

# Faithful Fiver Pledge:

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- I pledge \$5 per month to support EVI and service work in my community
- I'm feeling grateful, I can send \_\_\_\_\_ per month
- I will mail or drop off my contribution: Monthly
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# Entertaining an Angel

lect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some angels unawares.” (Hebrews 13:2.)  
nally a Bible-thumper, or a Big-Book thumper for that es it’s useful to recognize the source for an often-quoted on that a stranger, possibly one who is threatening or an angel in disguise works on many levels. There is the idea that a supernatural heavenly being might cross your dy to bestow unanticipated blessings - *provided* he is . The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews undoubtedly ural occurrences, which doesn’t exclude the possibility aking metaphorically.

you do not believe in supernatural beings with wings and a miserable alkie scrounging for cans behind a student but fully capable of morphing into a six-foot shining in a white robe, ready to reward virtue and smite your concept of an angel goes no further than your a sweet old lady who volunteers in a soup kitchen? Do disguise themselves, and do we entertain them

do. If ever there was an unlikely “angel,” it was the man e for my coming into Alcoholics Anonymous. God knows o volunteer in soup kitchens, the undisguised if we meet every day, tried. Their intentions were good, e too soft-spoken and polite to get through. I needed a de of the head with a spiritual baseball bat, and I got it. ecommend the sort of reckless behavior that led up to it. s of getting to the same point. Complete lack of concern early proved my undoing. Ultimately, it also led to my

en I was at the absolute nadir of an alcoholic bottom, g to live for, I let a stranger into my life. If Rex was an fully well disguised one. I met him on a hot July day in orning. As was my custom in those awful days, I was ards the library to do some research. Realizing I needed 00 to steady me, I ducked into Albertsons for a bottle and y Amazon creek to polish it off. Rex, a homeless there, looking and behaving as if I were as down and out To my alcohol-befuddled brain he sounded harmless and ffered to let him stay in my house in exchange for doing d chores. Stupid? Incredibly! I lived alone except for a woman who rented a room from me, and had all the ent of a suicidally depressed alcoholic idealist in the c paranoia. But I was definitely showing hospitality to

ys, it seemed as if things might work out. The house some of the jungle in the yard started disappearing. Rex in eating than I had been, and he browbeat me into lance of dinners. This improved state of affairs didn’t an’s attempts to reform were merely a show to finagle a ne system or whether he had some intention of following



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