

# The Springfield Redeemer



**“Look at the birds of the air:  
they neither sow nor reap . . .  
yet your heavenly Father  
feeds them.”  
Matthew 6:26**

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## **Autumn Glimpses of God by Roberta D’Amico**

September and October bring change – many of them are glimpses of God, if we just look for them – clues to Who He is and tiny hints of His mighty power, love, and wisdom. Early in the morning in mid-September I heard one of them: the geese calling to one another as they fly overhead in their signature “V” formation. After a while, the leader of the group gets tired and drops back and another bird will take over to give him a chance to rest! Our leaders get tired too, and we can choose to do what God designed the geese to do. God even cares for the birds, how much more for us!

The leaves have started to change color, from green to red and gold! It reminds us of God’s promise in Genesis 8:22, that day turns to night, and the seasons fail not to come in turn! In August it seems that the heat will never end, but finally September comes with cool refreshing nights. Soon we will be waking up to frost. It all shows how God never fails to keep His Word to us.

We can learn much from the cycle of life. When I was a child, I needed to be fed and protected as all young things do. When I became adult, I did the same for my little ones. Now they are all grown and I am in the autumn of my life. In my 50 plus years as a Christian, I hope I have gained wisdom, and hope that I have passed on some to them and to many others whom God has put in my life.

As the days, seasons, and years go by, I know with certainty that the most wonderful thing in my life is that God loves me and saved me. With Jesus in my heart, I have spent my life learning to know Him and make Him known to others. Consider the sunflower! In the spring it is a young and tender plant. All summer it grows tall and strong. Now in autumn the sunflower reaches maturity and produces a vast multitude of seeds. The plant will die, but the seeds will carry on its life a hundred-fold, some to provide food, and others to grow into new plants to carry on the life of the sunflower. I see God’s plan in the sunflower! I want to be like a sunflower for Him! I desire to produce a multitude of spiritual “seeds” for God’s Kingdom!



## **Hector Vega Comes to Springfield**



He was born and grew up in New York City. Even though Hector Vega had a mom and a dad, a home and siblings who cared about him, the life on the streets of New York almost completely ruined his life. It was only the grace and mercy of God that saved him, turned his life around, and sent him out to preach Jesus in jails and churches! Hence, on Friday night, September 16, 2022, Hector came to speak to a crowd of 60 or so at Calvary’s Love Church.

Calvary’s Love Church is a beautiful building which was originally a Jewish Synagogue. Juan Feliciano is the pastor here, and also a Board Member of the Redemption Gate Mission Society. He began the meeting by introducing the “Three

Treasures” that we all seek after. The whole world is seeking after them! They are: the Peace that passes understanding; Joy unspeakable; and Love incomparable. Pastor Juan said that if you don’t have these yet, you will be invited tonight to receive them!

After Eddie Case, director of the prison ministry at Ludlow Jail, prayed, Denise Ridley, a chaplain at Ludlow, introduced Hector Vega. Hector Vega has an amazing story to tell of God’s might power, grace and mercy. It began in Hell’s Kitchen in New York City where he grew up, in an incredibly dysfunctional neighborhood. That was followed by years in Harlem where dealing drugs led him in and out of prison. The devil had him where he wanted him, doing drugs, stealing, swindling; but there is a God in heaven!

He met a girl and she took him to church – where he met David Wilkerson. There a group committed to pray for him. Soon after, he agreed to go to a drug program in Newark, New Jersey. In 1996, he raised his hands in surrender to God and was saved, healed of his addictions, filled with the Holy Spirit!

His message to us that night, in brief, was simple but profound! He said that when we speak, it must be in the power of God, not our own message, but God’s. The Lord must take control of every word. He asked, “Do you really want to know what God is saying?” Many, even in the church, really don’t, because then they’d be responsible. It is no different today than in the days of the Israelites (Isaiah 30:9), “They are a rebellious people ... who do not want to listen to the Lord’s instruction. This group of people, God’s people, wanted alliances with the world!” Vega said.

He said that the problem is two-fold: we are trying to become something we already are, and we are trying to get something we already have! As Christians, we are sons and daughters of the Father, we are victorious. We have the indwelling presence and power of God; we have the peace and joy and love of Christ. Love must express itself. We are the object of His love, a channel for His love to pass on to others, if only we would lay down self and let Him do something wonderful in our hearts. Then we will have a testimony of His grace and love. There is nothing you can do to make God love you more that He does, neither is there anything you do that will cause Him to love you less. But you have only to believe it! This wonderful meeting closed with many going forward for prayer. We pray that they will seek to know the fullness of God’s power, faith, and love in their lives.

### September NEWS from Pastor Renzo, Evangelist & Revivalist from RGMS

- On Saturday September 3rd, I attended a Pastors monthly prayer meeting sponsored by Pastor Chuck Wimer of Jubilee Family Outreach Center, in West Springfield, MA. A growing group of Pastors and Disciples are crying out to God for Christian unity and revival to sweep New England again.
- On September 4th, I attended a great service at Living Hope Church in Southwick, MA. I heard a powerful sermon from Pastor Dan Valeri entitled, “Do Not Worry” from Matthew 6:25-34.
- Pastor David Levandusky from Living Waters A/G in Greenfield, MA, has reached out to me because he is trying to set up a date soon for me to introduce RGMS and preach in his church!
- Please pray for Betsy, she is sick with shingles.

### Ongoing Events

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** 5 p.m. Service - Motivated by Faith with Pastors Bobby and Kim Q.

**MONDAY -- FRIDAY:** Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. ***Come and be blessed!***

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 pm to 4 pm – Coffee House open with Steve Morin.

**THURSDAY:** FIAT meeting - October 27, 7:30 pm.

**FRIDAY:** Women’s Bible Study with Shelly Saunders, Fridays at 1:00 PM.