

## “My Lucky Charm is magically delicious!”

By Roberto Bruno

When I was a preteen I had this yellow baseball cap that said “Porsche” on it. I never took that hat off. It was my good luck charm. I would eat, sleep, play, and even swim in it. It drove my mother crazy. I admit now that the hat was like a comfort blanket to me but at the time it was my lucky charm. Anytime things went well (*won the street game, made the jump on my bike, the cute girl on the block talked to me...*) I attributed my good fortune to the hat. In reality the hat had nothing to do with the positive events in my life.

There was a point in Israel’s history that they treated the Ark of the Covenant like a lucky charm. Israel couldn’t tell the difference between God and their superstition. Israel was engaged in battle with their very un-neighborly neighbors the Philistines. Before the second faze of the battle began the elders of Israel got the bright idea to bring the Ark of Covenant into the battle field like their forefathers once did. The only problem with that was that Israel had been ignoring God for generations. Look at what happens in I Samuel 4:10. *“So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and every man fled to his tent. There was a very great slaughter, and there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers”*. Wow! What a lose, but there was no way in the world that the Lord was going to help Israel in battle. “God loves deeply but He will not be disrespected. He will not permit us to take Him for granted. He will not honor our neglect.” (*Beth Moore. “David 90 days with a heart like His”. P.35*) Israel trusted the Ark of the Covenant like it was a lucky charm. When they should have trusted the God which the Ark represented. The Ark itself could do nothing for them. There are Christian’s symbols that can be treated like superstitious charms. The Church building, the cross, even our faith. If we rub our faith a certain way it will produce positive things in our lives. When things don’t work out, we become disillusioned with God even though our faith was in the wrong thing. We trusted our lucky charm of faith and not the Lord. Proverbs 3:5 says, *“Trust **in** the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding”*. Let’s get rid of the good luck charms of faith and focus on the true power source. Jesus Christ.



Me and my favorite hat way, way back in the day.