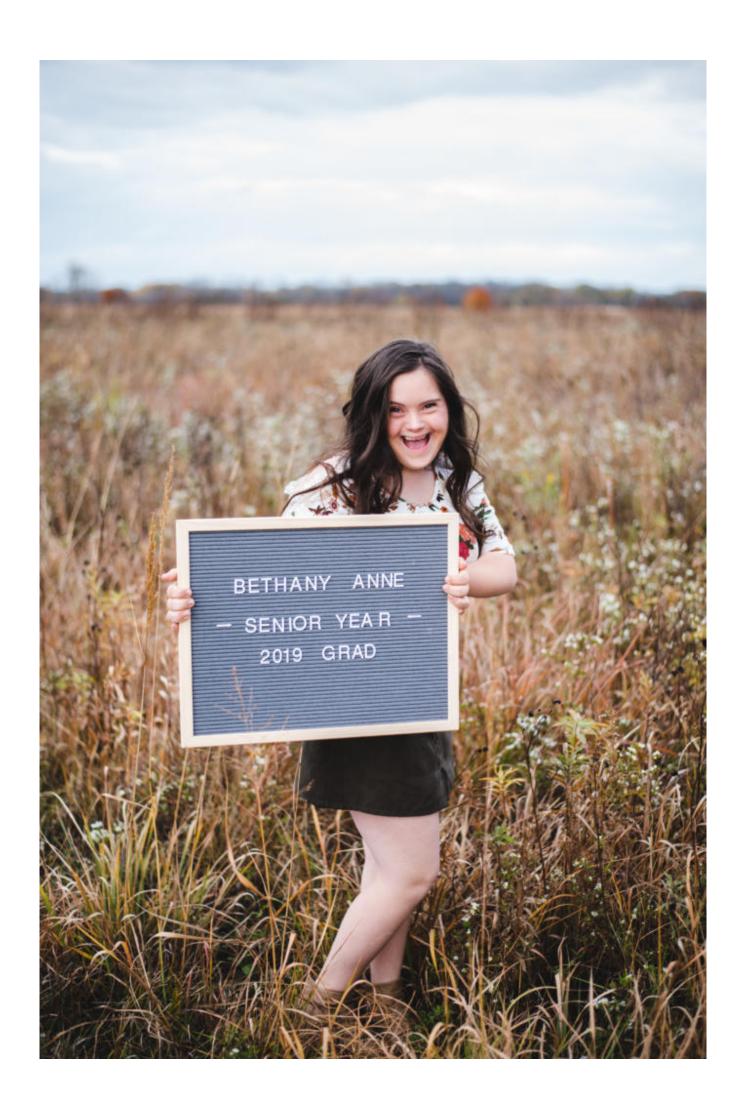
Or what if I wanted to get going or go in a certain direction and God's presence just stayed there- immovable?



Uncertainty and confusion marked our journey 18 years ago when Bethany was born. Looking back down the road traveled, it reminds me of the "footprints in the sand" illustration; I can see He was walking with us- and yes, even carrying us along the way.

It's obvious to me now, that God has been leading us every step of the way (though most mundane and repetitive days, I've felt like I'm groping my way through this "special needs land") Thank God, not even my doubt or stumbling could circumvent Him leading us to where He wants us to be.

And now- the elusive milestone is here. The tipping point into adulthood and responsibility! Bethany has said a least 100 times in this, her Senior year- "Mom, it's really happening! It's really happening!"



After years of methodical, intentional, line by line learning, opportunity is knocking and the "Cloud of God" is moving- and we're following. First, God opened the doors and provided Bethany with an internship to work at a Christian pre-school while finishing her senior year. (click here to read more about it)

Next, an opportunity we thought was closed to us (because of home schooling) was opened to Bethany. (Similar to the parting of the Red Sea- we stood and watched the waters part! ;))

The University of Kansas (KU) offers limited spots/year for a post high school transitional program for individuals with disabilities. The wide <u>Project SEARCH</u> provides the next step in education and three different 9 week workplace internships.

A few weeks ago, Bethany completed a 2 1/2 hour interview with other students. Finally, we received the email that God had opened the door! The cloud of glory is moving! Rejoicing here as we see God's invisible hand working out His good plans in our lives! Here's Bethany's reaction!

[Tweet "The Lord directs our steps. He delights in every detail of our life. Ps. 27:33"]





**Surprising Treasures:** 

You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment You know where I am. You know what I am going to say before I even say it. You both precede and follow me and place Your hand of blessing on my head. This is too glorious, too wonderful to believe! I can *never* 

be lost to your Spirit!

Psalm 139:3-7