

Mano y Mano (*Hand and Hand*)

By Roberto Bruno

This past weekend my sons and I had the privilege of attending Cirque Du Soleil. Thanks to some wonderful people who gifted tickets to us. It was an amazing experience. If you have never been, Cirque Du Soleil mixes circus acts with street performers. The colors, costumes, and live music are breath taking. What struck me was the team work between the performers. How they helped one another, set up for the next stunt, brought props out at the right time, and distracted the audience while performers transitioned off stage. Let alone how the trapeze artists, the rope ballet, and the spinning kiwis worked together. The ways the Cirque Du Soleil performers rely on each other and anticipate one another's moves is not by chance but because they have spent so much time together rehearsing over and over again.

Wouldn't it be great if we like the Cirque Du Soleil artists anticipated God's moves? I mean, if we were so in tune with the Lord, His plan and the path He is taking us on. Psalms 37:23 says, "*The steps of a good man (person) are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way*". If our steps are ordered it means the Lord knows which way we are going. At times life seems like we are just wandering around but the Lord has us. "*I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand; **I will keep you...***" Isaiah 42:6. "***I will keep you***" sounds like a firm grip to me. God wants us to trust His leading by holding His hand. The Psalmist Asaph had been struggling with his place in the Lord. Once he realized the ways of the world were futile Asaph wrote, "*... You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.*" Psalms 73:23-24.

If we are hand and hand with God, though our lives may be bumpy at times the over all journey will be prosperous and we will have a joy unspeakable and full of glory.



Cirque Du Soleil performers